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FROM THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR



Priya Koodapirappukale,

It is a time of Blessings, a time of Celebrations, and a time of crisis!

It is a time of blessings because five of our Deacons are getting ordained this year.

It is a time of celebrations because its Christmas season, New Year, and the 150th death anniversary of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara.

It is a time of crisis because we all experience the bitterness of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are not sure how it can be controlled and when it will be resolved.

All of us are well versed in managing and practicing a balanced life in the time of blessings and

celebrations. What about the management during the time of crisis? During crisis, we get perplexed and confused. To get out of a perplexed mind and confused state, we intensify our prayer. Sometimes prayer will not give satisfaction to our confused minds. Slowly prayer becomes monotonous, and anxiety may creep in. Dear Fathers, being anxious is natural, but being prayerful is supernatural. Therefore, we shall repose to continued prayer, the ultimate solution for this crisis and confusion. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas in the current scenario of pain and death, the event of Christmas allows us to find consolation, lift our heads in hope, and immerse in deep faith. Let us pray and hope that Christmas brings the good news of great joy for all people concerning peace and goodwill. And so, despite everything, together with the angels, we shall sing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours."

Lk 2:14

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New year.

Fr Dr Varghese Kelampampil CMI
Provincial Superior





FROM THE GREEN PASTURES

Rev. Fr Sebastian Mathew Illickakunnel CMI

I am serving as Parochial Vicar at Christ the King Church, Yonkers, New York, and Rev. Robert Staar is the pastor. We have five hundred registered parishioners and on weekdays we offer one Mass and weekends three Masses. Other than administering the Sacramental duties (Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the sick, Rite of Christian Burial and Marriage) and preaching and teaching the gospel, we also take care of the spiritual needs of those who are homebound, hospitalized and living in senior care centers. As per request, I take care of the spiritual needs of the neighbouring Syro-Malabar families too.



Thank you very much Fr Sebastian Illickakunnel CMI for sharing your pastoral experience and wish you all the best.

Rev. Fr Josekutty Vadakkal CMI

(All Saints Parish, 4 Faheys Road East, Albany Creek, QLD- 4035 Australia)

Go out to the world with a "missionary impulse capable of transforming everything" (Evangelii Gaudium #27), Pope Francis encourages us in the 'joy of the gospel.'

There is so much anticipation and excitement in me since my return this May from the sabbatical community experience in Mysore. Since then, I am into full time parish ministry as the parish priest at All Saints Parish, Albany Creek in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, a different context to find the 'joy of



the gospel' after having spent six years in formation to the first year seminarians in Holy Spirit Provincial Seminary, Brisbane. My new parish is very diverse in its cultural patterns and social structure and is 25 minutes drive from Brisbane city and truly a multi-cultural society. But the COVID-19 pandemic presents many challenges to how we function as a parish community and in light of this public health crisis we face, we are celebrating Mass with 100 parishioners and administer other priestly responsibilities. I am considering COVID-19 pandemic as a window of opportunity for our parish to be a missionary parish. I am aware of the need to challenge myself with my mission and ministry that I have ability to change and energize lives, to restore relationships, to build hope and to build community. Yes, I feel wanted and welcomed here for a mission, to share our God experience to people and to enrich this church with our life and witness.

Congratulations and best wishes Fr Josekutty Vadakkal CMI for your new assignment as the Parish Priest of All Saints Parish Albany Creek.

Rev. Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI

(St Anthony and St Luke's parish, Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, Brisbane, Australia)

My parish is St Anthony and St. Luke's parish, Alexandra Hills and Capalaba. This parish belongs to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

I take care of 2 churches, 2 schools and 4 nursing homes. On weekdays there is 1 Holy Mass across the churches. On weekends I have 4 Masses - 2 each for each church. Both churches are 8 kms away





from each other. One of my primary schools is named after St. Anthony of Padua which has 550 students and the other is in St. Luke's name which has 350 students.

Holy Mass: During the weekdays Mass is at 9 am but on Monday it is at 5 pm. On weekends Mass is at 4.30 and 5 pm on Saturday and 7 am and 9 am on Sunday. For weekdays there are around 8 to 20 people and on weekends a total of 360 to 380 (before Covid and now we can have only 200). 9 am Mass is multicultural than other masses. I have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on first Fridays. It was not something people were used to, so I request your prayers so that more people may attend this wonderful devotion filled with the love of God. I conduct meditation on every 3rd Friday, and it is picking up.

Deanery: My deanery is called Redland Bay deanery and there are 6 parishes in the deanery. Now I am the dean of the deanery. There is a Carmelite Cloistered convent in this deanery - one and only in the Archdiocese. There are 15 active ministers in the deanery including priests and permanent deacons.

