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*Risen*  
MATTHEW 28:6



Easter  
Blessings





The Participants of the Annual Retreat 29<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
with the Preacher Rev. Fr. Bijil Chakkiath MSFS, at Cenacle



The Silver Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Adattu Nikson on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Cenacle



The Silver Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Tony Cheeramkuzhiyil held at his Home Parish on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022



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# EDITORIAL



Dear loving Pauline Fathers and  
Brothers in Jesus Christ,

Easter is a time of celebration, renewal, springtime and joy. Regardless of where we are in our lives or what is happening in the world, Easter reminds us that Christ has won the final victory over suffering and death. This knowledge sustains us through the reflection and repentance of Lent, such that when Jesus rises on Easter morning, we emerge as well, renewed and replenished by the hope that comes with Risen Christ.

In his 2022 Lenten message to the Church, Pope Francis invites us to reflect upon Saint Paul's words in his letter to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:9-10). The Holy Father challenges us further to reflect upon the urgency of using the time that



God has given to us in a productive manner by sowing goodness in our world with a view to a future harvest. And Lent, Pope Francis continues, is the opportune time for us to recollect our thoughts and to move forward with resolve, seeking to fulfill our baptismal promises by making the pattern of Jesus' life our own through our authentic response to his call to discipleship.

Through his invitation to place our trust in the Lord as the surest means of responding to the Apostle Paul's appeal, Pope Francis provides us with some practical reminders of how we might achieve this noble end:

"Let us not grow tired of praying,"  
We need to pray because we need God.

"Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives or of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance," knowing that God never tires of forgiving us.

And "Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbors," the surest means of reflecting the life of Jesus in our own lives.

In this holy season of renewal and rebirth, St. Paul Family of Heralds of Good News wishes you a Happy Easter and a blessed springtime.

**Rev. Fr. Saji Thomas Pamplaniyil HGN**  
The Editor in Chief

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF THE PROVINCE...

- 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 - Annual Gathering of the Seminarians.
- 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 - Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Rev. Fr. Ambattu Tomy, Rev. Fr. Cheeramkuzhiyil Tony, Rev. Fr. Kandathiparambil Joseph and Rev. Fr. Manickathan Paulose at Cenacle.
- 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 - The Priestly Ordination of Dn. Jijomon Joseph by Mar Jose Pulickal, Bishop of Kanjirappally, in St. Mary's Church, Thekkemala at 9:15 am.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 - Retreat and Provincial Forum.

### RECENT APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS...

1. Rev. Fr. Alanickal Lijo – Procurator, Good News Retreat Centre, Pampady
2. Rev. Fr. Kurumpurath Mathew – Cenacle Community, Konoor – Koratty
3. Rev. Fr. Olikunnel Thomas – Archdiocese of San Antonio, USA
4. Rev. Fr. Kadavilpurayil Jenish – Archdiocese of San Antonio, USA
5. Rev. Fr. Chirackal Pradeesh Mathew – Diocese of Aitape, PNG
6. Rev. Dn. Melattu Jijomon Joseph – National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Ransom, Vallarpadam





## *Provincial's Desk*



Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; then they will see me."

Popular among the seasons, without doubt, is spring for all of us. That is perhaps due to the newness that we encounter around us; novelty is seen and experienced all spheres of life. The nature undergoes a complete transformation during this season, appears everything new and that complete change of atmosphere somehow influences all other spheres of life in this universe. This influence is visibly noticed in one's being, one's outlook, one's mentality, one's initiatives, one's achievements and one's interpersonal relationship. Vacation begins in some areas of the globe; children enjoy maximum this time of the year, youngsters search for new possibilities, get involved into new ventures and creativity.

We too are fortunate in this regard as we celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ after a meaningful

observation of Lent during this time of the year. Do not feel the need to mention the atmosphere of Christ's Glorious Resurrection; newness and complete transformation that occurred to people and places connected to Jesus (life of the Apostles, the people who heard Him, who saw Him, who encountered Him, the holy places, the birth of the Church, etc.). Risen Christ makes available such a magnanimous experience of newness and surprises to all and to everything. Jesus during his public ministry made to foretaste this moment during the transfiguration experience on mount Tabor to his close circle of Apostles; Peter, James and John. Though they did not realize the real significance of the event, they recalled of the transfiguration experience later in their life and ministry. Meaningful celebration of the Easter mystery is to live meaningfully our life and vocation as the Risen Christ revealed to his Apostles and disciples. There are two paths proposed by the Holy Father for a



meaningful preparation and celebration of Easter. The two ways that we encounter in the transfiguration event.

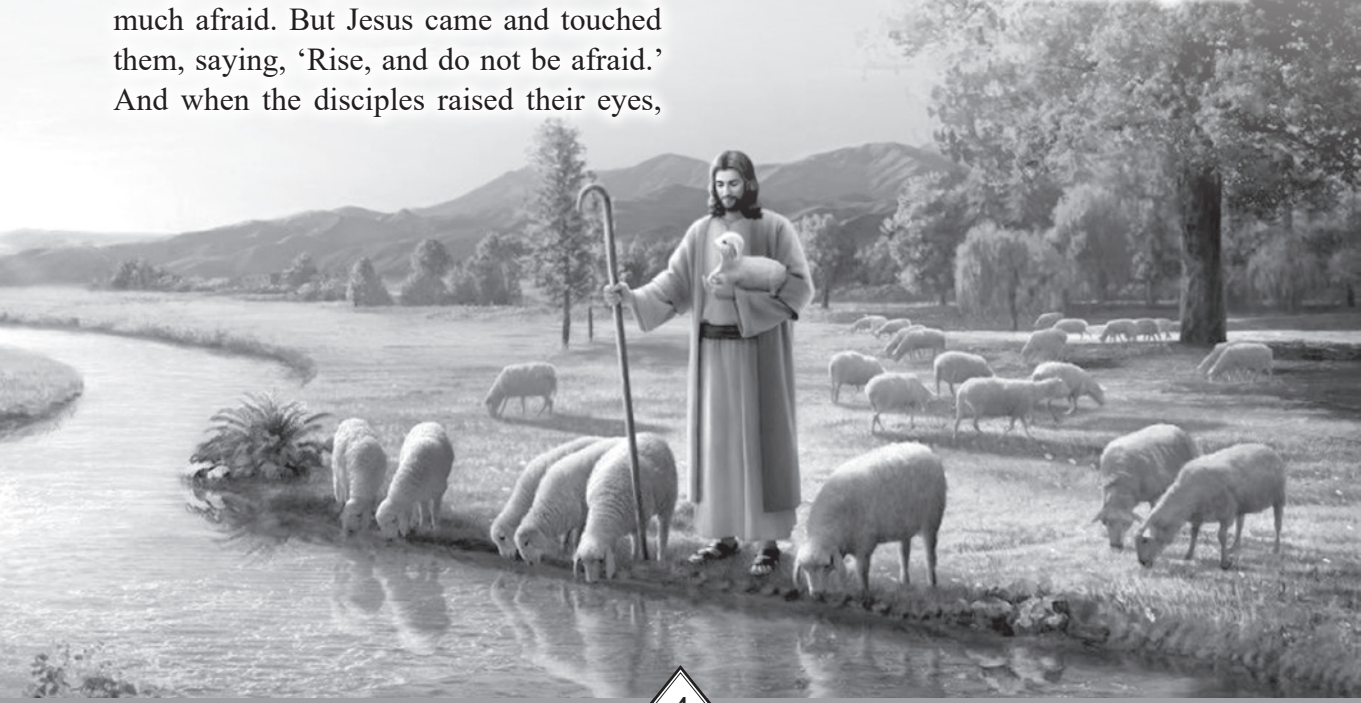
The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: “Listen to him” (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need.

On hearing the Father’s voice, the disciples “fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’ And when the disciples raised their eyes,

they saw no one else but Jesus alone” (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow “him alone.” Lent leads to Easter: the “retreat” is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord’s passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection.

May the Risen Lord be the foundation, source, inspiration and blessings of our life and ministry, BLESSED AND GLORIOUS EASTER WISHES TO ALL.

**Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar HGN**  
**Provincial Superior**







# NEWS FROM THE PASTORAL MINISTRY

A Note of Gratitude from Bp. Siby Mathew Peedikayil HGN.....

SINCERE THANKS FROM AITAPE, PNG



Dear Fathers and Brothers, greetings of Christ's peace. Happy to meet you all through the latest edition of our Newsletter. Thank God that life is going on well here in the diocese despite the daily challenges. It is God's mercy that there is good cooperation between the priests, religious and the laity in the diocese. Last year we had two diaconate ordinations, one diocesan and the other Franciscan. The Diocesan Team of Pastoral Animation (DTPA) is working hard to organize and implement various pastoral and spiritual activities in parishes,

deaneries and diocese. This year we have parish assemblies in all the 32 parishes in the diocese. Parish assemblies will lead to the Diocesan Assembly in October 2023 prior to the feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, patron of the diocese.

Including diocesans and religious together we have only 17 priests and 1 deacon currently involved in pastoral ministry in the diocese. That number is inclusive of Rev. Fr. Pradeesh Mathew HGN and a Spiritan (CSSp) priest from Uganda who joined us last month. Hearty welcome and sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. Pradeesh who reached Aitape on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February this year. He is keeping fine. Many thanks to the Province for sparing him for this mission. I would like to place on record the generous contribution of US \$ 25,000.00 given to the diocese by our Province last year. I sincerely thank



Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and his Team and all the members for it. It was a great relief to the diocese.

