



St. Paul's Messenger

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Provincial's Message

Dear and loving Fathers and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

Happy Easter to you all!

The Challenge of a Greater Responsibility!!

When we look at the life of many people of today, we may see the passion and crucifixion happening in many of them. Many are killed mercilessly in the name of religion, cast and color. Many are suffering from post-traumatic disorder as the victims of atrocities, violence and war. Many are the victims of natural calamities and deformities by birth. Can we see the face of Jesus in all of them? If not, there is no meaning in our fasting, prayer and almsgiving we observe during this Lent. Seeing the face of Jesus in all those victims is an 'ideal' but a beginning of change. The ideal should be translated into practice. Jesus says "I was hungry and you did not give me food, I was thirsty and you did not give me water..." (Mt. 25: 42). How many of us will act like a Good Samaritan (Lk 10: 25-37) to those who are suffering and victimized? Remember the warning the Lord gave to the Israelites: "for I desire mercy not sacrifice and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings" (Hos 6: 6). Let us be more merciful like Jesus in our actions. Jesus went in search of the lost, sinners and the oppressed (Mk 2: 17, Mt 18: 12-14). Are we ready to go in search of the lost sheep? Along with our hectic and busy schedule of daily activities, can we set apart some time to spend for the people those who are lost and the least, poor and the oppressed? They are really looking for somebody to console them. May be a good gesture, or a good word or just our presence will make them feel happy at that moment. A great deed..... indeed.

All of us are busy with our responsibilities and we do not get time even to finish the demands of the present responsibilities and we ask ourselves: where do we get time to do all those works for the poor and the oppressed? It is true! But let us pause for a moment and try to find out 'a way out' to do the Greater Responsibility for which God has called us primarily: "He has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim the freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk 4: 18-19). We shall pray to the Holy Spirit to give us the understanding of this greater responsibility. And let us be filled with the Holy Spirit.

May I wish you a fruitful Lent and Holy week! The Easter calls us for a change in our daily life style where we need to set apart some time for the marginalized. May the Holy Spirit help us to answer this call ■

Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, CMI
Provincial

1. "Community of Love" - Province Day Celebration

"God has called us to be a community of love in the Church". Province Day was a celebration of love which was held on the 14th and 15th of January. On 14th we offered the Mass for the departed members of our province at St. Paul's Carmel, Thandavapura followed by dinner. On the 15th at 9.30 am, Fr. Provincial, along with jubilarians of golden and silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination and First Profession, celebrated the mass at Carmel Bhavan, Provincial House. Cultural Programs by aspirants from Jnanamandira, Bogadi and St. Mary's Carmel, Koppa brought more joy, color and flavor to the celebration■



2. Golden Pillars



With joy and gratitude to God, the golden jubilee of Fr. Joseph Angadiath and Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath - undoubtedly two great pillars of the province- was celebrated at the provincial house on 15th January 2019. The celebration was a fitting reflection of their great contribution to the life and growth of the province■



3. Good Samaritan

Fr. Joseph Angadiath CMI

Born: 26-07-1942, Munnurpally

Died: 01-03-2019, Mysuru



"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise" (Lk.10:36-37).

Good Samaritan Fr. Joseph Angadiath was born on 26th of July 1942 at Munnurpally, Kerala. He listened and discerned the call of God and joined the CMI Congregation at an early age. In the long years of discipleship in the

'Gurukulam' of Christ he realized his call is to become a 'poet of God's mercy'. Deciding to follow Jesus, who conversed intensely with His Father in moments of deep silence and charismatically active in His public ministry, Fr. Angadiath made his total commitment to God on 16th of May 1956. Throughout his philosophical and theological pursuits his heart throbbed to become the compassionate face of Jesus. God must have very pleased to see the right disposition and zeal of His beloved disciple and He elevated Fr. Angadiath to the Order of Priesthood on 21st of April 1969. As he was anointed with the oil of chrism Fr. Angadiath could have recited the *Nazareth Manifesto* of Jesus in his heart (Lk.4: 18).

After the initial years of priestly ministry in Kerala, Fr. Angadiath opted for a more radical and challenging mission. Thus the Spirit led him to Mysore Province, more specifically to Kakkinje House which is in the South Canara region of Karnataka. It was a comingling - he wanted a right mission and the region wanted a right missionary like him. He suited best for the place in every way. People of all walks of life found in him a man for

all seasons. Thus they carried him in their heart and Kakkinje became his heart and soul until his last breath. Through his mesmerizing interaction with the people he realized that the people really lack basic facilities for their sustenance. So he decided to help them in every possible way without wasting any time. Thus with the help of *Misereor* he started *Malnad Vikas Samithi*. Under this project he made available for the people unbelievable programs - Mobile Clinic, Dispensary, 40 bed Hospital with an x-ray diagnostic centre, food for work, community organisation, community health, medical aid, immunization camps, special medical camps, seedling distribution, irrigation and fertilizers, awareness camps, youth club, *mahila mandals*, self-employment, *Malnad* credit union and the cottage industry. Thus beyond the barriers of any kind he grew in the hearts of the locals as their loving, '*Angadiyathachan*'...

The *Jyothi Nivas* house which we had at Ujire was an example of his farsightedness. *Nirmal Bhavan* at Mundaje also is indebted to him in every way.

Though engaged in such a hectic mission he was the much sought out priest in the surrounding parishes for solemn sung Syro-Malabar Mass for parish feasts and other occasions. In fact he was the first parish priest of Mundaje where he served more than ten years.

After 18 long years of service the good Lord elevated the good and faithful servant to higher responsibilities. In the year 1990 he was elected as the provincial of St. Paul's Province, Mysuru. As the provincial he initiated number of social work projects in the province. After the provincial term he continued his service in a different

way by being a missionary in abroad. About ten years he served in USA and then he came back to the province and spent his time being in the aspirants house Jnanamandira, Bogadi, Mysuru. Final part of his life he spent at Carmel Bhavan, Provincial House, Mysuru until he was called to eternal rest on 01st of March 2019, in the month of his heavenly patron St. Joseph.

Fr. Angadiath always had a smiling face, human touch in his approach and a compassionate heart. He had many physical ailments which troubled him for many years. But he approached his sufferings with broad smile, positive intent and deep faith. He really suffered from ailments of serious diabetics like very poor vision. He did not want to talk to people too much about his physical suffering.

The success of his life in Kakkinje for that matter everywhere is the success of love over language, kindness over law and people touch over paper touch. Though small in stature he stands tall as a real legend. True that all who love him will miss him but he will live in the memories of many, hearts of many more but beyond that his acts of compassion will recur in the society for ever.

Nasal was his voice, soft was his speech it was a joy to listen to him. Now, let the multitudes of angels in heaven be delighted with his singing of glories to the heavenly Father.

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' (Mt.25:23)■

Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI

4. "Life of Ultimate Sophistication"

Fr. George Tarsius Pynadath CMI

Born: 03-01-1938, Karukutty Died: 16-03-2019, Karukutty



A sweet memory of a holy and zealous missionary our beloved Fr. George Tarsius Pynadath CMI.

It is said that simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. Underlining this truth Fr. Tarsius' life was so simple and humble that it was a living witness to God who is supremely simple.

When we contemplate through the personality of Fr. Tarsius we see a zealous missionary who committed himself to continue the salvific work of Jesus Christ which promoted him to go to the mission area that is Raigar, Ambikapur. When Sagar exarchate was formed he returned to the mother province Kalamassery and later opted to work in the Mysore region. He proved himself as a real shepherd in the parishes like Nedumpala, Kavummannam, Banawara, Heggadde, Hanbal and also served the people of God in Gonikoppal, N R Pura, Shanivarsanthe and Tarikere.

Fr. Tarsius had a special devotion to the Holy Eucharist and preaching the Word of God wherever he had been.

His life is an exemplary model for simplicity, hard work etc. Apart from the above mentioned he was a real lover of nature. Wherever he was appointed he took a keen interest to make a beautiful flower and vegetable garden, because of this he was popularly called as '*Poovachan*'.