Sacraments: Amidst the pandemic, abiding with Covid restrictions we could complete the sacramental programme for the children - Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation. Baptisms take place on every 1st and 3rd Sunday immediately after 9 am Mass, if there is one booked. During the holidays, families will be away and there will not be any baptisms. Apart from the opportunity for individual confession on Sunday's there is a second rite of reconciliation once in 3 months for the whole parish.

Community Life:

Fr Joseph Vattaparampil CMI and Fr Raju Kanjirathinal CMI are 30 minutes away and Fr Josekutty CMI is 45 minutes away from my place. Occasionally we catch up for a community gathering. There was a monthly zoom meeting with

all the CMI's in Australia. We have batch zoom meetings occasionally.

Spiritual Life: Apart from our personal prayer life there are regular one day retreats, annual retreats, and occasional gatherings at the Episcopal office with ministry related workshops. To have a spiritual director and Supervisor (professional counsellor) is mandatory.

Rosary : Usually it is on every Tuesday. In the month of October, we had it on Tuesdays and Fridays and on every Sunday after the Mass. We had a special celebration of the Rosary in the park as a public witnessing.

Administration : There is a pastoral council, finance committee and a liturgy committee to help in my pastoral work. There is Padua Place, low-income social housing, and St. Vincent de Paul society to care for the social needs of the people. I look forward to your prayerful support and thank you.

Thank you very much Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI for sharing your pastoral experience and wish you all the best.

Rev. Fr Mathew Mattathil CMI

"Fr Mathew rendered his 20 years of pastoral ministry in the diocese of Koln and in the diocese of Rottenburg –Stuttgart respectively. He is very good in cooking. He used to sing native melody hymns after the distribution of the Holy Communion. The way Fr Mathew administers the sacrament of reconciliation attracted many in the parish to approach for confession. Whenever someone comes to him for confession with a heavy heart they return with a relieved heart."

We wish Fr Mathew all the best for his studies at Rome.

Memoirs of Fr Mathew Mattathil that appeared in a German Newspaper.

(Translated by Fr Siby Kamugumpally CMI)



**OUR MISSION AT ARGENTINA**

Three of our missionaries serve in the Catholic diocese of Lomas De Zamora, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Rev. Fr Jose Pallattu CMI serves the Catholic Parish Inmaculado Corazón de María as the Parish Priest and he serves in two quasi parishes, Capilla Itatí, capilla Santa Rita & oratorio de san expedito at Ntra Sra de Lujan, El Ceibo, Buenos Aires Argentina. Apart from this he is the chaplain of Nuestra Señora de la Salud convent at El Jaguel. During the hardships of COVID -19, in the year 2020, 350 people received the sacrament of Baptism and 280 people have received the first Holy Communion in the parishes entrusted to the care of Fr Jose.

Rev. Fr Joy Kamugumpally CMI serves as the parish Priest in the Catholic parish Sagrado corazón de Jesús & Nuestra Señora de san Nicolás and he is the in-charge of five quasi parishes, Capilla Sagrada Familia, Capilla san Cayetano, Capilla san José, Capilla Stella Maris and Capilla Maria at Sagrado Corazon y Monte Grande, Buenos Aires Argentina. 455 people were Baptized, and 162 people have received the first Holy Communion from Fr Joy during the year 2020.

Rev. Fr Shojoy Jacob Thekken CMI, who joined Argentina mission in November 2019, is helping both Fr Jose and Fr Joy in administering the sacraments and involving actively in the charismatic prayer gatherings. Fr Shojoy could learn Spanish language by now and he is about to get appointed as a parish priest shortly.





AMATUS MUSINGS

നമ്മുടെ മുറ്റത്തെ നക്ഷത്ര വിളക്ക്...
അമാത്തുസ് അച്ചൻ



പുൽക്കൂട് പോലെ ലളിതം.
നക്ഷത്ര വിളക്ക് പോലെ സുന്ദരം.
മൈസൂർ മിഷന്റെ പുണ്യം..
അതാണ് അമാത്തുസ് അച്ചൻ.
ഒരു ക്രിസ്തുസ് രാവിന്റെ
ആഹ്ലാദത്തിമർപ്പോടെ സന്യാസം
കൊണ്ടാടിയ വിശുദ്ധൻ. ആ
മുഖത്തേക്ക് നോക്കിയവർക്കൊക്കെ
സുവിശേഷത്തിന്റെ വെളിച്ചം കിട്ടി.
സന്യാസം ക്രിസ്തുമസ് പോലെ
മനോഹരമാക്കിയ അമാത്തുസ്
അച്ചൻ നമ്മോടു എന്താണ്
പറയുന്നത്?