I am hoping to be in Rome in May for the *Ad Limina* visit of the Bishops of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands and from there to visit Germany before going to the US in June and July for mission appeal. The plan is to be in India in the month of August for a short break before returning to PNG in the first week of September. Through the kindness of the Provincial Superiors of our Society these days I am reaching out to some members of our different provinces to assist with the

mission appeals in some dioceses on behalf of the diocese of Aitape. The Provincial Superiors as well as the members are very kind despite their commitments and the hardships involved in accepting to help. I hope to be able to visit and stay with some of you during the coming months. Sincere thanks again to all the members of our Society and the Province for your kindness to me and the diocese of Aitape. May the good Lord bless all of us and help us to love and serve him better. Please keep me in your prayers as I remember you in my prayers.

**Bp. Siby Mathew Peedikayil HGN**

### MISSION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Dear Rev. Fathers and Brothers, greetings to you from Papua New Guinea. We are all fine by the grace of God. At present our members are working in the four dioceses of Papua New Guinea (Mendi, Lae, Vanimo and Aitape). In the month of October, 2022 we had a gathering for our Fathers working in PNG which was arranged in the diocese of Mendi. Bishop Siby Mathew from Aitape, Rev. Fr. Johnson Antony and Rev. Fr. Donatus from Vanimo,

Rev. Fr. Johnson and Rev. Fr. Shijo from Mendi, came together for the gathering.

Fathers and Bishop Siby Mathew arrived at Mendi on 4<sup>th</sup> of October. On 5<sup>th</sup> Bp. Siby Mathew celebrated the holy mass at cathedral. Rev. Fr. Sunny OFM Cap, the Rector of the cathedral welcomed us before the mass. We made visit to Capuchin Friars at Mendi, FCC Sisters, and to the Parishes at Det, Margarima, Irawi, Hulua, Kupari, Hetamary, Koroba, Komo and Tarti secondary school. All the Fathers, Sisters and people of different parishes gave us a warm welcome. We had also beautiful stay in those places. Sisters from Irawi and Komo helped us have good food during our gathering. We had half day retreat led by Rev. Fr. Celestian CST who is a senior priest, working in the diocese of Mendi for many years.





We also had our meeting. And all of us shared our experiences of joys and sorrows. On 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, we finished our gathering. Bp. Siby Mathew, Rev. Fr. Johnson and Rev. Fr. Donatus went back to Vaniomo and Aitape. Rev. Fr. Tomy is keeping fine and doing his ministry well in the diocese of Lae. We are also happy to welcome Rev. Fr. Predeesh Mathew to Papua New Guinea.

I would like to thank you all for your support and prayers. We are all busy with

our parish ministries. Some of the parishes have got schools (elementary, primary, high school and secondary school). At present we have started the schools. It is going on well. We are trying to help our people with our limited capacity. We ask your continued prayers and support. Thanking you in advance.

**Rev. Fr. Shijo Mattathilanickal HGN**

### MINISTRY IN AITAPE, PNG



My dear Fathers and Brothers in Jesus Christ, loving greetings to you, I am Rev. Fr. Pradeesh Mathew, working in the diocese of Aitape under the leadership of Bp. Siby Mathew Peedikayil. Myself and Bp. Siby are keeping well by the providence of God. I am very much happy to share my missionary journey to Aitape. I started my journey from India on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. On 4<sup>th</sup> I reached Port Moresby, the Capital of PNG. From there I had to travel to a place called, Wewak. As I got down at Wewak, two sisters of Mariya Nikethans came and welcomed me and I stayed with them in their community that day. Next

day one priest came from Aitape and took me to the diocese. That priest belongs to the congregation called Spritans, a native from Uganda. On reaching Aitape, Bishop Siby welcomed me with lots of love and affection.

As of now I stay in the Bishop's House, getting acquainted with the new culture and I move around along with other Fathers for the mass and other activities. At present the diocese is engaged in the deanery meetings. Our diocese has got 3 deaneries in Nuku, Povang and Ali Island respectively. I go for the deanery meetings with other Fathers so as to get familiar with the places and people around, a different experience for me as a beginner in the life of priestly ministry. As you know, the travel facility is not that developed and so it takes few hours to move from one place to the other. We fixed some solar lights in Bishop's house in order to face the power-cut situations. We have almost every day



raining, without rain we don't have water. We depend on rain water for our daily needs. Within one week I could pick up the local language and I started celebrating mass in Pidgin language. Please do continue to

pray for us, especially remembering our missionary ventures and initiatives in the diocese.

**Rev. Fr. Pradeesh Mathew Chirackal HGN**

### PARISH OF SAN PROSPERO, PISA, ITALY



Fraternal greetings of peace and joy of being a member of St. Paul Province of HGN from the parish of San Prospero in Italy! As we are already in the holy season of Lent in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries, I wish you a spiritually fruitful season of Lent and the great joy of the Easter.

Though I have no surprising news to share with you, I am happy to let you know that I am doing good and continue with my pastoral ministry being ever grateful to the incomparable beauty and worth of HGN and our St. Paul Province in my priestly life. As some of you know, mine is a small parish with around 2500 Catholics. Though it is a small community, it is vibrant with many activities and initiatives due to the involvement of members from different age groups in my parish. Group of the children attending the catechism class (sizable number in relation to many parishes in Pisa) is one among them. Rev. Fr. Vipin, who

has been with me in the parish since May 2022 is doing his Licentiate in Philosophy in Rome and visits and stays with us when he is free from the academic schedule. As I am doing the traditional blessings of the families of my parish these days, I grow in my practical awareness of the reality of the living-minority of the Church in relation to the larger Church nominally professed. However, it is an edifying experience to live our Faith amidst the challenging realities of our life.

As the great feast of Easter is fast approaching, various activities of the parish are nearing the conclusion. Feast of the parents and First Holy Communion of the children are some of the forthcoming events of the parish. Visit of Very Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar, our Provincial Superior, from 17<sup>th</sup> March for a couple of days is a joyful event for living the Pauline Family with its Superior. We are also looking forward to the visit of Rt. Rev. Siby Peedikayil HGN, Bishop of Aitape in Papua New Guinea, as he comes to Rome in May 2023 for the *Ad Limina* Visit. Acknowledging the warmth of the fraternal concern and support of the members of Pauline family in my life and wishing them all a very Happy Easter, I remain in the union of prayers.

**Rev. Dr. Saji Sebastian HGN**





## COMMUNITY OF CUNEO, ITALY



Dear Fathers and Brothers,  
greetings from the community of Cuneo,  
Italy.

This community is attached to the sanctuary of queen of angels that is very important which is a pilgrim centre. We attend to the daily spiritual needs of the faithful, who make visit to the sanctuary. The spiritual activities rendered are daily Holy Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation, then silence maintained for personal prayers of the people.

A large number of pilgrims come on feast days and solemnities. The Christmas 2022 was celebrated with grand participation after the pandemic lock down. These days the presence of faithful and their visit increase day by day as everything gets normal as it was before Covid-19 pandemic.

This year the spiritual services are supported by the collaboration of Rev. Fr. Shiju Vakevattukulathil and Rev. Fr. Sunny Parambukattil. We appreciate the visit of many of our Fathers to this community to demonstrate fraternity and love for us, thanks to everyone.

Dear Fathers and Brothers, as we are getting ready for Easter celebration, on behalf of our community, I wish all of you graceful Holy Week and Happy Easter. May the Risen Christ bless all of us.

**Rev. Fr. Santhosh Kochuparambil HGN**

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, EDAMON, VIJAYAPURAM



Loving wishes to you all from the  
Holy Family Church.

I am Rev. Fr. Sunny Ellickal, doing my pastoral ministry in the Holy Family Church, Edamon. It is located in Ranni, Pathanamthitta District. This parish is under the Diocese of Vijayapuram. We are all fine here by the grace of God. The Parishioners are very much co-operative in the initiatives of the Parish. They actively co-operate with the Ministry here. Holy Family Parish consist of one main church and two substations. We have a convent



and a community of Sisters in our parish. They help us in our parish activities. Most of the Parishioners are working in the rubber estate for their livelihood. The Parish consists of 150 families. They live in distant places, not that all live near to the church. The Parish territory is around 20 kilometers. By God's grace, within one year lot of changes have taken place in the

parish. We could complete the work of the Presbytery in one of our substations at Karikkattoor. We are also building a new Church, the work is going on well and it is almost ready for the blessing. Please continue to pray for us, remember these of our projects. May God bless us.

**Rev. Fr. Sunny Ellickal HGN**

### **LOURDU MATHA CHURCH, EZHIMALA, KANNUR**



Easter greetings to you dear Fathers and Brothers in Risen Christ.

I am indeed happy to share with you about my Pastoral ministry at Lourdu Matha Church, Ezhimala in the Diocese of Kannur. Hope all are keeping well and doing your best. I am also doing well by God's abundant grace and by your prayers. The parish activities are going on well. The Parishioners are very much active and vibrant.

We commemorated the great Italian missionary Rev. Fr. James Montanari on his 49<sup>th</sup> death anniversary in our parish, where his mortal remains are preserved, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. He was a great

missionary who worked for the betterment of the people. He worked in Tamarassery, Kudathay, Kodenchery, Punchakkad and at the end in Ezhimala. He gave 660 acres of land for the poor people and he founded hospitals, constructed schools and roads at his working places. Thus, he served as a man who has the image of God, spreading God's love to the flock. The holy mass in commemoration to the death anniversary of Rev. Fr. James Montanari was presided over by his Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Alex Vadakumthala, the Bishop of Kannur, and he declared 2024 as the jubilee year. The other pastoral activities are also progressing well. Please do remember us in your daily prayers.