Let us thank God for the gift of Fr. Tarsius a committed religious missionary and a man of hard work. Let us be inspired by his genuine concern and love towards the poor and perhaps that could be the most appropriate tribute we can pay to the fond memories of Fr. Tarsius■

Fr. James Mekkara CMI

5. Junior Priests Meet and Pioneers Meet

Get together of the junior priests ordained in 2017 and 2018 and the pioneers meet of priests ordained during 1960 to 1997 was held in Carmel Bhavan from 13th to 15th March. It was a divine providence that both the events took place together although the young priests had arrived and shared their experiences and dreams earlier. The pioneers of our province were very enthusiastic to share



the sweet and adventurous memories of their mission in Mysore as the youngsters marvelled and wondered at their sharing. Bishop Antony Kariyil gave the orientation talk. As part of the initial process to make beloved Fr. Amatus' holiness known to the world, a symposium was conducted and four papers were presented. The meeting was concluded at Thandavapura with the prayer sessions conducted for the cause of Fr. Amatus and in memory of our departed members■

6. Deacon Abin Baby Changemcheril



Service in love is the gist of the Gospels. Committed to Gospel message Bro. Abin Baby Changemcheril was ordained as deacon on 27th January 2019 at Carmel Vidhya Bhavan, Pune. Congratulations and best wishes for a service of love....!

8. Consecration and Annual Feast of Mount Carmel Church, Mysuru



It is with great joy the parishioners of Mount Carmel Church, Mysore participated in the Consecration of the new church and the annual feast of the parish.

Consecration of the newly built church at Maria Nagar Kamanakerehundi, Mysuru was held on 16th February 2019, at 9.30 am. The solemn services were officiated by Most Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Bishop of Mandya Diocese, most Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop of Mysore Diocese and Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhappilly, Bishop Emeritus. During the service the faithful community of Mount Carmel Church was declared as an Independent Parish in the diocese of Mandya.

The presence of the concelebrants of the holy Eucharist Rev. Dr. Varakumar CPPS, Vicariate Director, Precious Blood Missionaries, Rev. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, Provincial, St. Paul's Province, Mysore, Rev. Fr. George Alukka, Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Jomon Kolenchery CMI, Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Saji Paripanayil, Procurator, Mandya Diocese and Rev. Fr. Jomy Mekkunel CMI Vicar, Mount Carmel Parish, brought more solemnity to the celebration.

7. German Vibes...

The get together of all CMI priests working in Germany was held from 17th to 20th June, 2018. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, our Provincial was also present for the same. After the CMI get together, all members of the province working in Germany assembled for a Province *Koinonia* in the house of Fr. Jijo Kachappilly. Those were moments of sharing, mutual encouragement and brotherly love. Fr. Provincial found time to visit each member of the province in their own respective places thereafter. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Provincial for his personal care and concern.

Fr. Matthew Mattathil, who offered his selfless service to the German Church, in different German dioceses, for twenty years, left for India. Heartfelt gratitude and all the best for all his future endeavours.

During flood in Kerala, many Germans magnanimously contributed for the relief work, through our fathers, which echo their concern for the people of Kerala. Apart from that, they also have been generously supporting the social ministries of our province.

Fr. Roy Pooppillil, our coordinator, Fr. Jose Vellappanattu, Limburg zonal coordinator and Fr. Joby Kunnath are celebrating the silver jubilee of their religious commitment. Jubilee greetings to all three fathers■





The consecration and celebration gained momentum, with the presence of fathers from CMI, Precious Blood congregations, fathers and sisters from various other congregations and dioceses, faithful from various corners of the diocese and beyond. More than 1000 faithful flocked here to witness the celebration.

The newly- consecrated house of God became a reality through the intercession of our Lady of Mount Carmel and through the hard work of our priests and parishioners.

The foundation stone for the new church building was laid on 24th October 2016 by Most Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil,

Bishop of Mandya Diocese.

Since then to another two and a half years, the church witnessed the outcome of the determination and hard work of the parishioners to build the visible temple of God. Their personal contributions and their efforts to raise funds to complete the task is praise worthy.

Soon after the consecration ceremony and Holy Mass, felicitation program was organized. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal.

The annual feast of Mount Carmel church was celebrated on the following day, 17th February 2019 at 10:30 am. The main celebrants of the solemn high mass were the newly ordained priests of Mandya Diocese & CMI St. Paul's Province, Mysuru. A thought provoking sermon was given by Rev. Fr. Saji Paripanayil, followed by solemn procession and benediction. It was beautiful moment for every parishioner to thank God for the gift of visible Church, dedicated to the worship of God in praise and prayer, for the preaching of the gospel of God and for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments. The feast concluded with sharing of meal by all present■

9. Dharmaram News

It is jubilee year for three fathers of Mysore Province who are staff members at Dharmaram. While Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath is celebrating his Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee, Rev. Frs. Augustine Paimpillil and Devasiachan Mukulath are celebrating the silver jubilee of their religious profession.

Our newly ordained priest Fr. Shan Kunnumpurath was given a warm reception during our province get together at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 29th January 2019. The get together started with solemn Divine Liturgy which was followed by felicitation gathering and agape. In the presence of Rev. Fr. Provincial that day was also celebrated as provincial day. Dharmaram community is immensely happy to welcome Fr. Shan who has been appointed as the new assistant parish priest of St. Thomas Forane Church, Bengaluru.

The golden jubilee of the priestly ordination of Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath was solemnly celebrated at Dharmaram on Monday, 4 February 2019. A good number of priests were present at the solemn Divine Liturgy presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas. Rev. Fr Provincial, Rev. Fr. Rector, Fr. Jose Nandikkara, Fr. Benny Tharakunnel and representatives from Kunianthodath family greeted the jubilarian. The presence of the family members of Fr. Kunianthodath and the cultural programs staged by the brothers of Dharmaram College made the celebration more colorful■

10. Aspirants, Jnanamandira

To Bloom and To Nurture...

The Jnanamandira community very warmly welcomed Fr. Kuriyakose Kallattil CMI, to become part of our fellowship. We hope that his young and dynamic presence and expertise will act as a source of motivation for our younger ones.

Strings Together For a Beautiful Melody...

The province day celebrations proved to be novel experience for the young brothers at Jnanamandira. They marked their presence in St. Paul's Province by their active involvement in the Eucharist choir, Kannada greeting song and English felicitation speech. The events helped the brothers to gain better confidence in them and to experience the beauty of community fellowship through sharing, caring and bearing.

Cordial Welcome... New Priests...

The three newly ordained priests Fr. Jobins, Fr. Shibin and Fr. Shan visited Jnanamandira- the place where they began their journey towards priesthood. The priests celebrated the holy Eucharist and interacted with the brothers. It was an enriching and inspiring experience for the young brothers who are at the first steps of their formation towards religious priesthood■



11. Aspirants House, Koppa



Greetings from Koppa community.... St Mary's Carmel, Koppa community celebrated the feast of its superior Rev. Fr. Joy Kochupurackal who is named after Abraham. Several priests and nuns were present for the celebration. Aspirants conducted an hour long Bible service thanking God for all that He has been doing through Fr Joy. During the felicitation Fr. Joseph Achandy spoke movingly about Fr. Joy. After the program dinner was shared at the seminary court yard along with various cultural programs.

Thirteen of our third year aspirants took their second year PU exams in Periyapatna. Billed as one of the most popular quiz contests in India, The CBSE Quiz competition was held at Mysuru on Jan 25th. Few of our aspirants along with other students participated in the competition representing Bharath Matha. They bagged prizes, trophies and merit certificates. St. Mary's Carmel Church, Koppa held its Annual Festal Mass on 21st January. The main celebrant was Bp. Antony Kariyil, Bishop of Mandya. He preached a homily on Mother of God. Around 6 priests concelebrated the mass. A good number of priests, nuns and laities attended the holy Eucharist followed by dinner.