ഒന്നാമതായി, നാം സമർപ്പിതർ
ഈശോയുടെ പുൽക്കൂടുകൾ ആണ്.

വിനയത്തോടെ നമ്മുടെ കുറവുകളെ
ഈശോയ്ക്കു നൽകാം. അവിടുന്ന്
അവയിൽ പ്രവേശിക്കട്ടെ.
വിശുദ്ധീകരിക്കട്ടെ. ഏറ്റവും
ചെറിയവനും സ്വന്തമെന്നു
തോന്നുവാൻ മാത്രം ചെറുതാകാം.
രണ്ടാമതായി, ദൈവകൃപയുടെ
നിലയ്ക്കാത്ത പ്രവാഹത്തെ
തിരിച്ചറിയുകയും,
സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും, ആ നിറവിൽ
വളരുകയും ചെയ്യണമെന്ന്.
കാലിത്തൊഴുത്തുപോലെ
അപ്രധാനവും പുൽക്കൂട് പോലെ
ദുർബലവുമായ നമ്മുടെ
ജീവിതങ്ങളെ ദൈവകൃപയ്ക്ക്
സമർപ്പിക്കാം. അനുതാപവും
അനുരഞ്ജനവും നിരന്തരമായ
പ്രാർത്ഥനയും നമ്മെ നവീകരിക്കട്ടെ.
എല്ലാവർക്കും ആശംസകൾ.

Rev. Fr Joshy Cheruparampil CMI

PASTORAL FEEDS

**St. George Parish
Siddalingapura (Banavara)**

Managed by:

CMI St. Paul's Province,
Mysuru

Diocese: Belthangady

Parish Priest: Rev. Dr Fr Joseph Achandy CMI

Number of registered catholic families: 20

Number of catechism children: 15

Number of catechism teachers: 10

Mass timings:

Sundays: 8.00am, Monday to Saturday: 4pm

Activities:

Weekly Family visits, Social work- Study help to the
children of Government Schools, Youth Corona
Task force distributing food kit to the needy and
medical help.



**NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL****Provincial Auditor's Briefing**

Rev. Fr Jinosh Velikkakathu CMI Provincial Auditor, organized his briefing sessions in three levels:

The Provincial Superior and the Provincial department Councillors on September 29, 2020 at 10.00am online. The modalities of the auditing procedures and the schedule for auditing the Provincial departments were announced.

Briefing session to Superiors/Prefects/Directors of the houses/institutions of the province, was held on Saturday October 2020 at 10.00am through online mode.

The Auditor's briefing session for the Financial Administrators, Accountants, and the office staff of the institutions of the province, was organized through online zoom meeting on Saturday 3 October 2020 at 11.00am. The modalities of the auditing procedures and the mandatory preparation required from the institutions during the visit of the Provincial Auditor was explained.

Meeting of the Principals

An online meet of the Principals of institutions under the province, was organized by the Secretary, St Thomas Education Society Mysore, Rev. Fr Suraj K Abraham CMI on Tuesday, 13 October 2020 between 11.30am and 1.00pm. The agenda for the meeting was to discuss about the management of the educational institutions during the COVID crisis. The issues in organizing online and offline classes, disbursement of the salary to the staff, constraints in the fee collection, engaging the student community with creating academic oriented exercises and organizing the faculty development programs etc. were the points of discussion in the meeting. Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI moderated the meeting. The provincial councillors and the

heads of the educational institutions were present in the meeting and contributed creative suggestions during the discussions.

Animation of Superiors / Prefects / Directors

With reference to the Prior General's circular Ref: PG/248/2020 dated 28 August 2020, we organised an animation program for the Superiors, Prefects and Directors of the houses and institutions of our province through online mode. The online meeting commenced from 15 October and ended on 17 October 2020. The sessions were organised by the Provincial Council, as per the guidance of the General council.

Fr. Dr. Thomas C Mathew CMI, our Prior General delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Dr. Victor Paul (HOD, Dept of Social Work, Christ University, Bengaluru) presented an input session on institutional management techniques. Prof. Gladys Jacob (Director, School of Engineering, Christ University, Bengaluru) presented an input session on servant leadership. Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, Provincial Superior addressed the members on the Renewal in religious life in the light of CMI Constitutions and Directory. Rev. Fr Jinosh V M CMI, Provincial Auditor conscientized the members on the topic, Local Administration in the light of CMI Constitutions and Directory. The animation program was concluded with a fruitful sharing session by the members and zero hour, moderated by the Provincial Superior.

Final Session of the VII Ordinary Provincial Synaxis

The third and final session of the VII ordinary Provincial Synaxis was held at Carmel Bhavan, CMI provincial house, Mysuru from 6 to 8 November 2020.