I extend my gratitude for your support, prayers and love. I promise my prayers for your good health and mission. Wishing you all a happy Easter. May God bless us.

**Rev. Fr. Binoy Mazhuvancherikala HGN**



## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KOKKUNNU, ERNAKULAM



Greetings from St. Joseph's Church, Kokkunnu. Hope all of you are doing well. I am also doing well. Last few months, we were experiencing God's love and providence in various aspects of our ministry. The important one among them is that we succeeded in taking the decision to construct a new church building. It had been under dispute for several years. Now we are preparing our parish hall as a suitable place to administer sacraments, once the existing building is demolished.

During the past few months, there were several programs conducted in the parish. The parish is enriched by the active participation of our youth especially the KCYM. It is they who keep the parish more active and alive. They conducted various competitions like *athappoomalsaram*, *onapattumalsaram*, shootout competitions, etc. during *Onam*. The youth selflessly worked hard to renovate the grotto of Mother Mary. They made an admiring crib and arranged Christmas programs named "IGNITE 2K22."

A Forane level felicitation program for those who celebrated their silver jubilee and golden jubilee of their wedding was held at our parish. We celebrated the feast of St. Jude's *kapela*, St. Sebastian's *kapela* and our parish church. St. Sebastian's *kapela* was closed for the last three years and now we have renovated and blessed it and we conduct *novenas* on every Wednesday.

We arranged picnics for various groups of our parish namely catechism teachers, choir group, KCYM and parish council members. We experienced the warmth and love of our Vagamon community when we went for a picnic with our parish council members. We express our sincere thanks to the superior and community for their love. We had conducted a half day seminar for the parents for the faith formation of our children. On the same day, Jesus youth had arranged a special program for catechism students. There was also a formation program for our catechism teachers. Teachers and students actively participated in the special programs held at Forane and Archdiocese level. Every Sunday, we meet the parents of each class along with their teachers and headmaster to discuss, analyze and improve the faith formation of our students.

Please keep us in your prayers as we venture to build a new church. I too remember you in my prayers. Wishing you the joy and blessings of Easter.

**Rev. Fr. Johny Jose Paradiyil HGN**





# NEWS FROM THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS & COMMUNITIES

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, DHONEKHONA



Warm greetings and prayerful wishes to you from St. Paul's School, Dhonekhona, Arunachal Pradesh. I feel immense joy to share with you some news from our Arunachal mission.

As for the mission here in Arunachal Pradesh, we, Rev. Fr. Illickal Jeffy Francis and I are fine and doing well. After the grand Independence Day celebration, we had the half yearly examinations. We conducted half early exam in the month of September and later we had given holidays

for ten days. All the students could attend the exams well and obtained good marks in all the subjects.

Annual sport day was conducted in the month of November. School strength was divided into four groups including teachers, and we had a healthy competition among the four groups. The annual sports day was inaugurated by our local village head Mr. Nareswara Paleng. It was for a week long and those received prizes were awarded.

St. Paul's School celebrated Semi-Christmas on 20<sup>th</sup> of December with Christmas tree competitions. We divided all the students into three groups and all of them performed well according to their ideas and abilities. Followed by that we had some cultural programs, and the prizes of Christmas day and sports day



were given out on that same day. We are also indeed happy to spread God's word through our active pastoral ministry. As we are having five mission substations under Namsai Parish, we do take care of all the substations with full pastoral care. We had a wonderful Christmas celebrations with carol singing and other spiritual activities in every villages without any delay.

Board examinations for the 5<sup>th</sup> calss and 8<sup>th</sup> calss started on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. 42 students from 5<sup>th</sup> calss & 32 students from 8<sup>th</sup> class appeared for the exam and we expect a good result this year. CBSE final board exam started on 27<sup>th</sup> February. 18 students appeared for exam and it is the first batch of our school under CBSE syllabus registered here from our school. Annual Exam for St. Paul School Dhonekhona 2022-2023 will begin on 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March. The school will be closed on 24<sup>th</sup> March for the summer

holidays. The result of the exam will be announced on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

As my pen downs to halt the tidings of our mission here, let me introduce some of the progressive changes that have taken place in our school. We had newly built a cycle shed for our school children to park their cycles and bikes. We also have made a wonderful kindergarten park for the KG Section. As of now we are completing the final requirements of the CBSC affiliation for the St. Paul's School.

We firmly assure you that our mission here in Dhonekhona is flourishing with your prayers, love and support and we request you all to keep our Arunachal mission in your humble prayers. Let us be united in Christ. We remain with love and prayers.

**Rev. Fr. Binesh Mathew Mlakuzhiyil HGN**

### ST. PAUL SCHOOL, PATHARLAPADU



Dear Fathers and Brothers, we are happy to bring you some more news from Patharlapadu. The academic year 2022-23 which we began on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 is going on rather smoothly.

**Celebrations:** We celebrated Teachers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September and Children's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in a meaningful way. Similarly we also had Christmas Celebration on 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Republic Day Celebration on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

**Blessing of the New Computer Lab:** By God's grace and with the support of many people we were able to set up a new computer lab. It was made ready with ten computers for the use of our students. This computer Lab was blessed & inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Thomas Pazheparambil on the



Children's Day. We thank all those who were instrumental in making this new computer lab a reality.

**Parents' Meeting:** We had a parents' meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 in our school in which we could discuss many issues about education and the concerns of parents. It was a successful meeting and most of the parents took active part in the meeting.

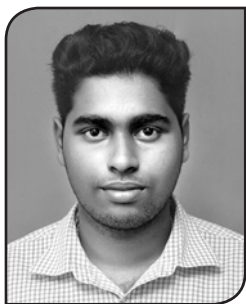
**Construction:** By the grace of God and with the support and financial assistance of many people, the work of St. Paul Tailoring Center is progressing, for which the foundation stone was blessed and laid by Very Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar, our Provincial Superior, in the presence

of many Fathers, staff & students of our school on April 22<sup>nd</sup> last year. We continue to depend on God to complete the work and get it blessed for the use of the people in and around our school. If everything goes well we hope to get the new building blessed on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Please keep this project in your special prayers.

At present our school is functioning rather well. We wish to thank you all for your prayers for our mission here. We still count on your humble prayers and support for the further growth and development of our mission. We assure you all our sincere prayers. May God continue to bless us all and all our initiatives abundantly.

**Rev. Fr. Sibi Thadathil HGN**

### GOOD NEWS SNEHABHAVAN, KAKKOOR



Greetings of peace and best wishes from Good News Snehabhavan Kakkoor! We are indeed glad to meet you all once again through our family Newsletter. Here we all are fine and our ministry goes well by the divine providence. Here are some of the major events which took place in our community in the recent Months.

Two of our inmates were transferred to Mariyasadan, Palai and to Bethlehem Geriatric Care Home, Mulanthuruthy in the month of October for the better care which we could not offer here as they were bedridden. It is sad that both of them died in November.

It was a great time for Good News Snehabhavan for the erection of the new 'Arch' at the very entrance of the road leading to our house from Convent Junction, Kakkoor. We are very grateful to all our neighbors and the local people who supported us and cooperated with us to make the 'Arch' a reality. We had a grand and colorful Christmas celebration





with carol from our Parish after the break of two years. Our beautiful Crib won the second prize from the Parish for the Crib competition. We were privileged to have Very. Rev. Dr. Matthew Kallikatt, our Superior General who was kind enough to visit our house in January. We remember him with gratitude for his love and appreciation for our ministry in Kakkoor.

We remember with gratitude Rev. Fr. Mathew Kurumpurath who was transferred from here to Koratty for his further ministry. We really enjoyed his presence even though he was with us only for five months. We gave a farewell party to our former Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Thomas Madathilparampil who was transferred from Kakkoor to Kudakkachira as he completed his term of service in Kakkoor for 5 years. We really miss him as a very good pastor who was helpful, kindhearted and supportive always towards the ministry of Good News Snehabhavan. The new Parish Priest is Rev. Fr. Abraham Kulamakkal.

We are grateful to the Department of Health Care Centers of Thirumarady and Pampakuda for their regular palliative visits. Recently they had arranged a 'Medical Camp' in our house for our inmates. We had a new admission and are still looking for a few more new admissions. We are very grateful to the Sisters of Providence from Thodupuzha, Gandhinagar and Muvattupuzha who support us with some food grains and other supplies from time to time at our request.

We are really indebted to our Provincial Administrative Team. Thank you Fathers for your kind support, encouragement and appreciation towards Good News Snehabhavan, Kakkoor. Also, we thank all the Fathers and Brothers who visited us in recent months. We assure you our prayers for God's providence upon each of you and wish you peace and joy of the Lord's resurrection, Happy Easter!

**Bro. Ashik James Azhakulathil HGN**

### GOOD NEWS RETREAT CENTRE, PAMPADY



"I exalt my God and my soul exalts the king of heaven and I will rejoice in his majesty"(Tobit 13:7)

Dear members of the Pauline Family, hope that you do rejoice in His Majesty and we wish you happiness and feelings of blissfulness in the Lord. Life is being beautified at the mixture of both sorrows and happiness. If you are happy now hold it, but if you are not happy now have it, when someone says have a nice day. There is no assurance. That day can be a nice day or not, yet words of human would be always with the word 'have.' Let



us do look at Jesus whose wishes do not give just a possibility but an assurance. For instance, peace be with you. If one is in His majesty even something that disturbs him or her cannot destroy that person, because ultimately, he or she is in His Majesty. So let us try to be circled around His Majesty.

