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MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

One of the most challenging questions we face during this Covid-19 crisis is "what is the future of humanity?" We may get thousands of answers except the one we need. Some of the answers we get may be: our future won't be any more



as it was yesterday; life will be more tiresome; government won't support us anymore; running institutions will be a risk task and our search for a secure future will finally end up in one basic question- "How do we live the days ahead?"- a question touches our own very existence. Here too we get multiple answers as for any other questions. But these answers and solutions are limited. To what extent these answers are capable to lead us to a new beginning is again a question for our self – examination.

We can find out an apt solution for all these uncertainties by answering two basic questions:

1. What is the purpose or goal of our life?
2. For whom do we live?

Only from a Christian point of view, one can find perfect answers for these questions. For the question regarding the purpose of our life; the only answer is 'to spread the Kingdom of God.' As we all know, Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking but it is the righteousness, peace and joy in the holy Spirit (Rom 14:17). As Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke about his mission;

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk. 4:18-19),

We the Religious, are duty bound to do the same mission during this COVID times, to build the Kingdom of God. Seek first His Kingdom and Righteousness, and all these things will be added to

you (Mt 6:33). When we work for the Kingdom of God everything else will be provided from God's abundant 'Love'. We Priests and Religious shall proclaim the Good News to the poor, proclaim freedom for the prisoners, give sight to the blind and set the oppressed free for the Kingdom of God. 'So that you would walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own Kingdom and Glory' (1Thes 2:12).

When we seriously consider the second question regarding 'For whom do we live?'; the simple answer is nothing, but we live for our savior Jesus Christ. To live for Christ, first we must live in Him. 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' (Gal 2:20). When we start to live in Christ, we start to reveal Christ to the world. 'When Christ, who is in our life is revealed then you also will be revealed with Him in glory' (Col 3:4). To attain this state, we should have a realization that Christ lives in us. 'Christ lives in you or do you not realize about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you.' (2 Cor 13:5) These words should be inspirational for each one of us who claim the special patronage of the great Apostle, St. Paul.

Priya Koodapirappukale, we must make our commitment and our religious life strong and firm by following these biblical solutions, so that, our commitment will be unshaken not only during these difficult times but even in situations worse than this. We should stand together and work together with one mind and heart for the kingdom of God here in this land of Karnataka and beyond the borders. Let this struggle of COVID-19 be an occasion to test and strengthen our faith and religious life.

I wish prayerful greetings of the feast of Little Flower who had overcome all difficulties with love and prayer and led many souls to the kingdom of God. Let us also remember Mahathma Gandhiji, whose Jayanthi we celebrate on Oct 2, who achieved the real peace and freedom for the nation through Kingdom values.

Lovingly yours in our Lord Jesus Christ

Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI
Provincial Superior



II SESSION OF VII ORDINARY PROVINCIAL SYNAXIS 2020

The IInd Session of the VII Ordinary Provincial Synaxis of St. Paul's Province, Mysuru was held from Friday 21 August to Sunday 23 August 2020 at Carmel Bhavan.

LEADERSHIP WITH A CHANGE

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness." - Dalai Lama.

We express our sincere gratitude to the provincial administration of CMI St. Paul's Province Mysuru during 2017 to 2020. Heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Provincial Team Fr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, Fr. Joseph Edakkery CMI, Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI, Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI, Fr. Renny Malana CMI and Fr. Jinosh Velikkakathu CMI, for their marvellous effort in the growth of the province for the last three years from April 2017 to August 2020.

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new"- Socrates.

Congratulations to the new Provincial Administration. The II session of the VII ordinary Provincial Synaxis of CMI St. Paul's Province, Mysuru held from 21 August to 23 August 2020 at Carmel Bhavan, Provincial house, Mysuru elected the following members.

Fr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, Provincial, Fr. George Kalambukatt CMI, Vicar Provincial, Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry, Fr. Suraj Kottayil Abraham CMI, Councillor for Education and Communication Media, Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI, Councillor for Finance and Agriculture, Fr. Pratheesh Kolliyil CMI, Councillor for Social Apostolate and Fr. Jinosh Velikkakathu CMI, Provincial Auditor. Best wishes and prayers for the new Provincial team.

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI

Congratulations Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI for being re-elected as the Provincial Superior of CMI St. Paul's Province Mysuru. Wish you all the best for the ministry.

Fr. George Kalambukattu CMI

Congratulations Fr. George Kalambukattu CMI for being elected as the Vicar Provincial and Councillor for Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry. Wish you all the best for the new responsibility.

Fr. Joseph Edakkery CMI

Thank you Fr. Joseph Edakkery CMI for your service at Carmel Bhavan as Vicar Provincial, Councillor for Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry and as the Prefect of Carmel Bhavan. Congratulations on your new appointment as Director of Christ Health and Wellness Academy, Jettihundi.

Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI

Thank you Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI for your service as the Councillor for Education and Communication Media, Secretary to the Provincial Council, and Secretary of St. Thomas Education Society Mysuru. Best wishes for your new responsibility.

Fr. Renny Malana CMI

Thank you Fr. Renny Malana CMI for your service as the Councillor for Social Apostolates, CMI St. Paul's Province Mysuru. Best wishes for your new responsibility.

Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI

Congratulations Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI and best wishes for being re-elected as the councillor for Finance and Agriculture. Best wishes for the new assignment as the Prefect of Carmel Bhavan.

Fr. Jinosh Velikkakathu CMI

Congratulations Fr. Jinosh Velikkakathu CMI for being re-elected as the Provincial Auditor, CMI St. Paul's Province Mysuru. Best wishes for your assignments and responsibilities.

Fr. Joshy Cherupampil CMI

Congratulations Fr. Joshy Cherupampil CMI for being re-appointed as the general formation coordinator. Best wishes for your responsibilities.

**Fr. Josekutty Vadakkel CMI**

Congratulations Fr. Josekutty Vadakkel CMI for being appointed as the General Co-ordinator for the CMI Mission Australia.

Fr. Dr. Joseph Achandy CMI

Thank you Fr. Dr. Joseph Achandy CMI for your service as prefect of Sacred Heart Carmel House, and Manager of Sacred Heart composite PU college Shanivarasanthe. Congratulations on your new appointment as Prefect and Vicar at St. George Church, Banavara.

Fr. Dr. Thomas Ayankudy (Sr) CMI

Congratulations Fr. Thomas Ayankudy CMI for your new appointment as the Prefect of Sacred Heart Carmel House Shanivarasanthe.

Fr. Jinto Plakkootathil CMI

Thank you Fr. Jinto Plakkootathil CMI for your service as Financial Administrator of Christ Academy, Mundaje. Congratulations and best wishes as you are re-appointed as Vocation Promoter of the province.

Fr. Dr. Francis Chirackal CMI

Thank you Fr. Dr. Francis Chirackal CMI for your service at St. Joseph's Residence, Kakkinje. Congratulations on your new appointment as Financial Administrator at St. Thomas School Gonikoppal.

Fr. Antony Akkappallil CMI

Thank you Fr. Antony Akkappallil CMI for your service as Financial Administrator at St. Thomas School and St. Thomas Carmel House, Gonikoppal and congratulations on your new appointment as Prefect and Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Heggadde as well as Vicar of Hanbal and Kochegundi parishes.

Fr. Jose Thekkemuriyil CMI

Thank you Fr. Jose Thekkemuriyil CMI for your service at Sacred Heart School and Sacred Heart Carmel House, Shanivarasanthe. Congratulations and best wishes on your new appointment as Principal at Christ School, Hunsur.

Fr. Thomas Ayankudy (Jr) CMI

Thank you Fr. Thomas Ayankudy (Jr) CMI for your service at Christ School Hunsur as the Principal. Best wishes for your higher studies.

Fr. John Kandamkery CMI

Thank you Fr. John Kandamkery CMI for your service at Jnanamandira, Bogadi. Congratulations for your new appointment as member of Vocation Promotion team and for the membership at St. Joseph's Residence, Kakkinje.

Fr. Jobins Athickal CMI

Thank you Fr. Jobins Athickal CMI for your service at Shanthi Bhavan, N R Pura. Congratulations on your new appointment as Principal of Christ Academy, Kandali.

Fr. Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil CMI

Thank you Fr. Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil CMI for your service as Prefect and Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Heggadde, Vicar at Hanbal and Kochegundi. Congratulations on your new appointment as Superior of St. Mary's Carmel, Koppa, Financial Administrator of Bharath Matha Institutions, Koppa.