The session was conducted in the online mode due to the COVID -19 restrictions. Before the synaxis



began Fr Provincial and the provincial team, the secretaries of the synaxis, and the fathers and



brothers staying at the Provincial house gathered in the provincial house chapel for a prayer session invoking the blessings of the Almighty for the successful conduct of the synaxis. The session on the first day began at 5.00pm with a short prayer. Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr Dr Varghese Kelampampil CMI welcomed all the synaxis members to the third session of the ordinary provincial synaxis.

Rev. Fr Thomas Chathampampil CMI, our Prior General gave the inaugural address. He drew the attention of the synaxis about 42 years of successful growth of the province and its youthfulness. He exhorted the delegates to go ahead in optimism, enthusiasm, and commitment and to set a new normal amid the crises we are likely to face, making special reference to the extraordinary situation we are encountering in the context of COVID 19. The Prior General inspired all the members of the province to be ready for a new normal using our creativity, potentialities, and the innumerable possibilities at our disposal.

The Provincial Superior and the Councillors presented the proposed resolutions and action plans of the respective departments and called for the voice from the floor. The resolutions and action plans for the province were finalised in the session. The mandatory discussions and business sessions

were very fruitful. The delegates from our missions abroad could address the synaxis during the sessions. Rev. Fr Jilson Naduviledath CMI coordinator of the mission in the USA, Rev. Fr Joy Kamugumpally CMI coordinator of the mission in Argentina, Rev. Fr Kurian Kattamkottil CMI coordinator of the mission in Germany and United Kingdom and Rev. Fr Josekutty Vadakkal CMI coordinator of the mission in Australia shared their mission experience with the delegates. Finally, after the completion of all the modalities of the provincial synaxis, Rev. Fr Dr Varghese Kelampampil CMI Provincial Superior dissolved the third and final session of the VII ordinary Provincial Synaxis.

Training session on Statutory Payments

Rev. Fr Shaiju Narimattathil Councillor for Finance and Agriculture, St Paul's Province Mysuru organised training sessions on the updates of Statutory payments like Employee Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance and Professional Tax payments. Rev. Fr Abin Baby CMI and Rev. Fr Biju Pallurathil CMI were the resource persons for the training sessions. The office staff of all the education institutions and the Financial Administrators attended the training sessions. The first session was hosted by the Bharath Matha Institutions Koppa on 26 November 2020 and second training session was hosted by Christ Public School Bogadi on 27 November 2020.

Webinar on Fratelli Tutti:





The department of pastoral ministry headed by Rev. Fr George Kalambukattu CMI organised a webinar on the recent encyclical of Pope Francis, 'Fratelli Tutti', on 16 November 2020 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Rev. Dr Jose Nandhikara CMI, Rev. Dr Benny Tharakunnel CMI and Rev. Dr Shinto Puthumattathil CMI were the resource persons of the webinar. Rev. Fr Pratheesh Kolliyil CMI moderated the sessions. The creative and fruitful initiative of the department of Pastoral ministry was well appreciated by the Provincial Superior and the participants.

For Better Communication

The members of the province are now privileged to use customised email ID from Google created with the official website domain of the province, cmimysore.org. Official communication shall happen through the customised E-mail ID.

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Congratulations

Sub Deacon

Sinto Karottumalayil CMI

Annual Retreat



Batch I: 22-27 Nov 2020

The annual retreat for the members of the province was organised in two batches. Retreat for the first batch was scheduled from 22 to 27 November 2020 and for the second batch from 13 to 18 December 2020. Rev. Fr Reny Joseph SMM, Novice Master, Montfort Novitiate, Aldur, Chikmagalur was the retreat preacher for both the batches. We appreciate the leadership of our Vicar provincial, Rev. Fr George Kalambukattu CMI in organising the retreats. Special thanks to Rev. Fr. Baby Thazhuthedath CMI and the Carmel Bhavan Community.



Batch II: 13-18 Dec 2020

Province Sports Day 2020-21

The annual sports day in connection with the Province Day celebrations, was scheduled on 3 December 2020 at Christ Public School, Bogadi.