Welcoming you to have a glimpse at the activities of Good News Retreat Centre (GNRC) since August 2022. We had celebrated *Onam* on 8<sup>th</sup> September, and had savoury *Onasadhya* along with Good News Ammaveedu *makkal* and special games of *Onam*. On 14<sup>th</sup> September, GNRC was blessed with an organised one-day conference by MEM (Marian Eucharistic Ministry) which was presided over by his Excellency Most Rev. Samuel Mar Irenios, Bishop of Pathanamthitta and Rev. Fr Jose Puthrukkayil. Their presence raised the hearts of approximately 200 faithful who participated to a realm of most Highness. On 16<sup>th</sup> September, we commemorated Rev. Fr. Ajish Azhakupathil HGN and had a requiem Mass.

On 21<sup>st</sup> September, we started the Chain *Japamala* after the Covid. We celebrated the ordination anniversary of Rev. Fr. Pradeesh on 4<sup>th</sup> November and Rev. Fr. Lijo on 16<sup>th</sup> of January. On 11<sup>th</sup> February, we also celebrated birthday of Rev. Fr. Lijo. Recollection for the priests of our Province was held on 15<sup>th</sup> December. On 21<sup>st</sup> December, we bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Pradeesh Mathew and now our prayers are with dear father for the good works he is engaged in Papua New Guinea. On

9<sup>th</sup> January, Rev. Fr Lijo Immanuel took charge as new Procurator of GNRC.

As there are two retreats per month namely *Tapas* and *Vachananubhava Dhyanam*, Rev. Fr. Jince along with Rev. Fr. Joseph Cherian and Rev. Fr. Lijo are explicitly open with incredible deeds on making faithful to a deeper relationship with divine and to have a direct focus on Jesus. GNRC organized retreats at St. Thomas Church Kalavoor, Alappuzha, St. Mary's Knanaya Church, Cherukara, Kadamanitta Malankara Catholic Church, and retreat for the nursing students at Assisi College, Erumely and other programs. GNRC also hosted the annual retreat of Mary Queen of Apostles Province from 8-12<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

What I'm able for, you may not be and what you are able for, I may not be. So let's be always grateful to Christ for what we are in Him, be transcended and enlightened and become one with absolute Being. We express our gratitude for all the priests who pray for us and visited us and welcome you to a prayerful centre. Wishing a Happy Easter.

**Bro. Christo Thomas Chackal HGN**



**The Blessing & Consecration  
of St. Mary's Minor Seminary  
by Mar Joseph Pamplany,  
the Archbishop of Tellicherry  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022  
after the Renovation Works**





# Glimpses from the Ministry Abroad



Get-together of our Fathers Working in the Diocese of Vanimo and Mendi with our Bishop



The Visit of Bishop Siby Mathew Peedikayil HGN to the Diocese of Mendi, PNG



Fr. Shijo Mattathilanickal on the Occasion of Administration of First Holy Communion to His Parishioners



Fr. Pradeesh and other Pastors along with the People in the Diocese of Aitape, PNG during the Ash Wednesday Celebrations



The Get-together of our Fathers Working in Germany along with Fr. Saji Pamplaniyil, the Vice-Provincial



Our Fathers Working in the Diocese of Cuneo, Italy, During the Birthday Celebration of Fr. Shiju George



Fr. Thadathiparambil Abraham along with Archbishop Giovanni Paolo Benotto and His Parishioners in Pisa, Italy



Fr. Jaya Babu while Taking Charge in a Parish in the Diocese of Trier, Germany



# Events from the Parish Ministry in Kerala



Fr. Baiju Thomas, Taking Charge as the Parish Priest of Our Lady's Church, Chinnakanal, Munnar, Vijayapuram



Feast Day Procession at St. Antony's Church, Vagamon, Kerala, where Fr. Mervin John is Working as the Parish Priest



Fr. Charathady Joosa Marydasan along with the Youth of His Parish, while Visiting Enclave



Fr. Oravanamthadathil Jacob on the Occasion of Assuming the Office as the Parish Priest of St. Paul's Church, Chilampara, Neyyattinkara



Prayer Service Being Led by Rt. Rev. Dr. Alex Vadakumthala at Lourdu Matha Church, Ezhimala on the 49th Death Anniversary of Fr. James Montanari



The Commemoration of 49th Death Anniversary of Fr. James Montanari at Lourdu Matha Church, Ezhimala, Kannur



Fr. Johny Jose Paradiyil along with the Parishioners at St. Joseph's Church, Kokkunnu, during an Excursion



Fr. Joby Michael along with the Youth of the Parish at Holy Family Church, Kalambattupuram, Ernakulam, Kerala



# Glimpses from Our Communities



Onam Celebrations of the Inmates at Ammaveedu, Pampady, Kerala



Birthday Celebration of Fr. Joseph Kandathiparambil at Ammaveedu, Pampady, Kerala



Fr. Alanickal Lijo Taking Charge as the Procurator of Good News Retreat Centre, Pampady, Kerala



The Retreat Ministry Being Carried out by our Fathers in Good News Retreat Centre, Pampady, Kerala



Christmas Celebrations at Good News Snehabhavan, Kakkoor, Kerala along with the Parish Priest and Parishioners



Fathers and Inmates Together with the New Bolero, Bought for Good News Asha Bhavan, Vagamon, Kerala



Birthday Celebration of Fr. Varayankunnel Mervin in Good News Asha Bhavan, Vagamon, Kerala



Fathers and Inmates Together with the New Eeco, Bought for Good News Snehabhavan, Kakkoor, Kerala



# Events from Our Educational Institutions



St. Paul's School at Dhonekhona, while Extending Cordial Welcome to Fr. Provincial Superior and to Fr. Paulose Manickathan



The Birthday Celebrations of Fr. Binesh Mlakuzhiyil in St. Paul's School at Dhonekhona, Arunachal Pradesh



The Newly Constructed Kids Recreation Park in St. Joseph's School Campus, Yernagudem, Andhra Pradesh



Women's Day Programme in St. Joseph's School, Yernagudem, Andhra Pradesh



The Farewell Day Programme for 10<sup>th</sup> Class Students at St. Mary's English Medium School, Bonakal, Telangana



The Fathers and the Staff of St. Mary's English Medium School, Bonakal, Telangana, Having One Day Picnic



The Fathers of the Provincial Administration, Being welcomed by Fr. Sibi Thadathil, the Correspondent, and the Students of St. Paul School, Patharlapadu, Telangana



On the Occasion of the Blessing & Inauguration of the Computer Lab on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at St. Paul School Patharlapadu, Telangana



## Our Seminarians at Swing



Fr. Geo Pulickal along with the Seminarians, Receiving Bp. Alex Kaliyanyil SVD, the Archbishop of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe to St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Karunapuram, Kerala



Fr. Jibin Jose & Fr. Jipson along with the Seminarians during the Semi-Christmas Celebrations at St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Karunapuram, Kerala.



Our Fathers and Seminarians at St. Joseph's Major Seminary, Khammam, Telangana during the Visit of the Pvincial Team



Fr. Thomas Pazheparambil and Our Seminarians at St. Joseph's Major Seminary, Khammam Telangana during Onam Celebrations



Fr. Reji Joseph, Fr. Sibi Thadathil & Fr. Jineesh Emmanuel along with Our Seminarians at Heralds Spiritual Orientation Centre, Kurukuru, Andhra Pradesh.



Bro. Abin & Bro. Roy with Their Batchmates, Rector and Moderator at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur



Rt. Rev. Dr. Udamala Bala Showreddy, the Apostolic Administrator, Khammam & Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, Our Superior General on the Occasion of the Seminary Day at St. Joseph's Major Seminary, Khammam, Telangana



Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, Our Superior General and Fr. Reji Joseph, the Rector & Others on the Occasion of the Seminary Day at Heralds Spiritual Orientation Centre, Kurukuru, Andhra Pradesh





Our First Year Minor Seminarians at Cenacle during the Sports Day Celebrations



Semi-Christmas Celebrations at Cenacle, St. Paul Minor Seminary, Konoor, Kerala

*Congratulations Dear Brothers*



Bro. Shubin Mathew, Receiving the Ministry of Lector from Rt. Rev. Dr. Christudas Rajappan, the Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Carmelgiri, Aluva, Kerala



Bro. Sebin Xavier, Receiving the Ministry of Acolyte from Rt. Rev. Dr. Christudas Rajappan, the Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Carmelgiri, Aluva, Kerala

*Constructions by our Fathers*



The Image of the New Church under Construction in the Parish of Fr. Sunny Ellickal, Edamon, Kerala



St. Paul Tailoring Centre under Construction at St. Paul School Campus, Patharlapadu, Telangana



The New Arch Placed on the Way to Good News Snehabhavan, Kakkoor, Kerala



The Newly Built Grotto and Arch of St. Mary's Church, Srambikal, Where Fr. Plackal Vinod is Serving as Parish Priest



Events in common



The Members of Mary Queen of Apostles Province, Having Their Annual Retreat at GNRC, Pampady, Kerala



The Members of Mary Queen of Apostles Province, Having Their Annual Retreat at GNRC, Pampady, Kerala