Fr. Pratheesh Kolliyil CMI

Thank you Fr. Pratheesh Kolliyil CMI for your service as the Rector of aspirants at St. Mary's Carmel Koppa and as the Financial Administrator of Bharath Matha Composite PU College Koppa. Congratulations and Best wishes for your new responsibility as the Councillor for Social Apostolate.

Fr. Joy Kochupurackal CMI

Thank you Fr. Joy Kochupurackal CMI for your service as the Superior of St. Mary's Carmel, Koppa, Financial Administrator of Bharath Matha Degree College, Koppa. Best wishes for your higher studies.

Fr. Shubin Vandanamthadathil CMI

Thank you Fr. Shubin Vandanamthadathil CMI for your service at Jnanamandira as the Assistant



Rector of aspirants. Congratulations on your new appointment as the Rector of St. Mary's Aspirant's House, Koppa.

Fr. Joseph Orappankuzhimattathil CMI

Thank you Fr. Joseph Orappankuzhimattathil CMI for your service as the Prefect at Shanthi Bhavan, N R Pura. Congratulations and best wishes for the new appointment as the Financial Administrator at Christ Academy, Mundaje.

Fr. Binu Kudukkamthadathil CMI

Thank you Fr. Binu Kudukkamthadathil CMI for your service at Christ School, Thandavapura as the Financial Administrator and at St. Paul's Carmel, Thandavapura. Congratulations and best wishes for the new appointment as the Prefect at Shanthi Bhavan, N. R. Pura.

Fr. Saneesh Pathickal CMI

Congratulations Fr. Saneesh Pathickal CMI for your appointment as the Financial Administrator at Christ School, Thandavapura.

Fr. Saitto Thomas Puthuva CMI

Congratulations Fr. Saitto Thomas Puthuva CMI for your praiseworthy service rendered at CMI Marymatha Vice Province, Bellampally. Best wishes for your higher studies.

Fr. Shijo Panjickal CMI

Thank you Fr. Shijo Panjickal CMI for your service at Christ College Mysuru. Best wishes for your higher studies and parish ministry.

Fr. Shan Kunnumpurathu CMI

Best wishes Fr. Shan Kunnumpurathu CMI for your higher studies at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru.

Fr. Joseph Parathappilly CMI

Congratulations Fr. Joseph Parathappilly CMI for 7 years of successful and fruitful retreat preaching at Jerusalem Retreat Centre, Thalore, Thrissur. Best wishes for your new responsibility at St. Paul's Church, Spiritual Centre, Kadalundi, Calicut.

NADEDU BANDA DAARI



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CARMELITES OF MARY IMMACULATE (CMI)
ST PAUL'S PROVINCE, MYSURU

The History of CMI St. Paul's Province, Mysore, titled 'Nadedu Banda Daari' (The Trodden Way) deals with the birth and growth of the Province as a Mission, Region, Vice-Province and Province. The chronological timeline described is approximately from the 1950's to 2020. The chronicles of Sacred Heart Province, Kochi, the chronicles of each house, books on the history of CMI in Malabar by veteran historians (Fr. Mathias Mundadan CMI, Fr. Sebastian Poonoly CMI, etc.), personal interviews with early fathers and discussions with the pioneers of the Province form the source and reference on which this book is based.

It was our long-cherished dream to delve deep into the history of our Province and publish a book on the same. As this dream sees reality, we sincerely thank all who gave their time, talent, and good will in the making of this book. Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI has done a wonderful job of meticulous and systematic research on the available documents about the Province. This book is the result of his



strong determination and love for the Province. we congratulate him and thank him for giving such a gleaming pearl to St. Paul's Province, Mysuru. Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI deserves our appreciation, as the book got published with his constant follow up, meticulous planning and coordination under the department of Education and Communication Media. Thanks to his tireless efforts, the book was officially released by the Provincial Superior Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI on 22nd August 2020 during the 2nd session of the Provincial Synaxis, at Carmel Bhavan.

It was Fr. Manchapillil Xavier CMI who started the work of the book in 2009 and created a draft by collecting information from the houses of the Province. This draft is the foundation upon which this historical document is based. We sincerely appreciate and thank Fr. Xavier Manjappilly CMI for his hard work and patience in collecting documents and records for the history of the Province.

We place on record our indebtedness to Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, Provincial Superior, for his continuous inspiration and support for this book. We thank all the Superiors, Prefects and Directors of the houses who helped with the chronicles and other materials available in their houses. Special gratitude to Fr. Jose Thachil CMI and other veterans of our Province for providing essential details about the history of the Province. Sincere gratitude to Fr. George Plackal CMI, Fr. Jinosh Velikkakathu CMI, Mrs. Priya Ramachandran, Mrs. Dhanya Bijukumar, Ms. Angela Theresa, and Mr. Glint John who were patient enough to read, correct and enhance the quality of the language in this book.

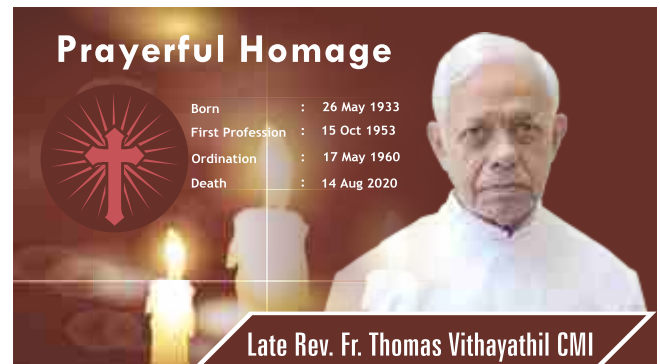
Special thanks to Fr. Jomon Kolenchery CMI who was a guiding force in varied ways throughout the publication of this work.

Our gratitude to Don Bosco Press, Ernakulum for taking up the noble task of printing this book, and all the people who contributed directly or indirectly to 'Nadedu Banda Daari', a long-awaited contribution of St. Paul's Province.

May this book imbibe in us an ardent love and passion for our missionary work in St. Paul's Province, Mysuru and beyond.

FOND MEMORIES OF LATE FR. DR. THOMAS VITHAYATHIL CMI

Homily by Fr. Dr. Varghese Koluthara CMI at the funeral ceremony of Late Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil CMI on 15 September 2020 at St. Paul's Carmel Thandavapura.



"I said, never again will I see the Lord in the land of the living.

never again will I look upon man among the inhabitants of the earth... My dwelling, like a shepherd's tent, has been pulled down and removed from me. Like a weaver, you have rolled up my life, and you have cut me off from the loom; from day to night you bring my life to an end. I utter shrill cries like a swallow or crane, I mourn like a dove." (Isaiah 38: 11-14).

I would prefer to place these beautiful quotes from the prophet Isaiah, as the last stutter of our very dear Fr. Thomas Vithayathil CMI. Fr. Thomas who bid farewell to us on 14 September 2020, has set a beautiful example of graceful suffering, peacefully surviving in these days of the COVID-19, even while he was undergoing acute pain due to the bone crushing multiple Myeloma, the bone marrow cancer.

Yesterday his 87-year long life in this world, with 67 years of Consecrated life in the CMI Congregation, and 60 years as a priest, was offered to God, on the day of the Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, to be with her in the Eternal Bliss of heaven.

I believe that you all will agree with me if I qualify our dear Rev. Fr. Thomas a special and unique



creation of God. We must admit that by his departure one more link of that saintly, ideal religious life is being extinct.

Following the path of Fr. Thomas, whom the family members fondly call 'Pappachan Achan', two of his sisters have also dedicated their lives to God, in the path of Religious commitment, who are the jewels of Vithayathil Family. Moreover, Vithayathil family is a pride of the Syro-Malabar Church.

The Dharmaram College, Bangalore, stands out as the milestone of a new vision of the Kerala Church. If Dharmaram had been dreamt and executed through Bishop Jonas, an illustrious son of Puthenpally Parish of Ernakulam- Angamaly Arch-Eparchy, through our dear Fr. Thomas, another proud son of the same parish of Puthenpally, the depth and width, the beauty and greatness of that same dream has been continued from 1957 till yesterday. He stands apart as a unique and rare link in the history of Dharmaram College and of the CMI Congregation that could never be replaced. Now we realise with deep sorrow, but with an awesome experience that this unique link is being set aside as a great monument in the history of the Church. We miss that connecting link forever.

Fr. Thomas even in his death bed fondly remembered and reminded us that he was one among those seven pioneers sent from SH Seminary Chethipuzha, Kerala, in the year 1957, to study the statuesque statutes and prepare the basic arrangements for the transfer of the Seminary to Dharmaram, Bangalore.