Three different competitions were organised on the sports day, namely Volleyball, Cricket and Tug of War. Members of the province were divided into three zonal teams. Mysore zone was headed by Rev. Fr Philip Chemmattakuzhy CMI, Coorg Zone was headed by Rev. Fr Joseph Achandy CMI and Hassan Zone was headed by Rev. Fr Jose Thachil CMI. Mysuru zone was declared as the overall champions by being the winners in Volleyball, runner up in Cricket and Tug of war, respectively. Hassan zone was declared as the first runner up by being the runner up in Volleyball and Tug of War. Coorg Zone was the second runner up by winning the Cricket match. Special appreciation to the Vicar Provincial, Rev. Fr George Kalambukattu CMI for the meticulous planning and execution of the sports day. Special thanks to the Christ Home community, Bogadi headed by Rev. Fr Dince Antony CMI and supported by Rev. Fr Silvin Manjaly CMI, Rev. Fr Jinosh Velikkakathu CMI, Rev. Fr Shan Kunnumpurathu CMI, Rev. Fr Jinto Enchikkalayil CMI and all the supporting staff of Christ Public School, Bogadi.

Sports day for the Scholastics and Aspirants



organised on 6 December 2020 at Jnanamandira under the leadership of the Rectors of Aspirants, Rev. Fr Anumon Thevarkunnel CMI and Rev. Fr Shibin Vandanamthadathil CMI. Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball matches were organised for the scholastics. Special thanks to the Jnanamandira community for the hospitality.

Gifts on the Feast of Immaculate Conception

On the titular feast day of our congregation 8 December 2020, all the fathers of the province renewed their religious vows in the respective communities.



Two of the novices of our province, Bro. Alan Kattakkayam and Bro. Ashwin Pambakkal made their first Profession and received the CMI religious habit at St Thomas Novitiate house, Marikkunnu. Rev. Fr Provincial received their vows.

Congratulations Bro. Alan Kattakkayam and Bro. Ashwin Pambakkal.

16 scholastics of the province renewed their temporary religious commitments on the day at different places. 10 of the scholastics attended a preparation retreat of two days led by the Councillor for Social Apostolate, Rev. Fr Pratheesh Paul Kolliyl CMI and renewed their vows before the Vicar Provincial, Rev. Fr George Kalambukattu CMI.





Priestly Ordinations

Dn. Rijo Jacob Kalathil CMI	Bp. Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath	DEC 26	09:15 AM SATURDAY	2020	Holy Family Forane Church, Hongasandra, Bangalore
Dn. Jaison Poovathumpambil CMI	Bp. Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath	DEC 26	09:15 AM SATURDAY	2020	Holy Family Forane Church, Hongasandra, Bangalore
Dn. Noble Kumbiluvilil CMI	Arch. Bp. Mar George Njaralakatt	DEC 29	09:00 AM TUESDAY	2020	Providence Church, Velloony, Kannur
Dn. Rijo Ennakudampoovathinkal CMI	Bp. Mar Joseph Pamplany	DEC 30	02:30 PM WEDNESDAY	2020	St. Mary's Church, Mattara, Kannur
Dn. Prince John Ponpuzha CMI	Arch. Bp. Mar George Njaralakatt	DEC 31	02:30 PM THURSDAY	2020	St. Kuriakose Elias Church, Chavaragiri, Kasaragod

Our Province is being blessed by the Lord this December, amid COVID crisis, with five young and vibrant new priests. Their Priestly ordinations and first Holy Mass are scheduled as follows.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE

The information of our main activities between September and October 2020 and bi-annual meeting held to discuss social work activities of St Paul's Province, Mysuru.

COVID-19 Pandemic affected each and everyone's life adversely especially the marginalised sections



the most. Thousands of people lost their jobs, source of income and were pushed into starvation.

We at St Paul's Province responded to this crisis by distributing "Free Food Kit" for the poor. We are continuing this initiative by distributing free mid-day meal by the name "**Ruchi Ariyadavarigagi**" for the poor on every Friday. This initiative has been carried out in three different regions by Christ College, Srirampura, Carmel Bhavan, N R Mohalla, and Christ Home, Bogadi respectively.



We held "Semi-Annual Meeting" on 27th and 28th November 2020 to discuss about the project proposal in Uttarahalli, Bangalore. The governing body members agreed to move ahead with the project.



As we move forward, your participation in action and kind are well appreciated.



In honor of celebrating the 150th Death Anniversary of St. Chavara, we shared 150 Christmas Food Kits at different parishes of Nanjagodu, Srirampura, Maradiyur, Hassan and Kollegal. Many have contributed for this venture. Let us remember all of them in our prayers.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations

Fr Dr Jomon K. Joseph CMI

on Successful Defense of your
Doctoral Thesis

EFFECT OF PERSONALITY,
PSYCHOLOGICAL CAPITAL AND
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT ON
JOB SATISFACTION AND
AFFECTIVE COMMITMENT AMONG
PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS
IN SOUTH KARNATAKA

29
OCTOBER
2020
at
Christ (Deemed to be University)

Congratulations

Fr Dr Philip Chemmattakuzhy CMI

on Successful Defense
of your
Doctoral Thesis

02
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**GANDHIAN PERSPECTIVE
OF EMANCIPATION OF
WOMEN-A CRITICAL STUDY**

NEWS UPDATES FROM HOUSES AND
INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST PUBLIC SCHOOL, MYSORE

Staff meetings

Ten staff meetings were conducted in the month of October where discussions were held and instructions were given by the Principal for the betterment of academic activities.

