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*Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes.
Because for those who love with heart and
soul there is no such thing as separation.- Rumi*

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Editorial

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mk 16:15) is the missionary commandment of Jesus to the whole Church. As being members of the church, the first duty of the religious is to make visible the marvels wrought by God in the frail humanity. Religious doesn’t witness by eloquent languages but by proclaiming the wonders of grace the Lord has accomplished in those who love God. The whole church greatly depends on the witness of communities filled with joy and the Holy Spirit and she holds religious life as an example of concern for one another, communities of solitude, a sense of shared responsibility and personal commitment. The most pressing need and the most difficult challenges faced by the religious is to be the evangelical witness i.e., to be the living gospels, sacraments of Christ’s love. Cardinal Suhard makes it clear that to be a witness doesn’t consist in engaging in propaganda nor even in stirring up people but in being a living mystery i.e., to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God didn’t exist.

When Pope Francis has called a year of consecrated life, in his message, he attributes a quality that is needed in witness of religious as ‘joyful’. For religious are required to be men and women of hope springing from their absolute conviction that they are loved by good, loving and merciful God. This faith will make them joyful witnesses of good news. God can bring happiness and authentic fraternities will increase our joy. According to Pope Francis, every Christians by their nature are joyful because they are set free from sin, sorrow, from their emptiness and loneliness. And our joy attracts other people to Christ. And this gift of joy must be nourished by a life of prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of sacraments and life in the community. All of the religious should be content and satisfied, for a gloomy disciple is a disciple of gloom. Like everyone we have our troubles, our nights of soul etc. but in these, one must find perfect joy as St. Francis could.

Br Melvin Thalachirayil
Provincial Secretary

Provincial's Message



Religious life is a prophetic call to be a joyful witness to the world. Even in the midst of the obvious hurt, confusion and even despair among our brothers and sisters, we can be a people of hope. As Thomas of Celano remarks, Francis constantly endeavored to persevere in this gladness of heart, to keep ever fresh the unction of the spirit and the oil of joy. With utmost solicitude he avoided the greatest evil of ill humour. With imperturbable tranquility and cheerfulness of mind he sang, to himself and to God songs of joy in his heart. His ceaseless effort was to keep himself interiorly and exteriorly in a joyous mood. Francis impressed the same character of joy on his order. The primitive Franciscan days were as a single melody full of spiritual joy. The object of their apostolic activity was to promote and encourage true joy among the masses by words, songs and example. For even on the death bed he declared, 'For what else are the friars but joyous minstrels of the Lord who move and excite the hearts of listeners to spiritual joy?' Franciscan Joy is the joy in God, of God and from God. For Francis, sadness was real spiritual anemia, an indication of lukewarmness and laxity. "A servant of God, a person who is committed to God, should persevere in joy, but should he lose it, let him have recourse to prayer and regain it" (II Cel. 125).

However, Francis did not consider all joy to be healthy. Joy that results from vain glory that manifests itself in idle words and excites laughter was as tasteless to him as sadness itself. The perfect joy that he taught his disciples was to be derived from complete renouncement of those transitory things which take away the attention of man from the love of God. Francis rejoiced unceasingly in the Lord because they did not have anything by which they could have been grieving in any way. While addressing the Latin American religious in 2021 Pope Francis said "It is so sad to see consecrated men and women who have no sense of humor, who take everything seriously." And he continued "Please, to be with Jesus is to be joyful."

The first and best way to maintain our joy and to spread hope to others, is to encounter Jesus. In his apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel" ("Evangelii Gaudium") Pope Francis invites all Christians to have a renewed personal encounter with Jesus, or at least

an openness to letting Him encounter them (No.3). This encounter with Jesus will change us, just as it did for Mathew the tax collector, Mary Magdalene, Zaccheus and so many more. Jesus didn't allow them to let their sinful pasts hold them back. The sinful situation becomes an opportunity to experience the mercy of Jesus. Thus they were filled with joy.

Now the question is, how to encounter our Lord? Two basic ways to encounter Him as per the long-standing tradition in the Church: Word and Sacrament. The first step in getting to know Christ is through the Scriptures and it begins by starting to read the Gospels. Unless we have a clear picture about Jesus in the scriptures whatever we do becomes out of focus. As religious, and especially as Capuchins, our charism is to follow Jesus in the gospels. The second means to encounter Jesus is by the celebration of the sacraments. In everyday Eucharist celebrations we commemorate the kenosis of Jesus out of his love for humanity. We are spiritually united with him by these celebrations of the sacraments. The grace which sacraments bring will enable us to continue the sacrificial life of Jesus through our own life.

After encountering Jesus by both these means, our next step is to transform the world we come in contact with. Once we experience the love of God for us, we can't but spread the joy. We ought to radiate the mercy which we got from God. As Christians we are called to proclaim the good news through our words and life. We are all commissioned by our Lord to go to every corner of the earth, to bring the Good News of salvation through Christ. Only if our witness is joyful will we attract men and women to Christ. Christianity spreads through the joy of disciples who know that they are loved and saved. This joy is just the same that the prodigal son experienced. We can no longer be rigid and merciless to those who have failed to do their duties and those who have gone wrong.

Once we experience God's forgiveness, we will be filled with joy, a joy which the world can't give us. This was the experience of St. Francis. After his encounter with Jesus on San Damiano Cross, he was sure that his sins were forgiven, and hence was filled Joy and started singing songs aloud. Our communities must radiate this Franciscan joy around and among the people we come into contact.

May our witness be a joyful witness, day in, day out!

Br George Antony Assaricheril OFM Cap
Minister Provincial

Secretarial Information

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Br. Sharon Plakkootathil

Guardian of Sevakunj Ashram, Sumthana.

Br. Jince Palliparambil

Vicar of Sevakunj Ashram, Sumthana.

Br. Joseph Mathew Veliparambil

Member and Procurator of Sevakunj Ashram, Sumthana.

Br. Jinto Puthenpurackal

Member and Procurator of Gesthamany Ashram,
Vazhappally.

Br. Jomon Pushpamangalam

Member and procurator of Capuchin Vidyabhavan
Thellakom.

Br. Abilash Elamthuruthil

Member and Vicar of Ranigiri Ashram Mannamthala.

Br. Anup Puthenpurayil

Jagadapur mission for regency

Br. Bijo Palampurackal

Adilabad mission for regency.

Br. Melvin Thalachirayil

Provincial secretary.

Br. Geo Thannikkapara

Back to the province and appointed as the member of
Shola woods., Kulamavu.

Br. Sebin Thomas

Went to Nirmala matha Custody Assam-Meghalaya,
to substitute Br. Geo Thannikkapara.

Br. Jomes Thekkemuriyil

Went to Assam-Meghalaya Mission.

Br. Georgekutty Thottuvayil

Came back to the province from Italy and
went for doing his doctoral studies at JDV, Pune.

Br. Justine Ambazhathunkal

Was sent to teach in Vijnananilayam institute of
Philosophy and Religion.

Br. Jobis Mani Aikkaramattam

Is appointed as the Asst. Vicar in Vimala Matha Church
Kadalikad.

Extraordinary Chapter 2022

A brief Report of the Extraordinary Provincial Chapter held at Assisi Ashram Bharananganam, from 24th to 26th February 2022.

Introduction

Our Ordinary Election Chapter was due in 2020, which could not be conducted due to the COVID pandemic, with its devastating after effects. Hence, after a due consultation of the brothers of the province, Br. General Minister, with his council, appointed as provincial, Br. George Antony Assaricheril and his counselors to animate and administer the province for the current triennium. However, the Provincial Council was asked to hold an extra ordinary chapter as early as possible to present the administrative and the financial report of the province as well as to discuss in common the various programs and projects to animate the province for the triennium 2020 to 2023. In compliance with the demand of the General Minister and his council, an extra ordinary provincial chapter was convoked by the provincial minister and his counselors to be conducted from 24th to 26th, February 2022. Here below you can read a brief report of the extraordinary chapter held at Assisi renewal center Bharananganam from 24th to 26th February 2020.

Due to the prevailing conditions of restrictions and controls, by the civil authorities, the living together of the brothers to celebrate their fraternity and to share their achievements and failures and future plan of reliving the Franciscan capuchin Charism in the province, the chapter days were shortened and the participants were dispensed from staying together at one place for the celebration of the triennial fraternal gathering. Therefore, the timetable was made in such a way that the brothers from the nearby fraternities could arrive for the chapter from their own respective residences and depart in time to reach back to their homes in time, not too late. As a consequence, the hours were spent together in the chapter were drastically reduced. But we followed, in the given time, all the necessary formalities to be gone through during a provincial chapter. And nothing was thereby compromised. All the brothers of the province can feel happy that they, with their goodwill and spirit of sacrifice and collaboration could dare any adverse circumstances that might seem to paralyze their life and ministry in the province.

First Day (24/2/2022)

The inauguration of the proceedings of the chapter:

All the participants arrived at the venue of the chapter in time. And we began the inaugural ceremonies of the chapter exactly at 9:30am, with a beautiful and inspiring prayer service, conducted by the liturgical committee designated for the chapter under the leadership of Br Anish Elampurayidathil. The prayer service was followed by the first session of the chapter, which consisted of going through the formalities of the chapter, such as approval of the timetable, appointing the chapter secretary and the other officials of the chapter like steering committee, moderators, recording secretaries, drafting committee, liturgical committee, etc. and the approval of the prepared agenda.

Having completed the formalities, Br. Provincial Minister proceeded to the inaugural address. He welcomed and thanked all the participants and said “Brothers, you took the risk of coming here because you believe in fraternity, in the coming together, there is joy on all the faces of the friars”. Then, he continued to express his gratitude to all the brothers for having placed their trust in the new provincial minister and his counselors by choosing them by their consultative vote conducted by the general administration. He also requested their fraternal cooperation and prayerful support of all in the administration and revitalization of the province, which is to some extent, suffering from various ailments, especially in the areas of fidelity to Franciscan Capuchin fraternal spirit, poverty, simplicity and other typical Franciscan values. It is high time that we as a group of generous and committed brothers follow the Poverello of Assisi with greater enthusiasm and genuine endeavors to rededicate ourselves so that the Franciscan spirit can rebuild the church of the modern times as it did at the time of its founding father, Saint Francis of Assisi. God has already manifested His Holy Will by giving the universal church an erudite and capable Jesuit Cardinal Bergoglio as the Pope filled with the Franciscan spirit and enthusiasm to propagate the genuine Franciscan values by simplicity, universal brotherhood and peace in every levels of the society. The Pope’s messages are a constant challenge to all the members of the Franciscan family to recapture and to live concretely, the Franciscan values. Then the provincial minister proceeded to welcome Br Joseph Puthenpurkacal and Br. Mathew Vattakunnel to present the triennial provincial and financial report respectively. Then he welcomed also the brothers who represented the different areas of their missionary and pastoral activities who were present in the chapter

to give a very brief account of their presence and ministry in their respective territories.

Br Ricky Mukhim (Assam) Br Manish (P N G) Br.Varghese Pulickiyil (Namibia) Br. Mathew Paikada (Syro-Malabar mission outside of Kerala), Br. Cherian Scaria (AP, Vijnananilayam Eluru) gave a clearer picture of what was happening and how the brothers were living and spreading the Franciscan values in the various parts of our country and abroad. It was indeed very encouraging to the brothers to know that many wonderful things are happening in the world through the grace of God and the collaboration of our own brothers. Then the provincial concluded his welcome address by extending a special welcome to our Br Kristudas, who was not attending the previous provincial chapters , the brothers who attended the provincial chapter for the first time and the veterans who have participated in several chapters in their lifetime. The conclusion of the inaugural address was followed by the lighting of the lamb as a sign of the presence of the risen Lord, and that of the Holy Spirit amidst the capitulars throughout the Chapter days. With this the first session of the chapter was concluded, and all went for a light refreshment, and relaxation.

The second session began at 11:15am. Br Renny Velayapallil, the Custos of the Nirmalamatha custody of Assam -Meghalaya was asked by the chapter Secretary Br. Amal Keeprath to preside over this session. The session started with the presentation of the triennial report by Br Joseph Puthenpurackal, the previous provincial minister. In addition to the prepared and distributed triennial report, he added the following points: Br. Jinto Puthenpurackal was pursuing the pastoral instead of spiritual theology course. Br. Sibychen Puthiyidom has been appointed as the auditor in the tribunal of the Archdiocese of Changanassery as well as the vice postulator of the cause of the beatification of Puthenparambil Thommachan, the pioneer and the promoter of the Franciscan third order in the Syro Malabar Church in Kerala.

The moderator then proceeded to take up the point of clarifications and responses to the triennial report. The capitulars took a keen interest in proposing their views on the report presented and made their own suggestions. Some of the points that came up are: the need of language correction; the reason for the change of name FAAC to “Atma Mitra”; regarding the origin and presence of YOU-FRA in Gethsemany Ashram; need of consistency in mentioning the

expenses incurred for the repair of the houses, the present status of the contract between St. Joseph Province and Marymatha province of Andhra/Telangana/Odisha. Appreciating the financial stability of the province achieved during the last triennium etc. were the salient points by way of response to the report.