Fr. Thomas pursued a Doctorate from Gregorian University, Rome on the "Little Way" of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, popularly known as "The Little Flower". He not only did study the "Little Ways" for academic interest, but also practised 'the little way' in details in his everyday life. I could have the privilege of relating with Fr. Thomas as his student and later as his colleague in Dharmaram. It is with great awe and astonishment that I could watch him, whenever he was free from his classes in Philosophy and Psychology, as a simple, ordinary worker in Dharmaram campus, as a plumber, an electrician, a sound engineer, and at other times as a mechanic of the various

equipment in Dharmaram kitchen, an operator of film shows for Dharmaram community and many more, but always with and for the students of Dharmaram. This "little way", this 'servant style of leadership', was the nature and unique style of our dear Fr. Thomas, that he bequeathed from his noble family.

May be moved by some inner promptings, the very next day after the burial of Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath CMI at Thandavapura, Fr. Thomas Vithayathil conveyed to the authorities in Dharmaram, that he was sick and terminally ill. I would call those days as the blood-sweating 'Passover days' in his life or the 'good Fridays' of his life.

On July 6, 2020, when Dr. Sait of St. Philomena's Hospital, Bangalore, diagnosed his disease as bone marrow cancer, Fr. Thomas readily accepted it as the will of God. Immediately, he spelt out his firm decision before Rev. Fr. Dr. George Edayadiyil CMI, Rector Dharmaram College that he doesn't need any more hospital treatment, neither biopsy nor oral chemo, rather he would wish to spend his remaining days with his 'Koodappirappukal' in Dharmaram. He was hastening to it. The superiors accepted his wish seriously and affectionately and Rev. Fr. George Edayadiyil CMI, immediately made all arrangements accordingly. He was given the best treatment that we would expect in any good hospital, during this COVID times, along with utmost care of nursing and with utmost love and concern. Dear Rev. Fr. Rector, we the members of Mysore Province, are extremely grateful to you.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Attumkal CMI, the staff member of the Faculty of Philosophy and the head of the Medical Department of Dharmaram College, was so dedicated and sincere in his personal attention to Fr. Thomas, knowing and responding even to the minute respiratory changes of Fr. Thomas. Your service was so unique and exemplary, dear Father Mathew. May the good Lord bless you in abundance.

Pointing towards Bro. Nikhil Thachuparampil CMI, who fondly nursed him, Fr. Thomas Vithayathil exclaimed to me once that 'Bro. Nikhil nurses me and attends to my needs as if a son does to his



father'. Scholastics Sherin, Jerril, Albin, Joseph, Jino, Shebin, Mr. Tony and all others taught us through their committed service an example how should we nurse and attend to our elders. We place on record our deep sentiments of gratitude to each one of you dear brothers, Mr. Tony, and friends.

Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara, our founder taught us that if you look after the elders of your communities, you would be blessed by God the Father. It is a mandate for us, his children, and successors, to follow and practice what he taught us. We proudly acknowledge that our youngsters have set before us a good example of caring the elderly.

Mr. Marcel, the causality-in-charge of St. Philomena's Hospital, has set the room of Fr. Thomas in Dharmaram, in the last days with all possible facilities of a multi-speciality hospital, with love. Then Fr. Thomas prayed to the Lord in tranquillity "Lord, let your servant go in peace".

Provincial, Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, used to visit Fr. Thomas at Dharmaram College, stay with him, pray with him, and celebrate Holy Mass with him when he was undergoing the sufferings with multiple Myeloma. On one such occasion he asked Fr. Thomas, 'Thommachan, shouldn't we go to the Province'? He politely answered, "I have no objection to come to the Province. But I would be happy to stay with my brethren in Dharmaram, for I do not know how much more my life would prolong." For Fr. Thomas, the loving company of his brethren in Dharmaram was a soothing and consoling medicine than the comfortable stay at the hospital bed, with painkillers and other seductive. Merciful Lord granted that wish of Fr. Thomas too. Because he has been so close to Jesus, his divine Master.

Through the long years of

his life and ministry as Professor, Spiritual Guide, Confessor, serious but considerate and jovial in his relationships, close to everybody but detached from everything as a 'Sthithaprajna', he enjoyed the freedom of religious life, peacefully and beautifully witnessing Christ to all who came in contact with him.

Dear and Reverend Fr. Thomas, being the Provincial of St. Paul's Province Mysore, set a good example of fraternal concern before us, you have established a solid foundation for the financial stability of our province, your simple life style of visiting your brethren even travelling by the public transport buses. You lived a simple and exemplary religious life that would inspire the generations to come. We, the members of the Province pay our loving and respectful homage to you.

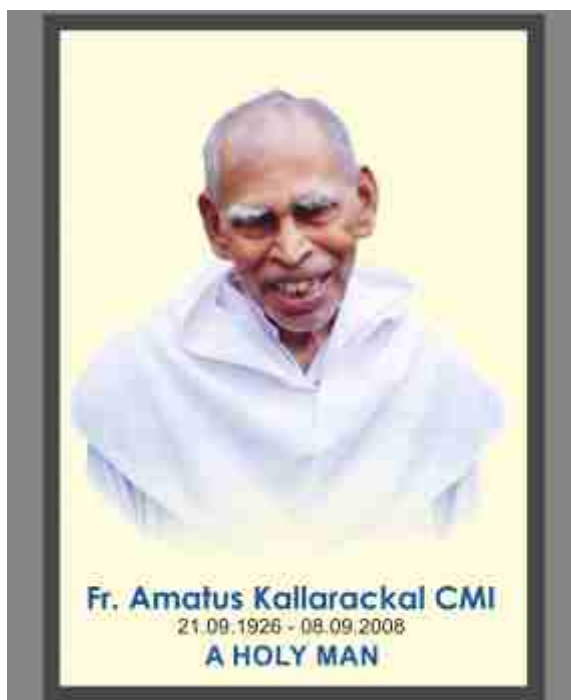
Asking God's pardon for our shortcomings towards you, dear Fr. Thomas, praying to God for rewarding you with eternal bliss, and beseeching your loving intercession for the well-being of your beloved Mysore St. Paul's Province, I conclude. May the merciful Lord grant eternal bliss to His loyal son Fr. Thomas and may his soul rest in peace.

"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord". Rom: 14:8





COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

**12th Death Anniversary of
Late Fr. Amatus Kallarackal CMI**

The 12th death anniversary remembrance of Late Fr. Amatus Kallarackal CMI was commemorated on Sunday 6 September 2020 at St. Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura. Fr. Joshy Cheruparampil CMI was the main celebrant of the solemn holy mass. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelamparampil CMI Provincial Superior and Fr. Vibin Pullanpilly CMI were co-celebrants. Fr. Vibin delivered gospel message during the holy mass and presented a short account of the saintly life of our Amatus achan. Many fathers, sisters and brothers from neighbouring communities attended the holy mass and prayers. A musical tribute about Fr. Amatus Kallarackal CMI was released during the occasion with the initiative and beautiful scrips of Fr. Joshy Cheruparampil CMI and the lovely voice of Fr. Jinto Plakkoottathil CMI.

41st - day remembrance of Late Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath CMI

41st - day remembrance of Late Rev Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath CMI was observed on Monday 27 July 2020 at St. Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura. Fr. Joseph Edakery CMI, former Vicar Provincial was the main celebrant of the solemn requiem holy

mass. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelamparampil CMI Provincial Superior delivered gospel message during the holy mass and remembered with gratitude Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath. Many fathers, sisters and brothers from neighbouring communities attended the holy mass and prayers.

Prayerful Homage

Late Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath CMI

41st - day remembrance of Late Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil CMI

41st - day remembrance of Late Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil CMI was commemorated on Thursday 24 September 2020, 11:00 am at St. Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura. Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Achandy CMI, Rector, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru was the main celebrant and Rev. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelamparampil CMI, Provincial Superior and Fr. George Kalambukatt CMI, Vicar Provincial were co-celebrants of the Holy Mass. Fr. Dr. Benny Tharakunnel CMI delivered gospel message during the holy mass and narrated a fitting account about Fr. Thomas Vithayathil. Many fathers, sisters and brothers from neighbouring communities attended the holy mass and prayers.