Staff Induction Programme

Five days Staff Training programme for the new staff members was held between October 12 to November 17, 2020. The topics of the training were:

1. Christian Values
2. Vision, Mission and Core Values of our Institution.
3. STES Service rules
4. Bloom's Taxonomy.
5. Lesson Plan, Annual Plan, Blue Print, Question Paper, Question Bank.
6. Micro-teaching Skills.
7. English Language
8. ERP Training and Online Class Training

Tests and Exams

Periodic Assessment for grade IX and X was held on October 19, 2020 to October 24, 2020. Mid Term Examination was held for grades VI, VII & VIII on the same dates.

Answer scripts submission

Answer scripts were collected from Grade I, II, III, IV and V, on November 7, 2020. Teachers were allotted with their duties to collect the answer scripts with all Covid Protocol. Almost all the parents submitted the answer scripts of their ward.

Virtual Parent-Teacher meeting

Seven virtual Parent Teacher's meetings were held through Zoom platform, where Principal requested parents to pay the First instalment fees on or before



November 13, 2020. These meetings were held section wise.

Kannada Rajyotsava



Kannada Rajyotsava celebration was held virtually. Various cultural activities in Kannada like Skit, Group Song, Enchanting Vachanas, Speeches, Importance of the Day were performed by the teachers and students. The programme video was uploaded on Youtube on November 1, 2020 to reach students and parents.

Faculty Development Programme (FDP-2)



The management had organised the FDP-2 on November 2, 2020. The resource persons of the day were:

1. Rev. Dr. Varghese KJ CMI, Provincial Superior and President STES.
2. Group Captain V S Shivaraj, Indian Air Force
3. Rev. Fr Vibin Varghese CMI, MA, LTh.
4. Rev. Fr Abin Baby CMI, M.Com, NET.

The topics included:

FLIPS by Group Captain V S Shivaraj

- Flexibility
- Level of experience
- Initiation
- Productivity and Accountability
- Social and Spirituality

Communication and collaboration by Rev. Fr Vibin Varghese. Information literacy, Media literacy, Technology literacy by Rev. Fr Abin Baby. Vision, Mission and Core Values of Christ Public School by Rev. Dr Varghese K J

Province Sports Day

Province Sports Day was celebrated on December 3, 2020 in our Institution. More than 60 CMI Fathers and 20 brothers took part in various sport events. Dr Channappa and team from University of Mysore were the referees of the day.

Submission of Art Integrated projects by Grade X students

All the assignments like Art Integrated Projects of all subjects, Worksheets, Practical records were submitted by the students to the respective class teachers.

Principal interacted with the students and asked few questions about subjects and instructed them to take up their studies in a serious manner in order to face Board Exams.

Staff Orientation Programme

It was held on 07 December 2020 between 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Principal Rev. Fr Jinosh V Mathew addressed the teachers and gave a session on "Philosophy of Life."



Mid-term Examination and Periodic Assessment III

Mid Term Examination for grade I to V and Periodic Assessment III for grade IX & X is scheduled from December 14, 2020.

Christmas Celebration



Christmas programme recording took place on December 14, 2020. Many Teachers and some students took part in the programme. The theme of the Christmas Programme is 'Nature to Fraternity.'

Faculty Development Programme (FDP – 3)

The management organised the FDP-3 on 19 December 2020. The resource persons of the day were Mr. Shivakumar, Principal of Lions West Sevanikhetan School, Mysore and Mr. Umarul Farook faculty of Christ College Srirampura. The themes covered are: NEP 2020, Art Integrated Learning, Competency Based Learning and management of Google Classrooms. The session started at 8.35 am and was concluded by 4 pm.



CHRIST COLLEGE, MYSURU

Report of NDLI Webinar

On 27th of November, Christ College Mysuru organized a webinar under the guidance of National Digital Library of India (NDLI) to enhance and promote the use of digital library and as an orientation to access the E-Books for academic purpose. Dr. Vignesh Sornamohan, Chief strategic and outreach officer NDLI was the Resource person for the webinar.

Dr Vignesh Sornamohan, in his presentation gave a detailed information about what NDLI is and how it functions. He further explained about the drawbacks of physical libraries and how virtual platforms like NDLI help overcoming those limitations. He educated the participants of the webinar about the functioning of the website and the NDLI app.