Fr. Binu Kannarambel is appointed as the new Principal of Bharath Matha Degree College on the 6th of March. He received a warm and cordial welcome by the community members as well as the staff and students of Bharath Matha Degree College ■

12. Heggadde House..!

Fr. Provincial laid foundation stone for the new building at Heggadde on 23rd January 2019 at 10. 00 am. It is the first step towards a much wanted dream fulfillment. Wishes for a beautiful, successful and timely accomplishment.....! ■



13. For Dear Sisters and Brothers...!



Fr. Provincial laid foundation stone for the building for Hostel and Sisters residence at Hallikerehundi on 31st January 2019 at 10. 30 am. It will be a house for our dear sisters who share the mission and for the bright future of our little brothers and sisters ■

14. Social Work Department News

Flood Relief Works in Kodagu



The floods in Kodagu have prompted people to act quickly and help. Churches, Temples and Madrasas were turned into relief camps during the time of flood. Struggling to restart their normal lives after the devastation left by the massive flooding, the Social Work Department of St. Paul's Province was present in every need of the people and continued once the flood water settled back in. SJCI, with the support of corporates like CGI, DELL and other organizations like CSA, Reaching Hand and other local donors, had done relief work to compensate the loss of lives and property up to some extent. The organizations had done the relief works under several phases which made it easy for the Social Work Department to provide relief to the victims.

Leo club initiated by School Children, Christ School, Thandavapura.



Many youth participate in extracurricular activities. But the students from Christ School, Thandavapura have gone one step ahead and linked in different activity participation despite of their school engagement and academic studies. Under the strong guidance and support of Fr. Sebastian P.J, the principal of the School, students have formed a group and named it Leo-Club. Participants include 50 high school students mainly from 8th & 9th standard. The students along with their principal and teachers visited our special school at Jettihundi. The purpose of this is to provide clear understanding about the society and inculcate in them a soft corner towards the needy people around them. Fr. Sebastian says, “Students involved in extracurricular activities have more favorable perceptions of social-emotional security, adult support, student support, and school connectedness”.

House Renovation



After the shocking flood in Kodagu and Madikeri region the social work department has been doing great rehabilitation works for the flood victims in Kodagu. Due to this natural calamity, worst hit were laborers working in the estates who have lost their jobs and undergone depression. On this occasion, Social Work Department came forward with a massive support to these victims. After a proper survey and discussion with the people the social work department selected 59 families, who fully or partially lost their houses, and provided financial support to these families. Now, the renovation/ construction works are in progress. 4 houses have been renovated and people started living in it with peace of mind and happiness.

Visit of Fr. Vicar General

The most recent evaluation of the construction site in Kodagu district took place on 1st March 2019, when Rev. Fr. Varghese Vithayathil CMI, the Vicar General & the General Councilor for Social Apostolate, visited and conducted an extensive evaluation of the flood relief construction works. In connection with the focused visit, the Vicar General conducted evaluation of all the flood relief works at different places in Kodagu. This visit was sufficient for him to gain awareness about our relief work programs in the flood affected areas.



Health Kit Distribution at Christ Academy, Hallikerehundi

In a collaborative effort with the corporates like CGI & DELL, the social work department of St. Paul's Province distributed Health Kits to 48 students in Christ Academy, Hallikerehundi and 10 students in Shantinilaya Fit Home on 7th March 2019. Sr. Naveena F.C.C, the principal of Christ Academy distributed the kit to the students.

Christ School, Thandavapura: Flood Relief support for the Renovation works at Madikeri

As an immediate assistance to people who were affected by floods and were in the relief camps across the Kodagu region, with a great initiative by the students from Christ School, Thandavapura, collected Rs. 1,40,000/- and distributed Rs. 10,000/- each to 14 families. Fr. Sebastian, the Principal of Christ School, said that the amount was being distributed from the donations received by the students' Relief Fund. The direct beneficiaries were the people whose houses were inundated and those who lost household equipments.



Sacred Heart, Shanivarasanthé - Support for the renovation works

Together, with the help from the social work department of the province, the students of Sacred Heart School, Shanivarasanthé took the initiative and collected Rs. 70,000/- for the relief works in Kodagu region. The management and the staff distributed the amount to 7 needy families in Madikeri whose houses were completely washed away by the flood■



15. Colligo 2019



12th January 2019 was an eventful day in the annals of St. Thomas Education Society. The Society organised 'Colligo' for its staff members at Christa Jyothi School, Arkalgud. To its letter and meaning *Colligo* was 'gathering for the nurturing of the common bond, legacy, vision and mission of the society'. To organise a get together for a qualified audience with clear agenda needed long planning, clear strategies, practical thinking and meticulous implementation. The CJS, along with the STES was just that. Right from the beginning of the day to its end each and every thing was planned to its minute details. Anything that is well planned is half done. Qualitative input by Fr. Gilson John and further proceedings increased the STES staff bonding and propelled the Society's growth. Spirit of competition in sports events, colorful and quality cultural programs took the day to its fitting finish. The management and staff of CJS, Arkalgud are beyond appreciation■



16. Bharath Matha, Koppa

Christmas Celebration



Christmas celebration was vibrant with a beautiful crib arranged by the teachers. Students presented a skit based on Nativity of Christ. Carol singing, cake cutting and a message about universal love and brotherhood made the occasion more meaningful. The day culminated with a staff meeting where teachers exchanged the Christmas gifts. On the special day Mr. Basavaraju Umrani, visually challenged, graced the Christmas celebration by his inner vision.

Republic Day

Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor by all the BMites. Our chief guest DYSP Mr. Muralidhar graced the occasion and accepted the salute of the marching contingents. The karate and classical dance fusion display was an outstanding performance. The aerobic exercise stole the show. The speech by our principal instilled all the students with the patriotic spirit.



National De-Worming Day

National de-worming day was organized with a speech highlighting the health benefits of regular de-worming. A skit presented by the students emphasized this aspect of physical wellbeing.

Ethnic Day



The importance of cultural values was imbibed in the children on 16th February which was celebrated as Ethnic Day. The various costumes brought out the unity in diversity. The Kids Fest of the Nursery section added beauty to the day. The traditional Kerala drums (*Chendamelam*) set the rhythm for the whole show. Our school alumni Miss. Sinchana, who is now a budding film star, spoke nostalgically about her experience and advised the children to respect their teachers and parents. A classical dance highlighting the cultural costumes of different states was an eye opener about the rich heritage of India.

Chavara Fest

As part of Chavara fest a competition was held for students to present as many quotes of Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara as they could remember. The winners of different sections were awarded with prizes.



School Tour

On 20th and 27th January School trip was organized to GRS, Mysore and Wonderla, Bangalore for the Primary and High School students respectively.



Shining Stars of Bharath Matha



Mastermind group conducted a quiz competition at the school level in Bengaluru where on four of our students won prizes and two were further selected to participate in the National level quiz competition to be held in Delhi in May. Albin Jose of II PUC Science and Nivedita Tiwari of II PUC Commerce are the stars.

Samavarthanam

Samavarthanam program was held on 22nd and 23rd of February. To bless the students of SSLC and II PUC, who are facing the board exams, the parents were invited and together with the teachers participated in all religious prayer session to invoke the blessings of God for the success of our children. Lunch was hosted by the management. Parents and students shared their experiences in the institution. ■

17. Christ, Bogadi

Christos 2018 - Caliber of Christites



The annual day celebration of our school was held on 22nd December 2018. Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese K. J., honorable President of St. Thomas Education Society, presided over the program. Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, Former Vice Chancellor, Kuvempu University, was the chief guest. The guests of honour were Rev. Fr. Shaiju N. Joseph, Treasurer, St. Thomas Education Society, Dr. Chandra Shekar K. T., Assistant Professor, Mysore Medical College and the Parent Representative. Rev. Fr. Jinosh V. M., our Principal, Fr. Dince Anthony, our Administrator, Rev. Fr. Renish, Coordinator, Ms. Merlyn Christabel, Programme Coordinator and Rev. Fr. Silvin were the other dignitaries present on the day.

The formal program began with the invocation dance. Rev. Fr. Jinosh V. M. welcomed the gathering which was followed by the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony.

The cultural extravaganza by the tiny tots of the kindergarten section was truly a sight to behold. The speeches by the distinguished guests of the day enlightened the stakeholders of the education sector. Releasing of the school magazine C-Light was another feather in the glorious history of Christ. The General

Proficiency Awards for academic excellence were also given. Mrs. Merlyn Christabel, Coordinator, Christos 2018, proposed the vote of thanks.

The informal program was made colorful with the various dance forms of India along with karate and yoga performances. The program ended on a positive note with the students reinforcing the dictum “Unity in Diversity”.