CANONICAL NOVITIATE ENTRANCE

Bros. Alex Vemballil, Ashin Kannadan, Rony Karottu, Nirmal Kelamparambil and James Chemblayil of CMI St. Paul's Province Mysuru



canonically entered Novitiate at St. Thomas Marikunnu on 8 September 2020 during the holy mass in the presence of Fr. Thomas Thekkel CMI Provincial Superior, St. Thomas Province Calicut and Fr. George Kochuvelikakathu CMI Novice Master. Fr. Emmanuel Thevarkunnel CMI Rector Jnanamandira Bogadi, Dn. Rejo Kalathil CMI and Dn. Jaison Poovathumparambil CMI participated in the ceremony.



STES ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

St. Thomas Education Society® (STES) Mysuru held its Annual General Body (AGM) and Governing Body meeting on Wednesday 16 September 2020 at Carmel Bhavan, Mysuru. The newly elected Governing Body members are as follows:

Ex-officio members

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| 1. Fr. Varghese K J | President |
| 2. Fr. Suraj K A | Secretary |
| 3. Fr. Shaiju N Joseph | Treasurer |

Elected members

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| 4. Fr. Chacko P | Member |
| 5. Fr. Thomas Ayankudy (sr) | Member |
| 6. Fr. Biju P D | Member |
| 7. Fr. Freison K Thomas | Member |
| 8. Fr. Sebastin P J | Member |
| 9. Fr. George P K | Member |
| 10. Fr. Sebastian Michael | Member |
| 11. Fr. Tom Paul | Member |

ST. THOMAS EDUCATION SOCIETY (STES) ONLINE EMPLOYEE PORTAL

Fr. Dr. Varghese K J President STES officially inaugurated the online Employee Portal of STES during the AGM. This creative and technical project was envisioned, developed, and hosted by Fr. Abin Baby Changemcheril CMI with support of our former Councillor for Education and Communication Media Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI. Now we have a unified online employee portal for STES which is getting improvised and will be attached to the STES website. Congratulations dear fathers for your vision and execution.

SJCI ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Social work department of St. Paul's Province Mysuru, held the Annual General Body (AGM) Meeting of St. Joseph's Charitable Institutions (SJCI), Kakkinje and Dharma Dheepthi Samsthe (DDS) on Saturday 9th September 2020 at Carmel Bhavan Mysore. All the members of the society participated in the AGM. The following list of members were elected as the governing body of SJCI and DDS:

Ex-officio members

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| 1. Fr. Varghese K J | President |
| 2. Fr. Pratheesh K G | Secretary |
| 3. Fr. Shaiju N Joseph | Treasurer |

Elected members

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| 4. Fr. Renny John | Member |
| 5. Fr. Francis C | Member |
| 6. Fr. Johnson A | Member |
| 7. Fr. Joseph E | Member |
| 8. Fr. Jose T | Member |
| 9. Fr. Jiby P | Member |
| 10. Fr. Biju P. D | Member |
| 11. Fr. Bibin C. B | Member |



**NEW COMMITTEES****New Zonal Coordinators**

1. Mysuru Zone - Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI
2. Coorg Zone - Fr. George Kalambukattu CMI
3. Hassan Zone - Fr. Pratheesh Kolliyil CMI

NEW DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE**Formation & Administration**

- : Fr. Emmanuel Thevarkunnel CMI
- : Fr. Joseph Edakkery CMI

Pastoral

- : Fr. Alex Ottaplackal CMI
- : Fr. Baby Thazhuthedath CMI

Education

- : Fr. Augustine Paimpillil CMI
- : Fr. Abin Changemcheril CMI

Finance

- : Fr. Sebastian Thalachirayil CMI
- : Fr. Sebastin Pananpuzha CMI

Social Work

- : Fr. Renny Malana CMI
- : Fr. Dr. Francis Chirackal CMI

NEW FORMATION COUNCIL FOR THE PROVINCE**Formation Coordinator –**

- : Fr. Dr. Thomas Parayil CMI

Rector of 1st year Aspirants

- : Fr. Emmanuel Thevarkunnel CMI

Rector of aspirants in PUC studies

- : Fr. Shubin Vandanamthadathil CMI

Senior Tutor of Scholastics at Dharmaram College

- : Fr. Dr. Benny Tharakkunnel CMI

Province Nominee

- : Fr. Dr. Varghese Koluthara CMI

Consultor

- : Fr. Joshy Cheruparampil CMI

VOCATION PROMOTORS

- : Fr. Jinto Plakkootathil CMI
- : Fr. John Kandankery CMI
- : Fr. Jomy Mekkunnel CMI

NEW CONSTRUCTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI (Convenor)
2. Fr. Suraj Kottayil CMI
3. Fr. Sibichen Paul Marangolil CMI
4. Fr. Jinto Enchikalayil CMI
5. Fr. Joy Kizhakkayil CMI (Expert)

NEW LIST OF COORDINATORS OF OUR MISSIONS ABROAD

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| 1. Argentina : | Fr. Joy Kamugumpally CMI |
| 2. USA : | Fr. Jilson Naduviledath CMI |
| 3. Germany, UK : | Fr. Roy Pooppillil CMI |
| 4. Australia : | Fr. Josekutty Vakakkel CMI |

THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVINCE

1. Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI (Advocate)
Coordinator
2. Fr. Dr. Benny Tharakkunnel CMI
3. Fr. Pratheesh Kolliyil CMI
4. Sr. Jennifer Pinto (Advocate)
5. Mr. Baby (Advocate)

NEW ASPIRANTS AT JNANAMANDIRA

"You did not choose me, but I chose you" (Jn. 16:15)

We are blessed with ten vocations for the academic year 2020-21. Aspirants arrived at Jnanamandira on 4th July 2020 and they were warmly welcomed by Rev. Fr. Rector and community. Young, dynamic, and enthusiastic aspirants have begun their journey to the altar. Kudos to our Vocation promoter Fr. Jinto Plakkootathil CMI and his team for selecting the best vocations during this COVID times. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelamparampil CMI, Provincial Superior deserves appreciation for his





coordination and support for the vocation promotion.

Our aspirants who got trained at Jnanamandira, Bogadi community under the guidance of Fr. Emmanuel Thevarkunnel CMI Rector and team, moved to St. Mary's Aspirants house, Koppa. As they completed their first year aspirancy, they marked outstanding memories in the history of Jnanamandira through various activities.



SOCIAL WORK UPDATES

15 houses were constructed in Flood Relief Housing Project

Our Social Work Department took up a project of constructing 15 houses in collaboration with Dharmaram College, Bengaluru, the project was successfully completed, and it was appreciated by many. House keys were handed over to the beneficiaries. We appreciate and thank the project co-ordinator Fr. Renny Malana our former councillor for social apostolate and Dharmaram College Bangalore for joining hands for this great venture.



FR. BEJOY THOMAS DAY 31 AUGUST 2020

Fr. Bejoy Valliyil CMI, a Pastor Par Excellence, started pastoral ministry in the USA from October 2015. From 2015 to 2019 he was the parochial

vicar in three churches (Immaculate Conception Church, Stony Point; Sacred Heart Church, Newburgh; St Mary's Church, Fishkill). His recent appointment was as the temporary Administrator for more than a year at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Valhalla. Fr. Bejoy serves in St. Patrick's Church at Yorktown Heights as the parochial vicar from September 1, 2020.

Fr. Bejoy's tenure as the Temporary Administrator in the Holy Name of Jesus Church, Valhalla from June 2019 to August 2020 was really an amazing time. It was really a time of challenge because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. With joy, we all acknowledge that Fr. Bejoy was the first CMI who was assigned as an administrator in the Archdiocese of New York.



In the 'Holy Name of Jesus' Church Valhalla, the people were very friendly and were helpful to him. The parish administration was really bouncing back from its financial crisis. The archdiocese was also happy with him for the works he did in the church. When everything looked good; the pandemic hit the world. As you know; New York was the epicentre of COVID from February to March 2020. The worst COVID hit county (district) was the Westchester county where Fr. Bejoy lived.

When the parishes were locked down on March 14, there was an ocean of COVID-19, and no place was safe for them. He was getting hundreds of phone calls of the parishioners. Most of them

were asking for prayers for the COVID patients in their families. They did not know what to do, where to go. It was a time of stress. Almost 30 parishioners died of Covid-19. He visited many COVID patients in the nursing homes for giving them the anointing of the sick; He witnessed COVID patients dying; did the funeral service for many of them. God protected Fr. Bejoy from any kind of infections.