The afternoon session started at 2:30 p.m. with the financial report of the triennium presented by Br Matthew Vattakunnel, the previous procurator. After a few clarifications on the report Br. George Antony, the provincial minister gave a picture of the financial situation during the time of COVID pandemic. Real brotherliness, he noted, was shown at this time of crisis. Insurance claims, keeping the COVID affected brothers in the Quarantine, and the related issues were big problems to be carefully handled. The gathering of the Guardians, the program of Fratelli Vicini get-together, etc. helped in pooling the ideas and tackling the situations smoothly. It was our genuine spirit of Capuchin fraternity that saved us he said. He gratefully recalled the financial support the fraternities of Mannamthala, Uzhavoor and PNG mission extended to us during the period of crisis. He specially thanked his predecessor Br Joseph Puthenpurackal for stabilizing the financial situation of the province by putting it on a strong foundation. The insurance policies helped the province in a big way in handling the huge medical expenses. He finally suggested the idea of conservation, that is, carefully planning of financial management as the income has been reduced in recent years. Having concluded his observations, he invited Br. Sandeep Neendissery, the present provincial procurator to present the financial situation of the province from the month of July 2020. Br. Sandeep gave a clear and detailed account of the present financial condition of the province with a Power Point presentation of the data.

Having completed the discussions and the clarifications on the financial report, the chapter proceeded to take the points in the agenda for discussion. The Moderator Renny Velayapallil requested the capitulars to postpone the discussion on our missions to the next day, as some missionaries would be joining the chapter only from that day. It was accepted by all. Then the points given in the agenda were taken up for discussion. The first point that came up was community and Prayer Life of the brothers. Since this point has been discussed in the previous chapters also, it was meant as a renewed reminder to pay attention to this important aspect of our life, it was opined! And then the session was concluded for the day.

Second Day (25/2/2022)

On 25th, the second day of the chapter commenced with Br Mathew Paikada as the moderator. The discussion on the community and prayer life continued. In this session, discussions were held on the personal use of four wheelers, the problems related to their registration etc. The next point that came up for discussion was the status and future plan for the Ashrams in Vagamon Kattapana, Pathanamthitta etc. Various proposals were made and finally it was agreed upon to make use of these houses for the revitalization of our Franciscan Capuchin life; organizing different programs to provide the lay faithful a conducive place for their spiritual growth, as well as to make these facilities as a source of income for the brothers, as the external financial support is dwindling.

The next item that was on the agenda was concerning the initial and ongoing formation of the brothers with a special emphasis on promoting the capuchin brotherhood. All the brothers are to promote earnestly the non-clerical form of our Capuchin life as this is an integral part of our common vocation. The capitulars were of opinion that the brothers in formation make their own choices to be a cleric or non-cleric. During the course of their formation, all will be provided the same opportunity for studies. Another point that emerged in the course of our discussion was the urgent need of the formation of the Formators. They need to be abreast with the modern trends in the spiritual and pastoral life of the church. For this, it is necessary to revisit our formation program in the various stages of formation at regular intervals.

In the afternoon session, which started at 2:30pm with the Br Simon Neelanirappel, as the moderator, the topic of mission was taken up. He requested our missionary brothers to present a brief report of their respective mission territories thus Br. Francis Nambiaparambil presented the report on behalf of PNG mission, Br. Renny Velayapallil on Nirmala Matha Custody, Br. Varghese Pulickiyil on Namibia mission, Br. Alexander Madathil on our collaboration with the German Province, Br. Sebin Njaralakkatt on our Italian collaboration and Br. Mathew Paikada on Syro-Malabar mission outside Kerala. Then the chapter dispersed for evening coffee.

Coming back after the tea-break the discussion continued on the mission, some of the important points that came up were : including the Hindi language study in our seminary curriculum; mission experience to be a part of our regency program; clerical brothers also to have mission experience at least for a period as mandatory part of their formation ; refresher course for the brothers be made a regu-

lar program of our ongoing information; sending brothers for higher training and study from the Mission territories as well; fostering of fraternal hospitality to our missionary brothers in the mother province; choosing the brothers for higher studies by carefully going through due consultations as suggested in our formation program; renewed collaboration with Vijananilayam in Andhra Pradesh, in studies as well as in teaching.

The next agenda point that the chapter took up was our ministry. The salient points of the discussion that came up can be summarized as follows; look into the feasibility of conducting “Franciscan retreats” when and where possible, similar to “Carceri retreats” in the Philippines; calling preferably Franciscans and Capuchins for our annual retreats; preparing the brothers and enabling them to prepare Franciscan retreats; the idea of Fratelli vicini be translated into concrete programs from time to time; utilizing the knowledge and life experience of the many brothers in the province who had higher studies in Franciscanism; looking into new and effective forms of vocation promotion; launching new forms of ministry, even in art and cultural fields, revisiting the forms and methods of our traditional ministries, like mission retreat, Secular Franciscan Order, etc. It was indeed very promising to witness the active participation of the capitulars in the discussion of the various topics that came up for discussion. But due to lack of time the discussions were to be curtailed often by the moderators at the disappointment of the participants. The second day of the Chapter, however, ended with a very positive note to the satisfaction of the Capitulars.

Third Day (26/2/2022)

26th February, the third and final day of the chapter began at 9:30am. After the roll call by the chapter Secretary the first topic taken up for discussion from the agenda point namely administration was regarding the various issues related to the land at Thopramkudy. The Provincial gave a brief statement regarding the present situation and issues related to the land. Though some of the capitulars were not for a detailed discussion on the point, a short discussion was carried out and certain clarity was brought about on various issues involved.

The next item for discussion was “the vision and mission for each house”. It was considered as one of the most important topic to be discussed, as it would throw light on our future life and ministry in the province. At the very outset, it was pointed out that we must plan our programs and projects with futuristic vision, good budgeting and economic planning so as to allocate funds for the projects

in a judicious manner. The Purchase of land and the construction of ashrams should not be based on the availability of funds, but on clear vision of our charisma and the availability of suitable personnel for the proposed projects. Thus, this being a very important point, the suggestion of the moderator to postpone it for the next ordinary provincial chapter was not accepted.

The capitulars were of opinion that it being important as well as an urgent one for that matter a commission could be constituted. Accordingly brothers Cherian Scaria, Joseph Puthenpurackal, Mathew Paikada, James Vazhacharickal and Sandeep Needissery were appointed as the Commission Members. The other points taken up for discussion were: the land in Gethsemany, Provincial infirmary, reconstruction and repair works in some houses, the newly acquired lands, cemetery extension at Assisi in Bharanganam.

Then the points which were not in the original agenda but added to it were taken up for discussion. These are the following: one brother one post and school of happiness initiated by Br. Mathew Karippal. Some time was given for discussing these points. During the course of the chapter proceedings two of our brothers namely, Br. Joseph Mathew and Br. Suresh Maroor were given a little time to introduce the books they authored.

Then the drafting committee presented the decisions and recommendations made in the chapter and they were accepted unanimously by the Capitulars with certain corrections. This was followed by the concelebrated Holy Eucharist and photo session. After the lunch the brothers departed for their respective ashrams, cherishing the sweet memories of the celebration of their fraternity!



Decisions, Recommendations, Exhortations

1. The Chapter exhorts to the decisions of the Provincial Chapter 2017, that is: “Not to have private vehicles owned by individual friars. If any friar needs an exception, the request should go to the provincial council through the guardian. Regarding the use of the vehicles, friars shall follow the directives in the Ordinances of the General Chapter (No. 6/5).”
2. The Chapter decides to introduce a three days programme of prayer, recollection and renewal for friars in mixed age groups of minimum five, on a regular basis. The Chapter proposes the friaries of Vagamon, Kattappana, Thopramkudy, Rajakumari and Pathanamthitta for this purpose.
3. The Chapter decides it to be obligatory for all the friars who are to serve in formation houses, to participate in a Training Programme for formators.
4. The Chapter decides to introduce the Syro Malabar Holy Qur-bana in Hindi and English languages to the brothers, from the very beginning stages of the formation, to promote missionary interest. In accordance with the Synodal decision we intend to promote Hindi language.
5. The Chapter decides that Provincial together with the council-lors, do the needful to solve the land issue in Thopramkudy.
6. The Chapter constitutes a five member commission to envisage / to design / to work on the long term project exploring the vision and mission of the Province in view of the future 25 years. The members of the Commission are:
 - Br. Mathew Paikada
 - Br. Joseph Puthenpurackal
 - Br. Cherian Scaria
 - Br. James Vazhacharickal
 - Br. Sandeep Neendiserry
7. The Chapter decides to entrust the building commission of the Province to do the needful for the renovation of the St. Thomas Ashram, Kavalam.
8. The Chapter decides to entrust with the Provincial building commission, the task of studying the feasibility of the cemetery extension at Bharananganam.





News From our Fraternities

Capuchin Provincial House, Kottayam

“It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching” -St. Francis of Assisi

Greetings from Provincialate, Kottayam.

Feast of St. Joseph

On the 19th of March, we commemorated St. Joseph, the heavenly patron of our province. Religious priests and sisters from the area, as well as diocesan priests, were invited. Our friars were invited to this celebration. There were over 150 people in attendance. We also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the St. Joseph province and we wished everyone who had their feast on this day.

Picnic to Kotagiri

We had our annual picnic to Kotagiri and Ootty. We started on the 29th of May at 10:30 a.m. We spent the night at the residence of Br. Provincial's aunty in Kotagiri. The next morning, we celebrated the holy mass in our own friary at Kotagiri. We then proceeded to Kodanad View Point. We went to the Ooty Flower Show in the afternoon. Thank you, dear provincial, for organizing a lovely day in such a gorgeous setting.

Gone from our sight but never from our hearts

Our community is saddened by Br. Hadrian's passing away on 19th March. On the 19th, Br. Hadrian's pulse rate suddenly dropped, and so he was rushed to SH hospital and was admitted to the cardiac ICU. After a while, he returned to his normal rhythm. He tasted his soup, and doctors led bystanders away as his condition appeared to be normal. However, by 9:00 p.m., his pulse rate had dropped to 20/25. Despite all the immediate medical assistance, he was unable to recover and he breathed his last. His body was conveyed to the Provincialate at 8:30 a.m on March 20th, and then to Capuchin Vidyabhavan. The funeral service was presided over by Arch Bp. Mathew Moolakatt. He was laid to rest at the Capuchin Vidhyabhavan tomb.





Adieu, dear brothers

We gave sent off to Br. Sebin Koloth who was going to the Asam-Meghalaya mission on 31st May and prayed for him to be a holy and effective missionary there. Br. Justine Ambazhathunkal was also given sent off, who was going to teach at Vijnananilayam Institute of Philosophy and Religion after completing his studies.

Atithi Devo Bhava

Br. Philip Gonsalves, the provincial of St. Boneventure Province in Maharastra, Br. Rodson, the secretary of St. Antony's Province in Goa, Br. Justin from St. Francis province, Br. Jerry Lobo, Br. Johnson Puthenpurackal, Br. Satish, and all the missionaries from PNG, Namibia, Germany, Andhra Pradesh, and Adilabad are among those who visited the Provincialate on various occasions. We appreciate the new regents and first-year theologians who stayed and assisted the community in its day-to-day operations. Our heartfelt thanks to all the brothers who came to visit and brightened our day with their presence.

Celebrations

We celebrated the feast of Br. George Antony, the Provincial on 23rd April. The festal mass was at 11:30 a.m and we prepared a sumptuous meal in honour of him and for which the brothers from other communities were invited. On February 12th, we celebrated Br. Sandeep Neendassery's birthday. We had a prayer section, which was followed by a delectable meal in his honour. On May 26th, we also celebrated Br. Sanuju's birthday.

We wish every brother in our province God's choicest blessings in the coming months

Assisi Ashram Bharananganam

It is a great feeling to be back on the pages of Internos to share with you all the moments of joy and happiness we experienced here in the last few months.

Christmas Celebration

Christmas and New Year celebrations of our community were celebrated on 9th January 2022. We arranged the programs outside near the refectory in an illuminated space. It was the time for exchanging Christmas gifts. The day was memorable with dance and music.

Hearty Welcome

We are extremely happy to welcome Br. Thomas Poriyath to our community. Br. Kristudas Kurisummoottil also came as a member of Provincial Infirmary. The arrival of these two brothers doubled our joy.

Second Coming

Sister sickness visited us the second time as Fr. Martin and Fr. Jeby and some of the brothers in Seraphic Seminary affected by Covid – 19. We had a special time table as part of strict quarantine. After two weeks of isolation and medical aid, everyone came back to the common life with full of enthusiasm by the grace and providence of God.