Fr. Jince Cheenkallel, Leading the Youth Retreat at Zurich, Switzerland



Fr. Thomas Olikunnel and Fr. Jenish Kadavilpurayil, before Leaving to the Archdiocese of San Antonio, USA



Fr. Chirackal Pradeesh Mathew before Leaving to the Diocese of Aitape, Papua New Guinea



The Vocation Camp, Conducted in Our Campus at Pampady during the Christmas Vacation



The Participants of the Advent Recollection which was Arranged for Our Fathers Working in Northern Part of Kerala



The Participants of the Advent Recollection which was Arranged for Our Fathers Working in South-Central Kerala



## GOOD NEWS ASHA BHAVAN, VAGAMON



Kindest Greetings and well-wishes from Good News Asha Bhavan, Vagamon. Indeed, the Newsletter provides us a wonderful opportunity to share with each other our life and ministry of the members. By the Providence of God and all your prayers, we are all fine here. At present we are 2 Fathers, 2 staff members and 17 inmates in Asha Bhavan. Rev. Fr. Saji Pamplaniyil, the Director and Superior of Good News Asha Bhavan, was transferred on 14<sup>th</sup> March to St. Joseph English Medium School, Yernagudem as the Correspondent. The Asha Bhavan community, sincerely thanks Rev. Fr. Saji Pamplaniyil for his fabulous service during past nine months as a director and superior of Good News Asha Bhavan. We acknowledge his good works and the progresses he had brought to our institute. And we wish him all the best for the new assignment which he would be undertaking.

The year 2022-2023 has been a great blessing and progressing year in all the dimensions of Asha Bhavan. We could do a lot of maintenance work by the support of our Province. Now the painting work

is in progress, and we hope that it will be completed this month. We are very happy to share with you that the institute had received new four wheeler vehicle (Bolero) by the hard work and initiatives of Rev. Fr. Joby Nadayil from Germany. It is a great help for the community to take the residents to the hospital and other places according to their need. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Joby Nadayil and his Parishioners for their great effort to help us in realizing this project of having a vehicle for the House. Secondly the community had a dream to have a cloth dryer for the use of the inmates, which will be very much helpful to them during the rainy seasons. Our long dream of having a cloth dryer came to the realization by the financial contribution of Rev. Fr. Santhosh Kochuparambil from Italy.

Thirdly by the generous financial support of Rev. Fr. Vinod Plackal and his Parishioners and Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickal, we could Purchase new Tables and Chairs and could meet with few other needs of the inmates. We sincerely thank all the Fathers and donors, whose magnanimity make us fetch the possibilities to meet the needs of the institute. Now we are trying our level best to make the land and surroundings clean and beautiful. We sincerely thank you all for your prayers for us and for the mission here. You will be remembered and will be ever green in our prayers.

**Rev. Fr. Justine Meprath HGN**



## GOOD NEWS AMMAVEEDU, PAMPADY



Dear Rev. Fathers and Brothers,

Warm greetings and blessings from Good News Ammaveedu, Pampady. Here are some of the major events occurred in our Ammaveedu.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September, the festival of *Onam* was celebrated throughout the state of Kerala, Good News Ammaveedu also became the part of it by marking its happiness, excitement and enjoyment among all the members of Good News Ammaveedu. Our *Makkal* made a charming flower carpet and welcomed the legendary king, *Mahabali* into our Ammaveedu.

The famous Korean musical band BTS' fans of Manarcadu came over to our campus on 10<sup>th</sup> September by Namkook Birthday Project. They shared their joy by cutting the cake and performed some programmes for us.

Christmas is the season of joy, gift-sharing and hearts getting united to Infant Jesus. The Christmas celebrations took place in our Ammaveedu on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022. On Christmas day, the

holy mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kandathiparambil. The celebrations included a rhythmic performance from our choir and an add-on surprise package by Santa Claus. Ammaveedu was completely spellbound with the Christmas gratification and the day was called off with a hearty lunch in the afternoon.

The birthday of our Director, Rev. Fr. Joseph Kandathiparambil called for sparkling celebrations on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February at Ammaveedu premises. It was a grand celebration where equal enthusiasm was shown by the staff and *makkal* of Good News Ammaveedu. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kandathiparambil devoted his special day to thank his family members and all the good hearts for the prayers. During the auspicious day, there was a solemn Holy Eucharist Celebration by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kandathiparambil and all our Fathers in Pampady Campus concelebrated. The traditional cake-cutting ceremony followed by his inspiring words that really made us think about life.

The heart of Good News Ammaveedu always keeps you all towards the Lord and we request you all to do the same. As our Province motto stands for, let's join our hands for the Love in Action. We remain with love and prayers.

**Rev. Fr. Joseph Cherian Panthappallil HGN**





## NEWS FROM THE SEMINARY FORMATION

### ST. JOSEPH'S MAJOR SEMINARY, KHAMMAM



*Let your hearts be glad, shout with joy and celebrate this great day. Easter is here, and so is new life and hope!*

Glad to meet you all dear Heraldians through this Newsletter! At the very outset of our sharing, we wish you all a very Happy Easter. May the risen Lord guide and protect all of us throughout the year. We hope and pray that all are doing great at your respective residencies. We, the Brothers and Rev. Fr. Thomas of Pauline stars at St. Joseph's Major Seminary are doing well by the choicest blessings of God.

I am so glad to bring to your attention a few remarkable events that occurred at St.

Joseph's Major Seminary, Naidupet. As the Keralites mark their Keraliteness through the celebration of the festival *Onam*, we the community celebrated the festival of Malayalees in a great manner on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. And on 14<sup>th</sup> October, the Josephite family celebrated the Foundation Day of our Society. We recently made an end to the annual sports and arts competitions which brought to light very many good talents. Bro. Britto was rewarded for his achievement of being gained first on the podium for the marathon and others also did exceptionally well to make their teams win the race.

The seminary was seen at her beautiful elegance on 28<sup>th</sup> November, when the Josephite family celebrated the seminary day in the presence of Rt. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the Apostolic Administrator of Khammam Diocese and Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, the Superior General of Heralds of Good News. On this auspicious occasion, the Bishop presided over the



Holy Eucharist and many invited priests concelebrated with him. On this day, Bro. Deenu Y. M. was awarded for his academic excellence as he was the class topper.

This time Brothers of both departments were sent for the Christmas ministry to different parishes of the diocese of Khammam and especially the second year Theologians were sent for their exposure camp for ten days. We began our New Year with the annual retreat from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of January, and the retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Sunil Tirkey OP who helped us to be filled with the divine blessings. On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, the community had an one-day picnic. We visited few historical places in Warangal. On 25<sup>th</sup> February, we celebrated the ordination anniversary of Rev. Fr. Thomas Pazheparambil, our Procurator. And on that exquisite day, the Holy Mass

was presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Pazheparambil himself.

We sincerely and honestly express our heartfelt gratitude to Very Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar, the Provincial Superior of St. Paul Province for being available in our seminary for sometimes and interacting with us along with Rev. Fr. Mervin Varayankunnel, Rev. Fr. Manu Kuttikatt, and Rev. Fr. Jince Cheenkallel. We also express our thanks to Rev. Fr. Saji Pamplaniyil, the Vice-Provincial, Rev. Fr. Mathew Vengaloor, the General Councillor, and other Fathers who made their visit to our community and encouraged us with their valuable presence. We thank all of you once again for your love and concern and especially your prayers. Once again wish you all a very Happy Easter. We remain in love and prayers

**Bro. Reneesh R. S. HGN**

### HERALDS SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION CENTRE, KURUKURU



Greetings of peace and joy to you dear Fathers and Brothers of Pauline family. I hope and pray that you are keeping well. We, the community of Heralds Spiritual Orientation Centre is very much

glad to meet and share with you some of the enchanting and unforgettable memories through this Newsletter.

We started our Christmas day celebration with the Holy Mass at 11.15 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December and the Holy Mass was presided over by Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, the Superior General of our Society. He inspired and enriched us with a beautiful homily and appreciated us for the arrangements of the liturgy of the day and the crib. After the Holy Mass, we had the cake cutting.





We welcomed the New Year 2023 with the Holy Mass, which was presided over by Rev. Dr. Reji Joseph, our Rector on 31<sup>st</sup> midnight. We were invited by Rev. Fr. Manda Sudhakar, our Parish Priest to celebrate the New Year at the parish. The Holy Mass was presided over by Very Rev. Fr. Bathula Jayaraj, the Provincial Superior of St. John Paul II Province.

On 14<sup>th</sup> January, we celebrated the *Pongal* festival with the minor seminarians of St. John Paul II Province. On that day, we had football match, volleyball match and cricket match and we cherished the joy filled moments with all the Fathers and Brothers. On 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, we had our seminary day celebrations. The day began with the Holy Mass which was presided over by Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, our Superior General and the

day was blessed with the presence of so many Fathers and Sisters. And in the evening, we had the cultural-eve which brought out the talents of our Brothers. On 14<sup>th</sup> February, we were invited to St. John's Minor Seminary at Nidadavole for their seminary day celebrations. On 21<sup>st</sup> February, Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, the Superior General came to teach about the Constitutions of our Society. He filled us with the real knowledge of the history of the society and its purpose.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter. May this Easter bring you hope and gladness. May the Risen Lord shine up your way and fill your hearts with perfect peace and strong faith.