70th Republic Day Celebration



Republic Day was celebrated with the true patriotic zeal in the school campus. Group Captain V. S. Shivaraj, from the Indian Air force, was the chief guest of the day. His speech was truly motivational and informative as he talked about his journey from a humble village of Karnataka to the skies of India, flying fighter planes. He also clarified the doubts of the students on various aspects of the Indian Air force. The day winded up with colorful cultural programs, all vibrant in the tricolors of patriotism

Sports Coaching



Regular coaching for Volleyball and Badminton for grade IV to VIII students started on 1st February after school hours.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

Parent- Teacher meeting was held on 2nd February for Grade X to keep the parents updated about their child’s academic progress. The motive was to prepare them for the board exams with complete cooperation of their parents.

Samavarthanam 2019

February 16th marked an important milestone in the history of Christ as we bid farewell to the outgoing grade X batch. Parents were invited to witness the important event in their child’s life. The students and parents were informed about the ethics and code of conduct during the forthcoming board exams.



The IX graders entertained the audience with their cultural performances. The day ended with best wishes and blessings to the students from the staff and management of the school followed by refreshment for all.



18. Christ, Hassan

Christmas celebration



Christmas Celebration was held on 22nd December 2018 by cutting the cake and wished everyone. A good number of programs were performed by the students.

Republic Day

The Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January, with lots of pomp and show. The chief guest of the day was Mrs. Nagesh, wife of late Nagesh who had served in the Army.



Convivo



The Family Get together 'CONVIVO', the most significant event, was organized on 02nd February 2019. The family members of the

staff were invited and Mr. Hanson was the chief guest and he gave a talk on "Binding force in a Family".

Ethnic Day

On 15th February 2019 Ethnic Day was organized by LCA, all the students were beautifully dressed in ethnic outfit. Shinkari Melam was the significant addition on this day. The students and the staff were revitalized by the new outlook.



Me and My Mom Day

'Me and My Mom Day' was organized on 21st February 2019 for the Nursery students. All the mothers of tiny tots participated in the event. Moms & kids prepared the delicious food together. It was a new experience for all the parents & the students.

Graduation Day

Graduation is an exciting time. It is both an ending and a beginning. It is "warm memories of the past and the big dreams for the future". The School organized Graduation Ceremony for the students of UKG and X grade students on 27th and 28th February. The chief guest of the occasion was Rev. Fr. Ronald Cardoza, Vicar, St. Antony's Church, Hassan and Dr. Nithin. They felicitated the students with trophies and certificates of the graduation. All our students participated in a peppy manner expressing their joy on graduation. The parents of the students also witnessed the ceremony ■



19. Christ, Hunsur

"The dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow." Dreams are the outcome of strong positive thoughts to achieve success in spite of all odds. We the St. Paul's Province Mysore and the Christ family at Hunsur had a dream, a dream of a beautiful temple of learning. By the grace of God that dream was realized on 25th February 2019. The New school building at Hunsur was blessed and inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Bishop of Mandya who like a beacon light ignited our passion with his presence giving a boost to our persona. Rev. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil, Provincial, initiated the entry into the new building by cutting the ribbon. Fr. Joseph Edakkery, Vicar Provincial, Rev. Fr. Joseph Philip N, Secretary of STES, Rev. Councilors, fathers, sisters and well-wishers blessed the occasion with their valuable presence. Blessings of the new building started at 5.00 pm The day concluded with cultural events by Christies ■



20. Christ Academy, Kandali



Children bring us life and take us closer to God. They take us out of ourselves and teach us the meaning of unconditional love.

The year 2018-19 has seen many events which generated the most extraordinary excitement.

On 22nd December 2018 we celebrated Christmas by cake cutting. Cultural programs were also organized for the students of class I & II.

Christ Academy Celebrated the 'Republic Day' on 26th January 2019. The formal function began at 8.15 am. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalappurackal hoisted the National Flag & gave message to students.

We celebrated 'Ethnic Day' and 'Fruit Day' on 6th February 2019. All the students were well dressed and enjoyed the delicious fruit salad prepared by sisters and teachers.

One of this year's dominant activities has been the Annual Day as well as the inauguration of new school building. Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, Provincial, St. Paul's Province, Mysore inaugurated the new building by cutting the ribbon followed by a prayer and salutation to the Almighty. The inaugural ceremony commenced with an invocation from students of Christ School, Hassan. Rev. Fr. Ronald Cardoza, Vicar, St. Antony's Church, Hassan was the chief guest and Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, Provincial, St. Paul's Province, Mysore was the President of the inaugural function. The workers involved in this building construction were recognized and honored. This was followed by a colorful cultural program from the students of Christ Academy and Christ School, Hassan.

On 27th February 2019. Pre-KG Kids went for field trip to Gorur Dam & on 1st March 2019 students of LKG, UKG, I & II standard went for field trip to Halebidu ■



21. Christ Academy, Mundaje

Christ Fest 2018



"No education can be complete without the arts and creativity playing a central role in a child's life."

Christ Academy, Mundaje hosted its 3rd Annual Day on 22nd December, 2018 with much fervor. On the occasion, Sri Shridhar G. Bhide was the chief guest and Fr. Binoy Kuriyalassery was the guest of honor. The program began with the lighting of lamp and welcome address was delivered by Principal, Fr. Santhosh. The school choir enthralled the audience with the soulful rendition of the music.

Annual report was presented by Mrs. Jessy Sebastian. She highlighted the values of curricular and co- curricular activities for the growth of mental, moral and physical growth of an individual.

Meritorious students in academics and extra- curricular activities were felicitated with Best Student Award. The chief guest of the programme, Mr. Shridhar G. Bhide addressed the gathering and defined education in its true sense. He motivated the students to be greater achievers too. He also jogged the memory of the audience on the requisite and importance of education provided for the girls. Formal function ended with the vote of thanks

followed by the school anthem.

It was the second pace which were in the offing, the variety entertainment which was followed, staged a couple of splendid performances. The evening witnessed a colorful array of dances and musical acts. The event closed with a grand finale celebration by all the participants with a flash mob. With the completion of most decorated cultural celebration, a Short Film, an initiative from the school management and staff, “Niratha” was onscreen which called for the love and concern to be shown towards the children. Christ Fest was indeed a spectacular display of talents and fervor■

22. CJS, Arkalgud

Science and General Exhibition



The Science Day was celebrated in Christa Jyothi School campus in a most creative way. The day was set apart to create awareness among the students about the importance and application of science in their daily life. The program was a day long incorporating many departments. It stated at 9:30 am with the inauguration by the physics lecturer of Government Science College, Arkalgud. The department of Fire and Safety has displayed different method of fire extinguishing and fire prevention related safety measures.

The health department has joined the students with health activities and blood group detection along

with ‘Save the Life’ program. Likewise department of Agriculture, Horticulture, ITC College with technology display added attraction to the program.

Students and parents under the guidance of the teachers put up variety of units related to science, art and hobbies of their choice. Food Courts of variety and tastes were put up and many of the students were turned to be excellent chefs. It was a crowd puller mega event which held up the core of Christa Jyothi School.

14th Batch of SSLC

We have 88 students prepared to appear for SSLC exam this year. Students are given all coaching to face the event. They were given ceremonial *samavarthanam* to complete school life■



23. Christ College, Srirampura

Varnatulika



Varnatulika, an inter-collegiate literary fest was held on 16th February, 2019 at Christ College, Mysuru. The event saw a turnout of over 300 people from various fields visiting and competing in various events organised by the Department of Languages. The event had a series of competitions conducted on behalf of the department in Kannada, Malayalam, Hindi and English. The day was inaugurated with a short briefing of *varnatulika* by Rev. Fr. Suraj K. Abraham, academic coordinator of Christ College. He said that it was a brain child of think in terms of availing a celebration of melange of languages spoken in and around the country. He also stated that it was special as it is the first edition of its kind.

Post the inauguration the participants of various competitions were parted to the concerned venues while the other had various game stalls, an all-day short film screening and a book expo also was arranged. Students of Christ College had brought out the essence of all four languages through exhibits put up in dedicated venues that was a sight to relish for the viewers. The participants also took part actively in the games and won prizes. Dr. C. Naganna, an eminent litterateur from the University of Mysore, was the guest of honor for the valedictory. Speaking to the gathering, he stated that each language had to be celebrated and a human must learn as many languages as possible.