After the lock down the parishes were reopened in June 2020. It was a need to do a lot of arrangements for the social distancing for the safety. With the initiative of Fr. Bejoy they did it according to the guidelines of the diocese. People in the parish were happy with the leadership of Fr. Bejoy and they wrote letters to the diocese appreciating him. On 30 August 2020 parishioners offered him a fitting farewell party from the Holy Name of Jesus Church, Valhalla. The parishioners informed the county(district) about how they organised the reopening and practiced social distancing and about the transfer of Fr. Bejoy. The county appreciated and acknowledged his availability as a priest. The county legislature wanted to acknowledge the service done by a young foreign priest to the nation during the Pandemic time. In honour of Fr. Bejoy, the county declared 31 August 2020 as **"Fr Bejoy Thomas Day"** and they displayed it on the county centre electronic notice board. It was an award, acknowledgement, and recognition for the service of a foreigner during the crisis time of the United State of America. Let us thank God Almighty on behalf of Fr. Bejoy Valliyil for this recognition.

This is the fifth year of service for Fr. Bejoy in the Archdiocese of New York. He has applied for a green card. Now all the immigration processes are on hold. Let us support him in prayer to get the application approved. We wish him a wonderful ministry ahead. - **Fr. George Kalambukattu CMI**

(Vicar Provincial)



The Gospel Tree is a You tube Channel created by Fr. Joshy Cheruparampil CMI out of his creativity for Gospel Proclamation. It was begun to mark the conclusion of the CMI Mission Year, on October 31st, 2019. It was inspired and supported by the then Prior General, Rev. Fr. Paul Achandy CMI, and the then General Councillor for Evangelization, Rev. Fr. Saju Chackalackal CMI. The Channel has been appreciated by the new General team too. There have been 114 videos uploaded of which majority are video messages on the Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through this online channel Fr. Joshy has been able to create a few musical albums presented by Priests and Religious as singers. Fr. Rijo John Pulichamakkal CMI has been helping as the editor (Content) and Mr. Swaroop Vattavayalil as the advisor (Programme).

Fr. Joshy and his team consisting of Fr. John Kandamkery CMI, Fr. Jinto Plakootathil CMI and Br. Nibin Mundunadackal CMI was instrumental in releasing hymns in loving memory of Late Fr. Amatus Kallarackal CMI, Late Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath CMI and Late Fr. Thomas Vithayathil CMI. These hymns are released in the Gospel Tree Creations online channel. Congratulations and best wishes Fr. Joshy Cheruparambil CMI.



OBITUARY

Beloved mother of Frs. Joy and Siby Kamugumpally CMI, **Mrs. Mary Varghese (85)** was called to eternal reward on 14 July 2020 at 12:00pm. The funeral ceremony was held at 10:30 am on Wednesday 15 July 2020 at St. Sebastian's Church, Shiradi. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI and the fathers from the province attended the funeral ceremony and paid homage to the departed soul.



Beloved Father of Frs. Jose and Sebastian Panampuzha CMI, **Mr. Joseph Panampuzha (88)** was called to eternal reward on 22 July 2020 at 11.00 am. The funeral was held at 5:00 pm on 22 July 2020 at St. Mary's Church,

Batyal. Provincial Superior Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI and the fathers from the province attended the funeral ceremony and paid homage to the departed soul.

Beloved mother of Frs. Francis and Joy Chirackal CMI, **Mrs. Elamma Chummar (92)** was called to eternal reward on 09 August at 12.00 pm. The funeral was held at 10.30 am on Monday 10 August 2020 at Little Flower Church, N. R. Pura. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI and the fathers from the province attended the funeral ceremony and paid homage to the departed soul.



Beloved paternal grandmother of Bro. Akhil Kuzhimattathil, **Mrs. Mariamma Thomas Kuzhimattathil (82)** was called to eternal reward on 11 August at 09.00 am. The funeral was held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday 12 August 2020 at St. Jude's Church, Karunapuram.

Fr. Sebastian Parayil (50)

beloved brother of Fr. Thomas Parayil CMI, Diocese of Mananthavady, was called to eternal reward on 28 September 2020 at 3.00am. Funeral was scheduled on 29 September 2020 10.00am at St. Joseph's Cathedral Church, Kaniyaram Mananthavady. Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI Provincial Superior and the members of the CMI Mysore family paid respects to the departed soul and conveyed our deep sorrow to Fr. Thomas Parayil CMI and the Parayil family.



CHRIST COLLEGE MYSURU

Launch of new website

Christ College Mysuru developed its own fully dynamic website www.christmysuru.in with multiple subdomains. The admission procedure is made easy as we have gone fully online in the admission process. We obtained approval from Google for G-suite that enables us to create our own domain-based email for the management, faculty, and students. All the administrative functions, data base, staff and student management, classes, attendance are managed with the campus management system hosted and managed through the college website. We encashed the COVID holidays for the automation system development. Special appreciation to our developer, system admin and graphic designer Mr. Umarul Farook and the faculty and admin staff of Christ College who supported him.

**COVID Times – COURSERA & INTERNSHALA**

"You have to do everything you can, you have to work your hardest, and if you do, if you stay positive, you have a shot at a silver lining." It is a famous quote from the award-winning Silver Linings Playbook movie. Christ College never came to a standstill during the COVID times, we motivated our students and staff through various means. We organised various training programs for our students and faculty to motivate them and engage them to face the challenges positively. Christ College sponsored online courses in association with COURSERA, the international platform for online learning was extended to the students. The faculty and students utilise the platform by enrolling for various courses of their choice free of cost. The students at Christ College are registered to INTERNSHALA, yet another online internship and learning platform, which enables them to learn and earn from home.

WILLKOMMEN-2020

Christ College organised the new academic year inauguration named WILLKOMMEN-2020 on a virtual platform on 1st of September at 10.00am. The program started with a silent prayer paying homages to the Former President of India, Late. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee who died the previous day. Rev. Fr. Biju P D, Principal Christ College, presided over the ceremony and delivered the inaugural address and extended a warm welcome to the fresh batch of Under Grad students enrolled to Christ College for the academic year 2020-21. He conveyed them best wishes for the next three years of journey at Christ College. Rev. Fr. Suraj K Abraham Academic Coordinator addressed the virtual meet by giving the detailed information about the college and the complete instructions to the students about the online classes and other related details. The Heads of Departments and faculty members of all the departments introduced themselves and welcomed the new faces. The fresh batch of students, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff and the technical team of Christ College were present in the online platform.

Teachers' Day 2020

As the COVID-19 changing our ways of action and celebration, Christ College Mysuru has gone virtual to mark the special occasion of Teachers' day on its own. The management along with students who counted 300 and more organised the celebration for the day on 5th September 2020.

Prof. Dr. Ramarao Indira, M.A., Ph.D. an Indian Sociologist & a resident of Mysuru was the Guest of honour. In her teaching career spanning 42 years, she held various honourable positions as Chair of the Department of Sociology, Director of the International Centre and Honorary Director of the Centre for Women's Studies at the University of Mysore. Dr. Indira's message was full of inspiration to both the teachers and students at Christ College.

The presidential address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Biju P.D, Principal Christ College. Rev. Fr. Suraj Abraham who has been elected as the new secretary to St. Thomas Education Society Mysuru, addressed the virtual gathering and greeted the teaching fraternity of the College. During the occasion, Principal acknowledged the St. Thomas Education Society Mysuru award for Asst Prof. of Psychology Mr. Johnson W.S as the best teacher of the year. Mrs. Leela Sabatini thanked the students and management for organising wonderful celebration and added her response to it on behalf of all the teachers at Christ College. Faculty, Staff & students were part of the celebration.

Google Classroom

Students at Christ College attend online classes on the virtual platform Google Classroom, using the G-Suite id. The faculty and students are fine tuned to the online mode that gives the best results same as the real classroom experience.

Examination on Physical Mode

The final semester students at Christ College attend their University end semester examination physically in the campus from 8th September 2020, thanks to the firm decision of the University of Mysore to organise their written exams. We have adapted all the safety measures to accommodate the faculty and students and organise the exam despite the COVID fear and challenge. We



appreciate our students for taking up this challenge and struggle and we wish them the best results.

CHRIST PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOGADI

April 2020

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." Proverbs 1:5

Results of Academic Year 2019-20

Adapting to the changing scenario of COVID-19, results of Kindergarten to grade VIII were announced through SMS. Parents were informed to collect the report cards of their wards upon reopening of the school.

May 2020

Adhering to the government norms, reopening of school for grades IX and X was postponed. As a first step towards conducting online classes, WhatsApp groups were created for grade X and notes were sent from May 18, 2020. Later, live online classes also resumed using ZOOM video conferencing platform.