**Bro. Jacob Regin HGN**

### ST. PAUL MINOR SEMINARY, KONOOR-KORATTY



Easter greetings to you dear Fathers and Brothers in the Risen Lord. Easter is an invitation to lead an elegant Christian life. It is an invitation to challenge the challenges to live a great and glorious life. Christ has lived a life, breaking all the barriers and

clutches of society and humans, he has risen from the dead, giving us the hope that there is a life of glory and adoration. Therefore, Let us dare to be holy in this world that one day we also will rise from our tombs to eternal glory.

The Family of St. Paul Minor Seminary finds great joy, pleasure and honor to connect with you once again through this Newsletter. First and foremost, we thank you all for giving us God's guidance and your great support through your valuable prayers and timely visits. We are very happy to share with you the activities of the



seminary. The Fathers and Brothers here are very happy and doing their best for the smooth running of the community.

We solemnly celebrated the Independence Day of the Nation on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Brothers had their annual retreat at Divine Retreat Centre from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We had grand *Onam* celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup> September. The following day, the Brothers went for their *Onam* holidays and returned back on 14<sup>th</sup> September. We were filled with great happiness and joy to celebrate the birthday of our Provincial Superior on 20<sup>th</sup> September, the day was beautified with cultural programme. Rev. Fr. Manu, Superior of the House, celebrated his feast day on that same day which added more happiness to the Family.

We celebrated the birthday of our loving Rev. Fr. Shaiju Berkman, the Vice Rector on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, it was really a happy day for all of us. The Brothers had their semester examinations in the month of October. We had gone for our annual picnic to Thrissur on 29<sup>th</sup> October, in which we explored many new things and came back home with positive vibes. We had a wonderful celebration of Semi-Christmas on 20<sup>th</sup> December and the day was enriched with the presence of our foreign guest Mrs. Jyothi Margareeta Fischer and other Fathers. We made a beautiful crib at the campus. The following day, the Brothers went home for their Christmas holidays and returned on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023.

Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, our Superior General visited our Family on 8<sup>th</sup> January and the day's Holy Mass was presided over by him. Rev. Fr. Arockia Sebastian Babu came here to take class for our Brothers from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January. We are always grateful to him for coming over here to share his knowledge and enlightening our Brothers with various skills. On 12<sup>th</sup> January, Very Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar, our Provincial Superior celebrated his ordination anniversary with our community. We went for an Inter-Seminary Football Tournament to Carmelgiri Pontifical Seminary on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Brothers played very well and could defeat Mangalapuzha Pontifical Seminary. These are the few main events that happened in the seminary.

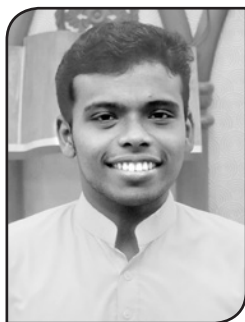
The seminary is progressing effectively with God's providence and mercy. The Brothers are doing well in their spiritual activities, studies and in all other activities of the seminary. They are preparing themselves for the annual examinations as we are at the culmination of the scholastic year 2022-2023. We thank you all for your love, support and prayers for our growth and assure you of our prayers in return for your ministries and studies. We wish you all a meaningful Easter. May the Risen Lord guide us always.

**Bro. Antony Michael HGN**





## ST. MARY'S MINOR SEMINARY, KARUNAPURAM



Greetings of love and joy to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We, the Family of St. Mary's Minor Seminary, is indeed happy to meet you all through this Newsletter and to share our progress and happiness with you all. Hope you are all fine and healthy in your respective places. Thank you all for your valuable prayers and support.

At the very outset, we wish you a happy Easter. All our seminary activities are going on smoothly, and our Brothers are busy with their final examinations. We thank all our Fathers, Brothers and well-wishers for your valuable prayers and support for the renovation work of the seminary.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November, we celebrated the birthday of our beloved Rector Rev. Fr. Antony Ambattu. The day was made joyful and happy by the presence of Rev. Fr. Saji Pamplaniyil, the Vice-Provincial of St. Paul Province. We had the consecration and blessing of our newly constructed Chapel and the renovated seminary on

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. It was a memorable and historical day for St. Mary's Family as well as for St. Paul Province. The day was blessed with the presence of His Grace Mar Joseph Pamplani, the Archbishop of Thalassery, Very Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar, the Provincial Superior of St. Paul Province and all the Councillors and other distinguished guests namely Very Rev. Fr. K. Arockia Raj, the Provincial Superior of Mary Queen of Apostles Province and all the Councillors, the Administrator of Thalassery Arch diocese, many of our Fathers, Sisters and well-wishers.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December, we had our Semi-Christmas celebrations. On the same day, we celebrated the ordination day of Rev. Fr. Geo Pulickal, the Spiritual Father of our community. On 21<sup>st</sup> December, our Brothers had gone for their Christmas holidays and returned back on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. On 3<sup>rd</sup> January, we were blessed with the presence of our Superior General, Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt. He was very kind to preach the word of God and to celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the community. On the same day, we celebrated the ordination anniversary of Rev. Fr. Jipson and had cultural programme. We had our annual retreat for the Brothers from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January to know more about the vocation to priesthood. The preacher was Rev. Fr. Joseph Koyikal from the diocese of Idukki. The retreat days were really filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit.



On 28<sup>th</sup> January, the seminarians were taken for their annual picnic to Kannur along with the members of the Staff. We visited Payyambalam beach, Parassinikadavu temple, snake park and watched a movie. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Very Rev. Fr. Roy Kappumkal, the Provincial Superior of Mother Theresa Province visited our community. On the same day, Rev. Dr. Jose Madapattu also visited our

community. Many of our Fathers visited our community during their vacations. Their encouragements and support made our community more cheerful. Finally dear Fathers and Brothers, we assure you our prayers for your further ministry and studies. Do remember us in your prayers. Let us all be united in prayers.

**Bro. Robin Mathew Nellikunnel HGN**

### ST. THOMAS APOSTOLIC SEMINARY, VADAVATHOOR



Grace and peace to you dear Fathers and Brothers. It is my joy to meet you all through this Newsletter. Let me wish you all, the wishes and regards from St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam. We were back to the seminary after the Christmas holidays on 5<sup>th</sup> January. During the holidays, most of our beloved Deacons had their Priestly Ordinations.

We conducted the convocation day on 9<sup>th</sup> January. Mar George Punnakottil, the Bishop Emeritus of Kothamangalam diocese and Mr. Joy IAS were the eminent guests of the event. During the ecumenical week, we had the visit to Orthodox Pazhaya

Seminary at Kottayam. We had dialogue and dinner with them. In the same way, they also visited our Seminary. It was a sign of fraternity and love.

Our pastoral ministries have been completed and Brothers who rendered their services in the dioceses of Changanassery, Palai and Kanjirapally had a gathering in the respective Bishop's houses. Now it is the time for our annual exams and we are preparing ourselves for the final exam. After the exams, Theologians have three days of retreat in preparation for the minor and major ordinations. I sincerely thank you all for your prayers and regards. I request your prayers for the forthcoming exams and retreat. Wishing all good health and a Happy Easter.

**Bro. Abhijith Manuel HGN**





## ST. JOSEPH PONTIFICAL SEMINARY, CARMELGIRI



Greetings from St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Carmelgiri, Alwaye. It is my pleasure to convey you all our wishes through this Newsletter. We, the Pauline brothers are very proud and happy to be here in the seminary at Carmelgiri. We three of us; Bro. Sebin, doing his second year of Theology, Bro. Prajul Titus, doing his first year of Philosophy and myself, doing first year of Theology, are very thankful and grateful to you all for your prayers and great supports in our journey to priesthood.

Our seminary was reopened on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 after the Christmas vacation. This year we were in the Golden Jubilee year of PIA (Pontifical Institute of Alwaye). 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023, was the official concluding ceremony of the Golden Jubilee of PIA. It was officially inaugurated by the honorable Chief Minister of Kerala, Sri. Pinaray Vijayan. It was a grand celebration and was begun with the solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration. His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Kalathiparambil, the Archbishop of Varapuzha was the main celebrant. Rt. Rev.

Dr. George Madathikandathil, Rt. Rev. Dr. Selvister Ponnunmuthan and Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Karikkassery were concelebrants in the Holy Mass.

From January 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of this year the Golden Jubilee Memorial Football Tournament was conducted in our seminary. Rev. Fr. Chacko Puthenpurackal officially inaugurated the function. There were eight teams representing eight seminaries. Heralds of Good News team was one among them. We were very surprised and excited to see the game of our Brothers. In the first match against Mangalapuzha Seminary, our Brothers played well and defeated them by 2-1 and entered into semi-final with Carmelgiri. We, the Carmelgiri family appreciated and congratulated them for their excellent game. In the semifinal, though our Brothers played an excellent game, they could not defeat Carmelgiri Brothers. The Carmelgiri seminary team became the champions.

The Unity Octave prayer service of 2023 was being conducted from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. This year's theme given to us from the universal Church was, "Seek justice and do good," from the book of Prophet Isaiah. 1:17. The 8 days of prayer for Christian Unity carried eight different themes, every batch gave leadership to each day's prayer service. There was a poster competition in accordance to each day's theme in which all the six batches creatively presented their charts. On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023, unity Octave



prayer service was being concluded with solemn evening prayers officiated by His Excellency Matthews Mar Timotheus, the Metropolitan Bishop of Jacobite Church. On this occasion, he gave an inspiring speech explaining the meaning of unity in diversity.