Minerva



The Department of Business Administration of Christ College, Mysore had organised a one-day state level workshop “MINERVA” -on “Digital Marketing”. Ms. Manasi K. G., an independent social media coach, trainer and consultant, the resource person for the day along with Rev. Fr. Biju P. D., Principal, Christ College, Rev. Fr. Suraj K. Abraham, academic coordinator, Rev. Fr. Shoji Jacob, administrator and Mrs. Archana, coordinator of BBA, inaugurated the workshop by lighting the lamp. During the presidential address Rev. Fr. Biju inspired the students to be the future of tomorrow and the partners of today. He emphasized on the importance of team work and togetherness to bring out an era of revolution.

Resource person Ms. Manasi K. G. opined, “Market yourself. Don’t run behind job, let the job run behind you”. On the occasion of valedictory, “MINERVA” was indeed fortunate by the presence of Mr. Rohith M. Patel, MD and CEO of Vidwath Innovative Solutions Private Limited, Mysuru, as the guest of honor. He delivered the advantages of being an entrepreneur. Around 100+ students from 15 colleges across Mysore, Hassan, Koppa and the students of Christ College participated in the workshop.

Chrisfair

“The true charity is not giving bread and money, rather providing right employment”, quoted Rev. Fr. Biju during his inaugural Presidential address at “CHRISFAIR” 2K19. The first edition of Chrisfair, a career fair which aims at opening a gateway for the recruiters to identify right candidates for suitable employment platform organised at Christ College, Mysuru on 23rd February 2019”, a campus placement drive for all graduates in and around Mysore. He added that Chrisfair would not assure them a job, but set a platform for the job aspirants to explore themselves.



To provide our next generation with multiple pathways to succeed in career, Christ College Mysuru, opened “CHRISFAIR 2K19. Aiming the students and job seekers alike with comprehensive and latest information on career openings under one roof, Christ College inaugurated the fair. NIIT, Accenture, Tele-performance for SBI process and Vidwath Innovative Solution Private Limited were the companies offering placement to the students. Around 250 students in and around Mysore favoured the career recruitment.

Christech



On 1st march 2019, Christ College hosted its first inter collegiate technical fest, ‘Christech’ for under graduates at Christ campus. The fest was presided over by the Principal Rev. Fr. Biju P. D., and honored by the luminous presence of Rev. Fr. Suraj K. Abraham, academic co-ordinator and was inaugurated by Dr. K. M. Sudhakara, Former Head of the department of Computer Science, Mysore University.

Christech 2019 proudly welcomed students from various colleges from in and around Mysore, to be vibrant participants of the innovative and technical events for the day. Addressing the august gathering, Dr. Sudhakara expressed his delight at the initiation of such a novel venture, which would help harness the spirit of exploration and scientific thinking in

young minds. Dr. H. S. Nagendraswamy, Professor, Department of Studies in Computer Science, Mysore University graced the event as the guest of honour for the Valedictory function. The fest drew to a delightful conclusion, with the prize distribution ceremony■

24. Pushpa, Periyapatna



Ascent 2019

Advent of this year with its opening month January has brought vibrant colors of joy for our school. This abode of learning was glorified with its magnificence on the choicest day of the school's annual day on 11th January that attracted multitude of parents and children who had thronged to the venue to capture the glimpse of this splendid celebration of the school's Annual day. To mark the enthralling and audacious journey of the schools growth against all adversity, the event was named as Ascent 2019. The extravaganza began with Rev. Fr. George, the beloved principal of the school, declaring the meet open with his blessed words.

The event witnessed the gracious presence of the St. Thomas Education Society's highly exalted and prestigious persona, Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese K. J., who left his impression on every heart with his warm words of wisdom.

It was our immense repute having endowed, with the presence of a prolific and enormously venerated dignitary, the principal of Excel Public school, Mysore Mr. Mathew K. G. as the chief guest of this extravaganza. His motivating speech sensitized and boosted the moral edict about effective parenting. Rev. Fr. Raju, the manager of the school graced this event with his precious presence and encouraged the students by partaking in the felicitation ceremony along with other dignitaries on the stage. Ultimately, Ascent 2019, culminated with memories to be cherished for many years.

Republic Day Celebration



The dawn of Republic Day saw many students, teachers and parents who partook in the Flag Hoisting ceremony. Rev. Fr. George, the principal of the school hoisted the flag as a chief guest and spread the message of freedom and equality to all.

Rev. Fr. Jiby, being a chief guest, hoisted the tricolor in the Pushpa CBSE School and gave a firm call for patriotism. In both the schools, the ceremonial march past was presented by the chosen students who matched their steps with the rhythmic school band. With passionate heart of patriotism, students clad in colorful attire, presented the true spirit of the nation through their dance forms.

Staff Family Get Together



Bringing a greater sense of team work and fellowship, the eve of Republic Day was celebrated as Family Get Together Day. Teachers of both State and CBSE sections of the school were invited along with their family members. Rev. Fr. Jose P. J., the principal of Bharat Matha School, Koppa, was invited as the distinguished chief guest of the event. The event became cherishable with cultural programs volunteered by teachers' family members.

The gathering saw its zenith of cherishing moments when teachers celebrated the birthday of their most adored Principal, Rev. Fr. George and praised his long suffering and selfless service through which he had transformed the lives of many teachers and students of Periyapatna.

The eager crowd was taken to incredible and ecstatic experience by the spell bound and humorous address by Rev. Fr. Jose P. J., the distinguished chief guest. He touched many souls with his insightful words and made the evening an unforgettable one. More than three hundred people attended the event and assuredly they had a life changing experience ■

25 Prayerful Homage

Let us prayerfully remember the reposed souls of -

1. Mrs. Mariamma (82), beloved mother of Frs. Jose and Sebastin Panampuzha who was called to eternal rest on 06 January 2019. We express prayerful condolence to Frs. Jose and Sebastin Panampuzha and the bereaved family members.
2. Mr. John Koluthara (70), beloved brother of Fr. Varghese Koluthara who was called to eternal rest on 16 January 2019. We express prayerful condolence to Fr. Varghese Koluthara and the bereaved family members.
3. Sr. Seniorina CMC (84), beloved sister of Fr. George Plackal who was called to eternal rest on 08 February 2019. We express prayerful condolence to Fr. George Plackal and the bereaved family members.

"Nadedu Banda Daari"

History of St. Paul's Province, Mysore (Part 8)

I. SHANTHINILAYA - HALLIKEREHUNDI

Tree near the Waters



"..Blessed is the man who meditates on the law of the Lord day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding its fruit in season, whose leaf does not wither, and who prospers in all he does" (Ps.1:3).

The imagery of the tree near the river side and the meaning of the name Hallikerehundi have many similarities. The name Hallikerehundi comprises of three words - Halli, Kere and Hundi - meaning respectively village, lake and offering box. These three words are suggestive enough to tell us how the psalm can picture in our minds our beautiful mission centre - Shanthinilaya.

The house name, Shanthinilaya which means, 'house of peace', is in perfect harmony with the name Hallikerehundi. Because lush green places are much sort out by people to experience quietness, silence and peace. Thus both names together make a beautiful symphony of much the relevant Gospel message of peace.

Peace is the sum total of all the blessings. Shanthinilaya has been a blessing for the least and the lost of the society for decades. It has been an 'offering box', like the widows penny, offering service' to God and the people of the land for many years. Being away from the hustle and bustle of the city it has been always a lush green spot to be alone with the Alone.

As far as our province is concerned, 'Shanthinilaya' has been always the face of the province. It has always made the compassionate face of Jesus available to the people. Through the long years of social service activities it has been proclaiming and fulfilling Jesus' vision that, "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mt. 20:28).

In the Gospel of Mathew we read 'When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd' (Mt.9:36). Compassion, mercy and service to the poor always have been part of the identity of our province. So the province always looked to Hallikerehundi to reach out the villages, to the poor and the unprivileged.