Joy of Priesthood

Deacon Thomas Tom was raised to the joy of ministerial Priesthood on 27th February 2022. The Sacramental ordination was conferred by the Major archiepiscopal Curia Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal. It was a great day for all the brothers. More than 500 people attended the function.

Manual labor is a great art

When brothers join together there begins the celebration. We had the traditional hay work in a festive way. Brothers joined together and carried the hay to the cowshed. Our traditional 'Kappavattu' was not done this year as there was only less brothers in Seraphic seminary and because of Covid – 19.

Lent and Easter

The preparation for lent was solemnly began with the 'Vibhoothithirunnal'. On Palm Sunday, we had Holy Mass at 06: 15 am. The ceremonies of Maundy Thursday were started at 06: 15 am. There was a concelebrated mass and Fr. Guardian was the main celebrant. On Good Friday the liturgical ceremonies were started at 06: 15 am. Fr. Jose Enthanal was the main celebrant. Fr. Jomon gave a very beautiful homily on the death of Jesus Christ. Holy Saturday was blessed with the visit of Br. General. After a small meeting we had lunch at Assisi renewal centre. Br. General was accompanied by the general councilor and secretary and we also celebrated the birthday of Br. Provincial on that same day.

Enriched with their presence

Our newly professed brothers came here on 26th May 2022. We played together, prayed together and shared the joys of capuchin brother hood.

Jubilee bells

We celebrated the silver jubilee of the first profession of Fr. Santhosh Peacevilla's on 30th May 2022. We had the thanksgiving Eucharistic Adoration followed by the jubilee gathering. Fr. Guardian thanked Fr. Santhosh for his numerous services that he had done for the order. It was a great day filled with inspiration, joy and happiness.

Festal Vibes

We celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Prince, Fr. Arun, Fr. Siby, Fr. Thomas Tom, Fr. Jomon and the feast of Fr. Jose Enthanal, Br. Jose Edayal and Fr. Isidore in a special manner. The celebrations ended with a sumptuous dinner.

Our Guests

Fr. Philip Gonzales, Fr. Rodson, Fr. Stephen Jayaraj, Fr. James K. T, Br. Jose, Fr. Chacko Mannicheril were the brothers who paid their fraternal visits. Dear brothers, thank you for your visit and do come again to Bharananganam.

Seraphic Seminary

After our Christmas vacation we became busy with the court work. The renovated court was inaugurated by Fr. Rector. In the month of January all brothers except two were tested covid positive. We had no classes for almost two weeks. The inauguration of the new road and blessing of the car porch was done by Br. Provincial on 17th February 2022.

Br. Antony Kalathil, our rector is busy in sharing his knowledge in philosophy. He went to Andhra to take classes. On April 7th he went to Oman for Easter ministry. We had our annual picnic on 2nd April. All brothers enjoyed the special day well. After Easter Sunday brothers went for their annual vacation.

Loreto Capuchin Ashram, Muvattupuzha

LORETO TIDINGS...

The Arrival of the New Batch of Brothers at Loreto

Auto drivers at Nehru park, Muvattupuzha, were filled with curiosity at what was happening in Loreto Ashram. Since morning, young men were arriving in groups and taking autos to Loreto Ashram. But there were no decorations or any sign of festivities anywhere; the Ashram stood stern -- a somber and austere house made of granite. But the inside atmosphere was one of joy and festivity as the new batch of brothers, 26 young and vibrant men, arrived. They were all cordially welcomed by the Loreto community and there was a lot of fraternal love in the air.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Loreto community was graced by the fraternal visit of 13 silver jubilarians of the 1996-97 batch at Loreto on 4th May under the leadership of Fr. Santhosh Peacevilla. They concelebrated a solemn high mass which was followed by a grand luncheon; the jubilarians inspired the novices by recounting their novitiate days. As a parting gift they planted a cedar tree in our plot to mark their jubilee.

The Treat of the Month

The customary five days' retreat for novices and junior brothers in preparation for their entry into the order and the novitiate respectively was the treat of the month. It was dished out by Fr. Thomas Kalapura of the Pavanatma Province from 5th to 10th May. The brothers really enjoyed the dishes; we take this opportunity to thank Br. Thomas for inspiring our younger brothers.

Farewell to the Senior Novices

The 10th of May was a day of thanksgiving and bidding farewell to the senior novices. There were a few cultural programs in honor of them followed by a sumptuous supper; the vote of thanks was proposed by Br. Emmanuel representing their batch giving the junior batch a foretaste of the coming novitiate days. In the following days they departed to their respective provinces for their simple profession.

Initiated

The new batch of brothers was officially initiated into the novitiate by the kurtition ceremony on 14th May during the Holy Mass by the Novice Master Fr. Thomas Kanjirakonam. The canonical year of novitiate has officially begun for the brothers; and the members of the fraternity wished them a fruitful novitiate experience.

Into the Habit

The vestition and simple profession of 9 novices belonging to the St. Joseph Province were conducted at Loreto on the 15th of May. The function was officiated by the Provincial of St. Joseph Province, Fr. George Antony. About 300 invitees were present for the occasion including friars from various communities, sisters from neighboring convents, relatives of the brothers, and our good neighbors. We thank all for gracing the event with their valuable presence and prayers.

Led by the Spirit

Our Fr. Cherian Palukkunnel has published the book *Parishudharupi Nayicha Vishudha Francis* which is the Malayalam translation of his renowned work *The Lord Touched Me*. The book which is the result of twenty three years of his study and reflections on the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi, is now available in Malayalam.

Guests and Fraternal Visits

Loreto is famed for its atmosphere of prayer which attracted three brothers from the Muvattupuzha Malankara Diocese and also our well wisher Mr. Pappachan from Peruvanthanam, to spend time in prayer and reflection. Our brothers from the theology house, Brs. Nivil, Midhun, Geo and James also paid fraternal visits and they helped Fr. Thomas Kanjirakonam for conducting retreats in Kothamangalam and in Bharananganam.

The New Trend is Viral

Once again sister sickness has paid her fraternal visit to our brothers, this time in the form of viral fever affecting almost half of the brothers. Everyone is slowly recuperating.

To the Theologate

Fr. Jomon Pushpamangalam who was with us for the past three months for treatment and recuperation has regained his health and has moved on to the theology house to render his services there. We

gratefully remember and thank Fr. Jomon for all the services he has rendered to the community during his brief stay.

And still more good news

The Lord has blessed us with a bountiful harvest of paddy from our fields in spite of bad weather.

Fr. Rintu has come back on 31st March after the completion of his nine-month formation course at N.V.S.C, Pune. Also Fr. Prince returned after completing his course in counseling at Denha Institute, Alapuzha. Hearty congratulations to both of them.

God be with you all till we meet again

St. Jude Ashram, Mukhathala

Mukhathala-Thirunal Mahamaham

The feast of St.Jude as well as of St.George the parish patron was celebrated from 1st to 9th January with devotion and piety. The feast began with the solemn Holy Mass on 1st January at 10 am by Br. P.S. Joseph OFM Cap, Guardian of St. Antony's Friary Tillery followed by kodi yettu by Br. James Vazhacharickal the Guardian. As it is the custom, Novena prayers were held in preparation for the feast. On the 8th evening, there was the procession from the church to the nearby St.George kurisadi. On the final day of the feast at 9 a.m., there was a Solemn High Mass. The parishioners served meals at noon for all the participants. Special thanks and congratulations to the parish priest Br. George Puthenpurackal for his active animation of the Parish.

Celebrations

Celebrations leave a mark of immense joy and unity of the brotherhood. We celebrated the Birthday of Br. Mathew Puthoor on 5th March, the Birthday of Br. Sone Kumbickal on 7th March, the Birthday of Br.Varghese Vadakkechira on 19th March and the Birthday of Br. George Puthenpurackal on 7th April. We had Special prayer services for all these brothers on each of those occasions and all the community members prayed for them and thanked them from the bottom of their hearts. Br.Guardian led the prayer services and thanked them for their valuable services. Delicious meals were arranged and enjoyed by the community on all four occasions.

A Day of Choicest Blessing

The 30th Death Anniversary of Br. Cuthbert OFM Cap, the founder of St. Jude Ashram and Institutions, fall on 5th of March. This day was very special for all of us. We remembered him with a grateful heart and offered the Holy Mass for him. Sisters from the nearby convents, the relatives of Br.Cuthbert and the parishioners joined for the function. Fr. Jose Venmalot, the Forane Vicar of Kollam was the main celebrant. After the evening Mass Nercha was served for all the participants.

The Final examinations

This year 102 students appeared for the 10th class examinations in the St. Jude C.B.S.E. School and 192 students in the state syllabus School. As usual we expect good results and are praying for the same.

Visit of the Provincial Finance Commission

The Provincial Finance commission consisting of Br. Simon Neelanirappel, Br.SandeepNeendiserry and Br.Cherian Scaria made their annual visit on 27th April. They examined all the documents related to the Ashram and the School and made necessary corrections and suggestions. Thank you, dear brothers, for your fraternal visit and valuable guidelines.

Community Picnic

On 20th April we had our community picnic cum pilgrimage to Nagercoil, to the tomb of St. Devasahayam Pillai, Thucaley and Poo-var. It was a great celebration of joy and brotherhood.

Zonal Monthly Recollection

On 20th May 31, 2022, we the brothers of St. Jude were glad to participate in the Zonal Monthly Recollection at Ranigiri Ashram, Mannamthala. It was happy moment to be with the brothers of St. Basil Pathanamthitta and Ranigiri Mannamthala. After the prayer session, we had a sumptuous meal and fraternal sharing. Special thanks to Br. Joseph Keeprath, Guardian of Ranigiri Ashram and Br. Abhilash and Br Jorlin, who put their heart and soul to animate the whole programme in such a wonderful manner. It was a time of Sharing, boosting up the fraternal bond among us. Thank You!

Re-opening of the Schools

After a long break, our schools are re-opened on the 1st of June. On the same day 'preveshanolsavam' was conducted in a grand scale. Br. James Vazhacharickal, Manager of the Schools officially inaugurated the academic year and gave a beautiful message to the children. The inaugural function was held at St. Jude School (CBSE), St. Jude E.M.L.P. School and St. Jude HSS respectively. Students are extremely delighted to come to school since they had been confined to their homes for a long duration. We wish everything best to the Teachers and Students in this academic year.

Our Guests

We were extremely happy to extend a warm and cordial welcome to all the brothers who visited us. Mar Sebastian Vaniyappurackal, Joshua Mar Ignatios, Fr. Dominic Valanmanal, Br. George Antony (Provincial), Br. Simon Neelanirappel (Vicar Provincial), Br. Thomas Karingadayil (Provincial, Pavanatma Province), Br. Prasad Cyprian (Provincial, St. Francis of Assisi Province) Br. Stephen Vammiyalil, Br. Tom Mundamthanathu, Br. Sandeep, Br. Cherian Scaria, Br. Thomas Kanjirakkonam, Br. Berny Varghese, Br. Pious Antony, Br. Lawrence and Br. Joseph DeCruze (Chavara Community). Dear brothers, we value your fraternal spirit and for energizing our fraternity with your Valuable Presence!

Wishing you all a healthy and happy time ahead,
For Brothers from St. Jude Ashram Mukhathala

Congratulations to Br. Roy



who won the Kerala Film Critics Award 2020
for the best debut director award for his first film 'Kattinarike'

Minister General's Visit





Br. Amal Keeprath departed to Rome for higher studies. We thank him for his wonderful service as the Provincial Secretray and Editor of Internos. Best wishes to him for his studies and life in Rome.

Gethsemany Ashram, Vazhappally

Dear Brothers, we the members of Gethsemany Ashram, Vazhappally, greet all readers of INTER NOS with our traditional greeting PEACE and JOY.

Lentern Programmes

On Ash Monday (Vibhuthy Thirunnal), there were two Masses in the morning. One was at 6:00 a.m. and second was at 7:15 a.m. That day our church was full in its capacity. Main celebrant of the Mass was our Guardian Fr. Thomas Thalakulam. Concelebrant was Fr. D. James Kulathumkal. During the Mass Fr. Guardian gave a very inspiring sermon on Lent. During the Mass Ash was blessed and applied on the foreheads of people. Second Mass was at 7:15 a.m.

During second Mass also blessed ash was applied on the foreheads of people who came for Mass. During the Lent every day evening at 5:30 p.m, we had “Way of the Cross”. Many people came for that.

Retreat for People

As a close preparation for Easter we had 3 days Retreat for people from 6th April to 8th April Retreat preacher was Fr. Renny Kalathil C.M.I from Kumarakam Retreat Centre. On Retreat days there was holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. and Retreat started at 5:45 p.m. Retreat ended at 8:30 p.m. with adoration of Blessed Sacrament. Many people came to attend the Retreat.

Holy Week Programme

On Palm Sunday, first part of the liturgical ceremonies was conducted in our Social centre. Many people had assembled there. After the prayers, there was procession from there to our church with singing of Palm Sunday hymns.