June 2020

Online Classes for Grades VI-IX

Changing scenario of education sector did not leave Christ Public School behind. Responding to the call of the day, online classes commenced for grade IX from June 16, 2020. Recorded videos were sent to students of grade IX. SIPSNITYA, our school's ERP was used for sending videos and messages to the parent's mobiles. The initiative was highly appreciated by the parents and students were greatly benefitted as they could make up for the academic loss to some extent.

Taking inspiration from the success of online classes for grades IX and X, a step further was taken to start online classes for grades VI-VIII. Recorded videos and notes were uploaded in the school ERP. The move was welcomed whole heartedly by the parents and students. Staff meeting was held on 22 June 2020

July 2020



Staff Meeting and Faculty Development Programme

In order to better equip the teachers for the changing scenario of online teaching, a staff meeting, and faculty development program was held on July 2, 2020 on virtual platform. Principal Rev. Fr. Jinosh V.M. addressed the gathering and motivated the teachers to continue doing their commendable work of teaching even in such dire situations. Later Ms. Divya R gave training for our teachers as far as online classes are concerned. She clearly explained all the nuances of online classes.

Staff Meeting and Faculty Development Programme on 2 July 2020



**Online Classes for Grades I-V and Assessment**

Venturing a step further, online classes commenced for grades I-V from 13 July 2020 using the methodology of sending recorded videos. It was also greatly appreciated by the parents. Worksheet assessments were held for grades IX-X from 11-16 July 2020 using Google Forms.

Grade X Results 2020-Declared On 15 July 2020

"Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;"

Our school's strive towards perfection continues as we are proud to say our school got 100 percent result for the 10th consecutive year. School toppers are Aryan Aiyappa with 94.2% and Daivik S M with 93.6% of grade X-A1

**An overview of CBSE Class X 2020 result.****Subject wise top scores**

English	: 97
Hindi	: 95
Kannada	: 98
Mathematics	: 99
Science	: 98

Social Science : 99

IT Centum scorers : 10

Highlights

Total No. appeared : 74

Above 90% : 14

80%-89% : 16

70% -79% : 12

60% - 69% : 20

Below 60% : 12

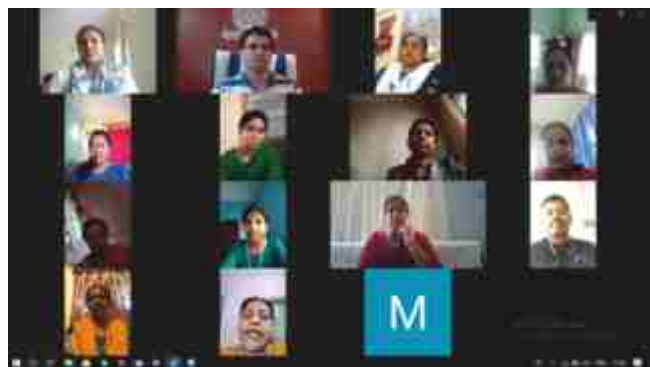
Management placed on record the hard work and commitment of dedicated teachers which paved way to such a stupendous result.

**August 2020****Assessment and Tests**

Worksheet assessments were held for grade III to VIII from 10-18 August 2020 using Google forms. Constructive feedback was given to the parents which would help their children to perform better.

Independence Day 2020

Even amidst the COVID 19 pandemic, Independence Day was celebrated in a simple manner. The National flag was hoisted by Rev. Fr. Dince Antony CMI, our Administrator. A few members of the management and staff were present. COVID 19 protocol and social distancing norms were strictly followed during the celebration.

**Training, Mentoring and Planning****Staff Meeting****Staff Meeting on 26 August 2020**

Online Staff meeting was held on 26 August 2020. Principal Rev. Fr. Jinosh V M addressed the gathering and reviewed the academic activities. Feedback was given on the classes being conducted and suggestions were taken for betterment of academic activities.

Planning

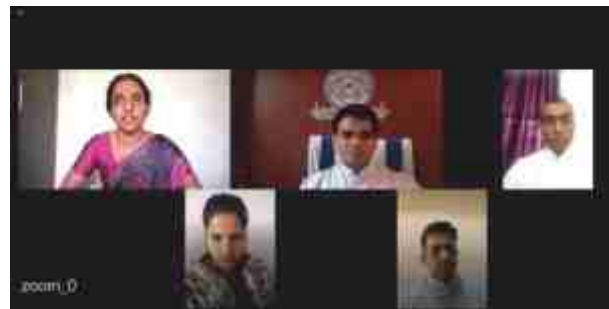
Annual plan for all the subjects were finalised and submitted by the teachers. Besides, various activities like art integrated projects and competency based education were discussed by the teachers and same were finalised.

Mentoring

To boost the morale of students and keep them motivated to attend the online classes, personal calls were made by the teachers. Parents were happy to share their experiences with the teachers and their suggestions were accepted for further improvement.

Training

Continuous training and updating of pedagogical teaching skills is a must for the teaching fraternity. All the teachers at our school were enrolled in the online training program of CBSE and were trained in various methodologies of teaching, classroom management, subject oriented topics and 21st century skills

Faculty Induction

An online interview was arranged for the post of Physics teacher in the High School section. Interview panel comprised of Fr. Suraj K A Secretary of STES, Fr. Renish P Varghese, Fr. Jinosh V M Principal and Ms. Shruthi H T the Physics teacher at Christ School, Hassan. Online staff interview is in progress.

September 2020**Online Classes for Kindergarten**

We ventured into online teaching in the form of recorded videos for the tiny tots of kindergarten from 2 September 2020.

Students' Interaction Program

An interaction program for the grade X students was organised on 2 August 2020 on the virtual platform. Principal, Fr. Jinosh V M, addressed the students to guide, counsel and motivate them. The message given was that 'this too shall pass' and they need to focus on their academics.

Teacher's Day Celebration

In continuation with the Guru Shishya Parampara, teacher's day 2020 was celebrated with the same



enthusiasm and devotion in a virtual way.

Various programs like speech, dance, drama, songs were performed by the students in reverence to the teachers. All these programs were recorded by the students which was then edited and compiled into a single video along with Principal's speech on the theme "Teachers as Leaders". The video link was sent to the parents and they appreciated the efforts taken.



Interaction with Students:

Another interaction program for the grade X students was organised on 2 September 2020 on the virtual platform. Principal, Rev. Fr. Jinosh V M, addressed the students to guide, counsel and motivate them. He also enquired about the misbehaviour of certain students in the online classes.

Principal addressed Grade X students on 2 September 2020.



NEET 2020

Our school was selected as a centre for NEET 2020. Ms. Marlyn Christabel, the Vice Principal and Ms. Mini A.S. were appointed as Centre Superintendent and the Deputy Centre Superintendent, respectively. Training sessions

were held on 7 and 9 September 2020 for the staff members. Under their able guidance, NEET exams were conducted on September 13, 2020 as per the guidelines issued by the National Testing Authority and by strictly following COVID 19 protocol. Meticulous planning, perseverance and hard work once again helped our school to successfully conduct the exams without any glitches. On behalf of the management, Principal appreciated all the Christites for hosting NEET 2020 in a hassle-free manner through a memo.



CHRIST SCHOOL, HASSAN

Since the COVID -19 has disrupted the normal lifestyle of people across the globe, our school has shifted our base to virtual platforms to conduct online classes in the month of May for the IX and X std. From July onwards we started online classes from Nursery to VIII std according the timetable. On 5th June, our school celebrated World Environment Day. The Principal inaugurated the function.





He delivered message on the importance of protecting our environment. It was followed by staff meet to discuss the plans and programmes for the academic year 2020-21. Principal and all the teachers carried out mango sapling planting in the school campus. During the occasion, LCA department members conducted online drawing competition for the students.

On 15th August 2020 the celebration of Independence Day was held in our campus. The flag hoisting was done by the Principal with National Anthem followed by the National Song.



Teachers Day was celebrated on 5th September on birth anniversary of India's second President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.



Online test for VI to X std and I to V std pen paper test was conducted from 22.09.2020 to 26.09.2020 to evaluate the academic performance of the students.

CHRIST ICSE SCHOOL, HUNSUR

Online Class

We have started the online classes for 9th and 10th

standard students from 23rd July 2020.

LKG to 8th standard online classes have begun from 10th August 2020. Online classes are continuing, and all the teachers are doing their best to equip our students in academics even though they are away from school.