Early History

History of Shanthinilaya is closely related to Fr. Thomas Benedict Kaitharath, a zealous, rigorous and daring missionary. In 1978 Fr. Benedict was the superior of St. Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura. He was a powerful presence in and around the area because of his charismatic nature and social outreaching programs. He was a popular priest and people warmly called him as 'Scooter Swamy', since he used to move always on a motorbike. Fr. Benedict wanted to carry to more people the compassion and mercy of Jesus. He found out Hallekerehundi as a good place to base on for further expansion of the mission. Closeness of the village to other villages like Bidurgundi, Doora, Maraloor, Gotempura gave him inspiration and encouragement to purchase a plot of 18 acres of land at Hallikerehundi.



Later out of this 18 acres of land almost 14 acres was converted in to a beautiful coconut farm by hard work of Fr. Benedict, Fr. William, Fr. Jacob Mullavarickal, Fr. John Veliamparambil, Fr. Antony Moolamattom, Fr. Jose Thachil, Fr. Xavier Manjappillil and Fr. Abraham Kandanthinkara. Fr. Antony Moolamattam was there for long eight years maintaining the coconut farm in the early stages of the farm.

Sheltering and Healing Abode

“A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed” (Mark 1:40-45).

When Fr. Joseph Angadiath was the Provincial from 1990-1993 he initiated and supported many social work projects in the province. The leprosy hospital opened at Hallikerehundi in 1992 is part of his legacy. The project was sponsored by Misereor, Germany. They supported to construct the building. They gave salary for a doctor, staff and two helpers for two years. More over the equipments for the treatment also was met by this agency.



A Jesuit priest by name Mullous donated to the project an amount of 1 lakh rupees from his agency through the recommendation of Bishop Gratian Mundadan, Bishop of Bijnor. This project continued to work up until 2002, for around 10 years. By then there were only few patients for some years and the patients did not want to stay there. So in 2002 the service was closed and the building was converted to Rev. Sisters' residence and the Health Care work was continued. When the lepers were gone the centre was used to treat snake bite patients and people with similar diseases.

In the Path of Service

Fr. Benedict Kaitharath came to Hallikerehundi as the prefect and started many projects. He constructed houses for 15 families. From abroad he could collect Rs. 2, 75,000/- for the same. Fr. Thomas Kalappurackal succeeded Fr. Benedict followed by Fr. Anasthasius Ottakudassery. Fr. Anasthasius became seriously sick and died shortly on 9th March 2003. He is buried in Thandavapura cemetery. Fr. George Plackal took care of the centre and the administration was looked after from the province by Fr. Tomy Pittappillil, the then Councilor for Finance and Agriculture. By June 2003 Fr. Joseph

Xavier Manjapilly was appointed as the prefect of the centre by the then Provincial Fr. Thomas Ayankudy. Fr. George Plackal continued to stay together with Fr. Xavier for the term.

More Outreaching Programs

With the co-operation of everybody and hard work we could penetrate the villages slowly and we could form Self Help Groups (SHG). We introduced tailoring training centres also in the villages one after another for a period of 6 months. The salary of the tutor was paid from the collection of the trainees. In some villages rooms were given on free rent condition out of the generosity of the families and in few villages we had to pay the rent from the collection. Within two years we could form 16 SHGs. By this time garment factories came up in Thandavapura and we contacted the officials to get the girls employment in the factories. We had given training completion certificate to the trainees from our society of DDS (Dharma Deepthi Samsthe).

In the year 2005 Fr. Jose Thachil who was also the Councilor for Social Work became the prefect of our house and he continued the village work. In 2008 Fr. Joseph Achandy was the Councilor for Social Work and prefect of the house for some time. After a while the administration of the house was taken care of from the St. Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura. Fr. Sibichen Marangolil served as the director of the house and Fr. Joseph Kanjirakattukunnel started to stay in Hallikerehundi to be available for saying mass and other assistance. He met with an accident on 13th October 2009 and was called to eternal reward and was buried at Thandavapura.

In the later years Fr. Joseph Achandy, Fr. John Vithayathil, Fr. Varghese Paul Panenghat, Fr. Dince Madukkakuzhy, Fr. Sebastian Illickakunnel put a lot of effort to carry on the social work project. During the time of Fr. John Vithayathil an additional piece of land was bought and added to our property. Fr. Varghese Paul put a lot of effort to fix the boundaries to our land and erect a gate entrance to our institution. He had to confront huge lot of legal disputes and issues to legally and physically secure our property.

School for the Under Privileged



When Fr. Santhosh Srayil was the Provincial Superior, with the enthusiasm and zeal of Fr. Reji Punnilil, a school for the talented but economically poor village children was started. Soon separate classrooms were built for the school purpose and the number of children also was improved. On 31st June 2018 Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, Provincial, put foundation stone for a new building for the children. Thus Shanthinilaya is on the path of greater service reading the signs of the times and needs of the people.



Uniqueness of Hallikerehundi is that it is one of the few mission stations of St. Paul's Province of Mysuru which has a place in the accounts of the national and international social agencies. The centre gave witness to one of the powerful ministries of Jesus, namely healing ministry and goes forward with the same vision.

Immeasurable are the sacrifices made by the Franciscan Clarist Sisters for the centre from the beginning of the institution. The entire province thankfully places on record their wholehearted, committed and loving service.

The history of Hallikerehundi is inexhaustible in these lines. Each member of the province has their own experience to share of the centre. They are left to describe further the glories of the beautiful, silent, serene and green shady tree. ■

II. ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HEGGADDE

City on a Hill



"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden" (Mt. 5:14).

The history of St. Mary's Church, Heggade resembles struggles of the people of Israel in the book of Exodus and their shepherds. Most of the people in this small parish are migrants from various parts of Kerala, who came here dreaming a better living. But their stepping in to such an unknown terrain was that of struggles, tears, loss and suffering. The history of Heggade unfolds with the brave decision of the pioneer missionaries of Mysore to live and die for them.

Silent and Serene Beginning

St. Mary's Church, Heggade stands as a lampstand on the top of the Sahhyadri ranges of the Western Ghats. The lighting of this lamp was slow and silent. It was

Fr. Jose Thachil and Fr. John Bastin Vithayathil who lit the beginning limbs of the lamp. A property purchasing agreement was made with Borannagowda on 30th September 1979 with an advance payment of Rs.1000. That was the humble beginning of the pastoral care for the community. On 23rd March 1981 the land with a



house was purchased and registered. St Mary's feast was celebrated in that house on 31st May 1981 and the first committee meeting of the parishners was held.

Fr. Thachil and Fr. John - Torch Bearers

Frs. John Vithayathil and Jose Thachil managed the care of the station from the Hanbal church in the beginning. In 1980, Rev. Fr. Jose Thachil took up the charge of the new mission station.¹ It is to be recorded with gratitude that the Puthumana family was at the forefront in the growth and development of the Heggadde Church. Mr. John Puthumana invested his faith, post and position in nurturing the infant church. Almost all the families in the place were poor and hardworking people to earn their livelihood. The fathers worked hard for the spiritual and material welfare of the people. Rev. Fr. Jose Thekkekkara, who came in 1982 reached out to the people by reconstructing small 50 huts for the families. He also started a nursery school for imparting the light of knowledge to the people.

Fr. William Aranjanjiyil - Erected the lamp

From 1987, May 5th onwards Heggadde Church got Fr. William as its pastor and leader. With his arrival Heggadde suddenly sprouted into life and energy. In his time the MSMI sisters opened their convent in Heggadde. On 25th May 1988 Servant of God, Rev. Fr. C. J. Varkey, the founder of Vimalalayam congregation (MSMI), visited the station with the Mother General and a community of sisters. The foundation for a community hall was laid on 5th February 1992 assisted by the Malnadu Project sponsored by KKS.

The greatest achievement of Fr. William for posterity is the beautiful church he built for the people. It was the result of his sheer determination, dedication, commitment and sacrifice. The beautiful church which was completed in 1992 stands up on the hill station in memory of his glorious service. On 21st February 1993 Fr. William had a heart stroke and was taken first to Hassan Mission Hospital then to Mangalore where he had a sad demise on 26th of the same month. He rests in peace in the grave which he himself had prepared, inside at the back of the church he built. Fr. William worked hard day and night for the people and the parish. May the merciful Lord bless him with eternal bliss.



¹ His Excellency Bishop Menampambil - the beloved brother of Mrs. Mary John Puthumana visited the station and he was given a reception in the Church.