On Moundy Thursday, we began the ceremony at 5 p.m. Fr. Guardian was the main celebrant. Other friars con-celebrated with him. There was the ceremony of Washing of the feet during the Mass. Public adoration of the Holy Eucharist was till 8:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, there was adoration of the Holy Eucharist from 7 a.m. till 1 p.m. All our people from our 17 Family Units actively took part in it. In the afternoon at 3 p.m., we conducted the liturgical ceremonies of Good Friday. Fr. Sebastian Chundakattil was the main celebrant. After the functions, we had WAY OF THE CROSS from our church to Palatra Junction through the M.C. Road. It was conducted in a very attractive way. After that “Kanji” with cooked beans curry in earthen vessels were served to all by Friends of Gethsemany under the leadership of Fr. Michael Parusserry.

On Easter Sunday liturgical ceremony of Jesus’s Resurrection was conducted at 2:45 a.m. Fr. Guardian was the main celebrant of the Mass. During the Mass there was procession with lighted candles with the statue of Jesus till Little Flower shrine road side. After that our Guardian Fr. Thomas Thalakulam gave a very nice sermon on resurrection of Jesus. After Holy Mass all were given easter eggs with words of God pasted on them. It was sponsored by Sunny Edimannikal a well wisher of Gethsemany Ashram. In the morning there were holy Masses at 6:00 a.m, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. For all Masses our church was fully packed with people.

Birthday Celebration

The Birthday of Fr.Vinu was celebrated on 13-3-2022. That day at 7 p.m, we had a special prayer service for him. During the Prayer service we all prayed for him. During the supper at 8 p. m, he cut the cake and we all sang Happy Birthday song and wished him. Fr Guardian thanked him for all his services in the Friary.

The Feast Celebration of St.Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph was celebrated here on 19th March. We had two Masses. One was at 6 a.m and second was at 7:15 a.m. The celebrant of first Mass was Fr.Vinu and he gave a very beautiful sermon on life of St. Joseph. After the Mass there was *Latheenj*. After Latheenj blessed Neiappam was distributed to our people.

The Second Mass was at 7:15 a.m. Celebrant of the Holy Mass was Fr. D. James. He gave a short sermon on St. Joseph during the Mass.

Sister Sickness

Our Guardian Fr. Thomas Thalakulam was admitted for Hernia Operation in Caritas Hospital Thellakam, Kottayam on 4-5-2022. After the operation, he came back to our Ashram on 6th May. Operation was successful and he started doing all works as he was doing before. Thanks to all who had prayed for him.

Fr. D. James also undergone a surgery. A foreign thing like a pin of a stapler entered in the palm of leg below thumb finger and caused severe pain. He was admitted in St. Thomas hospital Chethipuzha on 11-4-2022 and after removing it by surgery, he came back on Holy Saturday(16-4-2022). After a few days pain and a little swelling developed. Then he was admitted in Marygiri Hospital Bharnanganam on 19-5-2022 for treatment. After treatment he came back to our Ashram on 5-6-2022. Thanks to all for your prayers.

Farewel To Fr. Joseph Veliparambil

Fr.Joseph Veliparambil was a member here from 7- 5 -2019 onwards. He was transferred from here to Chanda Mission Maharashtra on 10-4-2022. Besides studying at St. John Paul Second Institute Cana, Thuruthy for Marriage and Family Counseling, he was doing the work of Procurator, very sincerely and with great interest. He was in charge of three Family Units and Director of Healing Ministry and in charge of Altar boys organization. He was willing

to do any service requested, at any time without looking whether it is in night or day. He was a very simple and humble holy friar. His transfer was a great loss for all of us. He had great interest in Mission work and had asked permission for going to Chanda Mission.

We conducted special prayer service for him on 9th April at 7 p.m. and had a very special simple supper in his honour. Fr. Guardian thanked him for all his service here and wished him all the BEST in the new mission area. After supper and farewell wishing he was sent to St. Joseph Provincial House Kottayam. Father Guardian, Fr. Sebastian and Fr. D. James accompanied him.

Hearty Welcome To Fr. Jinto Puthenpurackal

Fr. Provincial George Antony sent Fr. Jinto Puthenpurackal as a new member here on 5-5-2022. He came here accompanied by Fr. Thomaskutty Vettikal and another person from Amala Ashram Thompramkudy at 11 a.m. We all welcomed him with great joy. Now he is doing the Work of Procurator with great interest, besides doing all pastoral works. He is in charge of 3 Family Units, and in charge of Healing Ministry. He is also appointed as Director of Yuvadeepthy Hearty welcome to you dear Father.

Our Dear Guests

In the last few months, we had the happiness to meet a few of our dear brothers., Fr. Shaji Karimplanil, Bijo Kudililand, Roy Karakatt and Fr. Justin from Provincial House Kottayam, Fr. Martin Prince, and Fr. Arun from Assisi Ashram Bharananganam visited us. Fr. James Vazhacharikal and Fr. Mathew Puthoor from St. Jude Ashram Muhathala and Fr. Joseph Puthenpurackal from St. Francis Uzhavoor had come to meet us. Fr. Moncy from Parasala, two Prenovitate brothers named Bro Dijo Srampikal and Bro. Jacob Thomas Kalapuraparambil had come here to meet us. Fr. Sunny Manjakunnel and Fr. Francy Nambiyaparambil from P.N.G mission also came here and stayed with us for a few days, Fr. Chacko Mannicheril from Namibia Mission came here and stayed with us. Thank you dear brothers for your kind visits and helps.



Portiuncula Capuchin Ashram, Kattappana

Here we come with fraternal greetings of peace joy and happiness to one and all.

Feast of St Francis

We, the community of Portiuncula Ashram had nine days of Novena of our father Francis in a simple manner. On October 3rd 2021, we had the celebration of the transitus. Around 50 peoples were present, including different religious and neighbours for the same. As usual we had our fraternal enrichment through a small refreshment after the transitus. On October 4th we had a solemn celebration of the Eucharist with the people and for the further enrichment of our brotherly concern we also invited priests from nearby parishes for lunch.

Visit of Fr. Provincial

On October 18th on we had the graceful presence of Provincial Fr. George Antony, for the canonical visitation. We were extremely happy and enriched with the visit and discussed many issues and concerns of the fraternity. Fr. Provincial met the friars individually and as a community had many issues for discussions. He also had given permission and helped for buying a vehicle disposing the old one.

Farewell

On October 24, 2021 we had a fraternal lunch in honour of Fr. Thomas. V.T, On October 25 after the breakfast Fr. Thomas V.T, left to the provincial House, Kottayam, from there he proceeded to the new parish ministry at Muscat. We wish him everything best in his new field of ministry.

Christmas and New Year Celebrations

Our brothers from pre-novitiate came to make the 'crib' for the Ashram. They made a beautiful crib within two days. Also, we had the Holy Mass at night for which many people from around were present. Also we had a new year Holy Mass on the eve and wished all our neighbours and participants a Blessed and prosperous New Year.

Spiritual Animations

We are occupied with very many spiritual ministries in and around our Ashram. After a long time of interval with epidemic of

Covid 19, we started varied ministries, Holy Mass, monthly recollections, ministry of confessions and so on. During Lenten season Five sisters of SH congregation had come for one week reflection and prayer. Fr Francis Nambiaparambil also was here for a week's personal retreat. During Holy Week, Fr Binny O'carm, Br. Jose OFM Conv., also were here for their spiritual renewal. Also, we had gathering of 18 priests from Velleyamkudy forane Church for their monthly recollection and spiritual renewal. We also conducted the zonal gathering of the Capuchin Friars, all the friars from Alphonsa Capuchin Ashram, Edamattom, Amala Ashram, Thoppramkudy were present.

Our Guests

We whole heartedly welcomed our Guests, Fr. Francis Nambiaparambil, Fr. Justinian from St. Thomas Province, Fr. Xavier Vadakkekara, Fr. George Skylark (Provincial of Krist Jyothi), Fr. Johnson Puthenpurackal. Fr. Philip Gonsalves, Provincial of Maharashtra Province, Fr. Bijo Kudilil. Were some of the guests. The FCC sisters from Marin Medical Centre also made a visit to the Ashram.

Capuchin Vidabhavan Thellakom

Fraternal Greetings to all

Cheers to a New Year

As Edith Love joy Pierce quotes "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." New Year was begun with a grateful heart. There was thanksgiving prayer service with adoration as we were at the close of the year 2021 and we had our Holy Eucharistic Celebration along with the people around us. We began the New Year with the blessings of the Lord.



Celebrations....

Vidyabhavan community celebrated Christmas along with the people as covid restrictions were eased. After the Christmas lunch, the brothers have gone to their respective provinces for the Major Seminarians Meet on December 25 and 26. It was an occasion to strengthen the fraternal bond between brothers of the same province.

We celebrated the feast day of Fr. John Mylackal, our beloved confessor. It was an auspicious day wherein Fr. George Antony As-saricheril, the Provincial of St. Joseph Province, was present for the entire program. During the program, he expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the service rendered by Fr. John Mylackal to the province and the community. The Provincial wished each of us merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Christmas celebration was exuberant with the exchange of gifts.

We celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Varghese Manimala and Fr. Tom Mundathanath, which were occasions of great joy and gratitude. Fr. Rector thanked them profusely for their presence and their contribution for the betterment of our community.

Kappavattu

On January 10, we joined together for the celebratory mood of Kappavattu. Fr. George Antony, the Provincial, and Fr. Amal Keep-

rath, the secretary, were with us. It was an occasion for community building and sharing.

Oh.... Corona WHY US?

The third wave of coronavirus attacked us too. Many of our brothers were affected by it. As a result, our classes and all other community activities were suspended. Fr. Rector has suggested the brothers to stay in quarantine with extreme care and precaution. Brothers had to be confined to their own respective rooms for three weeks. The community took care of us with utmost care and love. Brs. Jophy Vayalil and Glecín Koola were rendering their valuable service to the brothers with their knowledge and experience in the medical field.

Proud to be an Indian

We celebrated the Republic Day of India by hoisting the National Flag and with due honour to the nation. Fr. Tom Mundathanath delivered a speech during the ceremony in which he challenged the people, especially the youth, to have the responsibility to be available for the country as it demands.

Gone but Never Forgotten...

On February 17, 2022, we commemorated the 10th death anniversary of our Fr. Kuriakose Pathinanchil. His relatives and many friars were present for the ceremony. Fr. George Antony was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic Celebration. The family and relatives of Fr. Kuriakose expressed their gratitude to the Capuchin Vidyabhavan.

Our beloved Brotherji, Hadrian Vanchipurackal, died on March 19, 2022, and the funeral was attended by many friars and relatives on 21st of March. May his soul rest in Peace. Our heartfelt condolences to the family and relatives of Brotherji.

Haiii... Holidays

After the semestral exams, we had the solemn conclusion of the academic year 2021-22 with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on March 30, 2022. Brothers have departed to their own respective provinces for holidays on April 1. The second year batch (17 brothers) has gone to Thopramkudy for the preparatory course for solemn profession. There were 67 brothers from all over India, consisting of brothers from OFM, OFM Cap, OFM Conv, and TOR for the Course. The brothers made their solemn profession in their own respective provinces.

Back to Class Rooms....

It was a giant reason for us to be glad, on May 28, 2022, the re-joining day, to meet the brothers after the holidays. We welcomed Fr. Jomon Pushpamangalam and the new brothers with a brotherly colored heart to the Vidyabhavan. God gave us 15 brothers for the first year batch.

On June 1, 2022, we had a great beginning of the new academic year, with a spiritual outset, celebrating the Holy Eucharist officiated by Fr. Simon Neelanirapel, (Vicar- Provincial and Rector of Capuchin Vidyabhavan), and the concelebrants were Fr. Thomas Karingadayil (Provincial, Pavanatma Province), Fr. Jaison Kalan (Vicar- Provincial, St. Thomas Province), Fr. Scaria Nelluvellil (Director of Studies), Fr. Nikhil Kanjirathinkal, Fr. Thomas Poriyath and Fr. Manoj Kandangattu, representing the new priests. The Holy Eucharist was followed by Lectio brevis, the presentation of the New Academic year. The academic year was inaugurated by Rector by lighting the lamp. The courses were presented by the Director of Studies. At the end, there was the Convocation ceremony which was officiated by Fr. Jaison Kalan with an elegant address.

The New Academic Year began with extension lectures on Religious Fundamentalism in the context of India, and the Constitution of Friars Minor Capuchins. The sessions were moderated by Fr. Mathew Paikada and Fr. Vargheese Manimala.

We wish our readers that the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be always with you.

Ranigiri Ashram Mannamthala

After a short break we are joining the pages of 'Internos'. We are sorry for absenting ourselves from the report for the past last issue.

Fr. Provincial came to us for visitation. Through his informal presence, and exhortation he made us renewed in our capuchin life and made us enthusiastic. Thank you dear Father, for your annimation. The building commission members: Jijo Kurian, James Vazhacharickal, under the leadership of Mathew Mulangasserry visited us as they were on the way to the new foundation at Aruvikuzhy, in the diocese of Parassala, to discuss about the construction of the Ashram which is now entrusted to Heather Group. Members of Ranigiri participated in the renewal Chapter at Assisi Retreat Centre.