Independence Day Celebration

On 15th August 2020, Fr. John K C, Manager of Christ School ICSE, Hunsur have hoisted the flag at 7.45am. Few teachers also were present for the celebration. All students and parents were provided with the You Tube link of live celebration.

New Principal to Christ School ICSE, Hunsur

Fr. Joseph T. J (Fr. Jose Thekkemury CMI) took charge as the new Principal at Christ School ICSE, Hunsur on 12-09-2020, Saturday. Fr. Suraj Kottayil CMI was present during the handing over. On 15th September 2020, Tuesday, Fr. Joseph T. J was welcomed by the manager of the school, Fr. Johny K. C. in the presence of all the teaching and supporting staff.



We express our sincere gratitude to Fr. Thomas Ayankudy CMI (jr) for his calm, smooth and successful sailing of the yacht of Christ School during its infancy and struggles. We owe deeply to Fr. Thomas and wish him the best for his future.

ICSE Examination Centre

In the Academic year 2020-21, first batch is attending the 10th standard ICSE board examinations. 17 students are appearing for the board examinations during this academic year. On



15th September 2020, Tuesday our school was inspected from the ICSE board, for the independent examination center. A good report was sent to the council by the inspector and we are sanctioned with the independent examination center on 18th September 2020.

JNANAMANDIRA (TEMPLE OF WISDOM)

Academic Year Inauguration 2020-21

Academic year 2020-21 was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Suraj Kottayil CMI, Academic co-ordinator Christ College, Mysuru by lighting the lamp on 21st July 2020. "Everyone has creativity, bring out your creative thinking in all activities that you do and make yourself a diamond" quoted Rev. Fr. Suraj in his inaugural address. All brothers received lighted candle from Fr. Rector as a symbol of growth and knowledge.

Welcome Dear Regent

Bro. Akhil Kuzhimattathil CMI has been appointed at Jnanamandira to carry out his Regency. The Jnanamandira household warmly welcomes regent to their midst. Hope and pray that the creativity and enthusiasm of our brother will facilitate the growth of our young buds.

Farewell

Rev. Fr. Shibin Vandanamthadathil CMI, who was



a vital part of Jnanamandira for the past few months have been transferred to St. Mary's Aspirants house, Koppa as Rector of 2nd and 3rd year aspirants.

The Jnanamandira family wishes Fr. Shibin the best for his future endeavours.

Rev. Fr. John Kandamkary

CMI, our Musician became a blessing for the Jnanamandira Family. His Melodious voice, Enthusiasm, and concern for the members of the house were well appreciated by our young ones. All the best for the ministry at St. Joseph residence, Kakkinje.



Bro. Nibin Mundunadackal

CMI completed his Regency successfully. Special thanks to Br. Nibin who served as the regent at Jnanamandira for the academic year 2019-20. His exemplary service was praiseworthy and motivating for the aspirants. His service to



the Jnanamandira community is well appreciated by the staff and the students. We wish Br. Nibin all the best for his theological studies.

New Team, New Beginning, For a lifetime Journey

The Jnanamandira Community, housing first year aspirants, strive to lay a strong faith-based foundation within the hearts of the young aspirants looking forward to becoming religious priests in St. Paul's Province, Mysuru. The spiritual and mental outlook of the young Aspirants is strengthened in Christ Jesus by a core religious team, under the guidance of our rector, Fr. Emmanuel Thevarkunnel CMI. The core team encompasses Fr. Philip Chemmattakuzhy CMI, the spiritual confessor, Fr. Pretheesh Kolliyil CMI, Fr. Jinto Plakkottathil CMI and our vibrant Regent Bro. Akhil Kuzhimattathil CMI.

Onam Celebration

Onam Celebration at the Jnanamandira Aspirants house was a modest yet lively affair. The presence of the newly elected Provincial team added a rich glow to the event. As the office bearers joined hands with the youngest members of the Mysuru CMI family to celebrate the colourful festival, a deeper sense of unity and fraternity reverberated



throughout the entire community. The 'Cultural Sadya' presented by the brothers and the traditional 'Onam Sadya' served were equally enjoyed by all. Our neighbour CMI communities were also part of our celebration.



ST. MARY'S CARMEL & BHARATH MATHA INSTITUTIONS, KOPPA

"We wanderers, ever seeking the lonelier way, begin no day where we have ended another day and no sunrise finds us where sunset left us. Even while the earth sleeps, we travel" – true to these words of Khalil Gibran that almost reflect our religious spirit in practicing periodic transfers St. Mary's Carmel house, Koppa, was witnessing the days of welcoming its new members and bidding a thankful farewell to the outgoing ones. Things are to be set in motion and in full functioning irrespective of the changes and transfers bringing the continuity. We are hopeful of this continuity when Fr. Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil CMI takes over as the Superior of St. Mary's Carmel house and manager of the Bharat Matha institutions, handed down from Fr. Joy Kochupurackal CMI, as he is previously experienced being in the same seats. All the best to Fr. Joy who is leaving for his higher studies at Dharmaram. We are all overwhelmed to see Fr. Pratheesh Kolliylil CMI, one of our community members and Rector to the aspirants is elected as the councillor for social apostolate and at the same time bit remorseful on missing his soul-lifting presence in the campus. In succession, Fr. Shibilin Vandanamthadathil CMI, a committed and young man took charge as the Rector assisted by Br. Sino Karikattukanniyel as the regent.

This year 7 promising aspirants after completing their first-year formation at Bogadi, joined our seminary. They spend their quality time in attending online classes during these days of lockdown and are actively involved in various other training programs. We slowly started resuming our academic activities of Bharat Matha composite PU College and Degree College under the able leadership of Fr. Jose Panampuzha CMI and Fr. Binu Kannarambel CMI respectively. It is a matter of great joy that we could be a part of the house building project which was mutually undertaken by our provincial social work department and Dharmaram College. This project benefited 15 families in and around our locality who dreamt of a house for long, including the family of Mr. Paul who is assisting us in our domestic work. Changes or transfers, pandemic, or calamities our religious spirit leave us no options but to find a continuum, so too St. Mary's Carmel community tries to recoup everything leaving aside the odds of the pandemic and the changes.

PUSHPA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL STATE & CBSE, PERIYAPATNA SCHOOL

Results

The first batch of our CBSE 10th grade students brought name and fame to our school by bringing cent percent result. The state syllabus school, SSLC students added the joy by securing 98% percentage result. Master Harshvardhana scored 608 marks out of 615 marks. Congratulations dear students.

Independence Day Celebration.





Pushpa Family celebrated Independence Day in a meaningful way. Teacher's march past was the highlight of this day. Principal and Bro. Vibin gave the message of the day.

Teacher's Day Celebration

Pushpa family together celebrated teacher's day in a simple way. Fr. George K V, Principal gave meaningful message and congratulated the teachers for the good results.



NEET Exam

This year our CBSE block was selected as a center for NEET exam. Fr. George K V Principal was the Center Superintendant of Periyapatna center. The management and staff conducted the exam in a systematic way, and it was well appreciated by the media as well as parents.

COVID-19 AND OUR HOMECOMING

Rev. Dr. Abraham Joseph Vadakkemuriyil CMI

Human race is going through a difficult and painful period of its history. The covid-19, Natural disasters and increasing threat of nuclear war in the background of escalating relationships with nations especially in Asian continent. The aggressive, atheistic and



greedy Chinese communist regime is transforming itself into a coercive and power-crazy villain with its autocratic rulers. The Chinese-doctored corona virus is sweeping the nations of the world one after another taking them to the brink of economic and socio-religious breakdown. Man is looking helpless, even though he reached the pinnacle of scientific and technological advances, at the face of an infuriated nature and an uncontrollable epidemic. Where and what went wrong? Where did human calculations go wrong? If we are looking for an answer to all these, we must go back to our past a bit. We have to evaluate our journey to this point. It is good to think about whether we have ever forgotten the truth that the nature and its goodness are gifts from God.

The Pandemic

The earth has been subject to extreme climate changes for the past several years. Excessive use of biofuels and enormous increase in the emission of greenhouse gases have completely changed the temperature, resulting in severe summers, severe tornadoes, floods and landslides everywhere. We hear all the time that there are significant changes in ocean temperatures and changes in the equilibrium between the oceans and the earth. Michael T klare speaks:

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When we look at history, we can see that cultures themselves have been wiped out by certain natural disasters and epidemics. In such



cases, man often considers it to be the result of the wrath of nature and tries to appease nature by worshiping its powers as gods. Michael. C. Klare writes further:

It is hardly surprising that the survivors of such catastrophes often attributed their misfortunes to the anger of various gods over human excesses and depredations. In the ancient world, sacrifices — even human ones — were considered a necessity to appease such angry spirits. At the onset of the Trojan War, for example, the Greek goddess Artemis, protectress of wild animals, the wilderness, and the moon, stilled the winds needed to propel the Greek fleet to Troy because Agamemnon, its commander, had killed a sacred deer. To appease her and restore the essential winds, Agamemnon felt obliged - or so the poet Homer tells us — to sacrifice his own daughter Iphigenia (the plot line for many a Greek and modern tragedy) (Tomgram: Michael.C. Klare, p.2).