The parents gathering of first year Theologians and Philosophers was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. The parents of all the Brothers were present. The meeting was from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, we introduced our parents before the group and Fr. Rector had given small gifts as a symbol of concern and care. Also, recently

we had our batch picnic, all the Brothers in different batches went for picnic with their animator in different places. It was a wonderful experience and enjoyed a lot with different sceneries, places, churches and food.

We hope that all are keeping well and doing your ministry very well. As we are approaching Easter, let us pray for each other. Once again thank you all for your prayers and great support. We wish you all an advance Happy Easter.

**Bro. Shubin Mathew Palathinal HGN**

### ST. CHARLES SEMINARY, NAGPUR



Greetings of joy, peace and love. I am glad to share some of the important events in St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur. First and foremost, I am happy to tell you that we (Bro. Abin and Bro. Roy) are fine and doing well here. At the same time, I hope that, by the grace of God, you are all good. As far as St. Charles Seminary is concerned, November 4<sup>th</sup> was a special day. Seminary had the feast of her Patron St. Charles Borromeo. The feast day

celebration was in fact great. As part of feast day, the seminary has a tradition of inviting ex- Caroleans who celebrate their jubilee of ten years, twenty five years, forty years and fifty years. Indeed, it was an extraordinary day for us, an opportunity to listen to the rich experience and to join them in cherishing their memories in St. Charles. On the feast day, the seminary presented a drama about the life of St. Devasahayam Pillai, which was well appreciated by the audience.

The day after the feast, we left for the batch tour for five days. We are 16 in the batch as residents and the majority being from Northern part of India preferred to go to Vishakhapatnam and some parts of Andhra Pradesh. It was a fun-filled, loving week.





The Christmas celebration was very unique and it was our first experience after coming. Our Carol to the whole city on 23<sup>rd</sup> night was an extraordinary experience. All seminarians joined the Carol, sharing the message of Christmas for the whole Nagpur city. As the part of the Christmas celebration, the seminary also organized Carol singing competition, “Bethlehem memories” in which many schools and parishes participated. The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes beside the seminary stands off as the centre of attraction to the people of Nagpur of different faiths to come to seminary to visit the premises of the seminary. The Christmas day was a busy day in fact, as we were asked to bless the people at the Grotto. In the same way, the New Year was also celebrated in a good manner.

At St. Charles, the Diaconate Ordination was given to the Third Year

Theologians in the month of February and in preparation for it, we attended a retreat for 5 days, led by Rev. Fr. Roswan Antony SAC. It was enriching and motivating for us. On 4<sup>th</sup> February, ordination to the diaconate took place in which 13 candidates were ordained from our batch.

In fact, now we are busy with our dissertation work. At the same time, our classes are going on along with some exams at the weekends. On 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will go to Varanasi, *Matridham Ashram* as it is a custom for Third Year Theologians. We will return from there by 14<sup>th</sup> of April. However, life is happy and going well by the grace of God. Please keep us in your prayers and we assure you our prayers.

**Bro. Roy Tomy Kuzhiplakil HGN**





## **CENACLE, ST. PAUL PROVINCIAL HOUSE, KONOOR-KORATTY**



### ***The Endnotes...***

It seems apt to address the Cenacle Times as the Endnotes. These are the notes indicated in the text and placed at the end of the Book. They are used to provide: citations, additional information that would disrupt the flow of the main text. It consists of information added to a text in another spot, such as an explanation or a citation of a source. By no doubt, the ministry and

service of every member of the Pauline Family is inexplicably gushing forth from the fountain of Cenacle like the heart taking care of the body. Like endnotes stands as the essential part of the systematic presentation, the Cenacle stands out as the essential part of every member of Pauline fraternity. And here is the endnotes from Cenacle with few remarkable citations.

Dear Fathers and Brothers, we hope and pray that you are all hail and hearty and doing well in your ministries and studies. We, the Cenacle community members, are fine and happy by God's blessings and mercy and doing the maximum for the best of all. We are indeed grateful to all the Fathers and Brothers for sharing your time and happiness at Home through your visit to Cenacle. It shows your paternal care, motherly affection and brotherly concern. Thank you one and all.





The annual retreat of the members of the Province was from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September and the retreat was guided by Rev. Fr. Bijil Chakkiath MSFS. We celebrated *Onam* on 4<sup>th</sup> September with great festivity. For the third death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Ajish Azhakulathil, the Fathers of the nearby communities joined in our campus at Pampady, praying for our departed brother priest. The Provincial House community joined together in celebrating the birthday of Very Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar and the feast day of Rev. Fr. Manu Kuttikattu on 20<sup>th</sup> September. It was on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Rev. Fr. Saji Pamplaniyil, the Vice-Provincial made an official visit to Germany. On 24<sup>th</sup> September, Rev. Fr. Alanikal Lijo returned from Italy after completing the term of his ministry. On 30<sup>th</sup> of the same month, Rev. Fr. Baiju Thomas was accompanied to Munnar as he was to take charge at Our Lady's Church, Chinnakkanal as the Parish Priest.

Fr. Provincial Superior along with his Administrative Team went to Andhra Pradesh for a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October. On 24<sup>th</sup> October, the Cenacle community went for the funeral of the father of Rev. Fr. Jince Cheenkallel. On 13<sup>th</sup> November, Very Rev. Fr. Selvan Lazar along with Rev. Fr. Paulose Manickathan went to Arunachal Pradesh to visit our school and community there. After the completion of the renovation of our Minor Seminary in Kannur, it had the solemn blessing on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The new chapel in the seminary was consecrated by His Grace Mar Joseph Pamplani, the Archbishop of Thalassery.

We were blessed to have the visit of Very Rev. Fr. Roy George the Provincial Superior of St. Mother Teresa Province and Very Rev. Dr. K. Arokia Raj, the Provincial Superior of Mary Queen of Apostles Province on 11<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December respectively. We were very happy and overjoyed by the visit of one of our well-wishers, Mrs. Jyothi Margareeta Fischer on 19<sup>th</sup> December. We celebrated the Semi-Christmas on 20<sup>th</sup> December. It was really fantastic with a beautiful crib at home and the day was blessed with the presence of many Fathers. We had the Christmas Vigil, which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Paulose. On 29<sup>th</sup> December, Fathers went to attend the sacerdotal silver jubilee celebrations of Rev. Fr. Tony Cheeramkuzhiyil at his home parish.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January, Rev. Fr. Marydasan and his parish youth came here for the New Year celebrations. On 2<sup>nd</sup> January, Mrs. Jeena Bourges and Rev. Fr. Sebastian, two friends of Rev. Fr. Paulose from USA visited us. It was indeed a great day for all of us when our Superior General, Very. Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt came here for his canonical visit on 8<sup>th</sup> January. The day's Holy mass was presided over by him. On 9<sup>th</sup> January, Rev. Fr. Thomas Olikunnel and Rev. Fr. Jenish went to the Archdiocese of San Antonio, USA for their pastoral ministry. On the same day, Rev. Fr. Lijo took charge as the Procurator at Good News Retreat Centre, Pampady. We had the sacerdotal silver jubilee celebration of Rev. Fr. Adattu Nikson at Cenacle in the presence of the Provincial Team, many

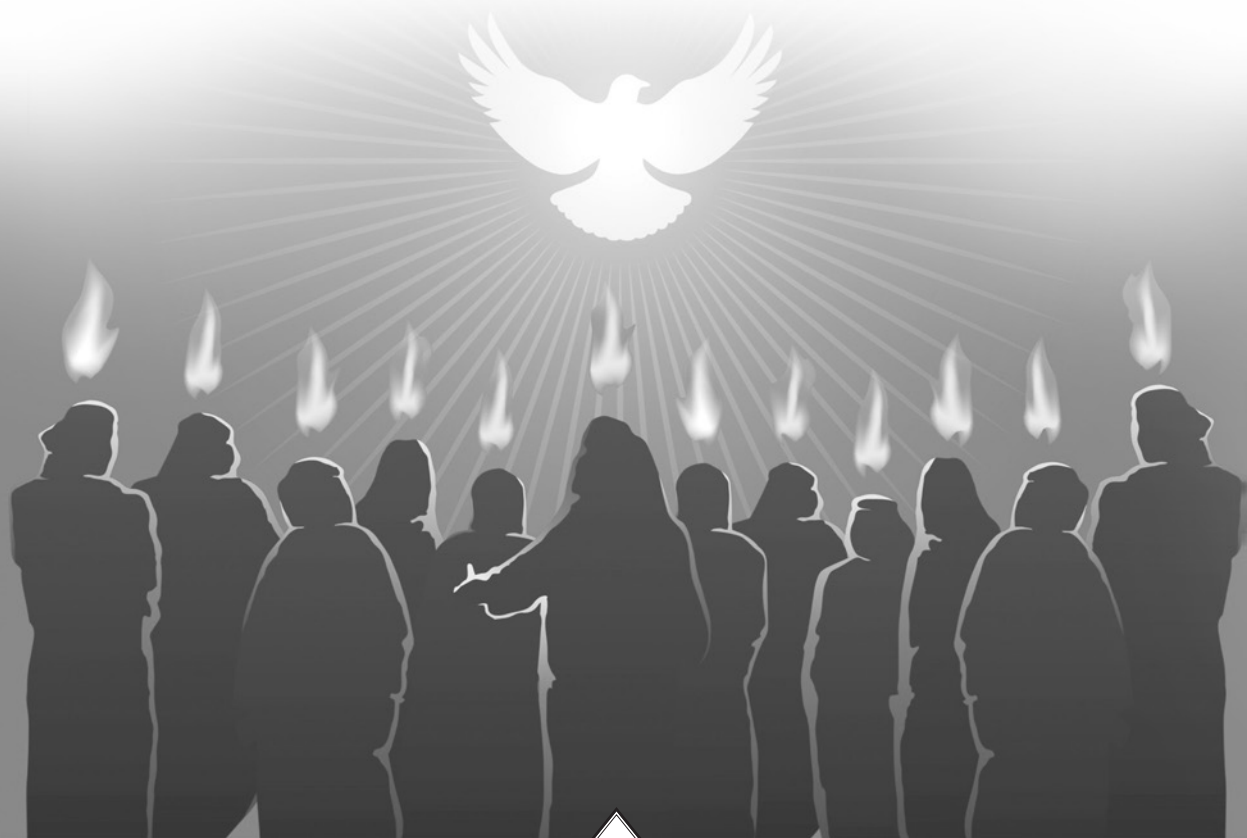


Fathers and Sisters on 25<sup>th</sup> January, and the following day there was celebration at his home parish.