Ranigiri organized 'Viswasolsavam' for the intense catechetical formation for the children. We are grateful to the fathers from the under the leadership of Vibin from Pavanathma Province, who made our children active through lively programme.

Fr. George Kalassery V.C conducted the 'Kudumba Visudheekarana Retreat' for the Parishners. It was a coming together of the parish in preparation for the Holy Week. In the Month of March, we were indeed glad to receive the pastoral support through the Senior Capuchin Augustine Nattunilam. We congratulate Our Jorlin Kumbilumoottil who was in Saudi Arabia for Lenten Spiritual Ministry and retreat programme. Brothers Bijo Thomas, Palampurackal and Darwin Pandiyamakal who were here to be one with the fraternity, so much so, the parishners enjoyed the pastoral help of our Capuchin Brotherliness even during the time of formation. We are greateful to Fr. Provincial and definitory for this help and to you dear brothers. By 24th of March on wards we are blessed with the presence of Abhilash Elamthuruthil, who serves Ranigiri as the Vicar of the house and Food Minister, besides his busy schedule of language studies. No wonder, within a short time 'Abhi' has won the hearts of Ranigirians.

On May 3rd we rejoiced with Jagadalpur Capuchin Brothers of St. Mary's parish Sanjaypara, Bhairamgarh as they were dedicating the Parish Church. We appreciate the work done and congratulate the Parish Priest Dinny Kurppachery, Mathew Paikada and Team. Ranigiri contributed our share to realize the dream of a Parish Church.

Ranigiri Parish co-operated with the Arch diocesan scheme of 'Karuthal-2022', helping programme for the institutions that are poor and for the development of the Forane of Amboori- Trivandrum and Kollam. Besides, the parishners contributed 9 lakhs for the construction and repairs of 2 houses gathering the Thygabhalam of the Lenten Saving.

Ranigiri brothers hosted the regional monthly recollection on 20th of May. Brothers from St. Judes, Mukhathala, Pathanamthitta and Parassala came together for the regional reflection. Shri. Abraham Panamgatt, a retired High school teacher animated us to reflect on "Our Capuchin Ministry and relation with the people". The feedback really helped us renew ourselves in our presence and ministry.

On 5th of June, praying to the Holy Spirit, we inaugurated the catechism ministry for the year 2022-23. For the past 2 years we

were interacting with our parishners through on-line-video-call house –visit and dedication to the Sacred heart of Jesus. Now, in the Month of June, dedicated to the Sacred heart, we, 3 of the Capuchin Brothers, are visiting the houses of all our Ranigiri Parishners after a long gap of 2 years created by Corona.

We wish you the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.

St. Francis Ashram, Uzhavoor

Salutations from the St. Francis Ashram in Uzhavoor. We're delighted to see you again on these Internos pages.

Woe to me if I don't preach

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature”(Mk 16:15). Fr. Joseph Puthenpurackal, who literally follows Jesus' exhortation, is engaged with his preaching ministry. He had taken up retreat in US. . It was a wonderful occasion in our community when he returned from the parish retreat in the United States. We were all looking forward to hearing about his experiences.



Lenten Observance

‘Lent arrives providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy,’ says Pope Francis. During Lent and Holy Week, there were several requests for spiritual assistance from local churches and convents. Br. Bijo Kudilil came to assist us during Holy Week. It was a huge help, and we want to thank him from the bottom of our hearts. We organised a three-day retreat for folks around our ashram and who come to our ashram on a regularly to attend Holy Eucharist. Fr. John Vazhapanadiyil preached a three-day holy week

retreat. It was a time of rejuvenation that was greatly appreciated by many.

New Arch

Our ashram now has a beautiful arch entry. We erected a shrine in honour of St. Antony of Padua next to the arch entry. Many locals and travelers flock to the shrine for personal prayers and reflections.

Feast of St. Antony. In preparation for St. Antony's feast, we have begun a nine-day Novena. On the 13th of June, we held a solemn celebration. The Forane Vicar was the main celebrant of the Solemn Feastal Holy Qurbana. The people organised a Snehavirunnu after the solemn mass.

Padre Pio Ashram, Mundakayam

Greetings of peace and joy to all the readers of Internos.

We are extremely happy to share with you the good vibes that had happened at Padre Pio Ashram since we met in the last time. Here we go....

Celebration of the Brothers....

On 20th March we celebrated the birthday of Br. Mathew Karipal. He is a brother with a smile on his face always. He is busy with studies and always engaged in one or other work. Thank you brother for your presence.

27th April is a day of double joy for the community. We celebrated the birthday of our Guardian Br. Shaji Panamparambil and the feast of Br. George Cheekaparayil together on this day. 19th April was the feast day of Br. George Cheekaparayil. Br. Shaji Panamparambil is a man who always goes an extra mile for the good of the Ashram, forgetting his own personal matters and working. Br. George Cheekaparayil, silently and systematically carrying the most important 3 duties of our Ashram- Economo, Kitchen manager and church in-charge. Thank you dear brothers for your inspiring lives.

Easter.

As usual community celebrated Easter with due spiritual preparation and external celebrations.

Fraternal Sharing.

We had our local chapter on 22nd May 2022. We reviewed past months activities and discussed various matters for the smooth functioning of the community.

The School of Happiness

The activities of 'The School of Happiness' acquire a progressive nature after getting affiliated with the State Resource Centre (SRC), Government of India. The classes for the first batch are in its final lap and the revision sessions have already started as the candidates are awaiting their first semester examinations. Along with the candidates, our faculties too are in the full throat to bring out the best results for the first batch. Construction of the class room for The School of Happiness is over. Special thanks to Fr. Guardian for his strenuous work for the completion of the work.

The admissions for the 2022-23 batch has started. Great responses are received from the public for our advertisements. We expect more strength than the first batch. For that we expect all your support and prayers.

In addition to the Government approved courses, The School of Happiness conducts various psychotherapy courses like Hypnotism, NLP, Access Bars Therapy etc. Great responses are recorded for these courses too. We are hoping for a greater expansion of the institute as we have a wider scope and ample potential. Let the Almighty reveal His plan for us.

Fraternal Visits

Padrepio Ashram was fortunate enough to receive many friars and experienced franciscan bonding through their loving and prayerful presence. Our Provincial Br.GeorgeAntony, Br.Joseph Puthenpurayil, Br.Stephen Vammiyalil, Br.Chacko Mannicheril, Br. Jose Pandianparambil, Br.Mathew Parinthirickal, Br.Krithudasa, Br.Sebastian Thottunkal, Br.Liju Sauryamkuzhiyil, Br.K.T.James, Br.Tom Mundanthanath, Br.Sunny Manjakkunnil, Br.Lijin Pulickiyil, Br.Varghese Pulickiyil, Br. Maneesh Varickayil, Br.Sebastian Purayidathil, Br.Thomas Palelil, Br.Sandeep Neendissery, Br.Sebbin Charalakattu, Br.Shaji Karimplanil, Br.Thomakutty Vettickal, Br.Jinto Puthenpurackal, Br.John Rajan Pottankulam visited us. We wholeheartedly thank you all for your fraternal visit and hearty welcome to all.

Be blessed with all what is best!

St. Alphonsa Ashram Rajakumary

Warm greetings of Peace and Joy to all of you, from Alphonsa Ashram, Rajakumary. In our Ashram church unlike previous couple of years the Holy Week celebrations especially on Easter Sunday, a good number of people participated the Holy Mass. Br. James was very busy with ministry in different neighboring parishes and preaching retreat to sisters in few places. We try to maintain well our cardamom garden and the plants are growing good!

Last one year the house was occupied by the seminarians from the diocese of Idukki and they are going to be continued here for some more time that our house will be lively again. They are eleven brothers and two fathers this year. They play good role to maintain the house.

Guests: we thankfully remember all our guests. Most of our guests are Bishop of Idukki, fathers from the diocese, the parents and the relatives of the brothers. We had our own brothers from the province; The finance committee members – Bros: Sandeep, Simon Neelanirappel & Cherian Scaria, Joseph Puthenpurackal, Sebastian Purayidathil, Chacko Mannicheril, Brothers from Namibia and so on.

We convey our regards to all of you and wish you all the best from the bottom of heart till we meet you in next issue.

St. Michael Capuchin Ashram Pallikkamury

Hello dear brothers, we the brothers of Pallikkamury Ashram are with you for a short meet. Things are going on rather well in spite of the pandemic. It gives us pleasure beyond measure to tell you that with the good will of our loving Provincial we successfully established the solar system and hence the current charge has come down to the minimum stage. Thanks go to Fr. Provincial.

Sister - Sickness

On a fine morning Br Stany had been taken to the hospital due to the semi consciousness and Fr Guardian Varghese stayed with him in the hospital. Well, both were to bow down to the Covid and stayed there for a couple of weeks. Now both of them are back and having a sort of rest for few days. Br Kottukappillil is under treatment and rest.

Br Varghese our Gurdian is ever busy in the vegetable garden and looking after the well being of everyone in the house. He is also engaged in conducting “Ekam Dhambhathi Retreat” and is well appreciated. Br Suresh is fully engaged with his retreats in English and Malayalam. A number of people come from far and wide seeking his guide and counseling. Br Jibu Pullattu has been blessed to get a permanent job as lecturer in the Shanthigiri College, Vazhithala, run by the CMI Fathers. He is doing very well as a lecturer and we are proud of him.

Celebrations

We celebrated the Birthday of our guardian in a noble manner. Our joy was doubled by the loving presence of Fr Provincial who wished him with a few words and a special cake. Thank you, Fr Provincial. Feast of Br Suresh and Birthday of Br Jibu were celebrated meaningfully well.

Freternal visit

It was really happy moment at the visits of Br Provincial, and Brothers Stephen Vammiyally, Royson Menoly, Vinu Pulichuvellil, Paul Chirappurathu, John Vazhappanady, Francis Nambiyaparambil etc. We also gave a hearty welcome to our newly appointed parish priest Fr. Mathews Nandhalathu. By the grace of God we have rescheduled our Friday Convention with mass and adoration in the evening. Wishing you each and everyone the forthcoming Feast of the Holy Trinity, and see you in the next.

San Damiano Capuchin Ashram, Chenkal, Vazhoor

There is nothing special to be conveyed. Yet we share it, to continue the ‘link’ with the official organ of the communication.

Our Ministry

Br. Jose was busy with preaching and classes during the whole Lenten time in parishes, convents, schools and for youth teams. During the Lenten season we were fully involved in the ministry of Confession and on Sundays for Holy Mass. Every Sunday the first Mass is offered by us, at times even two masses. So for each Sunday we get a very good congregation to lead with.

Holy Week Ministry

The whole week the community was involved in the parish. The

ministry and functions were very participatory. Fr. Vicar equally divides the ministry and functions. He does not stick on that he should be the main celebrant always.

Br. Edison Panoor - 'the Angel of Care'

Br. Edison was here to help the community in an urgent need. Br. Francis had a fracture in his left arm due to a fall. Br. Provincial was kind and generous enough to send Br. Edison Panoor. He stayed with us for 20 days though the initial plan was for 2 weeks. His presence and service was excellent, thank you dear brother for your wonderful presence. He offered his service with lot of concern and care. He was sensitive to the needs of the community; at times he was found working in the garden too. During the whole Holy Week service, Fr. Vicar of our parish requested him to distribute the Holy Communion, and on Good Friday Br. Edison lead the Way of the Cross. Later Fr. Vicar commented that "it is a Capuchin week."

Death Anniversary

We remembered and prayed for Mrs. Gracy Thomas Kumplappalliyl, the donor of our Ashram land, on 28th May, on her 2nd death anniversary. We had the Holy Mass and Libera for the departed soul and had light refreshment after the Mass. Her relatives were invited and were present for the ceremony.

Lauerna Ashram, Vagamon

It was only by chance that the idea of a house at Vagamon got evolved towards the end of the last triennium, when a plot of five acres of land was offered to us for a token amount, by Dr. Mrs. Mercy Murickan, elder sister of our Br Sebastian Thottumkal.

On 04-01-2017 this plot was registered in the name of St Joseph Province and Fr Sebastian Thottumkal was assigned to take care of the property. He started the construction work of the Ashram in 2019, staying in the outhouse owned by the Clarist Covvent at Vazhikkadavu, Vagamon. The foundation stone for the building was laid by Fr Joseph Puthenpurackal, the then provincial superior. Before the completion of the construction, as soon as the structure was habitable, Br Sebastian Thottumkal and Br Jose Vettickat started residing there from the 16th of April 2021.