Academic coordinator Fr. Vibin Varghese, Teaching and non-teaching staff and students from all the departments attended the webinar. Mrs Shilpa Shastry, HOD, Journalism and Mass Communication was the MC and Mr Shashikiran, Department of Library welcomed the gathering. Invocation by Shanthika V Bhatt of 3rd BBA. Mr Johnson W S, HOD, Psychology introduced the resource person. Mr Manoj, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce rendered the vote of thanks.



OBITUARY

Late Rev. Sr Elsa Maria CMC (40)

Beloved niece of Rev. Frs. Francis Chirackal CMI and Joy Chirackal CMI, was called for eternal reward on 11 October 2020.



Late Mrs. Mary Chakyeth (77)

Beloved sister of Rev. Frs, Francis Chirackal CMI, and Joy Chirackal CMI, was called for eternal reward on 12 October 2020.



Late Mr. Manoj (37)

Beloved nephew of Rev. Fr. Philip Chemmattakuzhy CMI, was called to eternal reward on 6 December 2020.





CHRISTMAS AND OUR RE-BIRTH

Rev. Dr Abraham Vadakkemuriyil CMI

Celebration of Christmas is around. We are all getting ready to have another vibrant Christmas celebration. Different from previous years this year's Christmas celebration has the shadow of COVID-19 pandemic on it. Naturally

gatherings will be limited, and midnight celebration may not be so colourful as usual. Still our minds are in the mood of celebration.

Why do we celebrate Christmas? Answer is so simple. Commemoration of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. This is an answer saved in the memory part of our brain.

The Bible says Jesus' death was an infinite atonement for our sins. (2 Cor 5:21). For our sake he made the sinless one a victim for sin, so that in Him we might become the uprightness of God. He died on the cross as a ransom for our sins (Mt. 20:28). Further St. Paul says "How much more can we be sure therefore that just now that we have been justified by his death, we shall be saved throw him from the retribution of God"(2 Cor.5:9)

Notwithstanding all the exegetical difficulties and multiple interpretations offered by various theologians of different denominations, these biblical passages give us the most simplified understanding of Jesus as our saviour who bought us back from the slavery of sin, by offering his life as a sacrifice on the cross. Then Jesus is the only saviour because he's the only one of the eternal Fathers who paid the price for our Salvation. On every Christmas celebration we should ask ourselves a question, do we fully live up to this reality of our liberation today?

I think in our daily life of Christian living we need to consciously assert the image of Christ as the unique saviour of humanity in the midst of today's growing tendency of syncretism. Jesus being the unique saviour of the entire human race entered into a definite relationship with history as the only mediator between man and God. He is the unique saviour of humanity. He is the only way, truth and life that leads every human being into the Sonship of God the Father.

Today there is a serious concern among the Christians both young and old alike, whether we have diluted this basic fundamental biblical as well as dogmatic principle in the area of theology of religions especially in the multi-religious context of India. While emphasising the fatherhood of God the uniqueness of Christ as the only saviour of humanity was compromised to justify the so-called truth dimensions of other religions by admitting that Christianity is only one among the many ways of salvation. The big question is what was and is the urgency of promoting the so-called truths of other religions.

We made accept and appreciate if there are good values in other religions. This value, in no way can equal the revealed truth in Christ. The uniqueness of Christ as the only saviour of humanity in no way can be compromised for the promotion of pagan values.

Our model and inspiration for such an approach of caution and uncompromised commitment to the father in Jesus Christ as the only saviour is our founder St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara himself. Even before the second Vatican council's liberalised the views of the Catholic approach to other religions, Saint Chavara cultivated a spirit of social solidarity and mature interactive dynamism with the other religions. Establishment of the Sanskrit school, Upavishala and education for women etc. are the examples of this early renaissance under his able leadership which promoted Christian biblical values without compromising the centrality of Christ as the unique saviour of humanity.



Saint Chavara's spiritual orientation and his entire prayer life were oriented towards the centrality of Jesus Christ as the saviour of humanity and he experiences Jesus as the loving "APPA" and looks at Jesus with a childlike desire to have a vision much greater than the present. It may be this intense desire to grow beyond the present that helped Chavara to see through the present and to become a prophetic leader and a visionary of the 19th century Kerala church.