Fr. George Tarsius Pynadath - Kept the Flame Burning

Fr. George Tarsius Pynadath served the church and the church land. He planted coffee plants and coconut trees. Around the church he made a beautiful flower garden to adore the Lord in silence and fragrance. For three years from 5th May 1993, he was with the parish community leading them in the way of God with beautiful homilies and administration of Holy Sacraments.

Fr. Fabian Chakkiath - Poured the Oil

Fr. Fabian Chakkiath followed Fr. George Pynadath, who was of many talents and vast experience. He took up the charge from Fr. George Pynadath on 20th October 1996. He laid his hands on the all-round development of the station. Social work like tailoring training for skill development for employment, house construction for poor people were his contribution to the people irrespective of cast and creed. He constructed a grotto of our Lady at the gate site. He made the ring - road around church from the gate with greenery fence-plants on the sides. The road was established in concrete and tar work to safeguard from any kind of erosion. His long service of 6 years was a blessing to Heggadde station.

Spreading the Light of Christ

His successor Fr. Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil reached Heggadde on 27th May 2002 and he worked there for 3 years. During his time, the church burial ground was levelled and a small chapel hall was constructed there. He developed the church land by cultivating it with 600 rubber plants. The Silver jubilee celebration of the parish was conducted solemnly. A three day renewal program was organised in 2005 as part of the silver jubilee of the church. His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Jose Porunnedam, Bishop of Mananthavady, was the main celebrant of the jubilee mass. It is during the period of Fr. Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil, the BSNL tower work was started in our land near the church. This made the church premises more elegant.

Fr. Joy Chirackal succeeded Fr. Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil from 1st May 2005. Fr. Joy renovated the church altar back wall with painting of Calvary Scene, and the grotto of our Lady at the gate. He also improved the rubber plantation by more plants and that area was handed over to the parish property. He renovated the community hall also. He modified the grotto and it was blessed by the then Provincial Fr. Antony Moolamattam on 28th June 2006. Fr. Abraham Kandathinkara was in charge of the station for the period of one month from 28th June to 16th July of the same year.

Fr. Varghese Paul Panenghat came as the prefect of the station and Vicar of the parish as successor to Fr. Joy Chirackal on 24th May 2008 when Fr. Varghese Koluthara was the Provincial. Fr. Varghese Paul installed the Stations of the Cross.

The MSMI Sisters have been one with the priests and the parish community and the local people in their march towards growth and wellbeing. Their time and energy were made available on many fields such as missionaries, health care nurses, social work animators, nursery

teachers, catechism teachers, pastoral assistants and promoters of goodwill and harmony in the area. They used to visit the houses in the wilderness and hill plantation areas to strengthen the spirit of the faithful. We remember them with gratitude and pray that their selfless service may bear fruit hundred fold.

Leading Kindly to the Light

Over the years, through sweat and blood, pain and strain a lot of priests and brothers have offered themselves for the growth and development of the parish. Fathers - Jose Thachil, John Vithayathil, Andrews Thekkekkandam, Jose Thekkekkara, William Aranjaniyil, Amatus Kallarackal, George Pynadath, Fabian Chakkiath, Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil, Joy Chirackal, Abraham Kandathinkara, Varghese Paul Panenghat, Mathew Arichirakunnel, Sebastian Thalachirayil, Sijo Puramthottam and Jiby Panachikal have served this parish.

The selfless service of Mr. John Puthumana and his contributions and help to the centre from the

time of its inception needs to be remembered with prayers and recorded with gratitude.

Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, Provincial laid foundation stone for the new residence on 23rd January 2019 at 10. 00 am. It is the first step towards a much wanted dream fulfillment. Wishes for a beautiful, successful and timely accomplishment.....!■



III. CHRISTA SADANA, KANDALI

Garden of Virtues



“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness ” (Mt.9:35).

According to the teaching of the Church there are twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit. They are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faith, modesty, self-control and chastity. These were always Jesus’ attitudes during His earthly ministry. So we can say they are the beauties of His

Sacred Heart. Christa *Sadana* bearing the meaning 'House of Jesus' always tried to nurture, grow and yield fruits of the Sacred Heart through healing and preaching ministries of Jesus. History of this house is the history of 'Sacred Garden of Virtues'....!

Abode of Christ

The property at Kandali was bought and registered on March 25th 1982. Frs. William Aranjaniyil, George Pynadath and Fabian Chakkiath were present on the registration. We have 21 acres and 21 guntas of land here (Survey Nos 137/1 - 3 acres and 29 guntas and 137/2 - 17 acres and 32 guntas.) The whole property was bought for 2.5 lakhs of rupees². Later years from the survey no. 137/1, 2 acres of land was given to the MSMI sisters and demarcated it around their convent. Fr. William Aranjaniyil was appointed as the first prefect of our house. The house was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and named as 'Christa *Sadana*' (*Abode of Christ*). Fr. William put a lot of work to make the land greener with paddy fields, coconut trees and mango trees.



Early Fathers

Fr. Amatus Kallarackal who succeeded Fr. William continued to do every possible service to the people. Not much later Fr. Sebastian Romulus was appointed as the prefect when the service of Fr. Amatus was essential for the Novitiate house at Marykkunnu, Calicut. Meanwhile Fr. Joseph Xavier Manjappillil who was deputed by the province to work out an Integral Rural Development Program also joined the community by the year 1988 in November.

Rural Development Program

In the leadership of Fr. Xavier a survey was conducted in Hassan district for selecting the area of the project work. Taking into account of the two areas - Kandali and Hassan city, the area of the project was selected comprising the villages around both the places. Thus 32 villages - 12 near Kandali in Alur Taluk and 20 in Hassan Taluk - were chosen for our target project area. Our seminarians who were studying at Dharmaram College also wholeheartedly involved in the survey. They made a survey of 32 villages by way of conducting summer vacation program in different selected areas for the students and youth. This played a good role in developing a rapport with the villagers. Those brothers who contributed this way are the present Frs. Johny Koikara, Mathew Mattathil, Joseph Vattapparambil and Varghese Kelampampil. Their performance was appreciated by the village communities as a whole everywhere. This helped our entry into the village communities for further project activities.

Food for Work Program and many more...

Meanwhile with the assistance of the **Food-For-Work Program** from the Chikkamagalore social work society in the person of Fr. Alben Cottadau, we could conduct road development program in the Alur area villages with the cooperation of the youth. In later stages we could conduct **tailoring training program for the girls** in both areas with the support of Government Women's Poly-technical College and Nehru Yuva Kendra - a voluntary organization. These agencies continued to render their financial, personnel and technical cooperation in other areas as well for many years.³

Dharma Deepthi Samsthe

Fr. Romulus, who was the prefect after Fr. Amatus, in the beginning stage of the project had his own contribution in this regard. He started nursery classes in two villages - Thimmanahalli and Hambinakoppe in Alur taluk. He had initiated them into **mobile health care program on bicycles**. A **dispensary** too was opened on 25th May 1988. Fr. Romulus was a great promoter of every good venture and everybody appreciated him. By the year 1989 our efforts began to blossom. A minor **health care project** was sanctioned by Karl Kubel Foundation - a German funding agency. The project was run under the social work society of the province - Dharma Deepthi Samsthe (DDS). The area of the project was 9 villages near Kandali in Alur

² With the land we also had 10 HP and 5 HP motors one each and 4 pairs of bulls. The registration cost was 25000/ rupees and the broker was given 4000 rupees.

³ 'Christa Sadana' also has been used as our Novitiate house from 1985-1986.

Taluk. This project was successful in the matter of its execution as well as a training for the major project to come. We could train personnel as well as organize the people in the villages with village involvement and leadership. In the year 1992, the same sponsor agency sanctioned a major project for a period of five years, covering all the 32 villages we had planned. This project of five years was extended further for two more years with the reserve fund from KKS. Fr. Xavier Manjappillil continued as the Executive Director of the project as well as the prefect of the house till the completion of the project in 1999.