Rev. Fr. Pradeesh Mathew went to the diocese of Aitape, Papua New Guinea for his pastoral ministry on 1<sup>st</sup> February. The Cenacle community was blessed and honored by the visit of His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael F. Olson and Rev. Fr. Thomas Jones of the diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. On 10<sup>th</sup> February, Very Rev. Fr. Boban, the Superior General of Missionaries of Compassion visited us. Fr. Provincial Superior went to Europe for his visit on 28<sup>th</sup> February. These are a few updates of the events of the Cenacle community.

Cenacle gets a strong feeling that it is a Home away from home with love and affection, especially when the Fathers and Brothers come for sharing the time and happiness with it by the frequent visits. It explicates the sharing of the warmth of love, support, enthusiasm and joy in one's Home-coming. Cenacle keeps its every member of the Province in prayers constantly. Easter is the Gospel of Gospels because it gives men the hope and strength that we will rise again from the dirt of sin, from our own created tombs and from death. May this Easter be a sure experience of the Gospel for all of us.

**Rev. Fr. Shaiju Berkmans HGN**





## DAYS TO REMEMBER

### APRIL

01	Rev. Fr. Kuppakara Isaac (Jins K. Devasia)	Birth Day
02	Rev. Fr. Poovamnikumthottiyil Saji Sebastian (Joseph)	Birth Day
04	Rev. Fr. Parambukattil Sunny Issac	Birth Day
07	Rev. Fr. Charathady J. Marydasan	Ordination Anniversary
07	Rev. Fr. Thoompunkal Biju (Chacko)	Ordination Anniversary
08	Rev. Fr. Thadathil Jinu	Ordination Anniversary
09	Rev. Fr. Kanjirathumkunnel Reji Joseph (Thomas)	Birth Day
10	Rev. Fr. Kalpakasseril Mathew	Ordination Anniversary
12	Rev. Fr. Thulimelli Jaya Babu	Ordination Anniversary
12	Rev. Fr. Medanki Francis	Ordination Anniversary
12	Rev. Fr. Chirakkalakathu Vipin Varghese	Birth Day
12	Rev. Fr. Chirakkalakathu Vipin Varghese	Ordination Anniversary
12	Rev. Fr. Johnson Antony	Ordination Anniversary
15	Rev. Fr. Kuppakara Isaac (Jins K. Devasia)	Ordination Anniversary
16	Rev. Fr. Pulickal Mathew	Ordination Anniversary
16	Rev. Fr. Varavilathopu Shabu Varghese	Ordination Anniversary
18	Rev. Fr. Maramattathil Mathew (Joby Michael)	Ordination Anniversary
19	Rev. Fr. Oravanamthadathil Jacob	Ordination Anniversary
21	Rev. Fr. Mullappallyil Luke (Cyril Stephen)	Ordination Anniversary
21	Rev. Fr. Mattathilanikal Shijo	Ordination Anniversary
22	Rev. Fr. Vazhappillil Shijomon (Joseph)	Birth Day
22	Rev. Fr. Cheenkallel Jince Mathew	Ordination Anniversary
23	Rev. Fr. Manganthanath Jineesh (George)	Feast Day
23	Rev. Fr. Padayatty Anthony Varghese	Feast Day
23	Bishop Siby Mathew Peedikayil	Feast Day
23	Rev. Fr. Vattamalayil Sanish Mathew (Varghese)	Feast Day
23	Rev. Fr. Mattathil George (Subin)	Feast Day
23	Rev. Fr. Mangara Jinto Antony	Feast Day
23	Rev. Fr. Ambattu Tomy	Ordination Anniversary
23	Rev. Fr. Cheeramkuzhiyil Tony Manuel	Ordination Anniversary
23	Rev. Fr. Kandathiparambil Joseph	Ordination Anniversary
23	Rev. Fr. Manickathan Paulose	Ordination Anniversary
23	Rev. Fr. Illickal Jeffy	Feast Day
25	Rev. Fr. Kalpakasseril Mathew	Birthday
25	Rev. Fr. Illickal Jeffy	Ordination Anniversary
25	Rev. Fr. Kurumpurath Mathew	Ordination Anniversary
26	Rev. Fr. Kuttikattu Manu	Birthday





26	Rev. Fr. Mangara Jinto (Varghese)	Ordination Anniversary
26	Rev. Fr. Poovathel Anish (Joseph)	Ordination Anniversary
27	Rev. Fr. Puthiyamangalath Praveen (Martin)	Ordination Anniversary
27	Rev. Fr. Velamparambil Sunny (Sebastian)	Birth Day
28	Rev. Fr. Meprath Justine (Joseph)	Ordination Anniversary
29	Rev. Fr. Ambattu Jibin (Antony)	Ordination Anniversary
30	Rev. Fr. Mattathil George (Subin)	Ordination Anniversary

## MAY

01	Rev. Fr. Thadathil Sibi (Stephen)	Ordination Anniversary
02	Rev. Fr. Mattathilanickal James (Shijo)	Ordination Anniversary
03	Rev. Fr. Varayankunnel Mervin	Feast Day
03	Rev. Fr. Kualathinapadickal Philip	Feast Day
03	Rev. Fr. Painunkel Justin	Feast Day
03	Rev. Fr. Padayatty Anthony Varghese	Birth Day
05	Rev. Fr. Purayidathil Raju Peter	Birth Day
08	Rev. Fr. Selvinivas Johnson	Ordination Anniversary
09	Rev. Fr. Elukkunnel Binoj (Joseph)	Birth Day
10	Rev. Fr. Thulimelli Jaya Babu	Birth Day
12	Rev. Fr. Mazhuvancherikala Chacko (Binoy M. T.)	Ordination Anniversary
12	Rev. Fr. Kadavilpurayil Luke (Jenish Jose)	Ordination Anniversary
14	Rev. Fr. Kuttikattu Manu	Ordination Anniversary
15	Rev. Fr. Painunkel Justin	Birth Day
15	Rev. Fr. Adattu Nikson	Birth Day
15	Rev. Fr. Mazhuvancherikala Chacko (Binoy M. T.)	Birth Day
18	Rev. Fr. Medanki Francis	Birth Day
18	Rev. Fr. Edathil Jaison Mathew (James)	Birth Day
28	Rev. Fr. Puthiyakunnel Bosco	Birth Day

# CENACLE VIBES



The Visit of Bishop Michael F. Olson and Fr. Thomas Jones of the Diocese of Fort Worth, USA



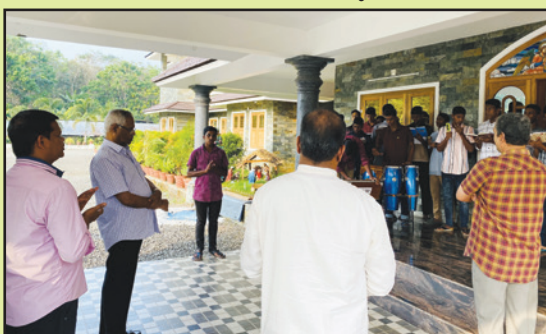
Margaretha Fischer, One of Our Well-wishers from Germany, Making Her Visit to Our Provincial House



The Visit of Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Maipan, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Khammam, Telangana



The Visit of Very Rev. Msgr. Mathew Elanjittam, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Verapoly



The Visit of Very Rev. Dr. Mathew Kallikatt, Our Superior General



The Visit of Mrs. Jeena Bourges, One of Our Well-wishers from West Virginia, USA



The Ordination Day Celebration of Fr. Selvan Lazar, Our Provincial Superior



The Feast Day Celebration of Fr. Manu Kuttikattu, Our House Superior



# Hearty Congratulations

*Dear Father on your Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee*

*Silver Jubilee....  
.....In the Year 2022*



**Rev. Fr. Adattu Nikson HGN**  
26.12.1997 to 26.12.2022

# Hearty Congratulations

*Dear Fathers on your Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee*



**Rev. Fr. Ambattu Tomy HGN**  
23.04.1998 to 23.04.2023

*Silver Jubilee....  
.....In the Year 2023*



**Rev. Fr. Cheeramkuzhiyil Tony HGN**  
23.04.1998 to 23.04.2023



**Rev. Fr. Kandathiparambil Joseph HGN**  
23.04.1998 to 23.04.2023



**Rev. Fr. Manickathan Paulose HGN**  
23.04.1998 to 23.04.2023