St. Chavara deeply trusted his "APPA" with a deep sense of sorrow and repentance for his sinfulness. St. Chavara in his unique relationship to Jesus as his "APPA" understood creation as an act of God's turning to the creatures by which the whole cosmos, every living being is brought into existence in Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate. God in Jesus Christ turned to creation in order to make the whole universe turn to Him. The state of remaining turned to God is the vocation, purpose and the final fulfillment of human existence and that of the world. The act of turning involves different grades and levels. Union with God and its bliss will depend upon the degree of turning. The most perfect and the eternal paradigm of this turning dynamics is the triune God. The Father is turned to the one whom we call Son. In this act of turning the Father gives totally and fully to the other person. Thus, the son is the replica and the exact imprint of the Father's very being and turning to Humanity to save it (Heb. 1-3) Son is the person who perfectly turned to the father. And the total turning of the father and the son entails the being of the Holy Spirit. (Paul Kalluveetil, "Chavara the dynamic Hermeneut of the word", Herald of the East, Vol.III, No.2, P.370)

The very call of men is to turn to God who has turned to him. It involves different dimensions. First of all, he has to turn with his total person. It further demands a turning with the whole human kind as well as with every animate and inanimate being of the universe. When man turns without God to other persons and things- Flora and fauna, and

mineral kingdom- it becomes an irresponsible selfish exploitation of the nature. That is why Amartya Sen rightly said, every process of the development of the world should also take into consideration of the divine dimension of it too. Any manipulation of the nature regardless of its divine dimension amounts to turning away from God and leads to a sinful act. It brings forth in man the feeling of the absence of God as if God has turned away from him. Here comes the concept of punishment. It has a medicinal purpose whereby; God wants to make the turned away man re-turned to Himself. When man is engulfed in the miseries he will naturally cry to the Lord. It induces him to turn back or re-turn to his creator together with the entire creation. God's design for men will be fulfilled only in so far as he could turn to his maker. One's humanness depends upon the degree of his turning to God. The more intense and deep the turning, the more one attains the perfection. Christ is the perfect model of this turning. Then in Jesus, the son of God, man remains turned to the Father totally. Thus, on Christmas he becomes the visible manifestation of the presence of God in the world turned to man to save him from the slavery of sin. (Paul Kalluveetil, P.37-38.)

When man turns to God with the nature around, the very act inculcates in him the virtue of care for the other. This is because God wants from every human being to be caring concerned to the nature and his/her brethren. That is why he is created as a part of the nature itself. Dominating the nature by subjugating it for one's own advantage only is a crime and a sin. St. Chavara's life was an enduring example for the care for the other. Apart from his extraordinary sense of care and concern to the members of the religious community St. Chavara exhibited a unique sense of care for the entire society of his time. It was his unmatched sense of social solidarity that earned him the undisputed distinction as the religious and social reformer of his time. St. Chavara lived so close to the nature and inspired the religious communities he founded to work with the nature so closely. Carmelite

communities at his time was known for its agrarian engagements and until recently our ashrams maintained that tradition. But sadly, we must admit that such valuable traditions are on the decline today.

Being a man of genuine experience of God and his truth St. Chavara became a genuine servant of the Church and fought against the false shepherds and selfish interests. Thus, he was able to lead the Kerala church in its crisis of heresies and fight for its true identity. As a man who saw tomorrow, he could visualize the needs of a Church in growth, and in fighting against all odds, he could lay the foundation for its journey to the modern era. His efforts in the areas of education, spiritual renewal, and above all the founding of two religious congregations in Kerala for both men and women are the signs of it.

Chavara made his life a celebration of praise and continued turning to God and man. His spirituality can then be better understood as a progressive realization of his baptismal re-birth in the Trinitarian God and realizing his own unity with the Godhead. So, when he calls Jesus as "APPA" he accepts Jesus as his only heavenly Saviour and declares his complete dependence in His providential care. That is why he was able to assert that he did not lose his baptismal purity, that is, his uncontaminated faith in Jesus, at the time of his death. Obviously, it is our personal relationship with Jesus that reveals to our souls the secret of the uniqueness of Jesus as the only Saviour of humanity. This needs a dive into the depths of the ocean of the word of God and for that we should put out our net into the deeper part and let down it for a better catch (Lk.5:4). This going into the deep is our cross and our penance and that is what makes our Christmas more meaningful.

Today as we celebrate another Christmas, we have a few questions to ask to ourselves. First and foremost, do we believe beyond all doubt that Jesus is the only unique Saviour of humanity? Secondly, are we turned to Jesus together with the nature or

are we turned only towards the Flora and fauna? Thirdly how caring are we towards the other and the nature?



Greetings of 150th

Death Anniversary of
St Kuriakose Elias Chavara

(3 JANUARY 2021)



May this blessed season of Christmas
Fill our Hearts with Love of the Lord
Our Families and Communities with the Joy of the Lord.
May the Prince of Peace Light our way,
May God's Love enfold us and bless us to share the
blessed Gift of Hope and Love to the whole Humanity,
and to overcome the struggle of COVID-19 pandemic.

A blessed Christmas & a Prosperous New Year

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