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Message from Rev. Fr. General





CONGREGATIO SANCTISSIMI SACRAMENTI

Superior Generalis

Rome, 1 May 2022

Dear Brothers of the Charismatic Eymardian Family, gathered to celebrate the Provincial Chapter of Kristu Jyoti.

Although I am unable to participate with you in this important provincial event, due to the inconvenience and its consequences that the COVID19 pandemic has generated in our midst, by means of the person of Fr. Philip Benzy Romician, sss, a General Consultor and Treasurer, I greet you in the Eucharistic communion that unites us.

This Provincial Chapter that you are beginning *is the first authority in the Province*, as indicated in our *Rule of Life*, number 80. In this *kairos* that our Church lives, animated by the papacy of Francis, who calls us to be a synodal Church, this way of seeking God's will in a caputular discernment is a concrete expression of **synodality**: *listening* at all levels, *sharing* life and experiences, and *planning* to continue constantly endeavouring to be faithful to the congregational project. More important than electing a new Council, this Chapter must clearly set out guidelines for our future in India and in the other areas of mission that the Province has taken on in recent years. It is the Chapter that defines the project for the Province. A Provincial and his Council do not have the autonomy to direct projects and define options, according to their perceptions of reality or their desires. I invite you to live this ecclesial event with the due seriousness and commitment as pertains to this occasion of government and service.

I want to draw attention to some elements that, according to the reflection of the General Council, we consider essential in the considerations and decisions of the Chapter:

1. Your starting point for evaluating the path taken and for planning the future of the Province, fully in harmony with the Congregation, are the directives of the **Amplified General Council (AGC)**, held in May 2021. In the overall Objective outlined to prepare the 36th General Chapter, we find a summary, the result of the evaluation made of the reception of the Final Message of the 35th General Chapter and the guidelines about continuing our congregational path. We are, however, in our options and projects, **following the inspiration of the 35th General Chapter**, the first authority of the Congregation, which continues to guide and orient us. I invite you to let that light illumine the steps that the Province is called to take at this historic moment. More and more, personal and communal witness are becoming imperative to justify the continuity and the worth of consecrated life in the Church and in society.



2. The **dates** that mark our lives, as the Eymardian Family, are always very **inspiring**. In this year 2022, on December 9 we will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the **canonization of Saint Peter-Julian Eymard**. In his Great Retreat in Rome he deepened the experience that definitively marked his life. Based on the foundations of his total dedication to the Project of God, through the Gift of himself, we maintain that he continues, more than ever, as an actual model of holiness for all of us and for the whole Church: an **Outstanding Apostle of the Eucharist!** – a saint who invites us to deepen our missionary commitment, so that the Gospel of the Eucharist becomes diffused in new cultures.

In 2021 we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the first redaction of our **Rule of Life**, in conformity with the perspective of the Second Vatican Council. In 2024 we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its definitive approval by the Church. The period between these dates can be regarded as an expression of maturing in understanding and in witnessing our charismatic identity. According to the guidelines of the AGC, this is an especially valuable time for the Provincial Chapters, and later the General Chapter, in order to help us in strengthening **our personal and communal witness** as men consecrated to the Eucharist, rooted in the charismatic experience, set out by Fr. Eymard.

3. The purpose of a Provincial Chapter is “to study the state of the province as a whole and to update the provincial project in line with changing conditions”, according to the *Rule of Life*, n° 80. The COVID-19 pandemic has introduced changes, conflicts, and opportunities. Individually, at the beginning of the pandemic, a process of personal changes was required. However, in so many situations, we find that we remain the same and in some cases with even more accentuated limitations. **Socially, we deepen the gaps between rich and poor. The planet cries out for care**, but the unrestrained pursuit for profits is not sensitive to this cry. Is the Eucharistic dynamism, which underpins our understanding of the Eymardian charism, a response to this present challenge?

I hope that your Chapter does not remain inattentive to the Spirit’s call to the Church and to Religious Life at this historic moment. In a special way, projects in the economic area must be guided by the **Economy of Communion**, as a Eucharistic expression. Therefore, it is essential that the budget for the next four years be presented, promoting greater clarity, transparency, and commitment on the part of all religious with regard to the economic reality of the Province and the communities. Reflection on important projects in the economic area, such as the property in Goa, requires a collective and responsible approach with respect to the present and future of our presence in India.

4. The worth and challenges of **Internationality in our Congregation** are becoming more known and promoted by the majority. We maintain that this reality is in accord with the great movement of people in the world and represents a possibility for us to create more communion, beyond our cultures and our mental schemes. The next General Chapter will have to systematise, in a more practical way, this reality in our Congregation.



What has already been reflected upon in depth by my predecessors is now a reality check: **the epicentre of our Congregation today is Asia**. This historical dynamism, experienced by our Congregation, presents great opportunities for us to continue to spread the Eucharistic fire in so many “corners of the world”. Great challenges also face us, such as the understanding and living of the Eucharistic theology and, hence, the charism. The economic context, until now substantially guaranteed by the Provinces of Europe, North America, and Australia, which are experiencing a significant decrease in numbers, represents a great challenge for our Congregation as a whole. In this part of the Congregation, where our origins are, we maintain the greatest wealth we can share: the witness of fidelity of so many elderly brothers, who continue to live our mission, especially through a life of prayer and communion. These challenges and possibilities must be kept in mind in your reflections and projections for the future.

Your Province has courageously undertaken the continuity of our presence in Austria. I express our gratitude to the brothers who committed themselves to learning a new language, recognising the human cost that this challenge brings, wishing them to commit themselves for a few more years, giving a new face to the mission. **A provincial missionary project must be the focus of the attention of the capitulars** in regard to providing objective directives to the initiatives already undertaken in Austria, England, Australia, the United States, Ireland and shortly in France La Mure. This project has also to define concrete activities about forming Blessed Sacrament missionaries, as well as regarding accompanying, in an effective way, the religious who are already living in mission.

5. Theoretically, we emphasise that Initial Formation is always a priority in our provincial projects. However, in the implementation of these projects we have: formators alone in formation houses, incomplete and inadequate formation communities for formative accompaniment, limitations in the formation of formators that make it difficult to welcome and dialogue with the cultures introduced by the young being formed, lack of objective criteria for a good vocational discernment, difficulty in accepting and implementing the **Formation Plan of the Congregation “Follow me”** at all stages. As the first authority in the Province, I ask that this Chapter to address this area objectively and incisively, particularly with regard to defining concrete projects for the formation of formators. Our missionary future and the witness of our religious depend on the choices that are made today.

The courage to make an **objective and demanding discernment of candidates**, as the Province has been endeavouring to do, needs to be continued and supported by all religious. Our consecrated life is very demanding and requires more free and mature persons to ensure a **public ecclesial witness**.

I also emphasise the urgent and necessary promotion of new **Blessed Sacrament vocations**, who present in a transparent and clear way the identity of men consecrated to the Eucharist, as well as the different possibilities of expressing our vocation, not reducing our activity only to parishes. In this aspect, it is necessary to give priority to promoting the **vocation of Brothers** in our communities.



6. The suffering generated by **sexual abuse, abuse of power and economic abuse** obscures the beauty and relevance of our charism and presence in many environments. The social and cultural reality requires **consecrated men with greater maturity and balance**. General and Provincial Superiors are investing much time and energy to dealing with the cases that are accumulating. This Chapter is also called upon to take a stand regarding this challenge and to update procedures pertaining to care and prevention at all levels. The present reality demands trouncing the taboos regarding talking about our sexual needs and the safeguards that modern society is imposing on us require the living of celibacy in a more balanced way. Previously employed methods of hiding sins against the sixth commandment **are now considered crimes** for which ecclesiastical authorities are being held accountable. Therefore, everyone has the obligation to seek help when the witness of chastity in celibacy is at risk and those who shoulder the service of authority in the Province must follow the procedures specified by the Church, which determines zero tolerance in cases of abuse.
7. Our path of fidelity also entails sharing our lives with our brothers and sisters in the Eymardian Family. The **Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament**, founded by Saint Peter-Julian Eymard as a precious gift, and updated under the government of Father Fiorenzo Salvi sss summarised in the *Project of Life*, is a concrete way to move ahead in Eucharistic evangelization. In this way, we will be enabled to take more concrete steps towards what the AGC has been asking us to do: "to deepen our personal witness". The Blessed Sacrament laymen and women are assisting many religious to support the choice made better, in religious profession, to follow the charism of Fr. Eymard. Assessing and designing the path undertaken by the Province in this area of mission express an important and hopeful commitment that this Chapter must assume.
8. Your Chapter is also called to **elect a Provincial and Council** who will animate the province for the next four years. The exercise of authority must always beware of not reproducing the anti-evangelical power structures present in our cultures. All of you know that I intervened in the procedure carried out by the ad-hoc commission responsible for the scrutiny to indicate the religious who can take the coordination service of the province. Our Eucharistic Spirituality does not sustain living with the formation of identity and interest groups. Soliciting promises of personal benefits in exchange for votes on the part of a religious dishonours the witness of those who subject themselves to this practice. There are no words, at this moment, to describe anyone who is capable to make this kind of proposal in order to assume a power that would never be blessed by God.

Let us recall the Eucharistic context of the Gospel of Saint Luke 22: 17-24: "It shall not be thus among you". May the **Eucharistic Spirituality**, in its implementation in the construction of **Fraternal, Praying and Servant Communities**, be the light that illumines the exercise of this service to the brethren. Desiring and giving expression to be in this service, as a position of privilege, contradicts and dishonours the Gospel and the



tradition of consecrated life. The Province deserves and requires this service of coordination as a free and mature fruit of the exercise of discernment in the Holy Spirit. By following this method, you will not lack God's blessings.

For you to exercise discernment in your decision, according to our congregational tradition based on the General Statutes 82.02/f, in alphabetical order, I present the three names of the religious designated to undertake this service:

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For your Chapter to proceed well, I ask for the intercession of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and Saint Peter-Julian Eymard, as well as the spiritual guidance of our Venerable confreres: Father Lodovico Longari and Brother Giovanni Nadiani. On behalf of the General Council, I send you our fraternal greetings and the assurance of our prayers.

Fr. Eugenio Barbosa Martins

Fr Eugenio BARBOSA MARTINS sss
Superior General.



Foreword

Dear Brothers and Fathers,

Our recent Provincial Chapter taught us so many things. It has challenged us too. We found so much of encouraging factor also.

It is a history and part of the history. We are part of it. I request to preserve this ACTS 2022 along with the Acts of previous chapters. You may refer it to add meaning to these four years of our journey 2022-2026.

I thank the Secretaries of the chapter Frs. Joel, Dhanam and Ramesh for compiling and gathering the information. I offer my gratitude to Fr. Rosario and Bro. Infant for doing the spell check and the necessary correction. I appreciate the special efforts of Fr. Ruban for alignment, compiling and giving it a complete form with his media skills. I also offer my thanks to Mr. David - Virudai printers and Fr. Jesu Augustine for checking on it.

My sincere thanks to General Curia as we were granted the Nihil Obstat by Rev. Fr. General Superior and his Council (GS 72.01.02).

Thanking you

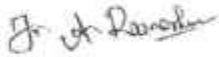
**Fr. D. Peter Jayakanthan sss,
Provincial Superior,
Kristu Jyoti Province – India,
October 2022.**



Electronic Signatures of the Secretary Team

This is to affirm that the reports of Fifth Provincial Chapter held from 09th to 15th May 2022 are our work as Chapter Secretary Team.

Electronic Signatures of the secretary team...



(Rev. Ramesh Amaldoss SSS)



(Rev. Savarimuthu Dhanapragasam SSS)



(Rev. Soosai Marian Joel Nelson SSS)



List of Capitulars & Invited Persons

R. No:	Name	Surname
01	Michael sss	Adaickalam
02	Ramesh sss	Amaldass
03	Peter Fernandes sss	Antonymsamy
04	Prabu Metha sss	Arokiasamy
05	Ruban sss	Arockiasamy
06	Utharianathan sss	Arokiasamy
07	Devan sss	Arul
08	Jesu sss	Augustine
09	Arputharaj sss	Bangar Benedict
10	Selvadhas sss	Bennet
11	Philip Bharathi sss	Devaraj
12	Arul Tharcus sss	Dhairiam
13	Sanal sss	D'mello
14	Xavier Arockiaraj sss	Dominic
15	Peter Jeyakanthan sss	Dorai
16	Rajesh Kumar Joseph Raj sss	Duraisamy
17	George Anthony sss	Fernandez
18	Dennis Amal Raj sss	Francis Xavier
19	James Raghumani sss	Gardia
20	Lazar sss	Gnanapragasam
21	Moses Alex sss	Gonsalves
22	Dominic Savio sss	Harikotti
23	Christopher Ephrem sss	Irudhayasamy
24	Arokia Inbaraj sss	Isaac
25	Joseph sss	Jacob
26	Jegarajhari sss	Joseph
27	Arockia Punithan sss	Joseph
28	Vinay Bandela sss	Joseph
29	Sebastian sss	Kitherimuthu
30	Infant Raj sss	Lawrance
31	Luie Desouza sss	Lourdusamy
32	Julian Prakash sss	Madalaimuthu



33	Francis Xavier sss	Manuel Maria
34	Lourdu Irudayaraj sss	Michael
35	Gnanasekar sss	Paul Raj
36	Stephen Paul sss	Peter
37	Arokia Sebastian sss	Peter
38	Joachim Joseph sss	Rodrigues
39	John Britto sss	Sathianathan
40	Dhanam sss	Savarimuthu
41	Rosario Pushparaj sss	Sebastian
42	Santiago sss	Sebastianraj
43	Anthoniraj sss	Selvam
44	Joel sss	Soosai Nelson
45	Velpula sss	Suresh Babu
46	Joseph Pillam sss	Thambi
47	Jesu Raja sss	Thomas
48	Antony Praveen sss	Varuvel
49	Sagaya Inigo sss	Xavier

50. Fr. Benzy Philip Romician, SSS
General Treasurer/Consultor, Rome.

51. Rev. Bro. Paul Raj SG
Facilitator,
Principal / Dean of Studies,
Vidya Deep College,
Higher Institute of Religious Sciences.