The decision to shift the pre-noviate to elsewhere, caused shortage of friars to manage the cattle and poultry farms at Kattappana. Since the construction work at Vagamon was almost over, Br. Sebas-

tian Thottumkal, a man of parts as all of us know, was taken to Portumcula, Kattappana. His hard work and dedication in bringing up this house from nothing, is well remembered by everybody around.

In the month of September Br Kristudas Kurishummootil and Br Jomes Thekkemury joined our community. Though he wished very much to stick on here, due to ill health Br Kristudas had to move to Assisi, Bharananganam and he left in the month of March. During his short stay here he endeared himself to the few batches of German language students of Assisi Institute, who used to stay in a boarding close to our house.

The appearance and profile of the compound in our possession being very close to that of La Verna, Italy, the house was christened LAVERNA ASHRAM. The formal blessing of the house had to be postponed more than once, since the construction of the road to our premises was delayed due to prolonged adverse weather. Eventually the Ashram was blessed on 17th May 2022, by Mar Joseph Kallerangat, Bishop of Palai, in the presence of Br George Antony, Provincial Superior, who conducted the stepping-in ceremony prior to it.

Laverna Ashram, Vagamon envisages providing accommodation and facilities for individuals, families or small groups of laymen as well as for religious or priests who wish to spend some days in prayer and meditation.

Taking into account the need of the NE mission and the readiness of Br Jomes Thekkemury to render his service there, the provincial definitory relieved him from here on the 20th June and assigned him to Assam-Meghalaya mission. His hard work and proficiency in various fields was a great help to set up the new house and the premises. Laverna cherishes his selfless service with gratitude.





Shanti Nikethan Ashram Nadukani

Greetings from Nadukani.

We are slowly getting back to normal after the Covid 19 which shook us in every way. At the same time we must thank God for shielding us from the pandemic, because none of our community members was affected by Covid. Except Fr. Thomas Jacob all the three of us had to travel far and wide as part of our ministry and we must humbly admit that were protected by the Almighty.

The world after Covid 19 is unlike to return to the world that was. We all know that our life in the Church, our life as pastors will never be the same. As Arundhathi Roy puts it, historically pandemics have forced human to break with the past and imagine their world anew. It is as portal a getting away between one world and the next.

Covid 19 has open the eyes of the church to the realities of the suffering in the world and made the church to orient it'smembers towards the ideals of the kingdom of God rather than the narrow focus on the church. It has reaffirmed that the church does not live within walls; it is in the people of God who in the power of the Holy Spirit, live and long for God's reign in the World. Any how we are forced to do away with the age-old stubbornness and to be more flexible an open to new realities.

Provincial Visitation

On the 4th of February Our Provincial George Antony and our provincial Economo Br. Sandeep had arrived at Shanti Nikethan for the canonical visitation. As we know Canonical visitations are more than just casual conversation. It is an occasion to assess and evaluate our life as individual and as a community. Thank you Br. Provincial for your valuable presence with us and for your words of encouragement and appreciation as well as your suggestions .

Birthday Celebration

On the 23rd of February we celebrated the Birthday of Br. John Chollany. We thanked and prayed for Br. John for his ever active and joyful presence as our Economo and the man in charge of Gramashram Eco shop. He puts his heart and soul wherever he is assigned to. When you visit Nadukani make it a point to visit the Eco shop where you can see the fruit of his hard work.

Community Picnic

As you all know, 'Nadukani' as the name indicates is a watch tower to see the beauty of the surroundings. It is a sought after place



for those wanting to be with the nature and enjoy its tranquillity. But for the people of Nadukani when they wish for the same, will have to go beyond 'Athukum Mele' further and higher.

So this year we had gone to a wonderful site called 'Cloud farm' Yellapatty near Munnar. If you wish to embrace the clouds, the cloud farm yellapatty is a wonderful location. It is one of the best campsites in Munnar at an altitude of 6,500 feet above sea level. After an hour drive from Munnar you will reach Yellapatty, where your hiking guides will be waiting for you. The hike starts around 3 pm from Yellappatty and It takes more than an hour to reach the destination. once you reach there the atmosphere and the ambience is really mind blowing. Campfire, Sunset, Sunrise and the chill climate will hold your breath and heart. I don't explain more because it is to be experienced.

A facelift for Shanti Nikethan

Since a few months our friary at Nadukani in and around was in a total mess, because it was undergoing a face lifting process. Our friary building had begun to show the symptoms of old age. At the same time we were facing the problems of space for our guests. Therefore we had to go for an urgent surgery to solve the problem. It was of course an extensive work which had gone beyond our expectation and budget. The chipping, peeling, removing the debris, redoing the roof, landscaping are going on in full swing under the guidance and supervision of Br. Jijo Kurian our Guardian thus bringing more space and charm to the friary and the surroundings. You are most welcome to enjoy our hospitality and to enjoy the beauty of Nadukani.



*Foundation Stone is laid for
THE CAPUCHIN ASHRAM AT ARUVIKUZHY
in Parasala diocese.*

*by Fr. Jose Konathuvila, V.G of Parasala diocese
and Fr. Thomas Pottapurayidam, District vicar.*

Congragulations

to Br. Jobis Aikkaramattam,
the newly ordained priest.



SYRO-MALABAR MISSION

Adhilabad, Chanda & Jagdalpur

Assisi Bhavan, Chennor

Wishing all of you great days ahead.

MOMENTS OF JOY

House Construction for the poor

This new season is packed with lots of joy filling moments. The new year has started with holy mass and we prayed for a blessed year ahead. The greatest happiness of this term was that, under the leadership of Fr. Anish, we could build 3 new houses for poor people with the help of lots of broad minded people. Fathers and regents together manually worked for this house construction. Even if they were busy with day's school work, they together joined in the evening and night for the completion of the work. We should really appreciate the hard work of br. James together with Fr. Anish and Fr. Tony. On 13th of April we could complete the construction and Bishop Prince Antony blessed the houses.

Kappavatt and Potharakal

Here we have got a very good koinonia of religious communities nearby. We used to gather ones in awhile in order to foster brotherhood. This time also we gathered in nearby CMI house sironcha and had kappavatt. A small buffalo was cut previous day in order to make this function a colorful one. There were around 8 communities gathered for this function. It was really a great time to foster fraternal and spiritual bond between us.

Labour day at Thekumatla

We all gathered one day in Sevasadhan, Thekumatla for a day of work. From morning till evening we spend there with some cleaning work in the land and also planted around 20 banana plants. And the greatest joyful moment was we had boiled tapioca on one big banana leaf mixed with, fish gravy, chutney, pickle and black coffee. It also was a beautiful moment of celebration of brotherhood.

Joy of Blood giving

As the Adilabad diocese has coordinated a blood donation camp,

we also whole heartedly participated in it. We, Fr. Anish, Fr. Tony, Fr. Alphonse and also Br. James had donated blood. And for Br. James it was the first experience.

MINISTRIES

Parish Ministry

It is very happy to see that the St. Chavara church is growing year by year. This year also there were new 5 adult baptisms and 5 holy communions. Bp Prince Antony had come on Holy Saturday to give baptisms. The village ministry is going in full swing under the leadership of Fr. Anish.

Youth Ministry

We conducted a youth camp for the youth of the parish. Twenty two of our youth have participated in the 2 days camp. It was well appreciated by the youth.

School Ministry

After the covid issues school is running successfully. Students have slowly coming back to the normal life. The management and the staff are working very hard to bring them to the normal life. We had conducted summer classes for the students in the month of may for martial arts, dance and instrumental music. We also got renewal of school permission.

Music Ministry

Fr. Tony is engaged very actively in the music ministry. He is accompanying bishop for the retreats both in the diocese and outside of the diocese. He also started giving instrumental music classes for the students of the locality.

Pastoral ministry

Fr. Antony Alphonse had gone to Dubai for one month Lenten ministry and was back to the house by the end of April.

Our Guests

We were happy to welcome the priests and sisters from nearby communities. Bp. Ephrem also made a short visit to our house. Sr. Sophia CSS, the provincial of Samaritan sisters also had a short visit to us. Fr. Simon, the vicar provincial and Fr. George Nedump-arampil, the definator council also had a visit to us. Regents also a

made visit to us. Thank you dear brethren for your care and concern.

Thanks Giving to Br.James

This year we were blessed with the presence of the regent brother James. He was actively participating in all the aspects of the mission work. His jovial and pleasant nature made the community alive. Brother we are so happy to have you here. We wish you all the best for your future studies.

Seva Sadan, Tekumatta

May we meet you once again with the greetings of peace and joy

This was the time of great feasts like holy week, Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost and so on. May the blessings of all these feasts keep us to go ahead with added vision and vigour

This was also the time of hot summer. At this very needed time our motor and pump set got derailed. We were depending upon our neighbour for drinking water and all other essential needs. It took one week to get it repaired. By that time all our vegetables and bananas gone dried

Our guests

We were honoured by the visits of a few respected persons. We thank very sincerely for the visit of Rev. Sr. Sophy, the provincial Samaritan sisters.

Four or Regents from the province one week each by turn and helped us in all our activities. Very many thanks to Br. Provincial, the Brother in charge of the Regents and to the Regents.

Fr.Mathias Reddy Basani from Mary Matha province paid a visit to our mission with a small group of his friends. They stayed with us one day.

Br.Mathew Paikada paid a very short visit with the all the Regents on his way to Sundana, Chanda Mission. Thanks to Fr. Mathew and the brothers. Bros.Sharon and Joseph Muttar stayed with us one day as they were going to Jabalpur mission. Dear brothers please do come again. Brothers Alphonse, Anish and Tony visited us several times during this time

Celebrations

The eparchy of Adilabad has completed their retreat center. The

day of the blessing and inauguration was a day of prayer and worship and all of us participated in the solemn prayer and worship lead by Rev. Fr. Daniel Poovathinal. Again we had a day of prayer in which we also participated with the small community of people.

Adie to Br. James, the Regent

Br. James was a part-time Regent because he was also teaching in our school, Chennur. Most of the weekends he used to spend two to three days at Tekumetla, helping the hours here. Thank you very dear brother.

Holy Week Celebration

As we do not have sufficient number of people, the faithful attended the holy week services in the parish Church at Mancherial. Br. Devasia Prashant joined the community at Chennur

Holidays

Br. Devasia Prashant spent a few days in Kerala for the holidays. He visited our new house at Vagamon with his relatives. Thanks to Br. Jose Vettickat for the warm welcome

Bye till we meet again

Seva Kunj, Sumthana, Chanda Mission

Dear friends, hope you are hale and healthy. Good tidings and greetings from Chanda Mission.

New Beginning

Now there is a full-fledged Community in SevaKunj, Sumthana. Appointments are,

Br. Sharon Plakkootathil (Guardian)

Br. Jince Palliparambil (Vicar)

Br. Joseph Mathew Veliparambil (Procurator)

VISITS

Provincial's visitation

Br. Provincial has visited our mission from 22 to 25 October 2021. He celebrated Holy Mass at our Station and Sub Station. He visited Bp. Ephrem on 24th October. Next day after the Holy Mass we left to Adilabad mission for a gathering.

Definitior's Visitation

Br. George Nedumparambil, visited us on 20th May. On 23rd June he left to Chennur.

Thank you dear Brothers for your love and care.

Ministries

During the Holy week our friars were busy with confessions in nearby parishes.

By the end of April Br. Sharon got an opportunity to animate retreat for D.M Sisters at Wardha. On 13th June Br. Jince left to Noida to help in a Parish of Faridabad Diocese.

Birthday Celebration

On 24th January we had the birthday celebration of Br. Sharon. Morning we had Holy Mass with our sisters in our friary followed by special breakfast. Our Parishioners and sisters from sub-station visited and wished Br. Sharon. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam and our neighboring priests were present for the dinner.

Cordial Welcome

Br. Joseph Mathew is the new member to our community. We extent a cordial welcome to him.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMS

Holy Thursday

Holy Mass and washing of the feet of disciples was conducted at 6 pm. Br Sharon the Parish Priest was the main celebrant and Br. Joseph Mathew and Fr. Jose Koikkara CMI were the concelebrants. After Holy Mass we had adoration and it was concluded at 9 pm. Br. Jince had the Holy Mass at our sub-station, Warora.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, Bp. Ephrem Nariculam was our main celebrant. Br Sharon and Fr. Jose Koikkara CMI were also present. All our Parishioners from both Chavara station and substation participated in the ceremony at our Parish Church Sumthana. After the service in the Church, very solemn Way of the Cross was conducted. After the Good Friday service we had a pilgrimage to Lakkadakkot Hill, which is considered to be the Malayatoor of Chanda Diocese. Around 35 people participated in the pilgrimage.



On Easter Sunday we had the Holy Mass at 9am in the morning. Br. Sharon celebrated the Holy Mass. Fr. Jose Koikkara gave a beautiful sermon on Resurrection of Jesus. After Holy Mass we had Snehavirunnu.