More Developmental Programs



The components of the project were Health Care Program and Economic Program under two Coordinators. The Health Care Program was comprised of mobile unit and local dispensary. Each village had a **health animator with medical kit**. In Economic Program we introduced **water - shed development program, dry land farming and social forestry**; we had the program of **kitchen garden, animal husbandry** as income generating schemes. Again the seminarians from Dharmaram College helped in the internal evaluation of the project. The project got support from many sources. All these projects could become productive because of the patronage and guidance of the provincials of that time - Frs. Thomas Kunianthodath, Joseph Angadiath, Thomas Vithayathil and George Kalambukattu.

When we speak of the project we are happy to mention certain persons in this regard. Fr. Joy Aranbangudi, who was the SEVA Director at Cochin, assisted to prepare the minor project proposal and to forward for KKS' approval. During the major project Fr. Jose Thachil was the SEVA Director. We remember him also for promoting the project. Dr. George Arickal, the Executive Director of KKS and Tepel the representative of KKS for India, and Mr. C.A Antony, the president of SEVA at that period, also demand our gratitude in promoting and guiding us both in the case of sanctioning the projects and monitoring them throughout.

Cancer Detection Centre and Naturopathy

In the year 1996, we got another project from Manos Unidas, Canada, for cancer detection and education program. Fr. Joseph Angadiath and Fr. Francis Chirackal were the exponents of the Cancer Project. The foundation stone for the Naturopathy Centre was laid on 18th December 1996 by Fr. George Kalambukattu, the then Provincial. When building site were alienated for cancer center and naturopathy, the whole land was first converted from Fr. William's (who was no more) name to Fr. Joseph Xavier's name.





Fr. Joseph Parathappilly and Fr. Antony Moolamattam became the prefects successively from 1999. During this time only the buildings for cancer centre and naturopathy were completed and inaugurated. Fr. Francis Chirackal, after his MSW studies, joined them. Frs. Moolamattam and Francis improved the naturopathy service and a herbal garden also was brought up. Fr. Francis took special care for the formation of SHGs in the villages with the assistance of Rev. Sisters. Adult and non-formal education also was promoted. It is to be proudly noted that Fr. Francis Chirackal had held other kinds of offices also from government departments while he was in Kandali. In 2003 we had an international workshop at Kandali on “People’s participation for development at grass root level”. Participants were from Japan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and India.

Transitional Phase

Fr. Romulus came back as the prefect in 2005 when Fr. Antony Moolamattam and Fr. Francis Chirackal had higher call to work in greater vineyards. Fr. Moolamattam became the Provincial and Fr. Chirackal went to USA for pastoral ministry. Fr. Romulus being an experienced soldier of the Lord continued his service amicably. Fr. Abraham Kandathinkara, who was an associate with Fr. Romulus, took charge of the administration of the station in 2008. He too, after a short while, went to UK for pastoral work. Then Fr. George Plackal served as the prefect of Christa Sadana. Fr. Frederick who was the back bone of the province for long time was his associate. Part of the cancer centre building was given for lease for a



temporary period to Dr. Anil Kumar from Mysore. He used to conduct cancer treatment program with his own team. The service of naturopathy was also continued in a small scale. Later Frs. Sibichen Marangolil and Thomas Kalappurackal were the successive superiors. They prepared the house and property to accept educational service.

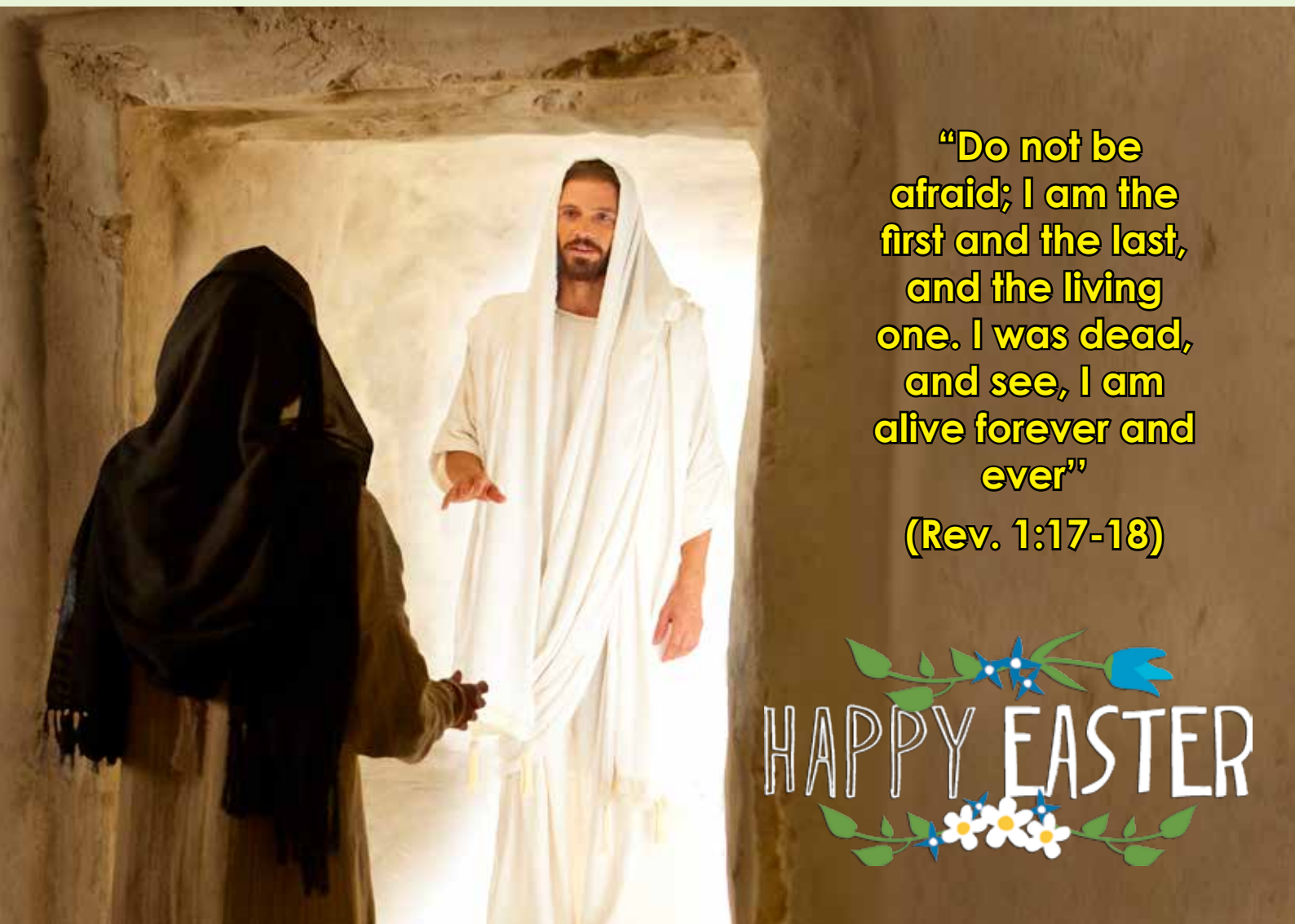
Healing to Teaching

Healing and Teaching both were powerful ministries of Jesus. Reading the signs of the times Christa Sadana slowly stepped in to educational ministry. When Fr. Santhosh Srayil was the Provincial and Fr. Suraj Kottayil, the Councilor for Education, they gave initiation to a CBSE school. Fr. Thomas Kalapura and Frs. Romulus and George Plackal were the people of the field who nurtured the school. Frs. Jose Thachil, Freison Kunnumpurath and Shoby Kozhippallan supported the school in every possible way. Thus a beautiful and quality edifice with sufficient facilities stood up, to proclaim the Gospel. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, Provincial and Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil, the Councilor for Education were the final overseers of the building which was blessed and dedicated on 18 February 2019.

From Fr. William to Today

From Fr. William to today most of the members of the province have contributed their might for this institution in different ways. A good number of them have put their heart and soul in to the growth and development of the programs conducted by this house. The role of Rev. Sisters of MSMI Community has to be underlined with gratitude and indebtedness. With love and gratitude they need to be placed in to “Abode of Christ”, which is the garden of virtues and blessings.

Let this step into the field of education turn the centre in to a flourishing, full-fledged educational campus. ■



**“Do not be
afraid; I am the
first and the last,
and the living
one. I was dead,
and see, I am
alive forever and
ever”**

(Rev. 1:17-18)

HAPPY EASTER