Proposed Daily Time Table During the Whole Chapter

09th to 15th May, 2022
Order of the day

May 09th, 2022

Arrival at the Venue: (GOA) by 4: 00 pm

06: 00 pm	Evening Prayer and followed by the Eucharist (Rosario – Ordi'Day)
07: 00 pm	- Gathering in the hall for the Preliminaries - Welcome by the Provincial to all the capitulars – Declaring the opening. - Procedure for the Provincial Chapter - Explanation about the discernment committee - Announcement with regard to accommodations and other set up - Acceptance by the Capitulars of the office Proposed: Moderators, Secretaries & Tellers
07: 45 pm	Presentation of the Dossier
08: 00 pm	Fellowship

Order of the day
May 10th – 14th, 2022 (Daily)

06: 30 am	Morning Prayer followed by the Eucharist
07: 30 am	Breakfast
09: 00 am	Session – 1
10: 30 am	Tea Break
11: 00 am	Session – 2
12: 30 pm	Lunch
03: 00 pm	Session – 3
04: 15 pm	Tea Break
04: 30 pm	Session – 4
05: 30 pm	Free time
07: 00 pm	Evening Prayer followed by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
08: 00 pm	Supper
09: 00 pm	Meeting of the Steering committee



Proposed Daily Time Table During the Whole Chapter

(NOTE: The timing for the Eucharist and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament could be interchanged on certain days, as need requires)

10th May, Tuesday – Opening of the Chapter

06: 30 am	Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist, celebrated by (10 th May Ordination anniversary of Frs. Arul, Inigo, Jesuraja (B'Day), Martin, Rajesh, Stephen & Xavier)
07: 30 am	Breakfast
08: 30 am	Setting the Tone for the chapter – followed by a prayerful silence and ritual

09: 00 am	Inaugural address of the 5 th Provincial Chapter: Letter from Fr. Eugenio Barbosa Martins sss, Superior General, Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.
09.15 am	Key note address by Bro.Paul Raj SG the Facilitator.
09: 30 am	Day's Proceedings given by the President of the Chapter Presentation of the reports at the 5 th Provincial Chapter: Provincial Administration & Formation
10: 30 am	Tea Break
11: 00 am	Presentation of the reports continued till 12:30 pm: Life style Commission, Mission- Lay Aggregates, Finance
12: 30 pm	Lunch
03: 00 pm	Presentation of the reports Vocation Promoter, Alto-Santa Cruz (English year), Nalgonda- (Intermediate College, Suresh & Joseph Thambi)
04: 15 pm	Tea break
04: 30 pm	Group discussion based on the concerns from the reports and Reporting of the group discussion continued till 05:30 pm Observations and comments by Discerning Committee



Proposed Daily Time Table During the Whole Chapter

07:00 pm	Evening Prayer, followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
08: 00 pm	Supper
09: 00 pm	Meeting of the Steering Committee.

NB: After each report is read, there will be a short time allowed for appreciation, affirmation and clarifications only. The key areas of the concern that emerge will be noted by all, collated by the secretaries and divided into sections for the further discussion and reporting.

11th May, Wednesday, Day – 2

06: 30 am	Morning Prayer, followed by Eucharist by the silver Jubilarians 2018-2022 (Profession & Ordination) Fr. Rajesh B'Day
07: 30 am	Breakfast.
09: 00 am	Reading of the minutes, correction, addition/ subtraction, proposing and seconding.
09: 15 am	Presentation of the reports by Vellapanchavady – (Collegians & Postulant), Badem-(Novitiate), Pune-(Scholasticate)
10: 30 am	Tea Break
11: 00 am	Presentation of the reports by Kamarajapuram, Mannurpet, Tembipada Olaikuda – (Inigo), Oralkatcha, Siolim & Vienna
12: 30 pm	Lunch
03: 00 pm	Group discussion
04: 15 pm	Tea break
04: 30 pm	Group discussion based on the concerns from the reports (Formation & mission) and Reporting of the group discussion continued till 05:30 pm. Observations and comments by Discerning Committee
07:00 pm	Evening Prayer, followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
08: 00 pm	Supper
09: 00 pm	Meeting of the Steering Committee.



Proposed Daily Time Table During the Whole Chapter

12th May, Thursday, Day – 3

06: 30 am	Morning Prayer, followed by the Eucharist celebrated by the newly ordained priests in the last four years. (2018-2022) Fr. Suresh – B' Day
07: 30 am	Breakfast.
09: 00 am	Reading of the minutes, correction, addition/ subtraction, proposing and seconding.
09: 15 am	Presentation of the reports by ministry communities a) Colaba – (SSS Media Centre) b) Agashi c) Alto-Santa Cruz d) Velapanchavady - Karunalayam
10: 30 am	Tea Break
11: 00 am	Presentation of the reports: Mazagaon, Mathoor, Noida- Sebastian A (CBCI), & Shrewsbury <u>Overseas and other ministry.</u> Fr. Ravi Earnest-Houston (Parish & Hospital Chaplain) Fr. Santiago-Liverpool, Fr. Dhanam-Australia, Fr. Jesuraja-Senegal, Fr. Martin-Dublin Miscellaneous: Mapusa, Pune DNC etc.
12: 30 pm	Lunch
03: 00 pm	Group discussion based on the concerns from the reports and Reporting of the group discussion continued till 04:30 pm Observations and comments by Discerning Committee
04: 15 pm	Tea break
04: 30 pm	Preparing for provincial election • Announcing the Candidates for the office of Provincial Superior (Fr. Eugenio Barbosa Martins sss, Superior General). • Enter into silence to make proper discernment of the right candidate. • The assembly will disperse for the reflection and prayer
06.30 pm	All gather in the hall – the candidates will express their views on the recommendations while each candidate speaks, the other candidates will be absent.
07: 00 pm	Evening Prayer, Followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



Proposed Daily Time Table During the Whole Chapter

08: 00 pm	Supper
09: 00 pm	Meeting of the Steering committee

13th May, Friday, Day – 4

06: 30 am	Morning Prayer, followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Feast of our lady of the Blessed Sacrament)
07: 45 am	Breakfast.
09: 00 am	Reading of the minutes, correction, addition/ subtraction, proposing and seconding.
09: 15 am	Election of the New Provincial
10: 30 am	Tea break and Congratulating the New Provincial
11: 30 am	Eucharistic celebration by the New Provincial Superior
12: 30 pm	Lunch
03: 30 pm	Outing at Vagator beach resort
09: 00 pm	Meeting of the Steering Committee.

14th May, Saturday, Day – 5

06: 30 am	Morning Prayer, followed by Eucharist
07: 45 am	Breakfast.
09: 00 am	Reading of the minutes, correction, addition/ subtraction, proposing and seconding.
09: 15 am	Election of the Provincial Consultors, Treasurer, and delegates for the General Chapter
10: 30 am	Tea Break
11: 00 am	Amendments by the statutes committee
12: 30 pm	Lunch
03: 00 pm	Concerns emerging from the Chapter from daily observations - Presented by Discernment committee Group work – Discussion on the concerns



Proposed Daily Time Table During the Whole Chapter

04: 15 pm	Tea break
04: 30 pm	Report of the Group work. Forming the Mandate (Come out with Mandate for the next four years. This will be put forth at the floor of the house and voted upon. Members will be free to add anything.)
07: 00 pm	Evening Prayer, followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
08: 00 pm	Supper
09: 00 pm	Meeting of the Steering Committee.

15th May, Sunday, Day – 6

06: 30 am	Morning Prayer followed by Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
07: 45 am	Breakfast.
09: 00 am	Reading of the minutes, correction, addition/ subtraction, proposing and seconding.
09: 15 am	Vote on the Mandates
09: 45 am	Formulating Vision – Mission Statement for the next 4 years.
10: 30 am	Tea Break
11: 00 am	Finalizing & Presenting the Vision – Mission statement for the next 4 years.
11: 30 am	Concluding Eucharistic celebration, celebrated by the new provincial superior & New Provincial Consultors (Prayer & ritual of commissioning the New Provincial and his council members)
12: 30 pm	Lunch



Commissions & Teams

Preparatory Commission:	Fr. Punithan, Fr. Santiago and Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj
Steering Committee:	Fr. Philip Benzy, Bro. Paul Raj, Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan, Fr. Arputharaj, Fr. Utharianathan and Fr. Pabu Metha.
Ad hoc Commission:	Fr. Johnson, Fr. Joseph and Fr. Jesu Augustine
Statues Amendment Commission:	Fr. Gnanasekar, Fr. Justin, Fr. Arputharaj and Fr. George.
Liturgical Commission:	Fr. Utharianathan, Fr. Vinay and Fr. Selvadhas.
Guests Committee:	Fr. Sebastian K, Fr. Jesu Augustine, Fr. Rajesh Kumar and Fr. Anthony.
Logistic Committee:	Fr. Christopher, Fr. Sebastian A and Bro. Infant.
Food Committee:	Fr. Rosario, Fr. Gnanasekar, and Bro. Moses.
Recreation Committee:	Fr. Joseph, Fr. Inigo and Fr. Sanal.
Secretaries:	Fr. Dhanam, Fr. Joel and Fr. Ramesh.
Tellers:	Fr. Praveen and Bro. Luie.
Media and Communication:	Fr. Punithan and Fr. Ruban.
Official Photographers:	Fr. Punithan and Fr. Ruban.
Discernment Committee:	Fr. Michael, Fr. Jegaraj, Fr. Arul and Bro. Infant.



Reports of the Commissions (Administration)



Administration

Report of the Provincial Administration

May 2018 to May 2022

Acknowledging:

All glory and honour to the Eucharistic Lord and to the Eucharistic woman that we have gathered for our historical fifth Provincial Chapter in this city of churches and beaches. Here I acknowledge the ever-supporting presence of Rev. Fr. Philip Benzy sss, General Treasurer and Consultor accompanying for Asia-India and the generous presence of Rev. Bro. Paul Raj, Montfort brother, Director of Vidyadeep, Theological Institute, Bangalore as observer and facilitator. I remember you beloved brothers, the members of this fifth Provincial Chapter.

Present state of our Province:

Finally professed religious: 54, Lay Brothers: 04, Scholastics: 02, Priests: 49.
Residence and Retired: 02, On Corrective Path 02,
Over seas mission/learning/ administration: 08.
Scholastics: 22, Novices: 01, Postulant 01, College graduates: 12, Intermediates: 08, English
learning candidates: 11.

Formation of Council, meetings and visitations:

We have accepted the following responsibilities in our first meetings. Fr.D. Peter J, **Provincial administration & on-going formation**. Fr. Peter Fernandez accepted to work as the **Vicar Provincial**, Fr. Rosario – **The Provincial Treasurer**, Fr. Punithan, **Life-Style** and Fr. Julian-**Mission and Lay Aggregates**.

The Teams of commissions:

Formation : Fr. Peter Fernandez, Fr. Michael, Fr. Xavier Arokiaraj, Fr. Arputharaj, Fr. Sekar & Fr. D. Peter Jayakanthan.

Finance : Fr. Rosario, Fr. Sebastian K & Fr. Jesu Augustine

Life Style : Fr. Punithan, Fr. Sekar and Fr. Dominic

Mission and Lay Agrabates: Fr. Julian, Fr. Arputharaj & Fr. Nathan.

Media : Fr. Punithan, Fr. Ruban, Fr. Dennis and Bro. Besklin

Meetings and visits:

We had our first meeting in May 2018 and the last meeting in April 2022. We have conveyed the fruits of every meeting through bulletins. There were 16 Bulletins brought out in the past four years of administration. Some bulletins had extended sections as per the emerging needs. We met physically seven times till December 2020. We met regularly from March 2020 practically every month through zoom virtual platform. After the lock-down, we met for the days of reflection and evaluation in Bangalore in January 2022 and in Mazagaon in March 2022.

In the First year, Provincial Treasurer accompanied the Provincial for the canonical annual visits. Second year the entire council made our visits. Provincial visited in the following two years in the midst of severe lock-down and restrictions. I missed my visit to Oralkatcha once in the third year and to overseas communities for two years due to pandemic restrictions. Community visits were



encouraging and it offered a chance to spent time with our religious to listen and to affirm. Each community spend their time in mission and ministry. If, the quality time is spent with the members of the community, it will add more strength. Community meetings can go beyond planning with personal listening. I thank you all for your hospitality and availability.

Persons were appointed to organise recollections during the seasons of Advent, Lent and founder's feast as a preparation in Mumbai, Chennai and in Goa. They gathered for special occasions too. This practice needs more emphasis and special focus in the coming years. This should be a priority in the midst of various other activities of parish or community work.

Admission and Departures:

We as a council respected the responsibility and proposals of persons in charge of vocation and different areas of formation. Thus, we admitted newcomers to the English year, permitted candidates to the postulancy, welcomed postulants to the novitiate, accepted the second-year novices for the first profession, approved all the annual renewals and for perpetual professions. We approved brothers to receive the minor orders of lector during their second year of theology and acolyte during their third year of theology.

We gave dimissorial letters to the concerned Bishops for the Ordinations of Deacons Ruban, Dennis, A. Sebastian, Suresh, Joseph Thambi, Vinay, Anotonyraj, Selvadhas, George, Inbaraj, Sanal and Praveen.

Four persons Augustin, Anup, Eltriya and Jeman left on their own during their period of temporary profession. Two were asked to discontinue before their annual renewal on specified reasons. They were Amiya and Lalchand. Two novices were sent out and three discontinued on their own. The deliberate voice is practised and followed the process in the above said things. Novice Master and the Director of the Scholastics were present for the presentation of the reports, for the discernment and deliberations.

Fr. Stephen Paul was absent illegitimately for a while due to his personal struggle. While his dispensation process was on, he expressed his desire to come back, by realising his hasty decision. He was offered professional and psychological help, he spent two weeks of personal guided discernment retreat at Atma Darshan, Patna and he has provided an oath of free state with the signatures of two witnesses. Provincial Council welcomed him on behalf of the province as he returned unconditionally. He was reinstated on Holy Thursday 20th April 2021 in Our Chapel at Colaba in the presence of three council members and others.

Fr. Isaac Gantam Balasamy applied to depart from the religious life in March 2019 and offered the required letter of acceptance for the in-cardination to the Diocese of Chinglepet. His application was forwarded to the Superior General. Holy see has granted the indult to leave the Institute and to in-cardinate into the diocese of Chinglepet following the canons 256, 267, 269 and 693 on 02nd May 2019.

Fr. Ravi DonBosco expressed his desire to depart from the religious life in September 2019 and offered the necessary letter of acceptance for the in-cardination into the Diocese of Shrewsbury. His petition was forwarded to the Superior General. Holy see has granted the indult to leave the institute and to in-cardinate to the diocese of Shrewsbury following the canons 256, 267, 269 and 693 on 17th April 2020.

Fr. Lourdusamy's dismissal process has been on after much search on his status.



Amplified Provincial Council Meetings:

Provincial Council convened three Amplified Provincial Council meetings, They are:

- 1) 20th May 2018, Pune – The approval of the floor for the mission in Khzhithurai diocese was done. Names were suggested for the Director of Scholastics.
- 2) 18th Novemebr, 2019 Agashi – Change of College from Loyola to St. Thomas and Mar Gregories colleges were proposed. The floor wanted more depth study and dropped it. Mapusa project conclusion: It was to go in favour of the Province's choice than the builder's choice, on structure, style and land. Kamarajapuram Matriculation school efforts were appreciated and expected more details before venture into it. Noida mission was approved. Annual holidays for overseas missionaries are accepted.
- 3) 11th March 2021, Virtual, Google meet – it was decided on Vienna buildings that General curia takes the lead and works in collaboration with the Italian Province and Indian Province and decides upon.