Visit of our Regents to Chanda

On March 1st, Br. Jiss came to our mission for 15 days. Within these 15 days he visited some of our mission stations. On 17th March, 5 of our regents along with Br. Mathew Paikada reached Sumthana. Next day morning we had an outing to our new place Karanja near Nagpur. We visited Carmel Convent, Katol and there

we celebrated Holi festival along with the hostel students of Carmel School, Katol. Night we stayed at St. Antony's Church, Warda. Next day morning we left to Bapukuti Sevagram, Jeevan Jyothi Church, Higanghut, Jain Mandir Bhadravati etc...On 20th morning we had Holy Mass at our Parish Church Sumthana. Afternoon they left to Chennur. Thank you dear brothers for your visit to Chanda.

Our Guests

Bp. Ephrem Narikulam, fathers from the Diocese of Chanda, CMI fathers from Wardha, DM Sisters, Br. Antony Monfort, Br. Tony Capuchin, SABS Sisters from Balarsha, Fathers and Sisters from Pattaguda Station visited SevaKunj, Sumthana. Thank you dear friends for your love and concern.

Namibian Mission

St. Michael Catholic Mission Outjo

Fraternal Greetings of peace and joy from St. Michael Catholic Mission Outjo, Namibia.....

The activities of Parish and school are going on well. We had workshop for different groups. We celebrated baptism and first Holy Communion.

The bishop of arch-diocese has handed over to us the new mission called Holy Spirit mission which is 150km away from our mission. Fr. Jose is appointed as the parish priest. He has begun the ministry with new hope and aspiration.

We have distributed food items for the poor people of our outstation with the help of our arch dioceses.

We had two days of central deanery meeting in our mission. The priest from our deanery participated. It was the time of information sharing and to improve our pastoral activities.

We are enjoyed the fruits of the work done by the old missionaries, in the form of Oranges in the garden and we had also the harvesting of the African catfish which was the hard work of Fr. Jose.

Our school received the award for the best performing primary school in the region. We received a trophy, iPod, and the certificate. Regular Holy Mass and confession is given to the learners at St.

Michael and Otjikondo Village School. On 10th of June school and hostel has closed for the winter holidays. St. Michael Mission will be quit until 17th of July.

Fr Mathew Mulangacherryil, provincial councillor visited our mission. It was a wonderful time being with him. We had our common meeting here with all our brothers. We had also the happiness of welcoming many priests and sisters during the past months. Visit of guests was a moment of joy and sharing our experience

That is all from St Michael mission Namibia this time.



Nirmala Matha Custody Assam - Meghalaya

St. Francis Of Assisi Community, Matia Majerburi

The Community at Matia Majerburi wish you all a Happy New Year. The followings are some of the events that took place in the community during these four months.

Farewell to Sr. Deepa Rose, the Headmistress

The Parish Community as well as the School Community gave a farewell to Sr. Deepa Rose on 13 January 2022. She was transferred to Mao Gate Community, Manipur. The community was very grateful to her for her service in the school as well as in the Parish. The community wished her a successful apostolate in the newly assigned community.



Republic Day Celebration cum Felicitation for the new Priest

The Parish School Community celebrated the Republic Day on 26th January 2022. Fr. Vincent M, the school manager hoisted the flag and the students performed a beautiful parade. The teachers worked very hard in making the day a very successful one. On this occasion the new Priest from Borbakra Village, Fr. Nicholas Sangma, was being felicitated with bouquets and Rabhagaumusha.



Visits

Fr. Yesdudas OFM Cap, of St. Francis Province Kerela, visited our community on 07 February 2022. He came along with Fr. JoroBasumatary. They stayed here for a night and the following day they went back. Fr. Ricky and Fr. Tomy visited our Community on 19 February 2022 after the Jubilee celebration program of Sr. Elaine UMI in Bhalukdubi. On 27 April 2022 Fr. Renny came and visited our community along with four regents from Kerela.

Marriage Celebration in the Parish Church

On 13 February 2022 there was a Marriage blessing in the Parish Church. The marriage was between Mr. RajenRabha and Miss KamerinaRabha. It was held in the evening around 8.00 pm and Fr. Vincent Mochahary was the main celebrant and he blessed the marriage.

Farewell to Class X

The school community gave a grand farewell to the class X students. The students participated wholeheartedly. They presented the Class X students with presents as the signs of their love and memory. The school missed them a lot and bid them all the best for their upcoming matric exams.



Synodal Meeting

There was a Synodal Meeting in the Parish Church after the Mass. Both men and women gathered together and discussed the points forwarded by the Diocese. The meeting concluded and for the preparation of the report people were assigned to which they have to submit at the date asked by the Diocese.

Retreats

The Parish Community arranged a Retreat for Garo community and Rabha Community separately this year. The Garo retreat was arranged from 11 to 13 March 2022. Sr. Blindina MSMHC was the animator of the Garo Retreat. The Retreat for the Rabha Community was arranged from 18 to 20 March 2022 and Fr. Christine was the retreat animator for the Rabha Community.

Orientation Programme

The School community arranged an orientation programme for the teachers on 29 March 2022. Fr. Pradip SDB of Don Bosco School Boko animated the programme. Teachers participated very well and it was very beneficial for them.

Easter celebration 2022

The Holy week celebration began with the Palm Sunday which was held at the School ground. Faithful from the four villages of the Parish participated devotedly. The Good Friday was also celebrated with the faithful in the Parish Church. The Celebration of Easter was marked by rain and storms. There were two masses on Easter night, one mass was at 7.00 pm at Matia Garopara and the second one was at 10.00 pm in the Parish Church. In spite of all the natural calamities the faithful participated very well and with deep prayer and devotion.

Felicitating the New Priest

The Community was very glad to felicitate the new Priest, Fr. Nicholas Marak OFM Cap on 18 May 2022. He celebrated the Holy Mass in CMC Convent and after that he was felicitated with bouquets and Assamese gaumucha. The community joined with the children in singing a song of congratulations for the new priest.



YCS Programme

Sr. Aluti Rabha MSMHC from Guwahati conducted a YCS/ YCM programme for the students of our school. The students from classes 8 to 10 were selected to participate in the programme. The programme began at 9.00 am and concluded by 2.00 pm. With this programme the YCS group was formed for our school students. The school community thanked Sr. Aluti and her team for the formation of the group.



Cultural Diversity cum Environment Day 2022

The School Community celebrated the Cultural Diversity cum Environment Day on 04 June 2022 in the School ground. The Celebration was divided into two parts. In the morning there was the presentation from the four houses of the students about environment which was then followed by the tree plantation. Fr. Vincent Mochahary was the guest of honor at the morning session. The second part of the celebration was a Cultural Program performed by the students according to their houses. The theme of this Program was “Preserving our Cultural and Traditional Identity”. The Chief Guest of the program was Shri Jayanto Rabha, the Panchayat President who was accompanied by four of his members. The celebration was coloured by the performance of the students who presented their cultural dances in various cultural attire, namely Rongdhani Rabha, Garo, Bodo, Assamese, Bengali and Patti Rabha. The Chief Guest delivered a beautiful message based on the theme of the day, “Preserving our Cultural and Traditional Identity”. The students were made aware of the importance of cleaning and taking care of the environment and preserving one’s cultural identity with due respect to other communities. The rain came in between the program but without major disturbance the program went on well till the end.

St. Francis Of Assisi Ashram, Mowjem

Greetings to you all from Mowjem Community.

Mowjem Parish is blessed with two sisters and a priest to serve the people of God. Br. Nicholas R. Marak OFM Cap joined the community in the month of February. The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy also became our neighbour. This is the first community of these sisters in North East, India. Two sisters, Sr. Shani SOLM and Sr. Soumya SOLM are staying in Mowjem. A solemn celebration was held on the day of welcoming the Fathers and sisters to Mowjem. Sr. Jerry SOLM the provincial and Sr. Jessy SOLM, the economo were also present together with our Custos Br. Renny and the councillors.

In the end of March we had exams and closed the School for the year 2020 – 2021. People were many to praise and thank the Lord. We opened the School for the new academic year 2022-2023, in the middle of April. Many of our children stopped coming School due to the financial crisis.

Boarder issues are on hike therefore we are deprived of all the facilities, like road, electricity, poor communication, no proper market nearby, and so on. In spite of all the difficulties people are happy and preparing for planting ginger and paddy which is the source of their survival and income.

Wish you all a very happy and joyful days with the power of the Holy Spirit.

St. Francis of Assisi Community, Mronggre

Greeting of peace and joy from Mronggre Community!

Dear brothers we are happy to give you some news and information from our community. First of all we thank God the Almighty for all the blessings upon us and the parish community in this New Year.

Sobha and Eucharistic Procession

During the month of January we are busy with different programmes of the parish, and the usual practice of the faithful to organize the Sobha. This year we organized the Sobha in three places, as we need to abide by the order of the government to follow the protocol. Sobha is the best way that we can get the faithful together

to catechize, to instruct and to share. Training was given for those who are preparing for the sacrament of matrimony, first communion and confirmation.

Blessing and inauguration

Blessing and inauguration of the village Church. Rt. Rev C. J Jose Auxiliary Bishop of Tura Diocese had come for the blessing of the church and to administer the sacrament of confirmation.

Youth program

For the youth of the parish the program of getting together was organized, a day of being together, to strengthen the bond of unity and to work together. The day was concluded with a fraternal meal.

Easter 2022

The parish community celebrated the Easter with all its solemnity. The faithful of the parish too could celebrate well as the pandemic cases were quite less and the restriction too quite normal. The fathers have visited almost all the villages, for house visiting, prayer and house blessing. This is another way to help the people to be available for the sacrament of reconciliation.

School Activities

Regarding the school, this year we are expecting a good number of admissions. There were also students who have moved out from the school so the number of students remains the same. The school building construction is on the process and progressing rather faster. The school is on the full swing, as we have begun with the English coaching for almost a month. The sports competition was organized and it was really good. All the students were expressing their happiness of getting the chance to participate in the sport.

Awareness Program

An awareness program for the staff and students on Health care and Hygiene was conducted by Doctor and Staffs of the Government Hospital, Phulbari and on POCSO by the Officers of Child Protection, Tura.

Thank you all we remain here till we meet again.



Padre Pio Community, Umkietieh

Peace and Joy of Christ to all. The following are some of the headlines of the events held in our community.

Visits

Our community was blessed with the visit of Br. Saji as he was on holidays from Bahrain and the visit of Br. Vincent, Br. Yesudas and Br. Isaac from Nagaland on 10 February 2022.

Felicitation of the New Priest

Br. Nicholas Marak, our newly ordained priest, came and offered Holy Mass for us on 15 February 2022. We wished him everything best for his future ministries and God's blessings.

Community Picnic

Padre Pio Community was rejuvenated and refreshed after visiting the landscape of Sohra and Nongriat on 21 April 2022. The community cherished the Picnic day and a big thanks to Br. Jobis Mani for preparing tasty and sumptuous food.



Vocation Camp

St. Francis says "The Lord gave me Brothers." Our house was filled with 26 young boys who had come for the Vocation Camp for a



week. It started from 25 April 2022. We all had a wonderful time with each other and we wished and prayed that St. Francis may inspire those young Franciscans. Thanks to the Vocation Promoters for their hard work.

Profession of Brothers

The Lord blessed our Custody with the Solemn Profession of Br. WadhabanteiWahlang and Simple Profession of Br. Anderson Wankhar on 19 May 2022. The Holy Mass was solemnized by Br. Renny VP, our Custos along with the presence of our brothers from different communities and other religious communities.



St. Alphonsa Community, Khermia

The followings are some of the main events of the New Community of the NirmalaMatha Custody at Khermia.

The Start of the New mission in Dibrugarh Diocese

The Nirmala Matha Capuchin Custody, Assam –Meghalaya, spreads its wings to the Diocese of Dibrugarh, in the District of Jorhat between Rajabari and Mariani Parish, a place called Khermia. Land is spotted in Khermia village under Rajabari Parish in Jorhat district, in the Assam-Nagaland border. The Land was purchased

from around 18 Adivasi and Assamese people who had stopped the rice cultivation in the highland paddy field due to the lack of consistent rain.

Br. Mathew Kallidukil, the previous Custos, during his last triennium, contacted Bishop Emeritus Joseph Aind SDB, the then Bishop of the Diocese of Dibrugarh, for the permission to open a new mission in Dibrugarh Diocese. Bishop Emeritus Joseph Aind SDB, gave us the written permission to open the house, hostel and the school. Fr. Mathew requested Bp Albert Hemrom to grant permission to open a parish in Khermia.

On 15 February 2021 Br. Simon Ekka came from Lamabari to Rajabari parish as Friar-in-charge to supervise the construction work of the new house. On 24 February he was provided with a motor bike as the work-site in Khermia was 18 kilometres away from Rajabari.