We can accept to some extent that the worship of the forces of nature as gods was the result of man's ignorance. But man has come a long way from this kind of thinking. Man's intellectual growth coupled with rational thinking transformed him from a superstitious magician to a rational scientist in an era of science and technology. For this modern man it goes without saying that it is foolish to worship material objects as gods. The early period of primitive innocence but had one good thing, it was nothing, but they considered nature as the mother and protector of man. Therefore, man was afraid to distort nature.

Back to the past

Later, when philosophers and scientists began to reasonably argue that nature was only a medium to be used for human growth and enjoyment, that is, nature has got only extrinsic value and no intrinsic value, man's attitude toward nature changed. It was started by the sixteenth-century philosopher Rene Descartes who claimed to have discovered the first principle of philosophy beyond all doubt which he phrased as *cogito ergo sum* which means I think therefore I exist. This created in the western world a dangerous attitude that thinking is the

primary requisite for being a subject and a non-thinking being is mere an object and hence is only having use value. As a result, the aforesaid idea that nature itself has no intrinsic value and only extrinsic value has conquered the world. This attitude not only marked the beginning of the subjugation of the nature with unprecedented scientific and technological advances, but also led to dangerous, violent researches and explosive technological advances that completely ignored nature and its subjective dimensions.

Adam Smith, in the eighteenth century and Karl Marx, in the nineteenth century, portrayed man as an economic animal. A good portion of the world's population accepted it as a new gospel. This materialistic ideology combined with Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest and Marxian communism founded on dialectical materialism and capitalism based on Laissez Faire theory universalized an attitude of acquiring wealth by any means, irrespective of its adverse moral consequences. As a result, man began to think that wealth was the source of all fortunes and dignity. Nature has become a mere object to be exploited by man. Religion and allied thoughts were considered as useless rituals and man began to wander in the magical world of unlimited freedom without realizing the reality of the fast erosion of the soil under his feet. It was too late for human beings to realize the fact that they are left alone into a world of dangerous internal chaos and isolation. Man, who found satisfaction in the world of freedom with uncontrolled inclinations to pleasures, distanced himself from nature and fellow beings. Nature retaliated when modern man, who alternately experimented with different levels of pleasure in frozen flats, broke all the boundaries of moral life in the abominable malls of sexual perversions even to the extent of sleeping with wild beasts. In spite of acquiring the sophisticated medical knowledge of being able to transplant all human organs from head to toe and clone new life in the laboratory, man today is



languishing in the face of death, succumbing to the terrifying diseases created by invisible microbes rapidly undergoing genetic modification and surviving adverse conditions.

Our struggle

We need to see this as a warning to look at the past and move forward. Where did we go wrong? It must be said loudly that the foundation of the morality that the Christian faith has laid for centuries has been shaken somewhere. We made our planet too much humanistic denying the intrinsic value of everything else but man. The new economic sciences, which are rooted only in material growth, and developmental agendas that ignore the unique inter-subjectivity of God, man and nature, have rewritten our moral foundations. Relationships have all become alien to us. That is our greatest curse. As we immersed ourselves in the pleasures of the shores of loneliness, we began to give new definitions to ethics. With the proclamation that Christian morality and Christian moral thought and science lead man to a slave path, the German atheist Fredric Nietzsche declared that God was dead and that man was the world leader who would determine man's destiny, further fuelling materialistic rationalists to portray moral living and human relationships as signs of weakness. In a world of so-called unlimited freedom where deadly sentiments and diabolic passions flatten their hood, divine truths, religion and religious values and divine institutions were not only criticized and rejected but also were denigrated and trampled on. We have witnessed with tears the many incidents in which the celebrating priest were demoralized and even killed amid the Divine Sacrifice. We have become greater traitors than Judas, who forgot the word of Jesus, that you will never be able to hate me and be my disciple at the same time. Religion and its institutions are converted into platforms for the protection of our selfish interests today.

We have become the victims of atheistic movements in the church that praise God only with

their lips and go out to despise and deny Him. We began to behave as if we are in community recreation centres in the church. We have turned weddings, sacraments, and celebrations into occasions of extravagance, deception, and display of our glory. We have shown great skill in justifying our own mistakes while exaggerating the mistakes of others.

Now what is next? Religiosity is something that needs to be understood a little more deeply than just the sum of rituals and customs. Love, friendship, brotherhood, and an unbroken relationship with God, man, and nature and all fundamental lessons that Christian morality has taught us has to be revisited. For the first time in history, churches had to be closed. It seems that our Lord wants to see this as a call to change, to repent, to come a little closer to man, to God, and to nature, so that we may have the wisdom to respect what is to be respected, and to return to the Word of God. Now we are reminded of the apostle's words that we have a righteous Father in heaven who will reward each one according to his/her deeds. There is a call around us to return to the innocence of faith. A call from a long awaiting Father for the return of His prodigal son. Those whose conscience is not frozen can certainly hear that cry. The question is whether our conscience is so clear to hear the inner cry of the Father, the Paternal agony?

We, the Prodigal Lot

There is a widespread cry in the marketplace that God is a myth and is indifferent to human suffering. And it is further argued that God is more proved to be an ineffective empty concept in this period of Pandemic. If God was any powerful, why did he leave humanity for death and destruction? These questions and discussions are somewhat relevant for those who consider the ultimate goal of life as achieving material and financial security that saves you from death and suffering. I think this is the result of a rather mistaken view of the reality of God as a machine that sits at the top in an unknown



world to distribute favours and punishment to man and that god is an isolated celestial being who is unrelated to the human reality. The truth is that the supernatural is not unrelated to the natural. We need to discover the presence of the supernatural in the natural. All that is worldly and natural are enslaved to diseases, death and decay (Rom. 8: 21) But only when the natural and purely worldly dimensions die the supernatural shines forth. In order to realize and recognize this supernatural we must discern and listen to the Paternal agony and the cry of the Father within us. We are not orphans. "I will not leave you alone" (John. 14:18). The presence of the divine within the heart of the natural and the limited, is to be understood as the suffering co-traveller who always points towards the right direction and inviting us to follow. The tragedy is that man differs with his freedom and embraces the abominable and the perverse guided by the pleasurable and the worldly and hence we became the prodigal lot. The return of the prodigal happens only when man recognizes and accepts that subjective aim which the supernatural invested within us. This happens only when we accept the prodigal within us and repents and return (Luke.15:11-32) A decision which is crucial and more difficult to happen. The period of pandemic, of course, is an invitation to return, instead of subduing exploiting and getting lost in the natural. We must transcend the natural that is subjected to decay and death. This demands an inner realization that what we eat is only suitable for the pig, an animal that is incapacitated to look above and is cursed only to look down. The second step is the start of a journey towards the Father, a journey towards the primordial innocence, towards the solidarity and unity of the creation and the created. A return for a home coming. Like the elder brother of the prodigal son many think that they are within the Father's home but stands miles away from the heart of the Father. The elder son recognized and aimed only at the wealth of the Father but failed to realize and recognize the love

of the father. He was a prodigal inside the house and hence was not feeling at home within his father's home. We must think seriously to discern whether we are only inside the house as inmates or are we at home as sons and daughters? Until we discern the goodness of the Father, we are only inmates, but the truth is that we are under the canopy of the divine Love. He never excludes us from the shade of his loving umbrella.

An Introspection

What are we searching for so passionately? Is it wealth? power? domination? Did we achieve all what we searched so for in full satisfaction? Or are we able to hold on what we claim to have achieved with so much of pride? Remember whatever we achieve here is only capable of generating neurotic compulsions that enslaves us to the natural to the momentary. It takes a long time to realize that what we eat so deliciously is only suitable to that miserable pig and that realization will be the beginning of our journey back towards the Father's Home. This is a painful homecoming.





“To pray the Rosary is to take a spiritual journey, along with Mary, in contemplation of the face of Christ. In doing so we become friends with Him and the best of friends share their deepest feelings”

-St. John Paul II

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