Superior and Parish Priests, and Commission Meetings:

We followed the practice of annual meetings of superiors and various commissions. It was an opportunity to gather as SSS religious persons with responsibility for the updates and renewal. We had meetings in the following dates: 1) 25th September 2018 in V. Chavadi, 2) 10th July 2019, in V. Chavadi, 3) 01st October 2020 Virtual, 4) 13th August 2021 Virtual. The Respective President of the commission held their meetings virtually in the lock - down situation. We need to spend minimum three days to have a proper guideline and to maintain the SSS thrust in our ministry places.

AGC Amplified General Council meeting:

I participated in the AGC, which was a virtual on zoom held from 03rd May to 21st May 2021. Provincials from 16 provinces along with General team and President of European Provinces were the participants of the Chapter. The following topics were highlighted and spoken often as part of discussion. They are: **Eymardian Charismatic family, Gift of self, Economy of communion, Internationality, Learning of languages English and French, Abuse of minor - adult, IP4, Post Pandemic response, Living the fruits of Laudato si and Fretelli Tutti.** The final document from the memory and discernment commission was submitted with three topics: **Life of Fraternity, Life of Prayer and Life of Service.** General Curia will study this in preparation for the General Chapter 2023.

SSS Asian Conference:

I participated in the Asia-Oceania conference held once in Srilanka from 07th to 10th May 2019. We witnessed the solidarity with the situation then as we gathered soon after the bomb blast event of Easter day 2019. The second meeting was on 21st May 2021, we had it during the AGC days.

Mandate 2018-2022:

Fourth Provincial Chapter drew the mandate for the four years in the following areas of Formation, Life-style, Mission, Administration and Finance. This was emphasised in our regular meetings. Provincial Council looked into it and tried to complete, we have failed in few areas. Provincial Council met in February 2022 to evaluate on this.



Formation:

SSS identity was practised with the establishing of Eymardian garden. Ongoing formation was arranged for those who are in ministry within five years. Once in Retreat Centre, Poondi and the other is done virtually. Persons who are in crisis are offered professional guidance and personal accompaniment. Vocation promoter was assigned in a formation house. **“Follow me”** study should be done for a week for the formators. Vocation promoter was given additional role, but given another priest support. Learning of third language is the immediate and urgent concern for the province mission.

Lifestyle:

Council member in-charge for lifestyle sent regular materials and questions to communities. Fr. Justin offered special help for this. There was very less response. Community meetings, Founder's Day and sharing of thoughts should make us to live our call as religious. Lifestyle in charge should stay few days in each community to regularize it.

Mission and Lay Aggregates:

Noida, Kuzhithurai and other efforts were made to establish new mission. Lay Aggregates were established, regularised and strengthened in most of our parishes and in few communities. Person in charge from the council is necessary to handle the Lay Aggregates. Persons are chosen for specialization. Separate Project Coordinator did not work out. Provincial Superior needs to have this responsibility with some professional's help.

Administration:

Expansion was given priority. Community life needs strict guidelines. Confidentiality goes with the respect for the individual. This is not realised in the world of high speed communication.

Finance:

Allowance was increased. Development works were taken off slowly in the Pandemic and lockdown situation. PP's getting three sponsors, their regular support and yearly support were nil.

Satellite Communities:

Noida, Mathoor, Shrewsbury are attached to Provincial House community. As they complete the experiment phase, there is a need for a sincere evaluation before applying for the canonical status.

New opportunities:

Bishops want us to have our presence as an assistant before they offer us a separate mission. Three persons were sent. Jospeh Thambi and Suresh Velpula worked in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. They were attached to Nalgonda Community. Inigo served in the Diocese of Kumbakonam at the Poondi Basilica. He was attached to Olaikida community.

Fr. A. Sebastian was sent for the national service of the Church in CBCI as minister and Administrator, he was attached to Noida Community. Fr. Ruban studied one-year mass media and journalism in “Alaigal” run by SDB. He was attached to Olaikuda community. He offered weekend help over there.



Fr. Jesuraja was accepted to do his scripture in Biblicum, Rome. But due to lock-down and delayed scholarship, he was waiting. Here he was asked to opt for Founder's study. He was sent to Senegal Province for the learning of French. He will move to the La Mure community.

Fr. Martin Raja waited for couple of years after his approval. He has gone to do his biblical theology and supporting the Dublin community. His entire studies and stay are taken care by the Great Britain-Ireland Province.

Memorable Events:

Fr. M.I. Raj's silver jubilee of his first profession was celebrated on 28th April, 2019 by the province in the Cenacle – Karunalayam community. Fr. Justin Sequira's Golden jubilee of his Sacredotal Ordination was celebrated on 20th December 2019, by the local Community.

P4 was organised once in Badem- Goa, second in Bambolim-Goa and the third one was in Colaba, Mumbai.

Due to Pandemic the ordinations were held as per the availability and willingness of the Bishops for the past two years.

“Youngling Mingling” was organised as a Formees meet from 27th to 29th December 2019 in Bambolim, Goa. It was well received and appreciated. We had 29th as benefactors' day. I thank all those helped and contributed for this special event. A long-time dream happened.

Live in and Retreat days:

We gathered for a live-in event in “Joe beach” from 19th to 22nd February 2019. It was the immediate event next to our Fourth Provincial Chapter. So, we had talk and group work on our mission statement.

Province retreat was conducted in November 2019, in two groups in two different places Bambolim, Goa and Agashi.

Agreements:

Mathoor Parish agreement was signed between the Province and the diocese for five years.

St. Alban and St. Joseph missions, Shrewsbury agreement was signed after a careful study for five years.

Noida mission was signed for five years.

Oralkatcha was renewed automatically for an another term of five years.

Vienna Community was transferred on 02nd August 2019 and it was celebrated on 25th August 2019. SSS first presence here was from 01st June 1955. We thank Fr. General and Italian Province. We also remember gratefully the previous administration for their initiative work.

Congratulations:

Fr. Philip Bharathi completed his M. Th in Scripture in March 2020. Bro. Besklin completed his



M. Ph in March 2021. Bro. Joyson completed his M. Ph in March 2022. We congratulate them and wish them to make their study fruitful.

Fr. Justin Sequira has come out with retreat notes and a guide book on St. Peter Julian. The title is "A 30-day Paschal Journey with Eymard"

Fr. Peter Fernandez is invited to be part of our international team working on the guidelines for sexual abuse of children and minors. He has done a month-long national session in Bangalore.

Our wishes to all those who pursue and completed your studies through distance education.

Challenges and Concerns:

Priority:

- Lifestyle, Congregation, Province, and Community should be our priority as we belong from them and sent from here. Everything flows from here. We shall experience more results then.
- Individual commitment will avoid groupism and negative gossips. It will also allow others to do their work instead of resisting them. Some are bothered about others' responsibilities than their own.
- Conversation and dialogue should be nurtured for issues and clarifications against complaining letters.

Religious Call:

- Respect for individual and Respect for the authority are the basic religious discipline. Prejudices and personal ego kill this spirit of religious life. The role of Superior and Treasurer should be complementary not a competing one. Superior of the community is the official head. Vow of obedience is a basic struggle for individuals.
- Overseas mission is an extra commitment than attraction for worldly things. Persons should be prepared for continuous exchange, to avoid the longer stay of a religious for unnecessary diversions.
- I spent more energy on issues and individuals. It is challenging, very demanding and a learning moment for me. Dignity of the individual becomes the priority along with secrecy.

SSS Centered:

- Mission statements are formed by us but not lived by us. Few communities don't display at all. When efforts are taken there is very few responses from communities. Economy of communion is in paper only. SSS identity in parishes is the need of the hour.
- Two new missions of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School, Kalyan East and Quasi independent parish of Thiruverkadu need a good, committed and Eucharistic start.

I acknowledge Provincial Council members, Frs. Rosario, Peter Fernandez, Julian & Punithan for

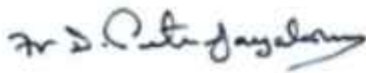


their valuable contribution, interactions and participation in the last four years of administration. I thank all the superiors and members of the province for our meetings, visits and conversations. I am sorry if I hurt you with my words or action. I apologise for failing to understand you as an individual. I thank Fr. General and Fr. Philip Benzy from General Curia for their guidance and accompaniment in the past four years.

It was the Eucharistic Lord led me in every step in the past four years with all my brokenness. Fr. Norman captures the thoughts of Fr. Eymard during his last hours in "In God's Time": The future of the Society would be assured by God's grace and not by the abilities and talents of his good, well intended and flawed successors.

Pandemic and Lock down was scary when our religious were in hospital for treatment. Few had long days of treatment with much struggle. You know what is life and what the Almighty wants from us. We were with you in prayers and spirit. I made personal visits to some and spoke to you those difficult moments. How many of us used our time then concretely and positively? We have another four years, shall we walk, talk and work as Eucharistic Person like SPJ.

Thank you



Fr. D. Peter Jeyakanthan sss

For the Provincial Council

April 2022



Report of the Formation Commission

Reverend Fathers and brothers of the Provincial Chapter 2022 I stand here to submit the report of the formation in our province on behalf of the formation commission and as the formation in charge of the province from the provincial council. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere sentiments of gratitude for all present and past formators of our province from the year 2018-2022.

List of the names of the members of the Formation commission of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, Kristu Jyoti Province, India

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan sss
(Provincial Superior, In charge of Permanent formation Level 1 and IP4)

Fr. Peter Fernandez sss
(Novice master and the Formation in Charge, Provincial council)

Fr. Dennis Amalraj
(Vocation Promoter)
(Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj for two years)

Fr. Gnanasekar – (Director of Aspirancy) Anglicans
(Fr. Jesuraja for two years)

Fr. B. A. Arputharaj (Director of Intermediate)

Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj
(Director of Collegians and Postulants)
(Fr. Christopher for two years)

Fr. Michael Adaikalam
(Director of Scholastics).

Thank you so much fathers for the mission of formation that you have carried out for the last four years in your respective areas of formation through your love and selfless service making a gift of self for the congregation.

We have been blessed with the numerous vocations as in the past. I would like place before you in the table format so as to help you to see the present status of our vocation and various stages of formation with its strengths and limitations.

Number of students from 2018 – 2022

Stages	Year	Left
English year	(2018-2022)	23
Intermediate	(2018-2022)	
College	(2018-2022)	22
Novitiate	(2018-2022)	6
Scholasticate	(2018-2022)	6



At Present

Stages	Number
English year	11
Intermediate	6
College	11
Novitiate	4
Scholasticate	18
Regents/Tem	5
Total	55

Total Number of formation Commission meeting held were Nine (9). Five meetings were physical meeting and 4 meetings were virtual meeting. Wide range of issues, programs, plans, sessions, were discussed and followed by execution evaluation.

In the first meeting of the formation commission Session were held on “FOLLOW- ME” AN ITINERARY OF SSS FORMATION followed by detailed study of document the commission came with the syllabus for various stages of formation. I would like to present them in the table format for your better understanding.

Taking on from the AGC which adhered to the 35th General Chapter's directive about the need for the provinces to adapt their formation plans to our congregational program “Follow-Me” The “Follow-Me” specifies and the commission worked on the syllabus.

The AGC laid emphasis on the need to form our formators in the psycho-spiritual dimensions, in order to respond better to the challenges of our time and the demands of the Church. Commission took this seriously with the insistence on having a spiritual director and professional help for those struggling with psychological issues. Course on psycho sexual integration, psychological test was conducted during the Postulancy.

In line with the mandate for the formation the commission discussed various issues and proposals. Formation commission discussed at length about the pros and cons of the use of mobile in the formation houses scholasticate in particular. The commissions came out with the new mobile policy. Orientation program was organized for the scholastics with regard to the restricted use of mobile. They were invited to make responsible use of the same.

In our attempt to inculcate a sense of SSS Identity we took the suggestions of the live in 2019 Feb, and the Commission came out with the idea of “**Eymard garden**” and decorating the formation houses with the symbols and images connected with our founder and Congregation. All the formation house came out with the Eymard garden except the Scholasticate.

Another path breaking initiative of formation commission was the gathering of all the formees of our province “**Youngling and Mingling.**” It was a successful event and the students were enriched by relating with the brothers of various stages of formation. The Formation commission also worked almost for two years in bringing out the common “**Prayer book**” for all the formation houses.



Sessions Organized for Formators:

Sessions were organized for the formators with inputs from the provincial and myself. The session on “FOLLOW- ME” AN ITINERARY OF SSS FORMATION was held followed by the syllabus that we set for all the stages of formation. Seminar on Formation in the digital Environment with formator as stakeholder and qualities of formator, Christian leadership was organized. The session was animated by Fr. John Christy SDB.

Pen drive consisting of study material connected with the Eymard, Eucharistic miracles, movies, sessions on Eucharist was made available to all the formators for the use in the respective formation.

Session on counseling skills for the formators was animated by Fr. Peter. The content of this session were skills of the counselor, goals of counseling, nonverbal communication, and characteristics of the counselor. Session on Process and criteria for discernment was held for the formators, input was shared by Rev. Sr. Rita FSJ former superior general.

Sessions for the Formees:

A week-long session was organized for the scholastics during their semester holidays on the theme, Historical & Cultural context of Fr. Eymard's Letters. The course was given by Fr. Darren SSS. Three days session by Fr. Tony, Chancellor of Chingleput diocese on “Church approach on Sexual abuses and scandals and religious ethics” was given to scholastics.

Session on “Aim of Religious life” was given to scholastics concluding with the responsible use of mobile.

Session for scholastics on Eucharist and Liturgy was organized, which was animated by Fr. Bastin Thomas with five days of group building was given. Sharing on 30 days Paschal Journey with Eymard by Fr. Justin was done to scholastics.

Formation commission held discussion on the existing policies and they were revised attending to the changing circumstances and trends in formation. Due to the New Education policy brought by the government in the state education the commission made recommendation to the provincial council to recruit only those students who have completed 12 and above. It has been implemented from the year 2021. Commission also recommended to the Council for the need for a separate English year in order to inculcate a right motivation and with the view of focusing on learning English. It was also implemented by shifting the English year students to Bambolim, Goa from the year 2020.

The psychology test has been conducted for the postulants. It has been an effective to help the formators in verifying the genuineness of the candidates aspiring to enter into novitiate also to help the candidates also to work on certain psychological hang-ups they are struggling with.

We have been strictly adhering to the format of the “Follow Me” document for the house enquiry, reports to be presented at the end of the year.

Formation team:

Efforts have been made for the effective use of the Team of Formation and team of Collaborators. It



was insisted that there were two meetings compulsorily and if need be more for the discernment of the candidates. As formation in charge personal contact with the formator to have team meeting and few occasions I was part of the meeting in order to make sure and initiate the team meeting.