Construction of the House

The followings are the main events of the process of construction of the House at Khermia

1. On 16 March 2021 the foundation stone for the new house was laid by Fr. Sebastian Ekka, the then parish priest of Rajabari parish. The work continued with intermittent breaks due to the Covid Pandemic.
2. On 9 October 2021 Br. Francis reached Rajabari to help Br. Simon. On 13 Nov Br. Simon went to Mawjem for twenty days in the absence of Br. Paul.
3. On 6 December 2021 Brs. Francis and Simon moved to Mr. Dominic Oraon's house in Khermia. New bolero was given to the new mission.
4. On 4 January 2022 we shifted to the new house, though the work was still incomplete.
5. On 17 January Br. Covinshal came to help Br. Simon in the absence of Br. Francis who went for home holidays and treatment.
6. On 7 March 2022, it was decided that Khermia Centre can be declared as parish on 1 May 2022. Bp Albert asked us to visit the neighbouring Catholic villages with the permission of Rajabari and Mariani parish priests.
7. On 13 March 2022 Bp Albert Hemrom made his first visit to Khermia along with Emeritus Bp Joseph Aind and LebanusKujur, the Cancellor of Dibrugarh diocese.

8. On 27 March Br. Renny made the First Canonical Visit to Khermia.
9. Fr. Caesar, the parish priest, asked us to conduct the Holy Week programs in the proposed villages, especially in Tyroon and Hatipura. He asked us to do the House blessing. We had the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday celebrations in Tyroon and Hatipura. Holy Thursday and Good Friday celebrations were held in Tyroon. Easter Vigil service was held in the Rajabari parish.
10. The first meeting of the Committee formed for the Inauguration of the Parish and Blessing of Capuchin House in Kermia and in that meeting decided to bless the houses in Tyroon on 7 April, in Khermia and Sonpur on 9 April, and in Hatipura on 11 April.
11. On 16 April, Fr. Caesar, during the Easter Vigil Mass, read the Letter of Declaration of the Erection of St. Alphonsa Parish in Khermia by Bp Albert Hemrom. Accordingly the new parish consists of four villages namely: Khermia, Tyroon, Sonpur and Hatipura. Khermia has 14 Catholic families, while Tyroon has 55, Sonpur has 9, and Hatipura has 45 families respectively.



Blessing and Declaration – 1 May 2022

The Committee for the Inauguration and Blessing of the Khermia parish decided to have common work on Holy Thursday (14 April) for cutting the bamboo and levelling the ground. The common work was held on 19, and from 24 to 30 April. To make approach road, 20 tractors of earth-filling was done. Intermittent rain and storm disrupted the work too. The villagers too were not free to come for the work, as some are 1 May 2022, Bp Albert Hemrom, Emeritus Bp

Joseph Aind, around 30 priests and 20 sisters, and more than 2000 lay people from Rajabari and Woka parishes, and many Catholics, non-Catholics, and non-Christians participated in the programme and common meal. The programme started at 10 am with the reception of the Bishops, the Custos, the proposed parish priest and assistant parish priest. It was followed by the Inauguration of the Capuchin House Khermia by Fr. Renny our Custos by cutting the ribbon, and the blessing of the House by Emeritus Bishop Joseph Aind. The Solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration was presided by Bp Albert Hemrom and Fr. LebanusKujur, the Chancellor of the Diocese, read the Declaration of the Erection of the Saint Alphonsa Parish, Khermia, and the appointment of Fr Francis and Fr Simon as the Parish priest and the Assistant parish priest respectively. Short felicitation program and common meal was held thereafter.



Socio-cultural and economic background

The Catholic Families in the four villages entrusted to our pastoral care belong to Adivasi family namely Munda, Oraon, Khadia etc. Generally they are tea garden workers. They go to their working place at 6 am and at 7.00 am begin their work and they work till 4.00 pm with one hour of lunch-break. They reach back home by 6 pm. Some are permanent workers appointed by the manager of the tea garden. They earn Rs. 205 per day and receive some ration rice,

atta and tea powder, no sugar, salt, cooking oil or kerosene. They are given free medical care for the common sicknesses. For any major sickness the workers are left to their destiny. Some work on daily wage who earn Rs 250 per day. But they have no fixed work. They do not get any ration rice or atta, or any medical help from the tea garden hospital. All the families who pay Rs 300 per month are given electricity connection from the Bagan. Most of them use cycle as the common means of transport. Some do not have cycle too.

We wish and pray that with the help of God and the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi we as the community will help the people around to come up spiritually as well materially.

Lamabari Community

Marriage Course and Blessings

Lamabari parish celebrated the marriage of 26 couples after the Marriage preparation course for two weeks. 52 young ones belonging to Bodo, Adivasi, Santali, Odiya and Munda tribes attended the course which started on 15th January 2022 and ended on 27th. Thus 26 new families were begun with the blessing of their marriages on 29th January. Let us bless these families who started the new life.



Construction of New School Building

Lamabari Mission is fortunate to have a good school building for future of hundreds of the children of this area. We could do the concreting of its slab on 10th February, 2022.

Fr. Renny came for facilitating the works. Thanks to our benefactors and collaborators for the beautiful building that is coming up.



Charismatic Renewal

On 24th March our Charismatic team led by Bro. Dwimalu Narzary arrived in the parish. We had a very fruitful retreat from 24-27 March as a preparation for the Easter. Many people were really converted and received healing. Thanks to Br. Dwimalu for this great event.



Canonical Visit.

Br. Renny, our Regional Superior made his first Canonical visitation on 30th and 31st March 2022. We extended a warm welcome to him. Thank you Br. Renny for your encouraging visit and fraternal support to the community.

Easter Celebration

We had a beautiful Holy Week and Easter celebration in Lamabari Parish. Our big church was filled with faithful for all the celebrations. Bros. Kuriakose and Jithin had administered the sacrament of confession to all people who could gather freely after the Covid fear.

Send off to sisters

On Easter Sunday we gave send off to our sisters: Sr. Liset and Sr. Nivya who are transferred to Umsoriang and Killing respec-

tively. The parishioners expressed their gratitude to our sisters who had been serving from the beginning of the mission. Thank you sisters.

Our Guests.

We were so privileged to extend our hospitality to many of our brothers, other religious and friends here at Lamabri. Some of the rare guests are: Bishop Thomas Pulloppillil paid a visit with Fr. Mathew Kottaram on 8th March from Bongaigaon, and Br. Lijin Pulickiyil our missionary from PNG who arrived on 9th March, our Regent Brothers from Kerala- Varghese Charukunnel, Bijoy Kunnumpurath, Jis Kuzhivelil, and Jeswin Vettukattil who reached on 25th April etc. Welcome dear ones, come again.



Calvary Ashram Thrissur

Greetings from Calvary Caps...

Christmas.....

Christmas is the time of joy and happiness to share the love of God which he has shown to the humanity through his beloved son. It was really inspiring when the brothers spent their Christmas Eve with the poor and marginalized in Thrissur town. The crib and decorations by brothers and



the Noel-village outside the Calvary church by Friends of Calvary really added colors to our celebrations. Altar boys conducted a lucky-draw after the vigil mass. The joy of having a communal celebration after the pandemic period was well seen in the faces of the people.

Calvary community celebrated Christmas and new-year together on the New Year day evening and handed over the gifts to the Christmas friends.



Friars as Ministers of Christ all around

In preparation for the Christmas, Br. Dany Kuttikadan rendered his service to the parish in Pune. Br. Diyons reached back after his ministries in Qatar on 26th January. At present most of the friars get engaged in various ministries in preparation for the Holy week and Easter.

End of the academic year

The academic year in the seminary was closed on 7th March with the final exams and comprehensive of 3rd years. However, the degree students continued their exams. After the thanksgiving mass, sent off ceremony for the outgoing students was conducted.

Added to the cherishing memories of Calvary, the outgoing students were taken for a picnic to Paniyeli-Poru and Kothakulam beach.

The last months of the academic year was colored by exceptional achievements in sports events. Calvararians won against Mary Matha Major Seminary in volleyball and against Sanjo Team of Thrissur Arch Diocese and MSJ Seminary in Basket Ball matches.

Let's celebrate

Community picnic to Wayanad and Kozhikode was an enriching moment of our fraternal life. We celebrated birthdays of Br. Francis Alapatt and Br. Bitto Thalakottoor, which were occasions of great joy and care. The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph were days filled with grace and their special blessings. Arts-day for brothers was a day of great celebration of their talents.

Post novitiate Program

First and second year brothers had their post novitiate programs in the month of March. First years went to Manalady Parish in Thrissur and second years to Ennappara and Kanjiridukkam in Kasargod. It was truly a revitalizing exposure for our young Franciscans.

KFFU annual meet

After a long wait the Kerala Franciscan Family Union (KFFU) conducted its annual meet on 2nd march. The annual meet was blessed with the presence of our bishop Mar Andrews Thazhathu, and other dignitaries of KFFU. They spend their time by sharing their Franciscan joy and peace; and the afternoon was made more colorful by the different cultural programs by various congregations.

Visits

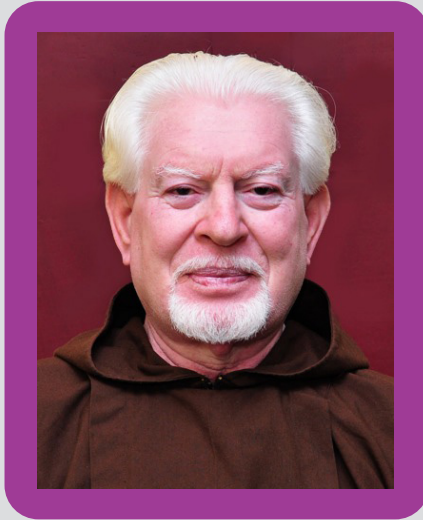
We are blessed to have many brothers and sisters who found time to be with us and bless us with their presence in our house. Br. Provincial often make visit for enriching us in fraternal life. Br. Stephan Jayaraj, Provincial of Pavanatma, spent couple of days with us on Christmas days. Fathers and professors from various congregations and provinces added their share in providing a strong panel for comprehensive exams. Once again, heartfelt gratitude to everyone. Please do visit us again.

Lenten pathways...

The season of lent was indeed a season of grace and of blessings. Holy week was celebrated with all the brothers together in the ashram. Brothers got the chance to preach on Good Friday in different parishes as the covid restrictions were slowly lifted. Easter was sanctified by the blessings and graces of the risen lord.

Easter wishes to all ...





BR. HADRIAN VANCHIPURACKAL

1934-2022

Br. Hadrian Vanchipurackal was born on 03 March 1934 at Kaipuzha in the present Kottayam diocese. He was born into the Vanchipurackal family as the son of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Anna. He joined the Capuchins on 20th October 1955 and vested on 15 May 1956. He made his simple profession on 16 May 1957 and solemn profession on 16 May 1960.

The initial 9 years of his religious life were at our San Lorenzo da Brindisi International College, Rome as the assistant librarian where he had proved himself as an efficient and accurate chronologist. Completing his praiseworthy service at the International College, then major superiors sent him to Luzern in Switzerland for technical and mechanical studies. After securing a diploma in polytechnic he had returned to the province. An year later, in 1973 he was sent to our North Indian mission the present Krist Jyoti Province, where he has served the Order and the Province as an ex-

tra ordinary hard worker and an exemplary friar for long 12 years. Later on, again from 1989 to 2001 he was an active and committed missionary in our Andhra Orissa Mission the present Mary Matha Province of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Orissa.

Returning to the province in 2001 he was at our Portiuncula Ashram Kattappana where in too he was a friend indeed to our young men in the seminary and has shown best examples to them how a capuchin friar ought to be in the present world. The later years of his life that is from 2008 to until his flying back to his eternal origin he was a member at our Capuchin Provincialate, Kottayam. The con-friars and outsiders always appreciated his joel and noble presence inside and outside. The friars were calling him lovingly and affectionately “Baba” which was at the same time the manifestation of their appreciation and acceptance for him and the living manifestation of his great personality and fransiscan spirituality.

While continuing his pleasant life and service at the Capuchin Provincialate his health was slowly deteriorating. Few times he was hospitalized for his stomach and intestinal disturbances. He was gradually recovered and was found cheerful despite these sufferings. In spite of all these he was very punctual for the canonical prayers, meditation and other fraternal and communitarian exercises. He had a special love, affection and devotion for St. Joseph who is also the patron of the province. Moreover, he was granted that favour to leave this world for his eternal reward on the same day of St. Joseph’s “maranathirunnal” 19th March 2022.

Br. Hadrian was a man of high spiritual ideologies and a very genuine person which helped him take up anything for Christ and his Kingdom. He was a man of excellent intellect especially in learning modern languages and in his ideas and ideologies he was post modern. His life was a role model to the younger generation, especially while he was at Kattappana, and Kottayam. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand in any area of the friary he was living - from chapel to garden. He was an excellent gardener and an efficient cultivator wherever he lived. He was able to live his life very friendly with everyone and he was a friend of all whom he met on his journey of life. Though Br. Hadrian is with us no more, he lives in the hearts of all who have met him, as “Saipachan” both in Kerala and abroad.





Congrats to the Perpetually
Professed Brothers



Congrats to the Temporarily
Professed Brothers



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