IP4 Program: in the last year three IP4 programs were arranged. The program was organized in complete consonance with the Follow me document.

2019- Four persons: Bros. Sebastian, Suresh, Vinay, Joseph Thambi.

2020- Bros. Inbaraj, Sanal, Selvadhas, Antony Tamilagaran, Ragumani, Praveen,

2021- Bros. Infant and Luie

2018- Frs. Ruban and Dennis were ordained to priesthood.

2020- Frs. Suresh, Sebastian, Joseph Thambi, and Vinay were ordained.

2021- Frs. Inbaraj, Selvadhas, Sanal, Antony, Praveen were ordained.

These IP4 program and ordination were held during the pandemic Covid.

Courses for the Formators:

Frs. Jesuraja and Lazar were sent for a month long formators course on "New Challenges in Formation" in Ishvani Kendra, Pune. This course has given them the basic knowledge about formation, its challenges in the post-modern world and some possible solutions. They were well equipped with the four pillars of formations human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral maturity that are to be balanced and well grounded. They were also initiated in to basics of discernment (ignatian discernment process) and decision making.

Fr. Lazar attended the course on Tanmaya Sadhana in the Sadhana institute, Lonavala with a focus on Intensive journal, Group therapy, Christian maturity, and communication from 29 September to 27 November 2021.

Fr. Christopher attended a month-long course (Four weeks) at Don Bosco renewal centre, Bangalore. The course titled "The Formation of the Formator" dealing with the various nuances of the formation: The Formator, Assessment of Candidates, Vocational Motivation & Discernment, Psycho-Cultural aspects of Formation, Formation to Prayer, Consecrated Life, Psychology of Human Development, Enneagram and Community Building, Psycho- Sexual Integration & Celibacy, Group Counselling.

Fr. Peter Fernandez attended the diploma course titled "Safeguarding the minors from sexual abuse" educating priests religious and laity at Sanyasa in Bangalore.

Fr. Michael attended the Major seminary Rectors meeting held in Bangalore in 2022.

Suggestions from formation commission for the Chapter

- Suggestion to have Vocation promoter's office in Chennai or in the main city and not in the house of Prema Nilayam for the sake of connectivity to other places.
- Need of an independent promoter without any other responsibilities.
- Suggestion is not to have the Vocation Promoter in the same house of aspirants.
- Recruit the formators for the Postulancy, Novitiate and Scholasticate with trained formation.
- We need a separate year of Postulancy.
- On-going formation for the newly ordained priest can be organized every year.



- College study at Loyola needs a change as many dropouts came in last few years (options IGNOU, or any other college for degree)
- Indian languages and foreign languages have to be brought in the formation houses of novitiate and scholasticate.
- The formation commission had suggested in indicating future formators, long-term specialists. We should not act only when we are faced with a pressing need. It remained a suggestion without preparing the future personal formation.
- Suggestion for the gathering of formees with the benefactor's day can be continued in the future.
- Gathering of parents of Formees for different stages in different places with Parents day.

After going through serious reflection as formator and formation in change in the province glaring drop out during the college studies at Velappanchavady we have tried all the possible means to stop the drop outs with meetings, motivations sessions, personal accompaniment by the directors, orientations, discernment, but the mass exodus continues to be a concern in Velappanchavady. I would suggest to the future provincial team that College study or graduation is a must before the Novitiate, but Chapter can form a committee that can look into possibilities of Change of college or place, or any other mode of graduation in addressing this concern. I express my gratitude to all the formators and to the Provincial Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan as and when there was a need or any issues in the formation houses we attended to it as quickly as possible. It is either me or Provincial taking stock of the situation personally, through meeting, motivating, helping in discernment, addressing the issues directly with the help of formators. We need to make a paradigm shift in our formation, formators and place, keeping pace with the digitalized world.

Fr. Peter Fernandez sss

(For the Formation commission, Formation In charge of the Provincial council)

Date: 23.03.2022



Table of syllabus

Formation stages	Aspirancy/ Intermediate	Postulancy:	Novitiate	Scholasticate
Course				
Language	English		Language of choice	3 rd language
Founder	Pictorial Book Quotes Small book	Tomorrow will be too late Quotes & Stories	Andre Guitton Letters (6 Vol) Don Cave Retreat Notes of SPJE Gift of self	Life and mission (In detail & Deeper) Gift of self
Congregation	Rule of Life	Rule of Life Mission of the congregation Eucharist step by step	Rule of Life Eymardian Spirituality Mission of the congregation Charism of the congregation SSS identity Eucharistic mission SSS charism Community life	Charism Rule of life
Scripture	Bible stories Call narratives from the bible (OT and NT)	Reading of Bible Infancy narratives Important personalities in the bible Background to Gospels	Reading of the Bible Biblical theology Salvation of the history	Biblical theology Discovering Eucharistic aspects from the Scripture (OT, NT)
Spiritual	Prayers	CCC	Christian spirituality	Eymardian spirituality



	Vocation and discernment	Theology of prayer Theology of religious life Table fellowship Eucharistic spirituality	Spirituality of the table Eucharistic spirituality Mary the Eucharistic women Liturgy Sacraments Discernment	Eucharistic spirituality Discernment
History			History of religious life History of the congregation	
Consecrated life			The evangelical vows Cost of discipleship and apostleship Call to holiness	
Psychology	Self-awareness	Personality development Constructive handling of emotions Group dynamics	Personality development Anthropology of Christian vocation Inner healing Psychosexual & spiritual integration Group therapy Formation of conscience Family Therapy/ Culture Audit /TA/REBT/	Art of communication



Basic etiquette	Art of getting along with people Table manners		Eco Spirituality IPS, Enneagram, Models of Holiness	
	Rule for a Brother	Rule for a Brother		
Project		Writing, small write ups on our Founder and Eucharist	Thesis paper on Founder & charism	Thesis paper on Founder, charism, identity & spirituality.
Extra Curriculum activities	Learning Music	Learning Music		
	White shirt with medal	Kurtha & chain with cross	Kurtha & chain with cross	Cassock with emblem & congregation cross
No Specific SSS Ritual but improvised	No Specific SSS Ritual but improvised	SSS Ritual to be followed	SSS Ritual to be followed	SSS Ritual followed
Files of all the necessary documents to be kept	Files of all the necessary documents to be kept	ANNEX 1 for Evaluation ANNEX 2 Personal file	<u>ANNEX 1 for Evaluation</u> <u>ANNEX 2</u> <u>Personal file</u> ANNEX 3 Form IV Annex 4 Form V	ANNEX 4 Form V A First Year of profession ANNEX V B ANNEX 4 C

Preparation for the perpetual profession: As in the follow me document.

The Permanent formation Level 1 First Five years of Ministry

At the personal level: Reading/Updating/ Participation in the CRI, Local Diocese, National and deanery level conferences

The Community level: Community library/ Periodical subscription

At the Province level: Live in, Retreat, Regional level recollection, Gathering for the important feasts

Conference: Once in four years on going formation for the for the Five years of perpetual profession and ordination



Report of the Life-Style Commission From 2018 to 2022

Preamble:

The Report on the life-style Commission of the Kristu Jyoti Province covers the period from June 2018 to April 2022. The provincial council appointed Frs. Punithan, Gnanasekar and Dominic, as members of the life-style commission respectively. The commission met once a year, mostly after the superiors' meeting to recommend matters concerning the life-style of our members to the Provincial council. The meetings of the commission have been the occasion for the members to pursue deepening and studying the realities that pertain to our Province. All our suggestions aimed at seeking the explicit SSS identity in our specific apostolate as given in the vision and mission statement.

Mandate:

Before presenting the reports on the work of the commission for Life-style, allow me to recall the hopes and mandate of the 4th Provincial chapter (14-20 May 2018).

MANDATE ON LIFE-STYLE

- i) Every community must have a ministry calendar and programme marked on it and placed in a common place. (R)
- ii) Team ministry must be emphasized and created. (M)
- iii) Even though every Monday is a community day/ Founder's Day, preferably every first Monday or any other convenient day must be the day of recollection, community meeting and Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. (M)

Efforts taken to fulfill Mandate:

Community Ministry Calendar was prepared appropriately and sent to all the communities in India and softcopy was sent to overseas communities. Members were strongly reminded of the ministry calendar, particularly during the provincial council visitation to all the communities.

Regarding team ministry, Reminders were given during the superiors' meeting. There are number of programmes, which were conducted as Teams especially formation of members of aggregation, scholasticate programme, etc. Rev.Fr.Peter Jayakanthan the Provincial appointed the Media Team from the year 2020. Media Team consists of Frs.Punithan, Ruban, Dennis and Bro.Beskilin respectively. We need to improve a lot.

Reminders were sent by the Provincial and monthly reflections along with questions were sent to all the communities and requested to get the reflective answers for the questions. But the provincial office received very few answers. During the provincial council visitation to all the communities, individually, members were strongly reminded of the founders' day.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

In seeking explicit SSS identity in our communities and to promote the devotion to

our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, the commission encouraged all communities to install statue of our lady of the Blessed Sacrament. Now we have the embossed statues at Colaba, Mannurpet and Tembipada. The commission coordinated to give special time for the novena in honour of our lady of the Blessed Sacrament.



St. Peter Julian Eymard

While Covid-19 has come as a shock not only to society, health systems and economies, spiritual life is also suffered a lot. We were unable to celebrate with people the feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard on August 2, 2020. The commission along with provincial decided to bring out the reflections based on the Covid-19 for the novena in honour of St. Peter Julian Eymard. Nine days reflections were written by our priests, made as booklet, and sent to all our communities for the meaningful celebration of our feast.

Live-in 2019:

Arrangements were made after carefully visiting the place in advance. The sessions were given by Fr. A. Alangaram Arockiam SJ on the theme 'Nourished by the Paschal meal of Jesus' taken from the vision of the province from 19-22 February 2019.

Annual Retreat:

Members were divided into two groups, so that the ministry at our appointed place may not suffer. We had one at Alto Santacruz, Goa from 03 Nov to 8 Nov 2019 preached by Fr Irudayaraj SJ and the other at Agashi from 13 Nov to 18 Nov 2019 Preached by Fr Turnin SJ.

Session on Fratelli Tutti:

Fr Joseph Gonsalves, belonging to the Archdiocese of Bombay animated the session online.

Reflections for Monthly Recollection:

Reflections were printed in SSS India newsletter for monthly recollection. The commission sent 12 months reflections on the mission statement of our province written by Fr Justin for the year 2021.

The life-style commission sent the following concerns to all the communities:

1. First and foremost, plan a creative and meaningful novena in honour of St. Peter Julian Eymard our founder before 2nd Aug.
2. Besides our SSS life of Breviary Prayers and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, reading and reflecting on the three books namely "St. PJE Counsels for Spiritual life", "Praying 15 days with PJE", and "A thought for every day".
3. Communicate to the whole province through SSS India newsletter about your initiatives based on our vision and mission statement.
4. Identify the weak and broken families, have meal with them with prior visit, dialogue, and prayer.
5. Recognizing face of Jesus in your community members through your personal dialogue.

Concerns:

The Parish Priests and the Assistants are obliged to be available for the Parishioners apart from the



congregational programme or Diocese program or written permission from the Provincial. When all of these were absent in the respective parish, strong measures must be taken.

The file of the Life-style commission must be updated with details on the specialization of fathers and brothers with certificates.

All those who are not attending the diocesan and area meetings must be given a warning.

In order to achieve the minimum numbers of Community members, the structure of the community must be as following: a Superior / Parish priest, a member doing the Specialized ministry staying and an assistant with a regent or Deacon
Provincialate must be the residence for the priest in crisis.

Fr. Arockia Punithan sss

Life-style commission



REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMISSION

From 2018 to 2022

VISION: Nourished by the Paschal meal of Jesus we commit ourselves to breaking of bread in Charity, Justice and Peace.

MISSION: We Pledge ourselves; Towards qualitative formation with the SSS identity.

To recognize the face of Jesus in others through our social projects with the apostolic zeal of St. Eymard.

To establish on Economy of Communion in diverse areas with self-sufficiency and

To build Eucharistic communities in collaboration with Lay Associates

The composition of the Mission Commission thus follows; Fr. B. Arputharaj, Fr. Utharianathan and Fr. Julian Prakash. We came together for meeting as to discuss and propose some concrete suggestions to the provincial council. Soon after the chapter Fr. B. Arputharaj was appointed as a project coordinator and later Fr. Julian was given the responsibility to be the project coordinator. Fr. Julian did the survey and collected the information about ongoing social projects in each community and reported to the provincial council. Later, The Provincial along with the provincial treasurer followed the projects and its details.

Our communities are devoted to the apostolic life, and “apostolic and charitable activity belonging to the very nature of the religious life.” Living together as a community, we are inspired to translate the Eucharistic grace into very diverse ministries, the daily celebration of the paschal meal stimulates us to be creative and spontaneous in our own mission.

The following communities such as Colaba, Tembipada, Goa:Siolim, Velappanchavady, Olaikuda are involved in different social projects namely, on educational; free tuition centers, spoken English, tailoring, health; free medical camps and ministry to the migrant workers. Two communities; Siolim and the Cenacle - Velappanchavady work for migrants, who are far away from their families, they too fulfill their spiritual needs like celebrating Eucharist, sacraments, counseling and making our houses available for their social and spiritual gatherings.

Being attentive to the needs of the poor and their distress, our communities, especially the parish communities distributed food material to the poor in the time of Covid-19. Our province and three of our SSS communities contributed money to distribute food material to the people of Olaikuda.

The following were the work, initiatives and out - come of the mission commission.

➤ Mission commission visited an English medium school at Vadalore, near Cuddalore. After a detailed study and findings, we submitted the report to the provincial council for its further decision.

➤ A family in Goa at Divar offered a house to our Congregation. The offer came through Fr. Utharianathan. On behave of Mission commission Fr. Utharianathan and Fr. Julian visited the house and its adjourned property and presented our report to the provincial council. The paper works were completed and today, the house is in our disposal for ministry purpose.



- We took concrete steps to implement the suggestions of live-in group discussions that held in Chennai - 2019. It was a good effort and bore fruits.
- We prepared an evaluation sheet that could help aggregate groups to prepare their reports soon after their meeting and sent to the person in-charge of the Lay Associates.
- We provided "Formula of the Promise" for Lay Associates in Tamil to all animators, to use them in the time of the renewal or to take promise.

The Mission commission presented some of the suggestions to the provincial council for the future expansion. They are as follows;

- **Expansion:** Establishing our communities in the dioceses of Nellore, Madurai, Dindigul, Kammam and Sultanpet. Priority is for Nellore. To take up the parish of Badem in the Archdiocese of Goa (where our novitiate is), Dialogue could be initiated.
- **New initiative with regard to forming and registering another society:** We have a trust and a society. Yet one more society could be established with all the new changes etc. The process can be initiated.
- **Appointment at mission places:** Continue to have our community with the diocese of Andaman for good mission and for the future ministry. It is good to have community in the diocese of Agra.
- **Ministry for migrants:** The Archbishop of Goa encourages ministry for migrants in his diocese. Hence, we could initiate it by using one portion of our property at Kareswada-Mapusa, something in line with our founder's ministry for the rag-pickers.

THE EYMARDIAN FAMILY

In association with lay people and priests with the spirit and the mission of the Congregation, Father Eymard hoped to make them "men of fire," ardent apostles capable of changing the world. He wanted to gather them into associations to give them a solid formation that would comprise their whole life and not just their life of prayer alone. We acknowledge in lay persons some gestures of profound generosity in giving their lives and in pooling the best of their strength for the work of Blessed Sacrament religious. We recognize them as a part of our single Eymardian family founded by Fr. Eymard.

At present, we have lay aggregates in the following communities, Colaba (Tamil), Mazagaon (English), Tembipada (Tamil), Siolim (English), The Cenacle (Tamil), Manurpet (Tamil), Kamarajpuram (Tamil), Olaikuda (Tamil) and Mathoor (Tamil). They were given regular formation and teaching on the life of our founder, his Eucharistic spirituality, on SSS Charism and life and service of the lay aggregates. They actively participate in the life and activities of the parish mission like; liturgical preparation and animation, teaching in Sunday school, singing for the Eucharist and maintaining liturgical things.

There is a regular formation session every month for individual groups in their respective places. Once in three or four months all lay aggregate groups come together as region wise (Mumbai and



Chennai) for their common formation programme. On 15th September, we had formation session for lay Aggregates at Velappanchavady.

The topics were as following;

1. Eucharist in the life of Christian and its development.
2. St. Peter Julian: his Eucharistic calling.
3. Quiz programme on the life of St. Peter Julian Eymard.

On 24th November 2019 we had formation program for the lay aggregates at Tembipada, Mumbai. On 08.12.2019 formation program at Manurpet - Chennai. On 1st of March 2020 formation program at Colaba - Mumbai. On 8th of March 2020 we had the third formation session at Kamarajapuram (Chennai region). Each session had a theme and topic for active participation in sessions. At the end of each formation programme, we evaluated, received the feedback from participants as to plan for the forthcoming session. We used to finalize the date, venue and day's activities too at the concluding session. Lay associates appreciated and usually look forward for more programmes.

The following are the some of the concrete plans and activities that lay associates suggested and put into practice.

- To bring many more members to the Eucharistic Lord by sharing their experiences and witnessing.
- To organize 40 hours of adoration / 12 hours of adoration in their respective places.
- To have a regular meeting in their respective places without fail.
- To visit the sick and aged to prepare them for Holy Communion.
- To involve more actively in the spiritual activities of their respective parishes.
- To celebrate 160th year of the foundation day of lay associates in Mumbai. We announced to the people to give their names to arrange for travelling. However, we could not move forward due to the pandemic Covid-19.
- We created WhatsApp group for the lay aggregates: to provide regular spiritual materials, life and teachings of saints, Eucharistic devotion in the life of saints and foundation and growth of the lay associates. As part of formation, resources and reflections were sent through WhatsApp by the admin: Frs. Julian and Punithan
- To publish a magazine for the lay aggregates. It was published for the lay aggregates to link them all as Eymardian family and to enlighten them by sharing the Eucharistic charism and spirit.
- To provide a leaflet, summarizing the important events in the life of our saint.



Appreciation and expectation from lay aggregates:

- It was a good opportunity to relate and interact with other associate members and it created a feeling of oneness – belonged to an Eymardian family.
- It was an inspiring movement to learn and know about this Eucharistic saint and his Eucharistic vocation.
- They were happy to pray for various intentions especially for aged and elderly around them.
- Associates appreciated the 12 hours of adoration at St. Anthony's Church Kamrajapuram and Sagaya Annai Alayam at Mannurpet.
- Many of the aggregates shared that they were touched by the faith and pious activities of the family members of St. Peter Julian.
- They too expressed their desire for social gathering unlike the formation program. 33
- A request to provide more time for prayer.
- To have this formation sessions on common holidays not on Sundays.
- To be inducted as Eucharistic ministers.
- They also look for more cooperation and encouragement from Local SSS community, for their growth and activities.
- Lay Associates expressed their gestures of profound generosity in contributing to the expenses of the formation program.
- Its minutes, attendance record, and their contact details are to be maintained.

During the live-in program in Chennai, we provided material resources on lay aggregates in pen drive to all our SSS religious to read and understand and translate them into local languages.

In the time of Covid -19, on the occasion of the feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard a quiz program was organized for the members based on the life history of St. Peter Julian Eymard. All our associate groups actively participated. The participants well appreciated and requested for more programs likewise. We too organized nine days of novena preaching on different themes followed by novena prayers of our founder. It was done through our SSS media and communication centre.

All our religious positively accepted, prepared and preached well. I thank and appreciate all our SSS religious for their dedication as well as for their contribution to make known our founder and his spirituality to the laity.

We organized a singing competition in honour of our founder. A good number of singers happily participated. The following are the singing groups: Junior – 35 participants, Senior group-46



participants, and Super Seniors-79 participants, the winners were awarded with cash prize; first prize Rs. 5000, second prize Rs. 3000 and third prize Rs. 2000 for each category.

The cash prize was sponsored by our SSS religious. We thank them all once again for their spirit and good will to spread the Eucharistic fire. It was a good effort and initiative that was much appreciated by the lay people. It was an opportunity for us to make known our Congregation among the Catholics.

We prepared a guideline for our SSS animators of the lay aggregates to follow it up and it was sent to all our SSS communities.

Observation and recommendation:

1. We have a big mission for the Lay aggregates. Lay people are interested and willing. It's only on our part to dedicate and commit ourselves for this mission.
2. Social projects: it's only possible and realizable by the cooperation, the interest, and the commitment of our SSS who in the respective places.

In short, the entire programme of Lay associates was carried out with ardent desire of making known the richness of God's love manifested in the Eucharist. As a coordinator, my sincere gratitude is due to all who have been part of this Mission very dear to our Holy Founder.

I am very confident that the appreciations and recommendations in this report will be of great help as to continue to build the Lay Associates into Eymardian Family.

Rev. Fr. Julian Prakash SSS

The Coordinator of Mission Commission and Lay Aggregates

22.04.2022



FINANCIAL REPORT OF KRISTU JYOTI PROVINCE, INDIA. 2018-2022

I. Introduction:

On behalf of the Finance Commission, with the Kristu Jyoti Provincial Council, and the treasurers of the communities, I thank the members of the province for your support, encouragement and co-operation during this term 2018-22. This term witnessed Covid 19 and total lock-down took place and we have to close our churches and the institutions. No projects were sanctioned and there was no special income for the province and even regular income also was swindled during this pandemic period.

II. Finance Commission:

Finance commission was met twice a year for the approval of Budgets and various projects for the communities. The major financial issues were discussed in the Finance commission and then they were passed to the Provincial Council. I thank the members of the Finance Commission Fr. K. Sebastian and Fr. Jesu Augustine for their constant support, offered their time and suggestions.

III. Mandate:

- To recognize the face of Jesus in others through our social projects with the apostolic zeal of St. Eymard.
- To establish an economy of communion in diverse areas with self-sufficiency regular visits to the communities are done. The treasurers are encouraged to undertake repairs and keep the buildings safe and strong. Also, it was told to keep the members of the province safe and sound from the covid virus infection which was very prevalent at that moment. Though we have taken enough precaution, still, some of the members were affected and admitted in the hospital. By God's grace and by the care of the community members everyone was safely recovered.

Things Done and Completed Events:

1. Recognizing the face of Jesus through Social Projects:

Through the members of various communities committed themselves to do some social work projects, these were main works done in the province: Covid Testing, Vaccination Centers, Free food distribution in the Pandemic, Alcoholic Anonymous counselling (AA), Hope and Life for widows, Education for School Dropouts, Regular Medical Camps for the labourers of unorganized sector, Ration for poor, Balwadi for poor children, get-to-gather for migrants, Food Bank, tailoring for domestic workers, Evening free Tuition Centers, Computer learning, Spoken English, Small Savings Scheme for the needy, Women's Cell, Counselling Center for the sick and depressed.

2. Economy of Communion towards self-sufficiency:

Some communities like Tembipada, Karunalayam, Kamarajapuram, Agashi, Mannurpet, Mathoor have sent some contribution to the province. Siolim Community has transferred an amount to Bambolim Community.

3. The surplus mass intentions are not sent to the province, due to Covid situations. The second collection from the parishes are also not actualized because of the closure of the Churches and due to poor collections.



4. Inigo, Suresh and Joseph Thambi are regular in sending their contribution every month to the province's account.

Shrewsbury: Contract was made with the Bishop Mark Davies in Sep. 2019. Shrewsbury community also have sent their contribution to the province through various creative collection.

5. **Higher Studies:**

Fr. Rajesh - Counselling Training Programme, Fr. Martin – Sacred Scriptures Studies in Ireland, Fr. Xavier's Arockiaraj – MSW Studies.

Formation Courses done by Christopher, Jesuraja and Lazar.

6. **IP-4 Preparation, Final Commitment and Ordination to the Diaconate** taken place in Goa, Pune and in Colaba in these years.

7. **On-Going Formation and Annual Retreat** for ordained priests of different years were organized in different places.

8. **Overseas Community:** Since Joseph reached Vienna, Austria, on 2nd Aug 2019, it became part of Indian Province as Italian Province handed over. Since Joseph came back to India, George is getting ready to move there.

Since Devan is back here, Anthony Praveen was sent to Shrewsbury. Martin is sent to Ireland for his studies and for the ministry.

Jesuraja has gone to Africa to learn French and then he will move to LaMure, Our Founders' place.

9. Fr. Dhanam left for **Sydney** for the ministry in 5th Aug. 2019 and he is back here.

10. **Repairs and Renovation:**

Colaba Community – Building, Roof, Hall, Refectory, Sacristy and grotto; New public toilets

Alto Santacruz Chapel roof, building repairs and painting;

Matharpakady Provincialate roof, whole building repairs and painting and Chapel;

Annanagar Building terrace, Lift, Generator, Compound wall, Name board, Sun Shades, Front Shutter door, Generator Shed, and repairs around the building.

Badem: Repairs and painting, Roof repairs, Compound wall.

Velappanchavady: Bathing Tub, Compound wall, BSDS Office, Vada Noombal Tution Center.

Nalgonda: Toilet repairs, Bathing Tub on the terrace.



Olaikuda: Road repairs, Property paper works.

Agashi: Some electrical works. **Mathoor:** TV, Washing Machine.

11. **Ministry:** Fr. Gnanasekar went to Great Britain and Ireland for preaching on Eucharist and brought some income to the province .
12. Ravi Earnest was sent to **Houston** for ministry in 2019.
13. Fr. Peter J attended the **Asian Conference** in Sri Lanka from 3rd to 13th May 2019.
14. Fr. M. I. Raj celebrated **Silver Jubilee of his religious profession in Chennai.**
15. **Fr. Darren** and **Fr. Philip Watkins** also visited Chennai, India.
16. **Olaikuda Land Issue:** Is settled by the efforts of Fr. Julian sss.
17. **Scrutiny from Income Tax department** was handled successfully with the help of Frs. Punithan and Dominic in 2019.
18. Fr. Ravi Earnest did **Mission Appeal** in 2020. No more Mission Appeal took place due to Covid-19 afterwards.
19. **Treasurers' Meeting** was held either in person and on online every year.
20. **Lay Aggregates meeting** have taken place in Chennai and in Mumbai.
21. **New Vehicle** bought for Pune, Oralkatcha and to Nalgonda. Bambolim community is given a car (Wagonr) by a donor through Fr. Peter Fernandez. Olaikuda was given a two-wheeler for the ministry.
22. **Solar power grids** are fixed in Velappanchavady and in Pune Scholasticate.
23. **BSDS Office:** A New permanent office for BSDS is built in Velappan chavady.
24. **Compound wall** constructed around Badem Property, Mapusa Property, Scholasticate Property, Velappan Chavady property.
25. **Contribution from Abroad:**
From SSS Australia, Cena, Ireland, Columbus of Knights in Houston, Shrewsbury, Jim Yeo, Darren sss,
26. **Gathering of all formees** "Youngling Mingling" in the province on 27th, 28th and 29th Dec. in Goa.



27. **Fr. Justin's Golden Jubilee** of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 20th Dec. 2019 in Goa.

28. **Star Alliance Medical Insurance:** Most of our members are given card for medical insurance. If you are not using it properly, we are the losers.

29. **New FCRA account** is opened for BSDS and St.FXC. in Delhi SBI Main Branch.

30. **The Building Tax of Nalgonda** was solved successfully and reduced the tax amount.

31. **Life Insurance Corporation:** Almost everyone is covered under this scheme.

32. **New Houses registered:**

Through the initiation of Fr. Nathan a house was donated to our province in Diwar, Goa and it was registered in BSDS and some repairs and renovations are done, since the house was neglected for many years. Also through Fr. Peter Fernandez a house was donated and it is in process of registering in our name in Badem. Thanks to Fr. Nathan and Fr. Peter Fernandez for their initiatives and love for the province.

IV. Concerns and to be attended:

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Mapusa Property:

Brief history of the Property at Kesaravada, Mapusa, Goa.

- a. Mrs. Philomena D'Souza (Marousa) gave the property to St. Francis Xavier's Chapel Trust in 1979.
- b. The Tenants remained there and continued to be there to look after the property.
- c. After many years, the tenants filed a petition in the Court to make their own.
- d. Fr. Erasto as the Provincial Superior gave Power of Attorney to Mr. Capistrano (Cappy) to deal the case with the view of selling the property to him.
- e. After the Court Settlement, the land was divided and a portion of land was given to the so-called Tenants.
- f. Cappy was sick and called SSS authority to collect the papers of the land as he was not interested on the land at his time of death.
- g. Nathan visited him and collected the documents and Cappy died.
- h. Chapter gave the mandate to develop the property as source of income to the Congregation. Nathan was dealing with the builder to make a deal.
- i. Amplified Provincial Council which met in Agashi, in 2019 which the members decided not to give the property to the builder, but we, on our own would develop it as "income generation".
- j. When we approached the Builder Cedric, he declined to construct it as a builder rather he was interested in taking up the whole property. So, we decided to put the compound wall to stop further encroachment. When Fr. Earnest as Provincial Treasurer bought some cement poles to fence our property, for some reason could not complete it and now we have completed it.
- k. When we started to raise the compound wall, we came to know that Mr. Cappy already had sold two pieces of land using the power of attorney which was given to him and which was not informed to the members of the province.
- l. Here we need to build and this is our proposal.
- m. Conversion of the land from agricultural to Building to be done. (1-2 Years' time)
- n. Road access to be made.
- o. Ware House with a large shed, Small Shopping Mall, Parking place. A small Chapel and presbytery on the higher land with an access from top.

Rosario sss,
May 2022, Goa.



BLESSED SACRAMENT CONGREGATION					
KRISTU JYOTI PROVINCE, INDIA					
Four Years Budget for GENERALATE 2022-26					
For the period from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2026					
INCOME IN INDIAN RUPEES					
Sl.No	Particulars	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	Income				
	Balance C/F	10,00,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Australia SSS	36,00,000	45,00,000	45,00,000	45,00,000
	UK - SSS	5,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
	CENA-BELGIUM	14,00,000	14,00,000	15,00,000	15,00,000
	IRELAND SSS	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
	BSDS Local Donation	25,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Bank Interest	15,00,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Masses	1,00,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Donations	5,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
	Ministry	50,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	collections	4,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
	Sale of old Articles	10,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Apostolic Nunciature	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Rent - Synchusion	115,17,120	116,00,000	117,00,000	118,00,000
	Grand Total	207,32,120.00	187,38,000.00	188,38,000.00	189,38,000.00
EXPENDITURE IN INDIAN RUPEES					
1	Expenses				
	Allowance	24,70,000	24,70,000	24,70,000	24,70,000
	V.Chavady	18,00,000	20,00,000	22,00,000	24,00,000
	Nalgonda	12,00,000	13,00,000	15,00,000	16,00,000
	Badem Novitiate	9,00,000	10,00,000	12,00,000	13,00,000
	Scholasticate, Pune	18,00,000	20,00,000	22,00,000	24,00,000
	Mazagaon	12,00,000	14,00,000	15,00,000	17,00,000
	Alto Santacruz	14,40,000	16,80,000	18,00,000	20,00,000
	Agashi	12,00,000	12,00,000	12,00,000	12,00,000
	Colaba	24,00,000	26,00,000	28,00,000	30,00,000
	Olakuda	3,25,000	4,00,000	5,00,000	6,00,000
	Electricity	5,00,000	6,00,000	7,00,000	8,00,000
	Audit Fees	4,00,000	2,50,000	3,00,000	3,50,000
	Computers	3,00,000	2,00,000	3,00,000	4,00,000
	Charity	1,00,000	4,00,000	5,00,000	6,00,000
	Maintenance	20,80,000	10,00,000	10,00,000	10,00,000
	Medical Insurance	6,00,000	7,00,000	7,00,000	8,00,000
	Travel Abroad	8,00,000	8,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
	Medical Expenses	5,00,000	2,00,000	2,50,000	3,00,000
	LIC	6,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
	Education	5,00,000	5,00,000	6,00,000	6,00,000
	Religious	1,00,000	1,50,000	2,00,000	2,50,000
	Chapter & Meetings	7,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
	Taxes	4,00,000	4,00,000	4,50,000	5,00,000
	Renovations	20,00,000	10,00,000	10,00,000	10,00,000
	AMC Lift Charges	1,50,000	1,70,000	1,80,000	2,00,000
	Travelling - Holiday	2,00,000	7,00,000	8,00,000	9,00,000
	Community Projects	2,00,000	2,50,000	3,00,000	4,00,000
	Gifts	1,00,000	24,00,000	24,00,000	36,00,000
	SSS MEDIA	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
	Constructions	50,00,000	30,00,000	10,00,000	10,00,000
	Ordinations & Functions	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
	Entertainment & Tours	3,00,000	3,00,000	3,00,000	3,00,000
	Retreat	3,50,000	4,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
	To Generalate	8,50,000	9,00,000	9,50,000	9,50,000
	Grand Total	317,65,000.00	313,70,000.00	313,00,000.00	346,20,000.00
	Surplus/Deficit	-11032880.00	-12632000.00	-12462000.00	(156,82,000.00)
N.B:	Allowance for 50 priests and 50 Students				
1					
	Signature of Provincial Superior			Signature of Provincial Treasurer	



Reports of the Formation Houses (Formation)



Formation

A REPORT ON VOCATION PROMOTION 2018-2022

A vocation is a gift of God, a call from the Divine. The vocation promoter becomes the instrument of imparting and making known the will of God to the right candidates. So the vocation promoter becomes the prophet, motivator and has a very significant mission in our congregation. It is a constant search for the right candidates and makes known our congregation to young people. It is also the responsibility of every member in the congregation to plant the seed of the vocation in everyone who wants to place at the service of the Lord and the Church as well.

The vocation promoters of our Province from 2018-2022

2018-2019 Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj, sss

2019-2020 Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj, sss

2020-2021 Fr. Dennis Amal Raj, sss

2021-2022 Frs. Dennis Amal Raj and Anthony, sss

**“Samuel! Samuel!” and Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”
1 Samuel 3:10.**

I am very glad to present the report of vocation promotion. Ever since I received this portfolio from Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj on 3rd July 2020 on the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle to India, I carried out joyfully this mission as it were from the Lord Himself. My predecessor guided me and handed over the files to have the follow-up.

Fr. Xavier has worked for three years one year along with the ministry of Asst. Parish Priest at Kamarajapuram. Once the new provincial team has formed and brought the mandate of having separate office for the vocation promotion, he moved to Nalgonda as it is mentioned in the mandate that the vocation promoter would be in any of the formation houses. He worked in eight states and brought 19 candidates in the 2018 and 14 candidates in 2019. He was working exclusively only for vocation promotion without being assigned to any of the portfolio of the community. And then he handed over to Fr. Dennis sss once new vocation promoter was appointed. Fr. Xavier conducted one vocation camp and one come and see programme at Nalgonda for the north india students and Andhra students.

As we are all aware of the pandemic situation which hindered our traveling to various places, it affected considerably the field work in view of vocation promotion. Due to this extended lockdown I was restricted and switched over to online mode.

The works that were carried out were as following;

1. With the help of Catholic Directory all the schools in the States like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha were identified, and letters were sent out by Post and Email, Whatsapp and other social forums.
2. A Constant phone calls to promising Parishes as well as to Parish Priests were maintained as to keep reminding them and encourage the youth to contact me via phone and social media.
3. The result turned out to be eye-opener for me as we had eight students for the Covid academic year 2020-2021 and thirteen students for the academic year 2021-2022.



Having come out of the pandemic situation, the situation was very conducive for the field work in the vocation promotion as to visit both the parishes and the schools.

The travel to various parishes and schools in the Diocese such as: Dioceses of Nalgonda, Hyderabad, Eluru, Gundur, Vijayawada, Nellore, in Telanagana and Andhrapradesh States, and in Tamil Nadu, Dioceses of Madras and Mylapore, Pondicherry and Cuudallore, Vellore, Trichyrappally, Sivagangai, Kottar, Salem, Dharmapury, and Tuticorin.

My experience in this work was good and challenging sometime. I faced both positive and negative responses. My mode of travel was by public transport such as Train and Bus. In all my interaction with the students, the focus was about the call to Eucharistic life. The courses and sessions I attended, were of great help to me in my ministry.

To mention a few:

The vocation promoter's commission meeting at Trichy on 27th February 2021 and 26th February 2022 and presented the annual report of my vocation work. We were encouraged to attend virtual meeting with all the vocation promoters in India. I thank provincial and his team for appointing Fr. Anthony, sss to share my responsibility and help in vocation work.

Finally, I would like to place my gratitude to all who have been part of this vocation promotion first and foremost the Provincial Superior along with his team for their constant support and encouragement. A special word of appreciation to Rev. Fr. Rosario Pushparaj SSS the Provincial Treasurer for his financial support.

I gratefully remember my community superior Rev. Fr. Arputha Raj for his encouragement and service to the community needs in my week long absence. Last but not the least I thank each and every one of you in the province for your hospitality and rendering the help to reach to the schools and neighbouring parishes during my visit to your respective community and parish.

As our founder says let us have a great love for Jesus in His divine Sacrament of love.

We planned to organize the vocation camp in three places one in Nalgonda, Rameshvaram and in Chennai at the end of May 2022. It is our humble request to all to work for vocation to our province. If not working at least plant the seed of Eucharistic vocation in the heart of students where ever you are serving.

Thank you

Fr. Dennis Amal Raj sss,

May 2022, Goa.



Report of English Year Student (Aspirants) – May 2022

I Paul Raj Gnanasekar sss was appointed to accompany the English learning students at the Blessed Sacrament Community in Bambolim - Goa, from July 2021.

Fr. Jesuraja SSS was the director of the English year students, from 2017 to May 2021. Two year in Nalgonda – Premananilayam and one year at Blessed Sacrament Community in Bambolim – Goa. Fr. Jesuraja sss had English learning programs, basic learning of Christian prayers, introduction to our founder SPJE, walking through the Old and New Testament, singing practice, recreation, picnic, gardening, housekeeping and examination to test the students and promoted them to the next face of formation.

Father Sebastian SSS, is the Superior at the Blessed Sacrament Community in Bambolim – Goa, looks after A to Z of the maintenance of the house and the feeding of the community members systematically with his long years of experience.

I began the English learning program on the 5th of July 2021. We had 13 students joined in 3 different timings. 2 of them left for medical care at home and never returned. One is in contact with if he is well, he may come back. Eleven of the students continued till April 17th 2022. I acknowledge the hard labor of Fr. Dennis for recruiting these students from different parts of India (Odessa, Assam, Vasai, Andhra, and Tamil Nadu).

Life-Style

We had a simple lifestyle: of getting up at 5:30 a.m. and freshening up for mass at 6:30 a.m., followed by the liturgy of the hour before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, went on to have simple breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and did housekeeping. We had 3 learning sessions, beginning at 9 a.m. to 10:30 am, with a short tea-break, then the 11 a.m. to -12 noon session followed by Rosary. We had lunch at 12:30 pm, followed by looking at the newspaper and personal work. Again, we the third learning session at 3:15 p.m. and tea at 4 p.m. We did some great gardening and played games either Volley Ball or Foot Ball, followed by bath and evening prayer at 6:30. Then they did homework and personal study and came for supper at 8 p.m. We watched BBC news at 8:30 p.m. and ended the day with night thanksgiving Prayer. On every Monday, the students involved fully in the Mass reading, response, intercession and praying the novena prayer to Our Founder St. Peter Julian Eymard and an hour of Thanksgiving, praise, penitent and intercessory prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. On every Friday night, they watched Biblical personality movies in English and latter period they also watched Shakespeare's play. Saturday was a general cleaning day; cleaning the chapel, the basement, terrace and the campus outside the wall. They were out to the Beach in the evening to play cricket or football and then came to prepare for Sunday liturgy; songs, readings and the prayer of the Faithful. On Sunday, they had their Sabbath mass at 7 a.m. and our students took up the Sunday mass choir and did some splendid job. Later in the day, they went for shopping or hair cutting and so on. They were taken for two picnics with novices and a walking pilgrimage to the Old Goa during the Lent.



English Program

Covid-19 pandemic made all the students not to go to the school for 2 years, therefore, they came to our community knowing nothing (Tabelarasa). I had to begin the program with ABCD writing and pronouncing, then slowly going into the basic program of learning simple sentences, clauses, noun, adjective, adverb, tenses, direct and indirect speech, active and passive voice, conjunction, little bit of idioms, spelling rules, formation of words, paragraph writing, story writing, letter writing and comprehension and speech making and delivering. Besides all these they had regular homework, exercises, quiz programs, and examinations. We had reading practice with almost 100 psalms and writing program on 4-line notebook the same Psalms based on the Good News Bible, generously sponsored by Fr. Utharianathan. Since Fr. Sebastian has provided LED screenplay with the Wi-Fi connection, it was simple and effective to teach English to different language speaking students.

Spiritual Life

Learning the basic prayers like; the Sign of the Cross, Glory be to father, Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe in God, Rosary, liturgy of the hour, thanksgiving prayer, petitionary prayer, mass prayer, novena prayer to our founder, reading in the Eucharist and practicing and leading the stations of the cross. 3 days of discernment retreat was animated by Fr. Utharianatan sss; this program was very well received and well appreciated by the students. He stayed for 3 days and nights with the students and accompanied them with different vocation stories from the Bible and connecting them with their lives. Learning hymns weekly and for the season, our students learnt the carol singing and went through the streets of Alto Santa Cruz singing the hymns and sang with passion for Jesus Christ. Some family welcomed us into the house and shared Christmas sweets.

During the 3rd wave of Covid 19 pandemic, we were taken care of by a nurse, home medicine and healthy food. Regular playing of football, volleyball, gardening, beach game on Saturday, personal exercise, housekeeping, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the Eucharistic celebration helped us to fight Covid 19. The Eucharistic Lord kept us safe.

The Blessed Sacrament house in Goa, Alto Santa Cruz, Rego colony, is an ideal one for the English learning students to get the foundational formation. It is a quite house, which can well accommodate 15 students and has good space for out-door and in-door games, sufficient place for gardening and a beautiful chapel. It is an English-speaking environment and Medical facility is available in walking distance. Now, this House is well equipped to study English. We have mass in English daily, get mass intentions, Fr. Utharianathan gave mass intention for Rs. 450000 through a generous donor. After seeing the Christmas card with our students Mr. Cedric Sequira from Houston, USA gave Rs. 1,50,000 to support our students. This may reduce the burden of the province-budget a little. Please do not change the English learning house for any other purpose over night for God sake.

My suggestions:

- ❖ Please send all the English learning books that are in your house library to the library of the Blessed Sacrament community in Bombolim – Goa.



FORMATION OF ASPIRANTS – INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS PREMA NILAYAM, NALGONDA

MINISTRY: FORMATION OF ASPIRANTS – INTERMEDIATE STAGE OF EDUCATION

PERIOD COVERED: 2018 JUNE TO APRIL 2022

2018 to 2019: Fr. Xavier Manuel sss, Superior, Fr. Jesu Raja sss, Formator, Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj, sss, Vocation Promoter (**29 aspirants to start with combination of**)

2019 to 2020: Fr. B. Arputharaj, sss, Superior Fr. Jesu Raja, sss Formator, Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj, sss, Vocation Promoter, Fr. Suresh, sss Ministry at the Cathedral (**28 aspirants to start with**)

2020 to 2021: Fr. B. Arputharaj, sss, Superior & Formator Fr. Dennis Amalraj sss, Administrator and Vocation Promoter and Fr. Suresh, sss (**9 aspirants to start with**)

2021 to 2022: Fr. B. Arputharaj, sss, Superior & Formator, Fr. Dennis Amalraj sss, Administrator and Vocation Promoter (**6 students to start with**)

(Between 2018 and 2020, the aspirants for the English year and Intermediate {I & II Year} were in Prema Nilayam numbering 57 boys and, between 2020 and 2022 only the Intermediate aspirants are here numbering 15 boys, since the English year programme has been shifted to Bombolim)

Let me also bring some numerical status of the Aspirants over here for the year 2018 -2022.

From 2018 – 19 batch (29 Aspirants) 8: Aspirants went to Chennai for UG Programme
3: II Year Inter
9: I year Inter
3: Detainees
6: (3 Left, 3 dismissed)

From 2019 -20 batch (28 Aspirants) 8: Aspirants went to Chennai for UG Programme
9: II Year Inter
2: I Year Inter
11 (1 Died, 6 Left (Mainly from Eng. Year) & 3 Dismissed)

From 2020 –21 batch (9 Aspirants) 5: Aspirants went to Chennai for UG Programme
2: II Year Inter
2: Discontinued

From 2021 -22 batch (6 Aspirants) 2: II Year Inter
4: I Year Inter

LIFESTYLE: (Community Life. Prayer Life and Mission)

1. Community Life:

Fluctuation in numbers in our community has posed certain difficulties in leading our programmed life in Prema Nilayam.



Nourished and strengthened by the Paschal Meal, the members of our community made earnest effort to adhere to our commitment to community life which is our sole goal in the formation community. Our life over here has been very cordial and enjoyable one that we were able undertake not only our formation programme with full earnest, but some small projects on the minimum renovation of all the door-less toilets, maintenance of the garden with sufficient manual contributions from the students until the Eng. Year was shifted to Bombolim.

Coming together frequently to our kitchen to prepare our meals, periodical get-together has been joyful moments in the community. Our community meetings and recollections made us aware of the need of each other especially in the manner of carrying out some important decisions.

Attending and participating diocesan and local gatherings as a community was well appreciated. So also, the clergy and religious were gracious and supportive when required. Their solidarity at times of crisis was beyond reckoning. I place on record our appreciation and gratitude to them.

Provincial Visitation:

Three official visits by the Provincial and one visit with the team have been cordial occasions to express our happy moments of the life over here; also, the needs and requirements and sharing our frustrating and apprehensive state of life in Prema Nilayam. However though, we were happy that the provincial administration had time at least to listen to us. Should we forget to mention the willingness of the Provincial and Provincial treasurer to be part our pilgrimage to Sagar Matha Shrine, generosity in providing a vehicle for the community, sanctioning fund for renovating the boy's toilets, patient in accompanying with us in settling the *entanglements* arising from the death of an aspirant Vamsi (*detailed report is in the hand of the Provincial and Formation in-charge*), standing with us to break the official hurdles to determine the amount for building cum property tax, responsibility in finding ministerial berth for Frs. Suresh Velpula and Joseph Thambi in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, our report would sound partial.

Pastoral Possibilities:

As of now Prema Nilayam is devoid of any substantial pastoral outlets for clerics barring few calls for recollections and mini retreat in convents. Would that all be our Eucharistic Ministry at all in the future? Being non-Telugu personnel, one cannot hope for desired pastoral mission in close vicinity and more so in Telegu belt.

2. Prayer Life:

Prayer formed a greater part of father Eymard's life, thus telling us the importance of the need of a deeper union with the Eucharistic Lord, so the professed members are faithful to their time of adoration and personal prayer. Experiences gained in prayer namely a deeper strength of peace and serenity, helped us handle crisis at the unexpected demise of the aspirant. It was noted and pointed out by few of the religious in Nalgonda. A fruit of our prayer life!

We should however acknowledge that, coming together for the prayer of the church in the morning has not been possible, except during (2019 and 2020) as one of us is committed to celebrate the Eucharist for the convent(s) around our campus. But the priest, who celebrates the Eucharist for the boys, joins them for Morning Prayer (with rosary, Litany of Our Lady, two psalms during the Eucharist and the like)



Emphasizing the importance of this commitment that prayer leads our life the rest of the day, the morning hours are maintained very precious with needed seriousness. Mandatory silence is strictly adhered to. The students are given imposition if such regulatory observation is broken or taken lightly. It is hoped in the larger sense that the aspirants are slowly moved to feel the need to bring before God their honest troubles and emotions compelling in such age group as to tread the path of prayer.

- Eymardian Prayer: As part our formation in line with instilling Eymardian Spirituality, we try to integrate using materials available on Father Eymard during morning and evening prayer.
- Novena to St. Eymard is conducted every Monday.
- Occasionally we make use of the Eymardian Garden for personal and group prayers.
- We try on such occasions, to focus on some of the key moments of St. Eymard's life.

3. Mission:

Prema Nilayam has been primarily a formation house as it continues to be so. Programmes and Time Table are usually, that of any of formation house. Living as a well-structured way of community life in Prema Nilayam in itself is our mission. We are happy that such ambiance is facilitated right from the days of inception of this formation house. This is our witness to our charism.

As this is the aspirants' formation house, it has trained Initial Eng. Year students and sent the students to nearby Junior College for Intermediate Courses. After the Eng Year has been shifted to Bombolim for some obvious reasons and now Prema Nilayam has merely The Intermediate students. Our mission revolves suiting the college programmes. We try our level best to prone them to be able to meet the next level of formation. But given to the caliber and non-alacrity of the students, they are being given more time to be at their desk besides special sessions everyday in the college.

Our mission is to accompany the students as much it is required. But it is so frustrating when the desired result is not in the near offing. Could an impartial line of recommendation by the preceding stage of formation be of help both for the follow up in the area of academic and spiritual life of the aspirants?

Pastoral Life.

See above. At the same time, we have to have a special mention on our **extended pastoral** commitment in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

• A word of information may suffice to this effect: Both Frs. Joseph Thambi, working in Khairthabad shrine parish and Suresh Velpula (assisted in a non- structured ministry in the Cathedral of Nalgonda after his ordination for 9 months) now in Bhoiguda shrine parish as resident asst. parish priests are grateful to have had parishes for their pastoral experience in The Metropolitan Archdiocese of Hyderabad under the kind and efficient leadership of The Archbishop Most Rev, Dr. Poola Anthony. They have a lot to share in terms of how they are learning from and contributing to their pastoral outlet. They are grateful to Fr. Provincial and the Nalgonda Community to have made this opportunity come our way.



Working in traditional parishes along with senior pastors with vast experience, they claim, is not only learning but gaining ample space for freedom to work with well structured programmes which keep them high in spirit and responsible at every level. However though, their engagement as assistants, is to carry on what is routine, as like any parochial commitments such as, group activities, administering sacraments, meaningful and lively celebration of various liturgies especially adorations, learning administrative system, joining the Media activities with Diviyavani Channel and other arrays of parochial activities and so on, what is more challenging within their pastoral context, is trying to raise up/ enlighten the people who throng the shrines, from the ritualistic ways of worshipping to a realistic approach particularly where Fr. Thambi is placed as it is a Marian Shrine. Our fathers' ardent desire is to lead the people to adore and worship the Eucharistic Lord in Spirit and Truth an **axiom** dear to our Founder, thus trying somehow to instill Eucharistic spirituality in the life of the faithful at least among whom they come and contact with. As Fr. Suresh, though the parish is Maria Vianney Shrine, the devotion to St. Antony of Padua is a popular one. With command in local language, he is slowly helping the faithful to realize the difference between popular devotion and worship.

To sum up, this placement in Metropolis, help them prepare themselves to take up greater role in the Archdiocese or elsewhere. They would be happy to have more experience of this kind for a short time for a framed future day. Though they are away from our community, yet their parochial teams provide them with a space for real sense of positive support to that of community living. Their pastors are more like fatherly figures showing care and concern for them. Fr. Suresh's recent experience of taking care of an elderly pastor is a realistic community life. They also expressed the need to develop regular contact with our community.

4. Few concerns:

- There should be stricter measures for stable scrutinizing the students not only during initial formation level, but also before they are recommended to the next stage.
 - Frequent changes in the team of Formators/ in this house are to be avoided.
 - Should the Formator and the team at any level of formation be independent or be dependent to other bodies?
 - Major maintenance of the building is to be treated as the concern of Provincial Administration
 - Ordinary expenses while budgeting will have to be as per the places
 - We should think of placing a Telugu sss priest in the team
 - Why can't we propose to have a non-resident gardener to take care of the vast space in the absence of the students during the day time?
5. As this report has the combination of our community life and formation segments, it may be wanting some clarity. If so, the capitulars need not hesitate to get clarification on any such area / issues.



6. It has been our commitment to be true to the implications of our vision – mission Statement - Our Identity as Eymardian Family committed to the Eucharistic way of life. As we conclude the report, we entreat the blessing of our Founder and our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament for future fruitful way of life in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

Submitted to the Vth Provincial Chapter,
2022, Goa

Fr. B. Arputharaj,

Fr. F. Dennis Amal Rajh

Fr. Joseph Thambi &

Fr. Suresh Velpula

Thank You!



Formation of Collegians and Postulants Report The Cenacle, Velappanchavadi, Chennai.

Religious life is the entire and permanent gift of sacrificing our entire self to God. Keeping this in mind, the beginning of religious life here is with the second initial stage, here at Cenacle having the college study and the programme of the Postulancy as the prime focus. We make an attempt to discover in the young minds the desire to service God and live in fraternal communion by a consecration to God and service to the people.

We had students from around 8 States and many Dioceses who had come and have done their studies.

Year	Number of	Number of	Number of
2018 - 2019	21	13	8
2019 - 2020	17	11	5
2020 - 2021	16	10	6
2021 - 2022	14	11	3

Some responded well and remained in the congregation in the other stages and some rejected the call and restricted the value of God and have left the congregation. Some have left on their own and very few were sent for valid reason.

The programme of the formation here is basically allowing our candidates to discover the desire of serving our Eucharistic mission. The students went to college until the Government declared lockdown due to Covid19. During the Lockdown they remained at home and did their studies in the virtual mode. After the release of Lockdown students went back to college for the classes in person. Students are shining well in their studies. They have scored well and participated in few conferences both in physical presence and virtual mode.

We give them spiritual formation by the daily Eucharist, Divine offices, Rosary, and Eucharistic adoration. We encouraged them to go for their personal prayer and they perform well at their fixed time. We have every two months recollection and confession, and spiritual orientation at every liturgical seasons and annual retreat before ending the year. We have a spiritual theme thorough out the month to keep the students to nurture their vocation. We request them to memorize a bible quote daily and read one chapter from bible to keep in touch with the scripture. On the Founder's Day students were acquainted with one quote of founder St. Peter Julian Eymard.

It is the house of preparation for entrance into novitiate. The purpose of this time which precedes entrance into the novitiate is to help the candidate to become conscious of what God is accomplishing in him and to verify through discernment his conviction of being called by God to like our way of life. So, we made it a point to make students grow in personal and Christian maturity. Personal maturity is gained in the students as they do their work in their assigned responsibility and we guide them through our personal talk with them monthly. We allow them to exhibit their talents in their organized study, in their game and in their portfolios. To gain the Christian maturity I have spelled already in the spiritual formation.



Along with these the students show their skillful knowledge through their study in the secular degree. We give them human formation in communitarian circumstances in our conferences, around the table, sports, and recreations. In all these we strictly recommend them to respect one another by having common language, culture and SSS identity. We recommend them to keep in touch with the society by reading of newspaper and watching news regularly.

As the person grow in pastoral formation in the limited manner, we train the students to write good introduction, organizing the choir, animating the liturgy, conducting catechism classes, to help in the ministry of Karunalayam. During the liturgical season such as advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter season we involve our brothers to learn the liturgy and prepare for the liturgy. To grow in the SSS spirituality and identity, we invite students to give importance to the Eymardian day and Eymardian garden and visit to the Blessed Sacrament often and we allow them to read our newsletter and to contribute to the SSS India magazine. We try to keep the SSS identity active in the life of students.

As our Founder St. Peter Julian Eymard says, “Happy is the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Eucharist, and Eucharist in all things” our students are very much interested in knowing who Jesus for them is and what the Eucharistic call is meant. The formation at Cenacle is the preparation for Novitiate and we tried our best to give candidate the experience of it.

Achievements

- We have last four years results of 100% in our study that students have cleared their subjects and passed in good marks.
- Students have acquired the certificates for the participation of various conferences in the college after the lockdown was released.
- We were able to collect the certificates of all passed batches of eight to ten years who went ahead to their next stage of formation
- We got sponsorship for two of the students with the help of Fr. Jesu Augustine sss, Fr. Rosario sss and Fr. Darren sss

Suggestion:

- What shall we do to avoid dropouts? There are many dropouts during last four years especially during their study in Loyola College. Will it be ok if we could change college study to some other college?

Fr. Xavier Arockia Raj sss

For 5th Provincial Chapter,
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REPORT OF THE NOVITIATE, BADEM, GOA

The community of SSS Novitiate at Badem Goa rejoices to present the Report of the formation of the Novices that took place in the past four years from 2018-2022. I stand here on behalf of Casa Lamure Novitiate community expressing my sincere sentiments of gratitude to the provincial superior, council, formation team and all the fathers of our congregation, from India and overseas who have been part of the formation our novices.

2018-2022: Novice master: Fr. Peter Fernandez sss
Place: Badem Goa.

2018- Fr. Peter Fernandez and Fr. Lazar Second year
Novices: Bros. Ajit and Anup

2019- Ajit and Anup made their vows.

2018- Bros. Antony Deva Sahayam, Anil Besra, Amiya Ranjan Paik, Antony Pradeep Raj, Dhiren Parichha, Eltriya Parichha, Joseph Lugun, Jeman Bankar, Lalchand Paik, Maurice Kerketta, Reuben Coutinho, Ricky Antony David

(Novices. Maurice left on his own. Reuben and Ricky Antony David were asked to leave. Novitiate was extended for six months for Amiyo Rajan Paik)

2020: 8 of them made their first profession.

2019: Frs. Peter and Rajesh, Novices: Leo Paik, Nelson, Surya (**Novice Surya was asked to leave**)

2021: Leo, Nelson, And Amiyo made their first profession

2020: Frs. Peter and Bharathi Bros Novices: Paulus, Taytas, Shashikant, Sarvesh (**Sarvesh discontinued**). Paulus Taytas and Shashikant have been granted indult of reduction of duration of Novitiate for 6 months due to late arrival for Covid 19 lockdown. They were not introduced to exposure program due to the exemption. **I express my sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. General superior for the exemption.**

2021- Frs. Peter, Jesuraja till 2021 October. Fr. Antony Tamilagaran from October. Novices: Samuel.

As our Rule of life No 1 draws the path of mission "Our ideal is to live the mystery of the Eucharist fully and make known its meaning (ROL 1) the Novitiate programs are designed in a way which would help and facilitate in Shaping and forming men with passion and fire for Eucharistic way of life which is characterized by the three fundamental elements: Fraternal life in community, the life of prayer, the life of service. (Follow- me an Itinerary of SSS formation). We have done this within the frame work of our tradition which is broad, flexible yet binding which was worked out by the International formation commission Follow- me an Itinerary of SSS formation 2015.

Syllabus formulated as for the Follow me Document.

Daily weekly, monthly and yearly program that will facilitate in achieving the goal of the formation. Appendix.



Beside the regular program and the syllabus that we have adhered to from the Follow Me, I would like to share a few areas keeping in mind the mission statement.

Post AGC 2021 Formation:

Course on psycho sexual integration; follow up of psychological test done during the Postulancy, use of media in a limited way to equip them to cope with the digitalized world. They were trained to use the sss website. Keeping in mind the burning issues of abuse of minors and vulnerable people, courses were organized, to promote the initiatives aimed at breaking the silence surrounding sexuality and affectivity. During the psycho sexual integration, a day was dedicated on safeguarding minors and sexual abuses. The novices were enlightened on this topic.

“Toward a qualitative formation with an SSS Identity”.

There are various aspects that we took up from the Mission statement as guiding principle in the Novitiate which can be divided into external and internal concrete realization;

External or Visible symbols:

1. **Eymard garden;** Which depicts strong and passionate devotions of founder Eymard to Our Blessed Mother with apparition of our Lady in various place in France Our Lady of La Salate and Our lady of Osier with the bust of our founder. Baptismal font has been placed in front of our founder to highlight the importance that our founder gave to his Baptism anniversary which he celebrated. The community also decided to celebrate the Baptism day of the community members.
2. **Decorating the House** with the things connected with the founder and the Eucharist. Pencil drawing depicting the place of our Blessed Mother in the life of our founder. **21** Drawings by a renowned artist from Goa. We also have placed the painting of cloth hanging of our founder which was placed during the canonization in Vatican.
3. **SSS Internationality;** In order to appreciate the legacy of our founder handed on to us, with the hand drawn painting of our founder, General superiors of our congregation has been installed in a prominent place.
4. **Eucharist the Bread of life;** In order to highlight the centrality of Eucharist in our lives and specially for the Novices, Novitiate community has built **Eucharist the bread of life** with 6 feet brass monstrance and the Glass painting of Last supper linking the last supper as the root and source of Eucharist.
5. **Quotation of Fr. Eymard;** Quotes of our founder has been placed at the various places of community, in particular at the backdrop of Alar. A day is dedicated

Interiorization of SSS, AND Eymardian Identity:

1. **Eymard Retreat Notes:** It has been used for the mediation to begin the day with. Novices are made to read all the three retreat notes (1st Retreat of Rome, Second Great Retreat of Rome, and Retreat of St. Maurice). They reflect over it throughout the day by repetition, using it for Divine office prayer, Rosary, Adoration, and Eucharist.



- 2. Letters of Eymard:** Novices along the community fathers are made to read the all the six volumes of the Eymard correspondence. And they are used for the mediation, prayer adoration, and Eucharist. They also work in a thesis paper on various topics mainly drawing material from it.
- 3. Gift of Self:** Special contribution of Fr. Eymard culmination of Eymard spirituality is insisted with the special courses and reflection. They are concretely used in prayer, Eucharist, adoration and other devotions. Mediations are conducted on Fridays on the day of integration.
- 4. Celebration of Baptism day:** Novices are invited and challenged with the celebration of Baptismal day, to understand and appreciate the passion of our founder for the Baptism and the baptismal consecration.
- 5. Founders day:** Every Monday is dedicated to Founder's Day with invitation to deepen our understanding of the spirituality of our founder. A day dedicated to our benefactor as well.

Personal Accompaniment:

One of the very important features of this novitiate program is the personal accompaniment which is held regularly for the novices in order to help them come out of emotional woundedness, negativities, psychological hang ups, fixed irrational scripts and so on. First six sittings are very important. The novices are invited to write and share on various topics. In the first meeting, Family History, second meeting, Personal History, early childhood days, third sitting Vocation History, fourth sitting Personality development, fifth sitting, Human qualities and strength, Values, Attitudes, etc., in the sixth sitting sexual life are dealt. Novices are helped through this personal accompaniment. If they are in need of psycho therapies they are sent to Psychiatrist for the therapies.

Community meeting:

St. Peter Julian Eymard says "Never work for the sake of success, but to find the Holy will of God. We had our community meetings very frequently and regularly mostly our meetings were the meetings to find the will of God for the community. The professed community also set an example for the novices to live and lead a healthy and Eucharistic community. Similarly, the novices too had their community meetings regularly to share their joys and sorrows. Their meetings were also a platform for them to build up their community spirit and they too learned to live a healthy community life. Novices also learned to confront and carefront the community members through the meetings.

Pandemic experience:

Find your enjoyment in God not in human beings says Fr. Eymard. Novitiate community also got affected by covid 19 but this did not block us from finding joy in reaching out the needy. We carried our own crosses of this pandemic at the same we helped many poor people with food, medicine, prayers and house visits.

Eco- Eucharistic Spirituality:

The Eucharist has a direct connection with the nature because the bread and vine are the products of the nature, so it also our Eucharistic spirituality to be in touch with the nature and care for it.



In order to actualize it in our novitiate community very concretely, with NIRAZ (Oasis) agricultural project we fenced our Comunidade property to have a fruitful and fruit filled cultivation. Thanks to the Provincial superior and treasurer in attending to this fencing of Comunidade land. We cultivated paddy for our daily bread and harvested vegetables as well. We are managing with the paddy that we cultivate. Novices are enlightened on the issue of Global warming, Carbon emission, and responsibility of protecting our eco system for future. We celebrated Laudate se week ending with firm resolution to protect our Mother Nature and plantation of almost 40 coconut trees and few fruit bearing trees.

Caring for the House:

Abide in the house of God; it is our house where God lives. To protect and take care of the house of God we renovated our old house and by the hands of our novices the house is being painted. Above all, all these are made possible through the God's graciousness that God showered upon us through our donors.

Keeping the spirit of our congregation alive:

Love continues to grow in its gifts and in its feelings says Fr. Eymard. To deepen our love for our founder and to be inspired by his vision the significant days and events of Fr. Eymard is celebrated and lived in the Novitiate. The following are the important events celebrated, grace at Fourvere, Great retreat in Rome, Fr. Eymard birthday & baptism day, Eymard's first holy communion, foundation of the congregation, offers Gift of self to Lord, makes vow of personality to Lord, uses SSS for 1st time, foundation of the servants of the Blessed sacrament, feast of Eymard, starts first Novitiate, canonized by Pope John XXIII

Transforming effect of Eucharist:

- We have protected our property both our building and the Comunidade land by fencing it overcoming the obstacle of Hindu fundamental groups claiming for the Comunidade land as their own from animal destroying the field. Thanks to the Provincial superior and Treasurer attending to it promptly.
- After long and persistent struggle with the illegal encroachment with nuisance in front of Novitiate was cleared with the offer of 60 SQM from our Comunidade land we have been given 90 SQM by the Comunidade of Assagao. Paper work has been done with due procedure. Thanks to the Authorities of Assagao Comunidade.
- "Eucharist Bread of life" has been erected with the view of promoting the Eucharist and further encroachment by the antisocial elements. It was supported by the donors and well-wishers. Thanks to the Provincial Superior for his idea of something specific of our life centered on Eucharist and encouragement.
- Building (Concrete roofed) admeasuring 700 SQM worth over two crores has been donated to us by a well-wisher from Badem a hundred meter away from our Novitiate. Thanks to the Donor Elvira Fernandez family from Badem settled Canada.
- I would like to acknowledge few benefactors who has been supporting regularly every month without fail. I place my Thanks to Mr. Sasi Ranjan, Mrs. Gretel D



Mello, Giselle Fernandez, Mrs. Philomena De Mello, Mrs. Marie Peries, Mrs. Silu, Lucas, and Joe De Abero.

Suggestions for the Chapter and Plans for the Future:

- Efforts are on anvil already to register the Comunidade property in the name of our Francis Xavier Chapel trust.
- A serious recent development in the whole village of Badem where the Novitiate house is situated is the Three Illegal sale deeds that has been made in our both the property, house and the Comunidade land in the sub registrar office. We have raised the objection and have done the needful along with the villagers not allowing the situation escalate with mutation. We need to keep vigilant and be ready for the legal battle.
- Chapter can look into to the possibility of taking over the trust "Hope Center" with 12 AA and 80 G. They are (Settler and the treasurer) willing to hand over to us completely except one or two opposing which can be dealt with the negotiation.
- With the above trust or Blessed Sacrament development society or starting our own trust ...The house donated at Badem and Diwar could be utilized for very many good works and ministry such as, center for lay aggregation, shelter home for migrants and street children, tuition or study center, rehabilitation of mentally disabled, etc or the home for the aged.
- I renew my request again about the Six months of international program for novices on various topics like Eymard, Eucharist, and Rule of life. If not international at least only among the Asian countries.
- Local community can explore the possibility of few shopping rooms for rent to support the Novitiate.

After four years of experience of being part of provincial administration as formation in charge Formation has been my priority and not allowed the provincial council work to affect the formation. True to my conscience I have been faithful to the given assignment. But still lot more can be done as formator without other work like council member. My Suggestion would be that Novice master stays away from the council.

Fr. Peter Fernandez sss

Fr. Antony sss

Casa Lamure,
Blessed Sacrament Novitiate,
Alto Badem, Bardez Goa



Eymardian Scholasticate Report, Pune.

The general objective of the Eymardian Scholasticate community aims at the integral formation of young Eymardians. The programs are designed to animate and motivate the brothers towards the necessary process to achieve the vision and goals of the Congregation. Thus, the community, understanding the importance of formational values, plans its activities and its implementation to achieve the general objectives.

The daily activities are:

1. **Eucharist:** The day begins with the celebration of the Eucharist at 6 am. It sets the tone for the entire day. We become aware through the words of St. Paul that Jesus loved me and gave himself for me. Through exhortation and homilies everyone is motivated to dispose oneself to the manifestation of God's love that takes place in the Eucharist. It is heartening to know that in the successive years there is rarely any one absent. The community prepares for this event by reading the liturgy of the Word on the previous evening. Every student takes turn to animate the Eucharist. As part of skill development in preparation for priestly ministry the second- and third-year theologians are to break the Word for the community on Mondays. Evaluation is done soon after the Eucharist with the view to encouraging and helping him do better.
2. **Liturgy of the hours:** It follows the Eucharist. One of the students conducts the Lauds. As per their styles and creativity the students lead the community in praise of the Lord. Likewise, we have the evening prayer at 6 pm and the compline at 9 pm. At night time is given for the examination of conscience.
3. **Adoration:** It is combined with prayer of the church. The leader of the day invites the community to praise and thank the Lord and offers his reflection. Following him other members share their reflection and prayers. Sharing in community prayer is seen as an important activity of formation. It gives each one an opportunity not only to share their experience but also an invitation to integrate what they study, read, hear from their professors and other students in the class.
4. **Meals:** Eating together is an important aspect of community life as it nourishes our togetherness. We thank the Lord for his providential care and generosity. We sit in groups and mingle with one another.
5. **House Cleaning:** Brothers take care of the cleaning of the house every day. Most of them feel a sense of belonging and the need to take care of it. The system is in place as to who would clean which area. So, the house is kept neat and tidy.
6. **Garden work:** Brothers dedicate around 15 minutes every day for gardening prior to games. Since the construction of the compound wall our property looks more elegant and complete. We are working on setting up a garden in front of the building. It is in progress. The entire garden area is divided up and distributed to every class to look after it.
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8. **Recreation:** In order to enhance our togetherness, we have introduced recreation on Sundays later extended to daily after supper. We play cards, chess, Chinese checkers, scrabbles etc. These games increase our interactions, camaraderie, laughter and fun.
9. **Sharing of Responsibilities:** There are varieties of needs in the house that need to be attended to daily. Though the treasurer/administrator is over all in-charge of them the assistance of the brothers is required. Also, it is an opportunity that students learn. Hence every two month they rotate their responsibilities.

Weekly and Monthly activities:

1. **Community meeting:** We have our community meeting every Monday. We begin with a reading of a rule from our Rule of Life. Brothers are invited to share their insight and inspiration related to it. After which the Superior-Director offers his reflection, comments, insights etc. and how it can be implemented in our life or in pastoral settings. Then we go on to the agenda. We share our thoughts, experiences, who and what was inspiring in the community in that week, what brought me joy, to who I want to express my gratitude, the book or article I had read and the like. The idea is that coming together to share such things is the essential ingredient of living together in community. Community meeting is not purely for problem solving and issue based. It is a life style and a meaning making activity.
2. **United in Prayer:** Following the recommendation of the formation Commission on every First Friday the community gathers for United in Prayer from 9 to 10 pm. It creates and deepens our consciousness of belonging to the SSS family of the Kristu Jyoti province.
3. **Monthly Recollection:** Recollection is organized every month. It begins on the eve of first Friday with a talk given by a priest from the campus. On the following day another priest is made available for confession. At the same time exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is in progress following the Eucharist in the morning with two brothers adoring the Lord every half hour. Recollection is concluded with common adoration followed by benediction from 12 noon to 1 pm.
4. **Personal Meetings with director:** The director meet with the students every month. He inquiries about his personal and family wellbeing tries to learn about how he is coping with studies, his experience of prayer, community life etc. The director uses this occasion to share his observation.
5. **Reading and Speech Practices.** On Saturdays we come together to develop our communication skill.



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6. **The art of cooking:** Brothers are divided into group of three or four. They take turn to prepare the meals for the community on Sundays. The main goal is to learn the basic of cooking and learn the art of working as a team. It has been a good learning experience.
7. **Learning Hindi:** In the three years I have been the Director I have brought to the attention of the students about the importance of learning Hindi and initiated the process of learning. But the desire for learning doesn't last beyond a week. We get distracted with something or the other. The interest is not sustained. The need for learning Hindi is more crucial now than in the past. With new foundations in Hindi speaking dioceses there is an urgency to ensure that Hindi is introduced and learnt at the earliest. Some of the senior students have been very resistant and do not even give themselves a chance. Moreover, with our presence in Vienna needing German and encouraging of learning French in the hope of serving at our Founder's birth place in La Mure I am wondering if we are not setting up a wrong precedence. For some students are more eager to learn these foreign languages than Hindi. What do we make of it?
8. **Spiritual reading:** Realizing the importance of spiritual reading for spiritual life I have introduced the reading of Imitation of Christ as part of our prayer. Everyone is given a personal copy. Following the Lectio Divina we all read one chapter every day. After which everyone shares the phrase or the sentence or the word that spoke to him or touched him or that drew his attention and sometime end with a short prayer. Ideally Imitation of Christ should have been introduced during novitiate.
9. **Spiritual Direction:** The common practice in the campus is that students are advised to choose a priest as their Spiritual Director. Periodically the student meets him with prior appointment. In the last two years that suffered a setback due to Covid-19. However, we had arranged a priest for monthly confession during monthly recollection.
10. **Christmas Ministry:** Since we couldn't go out on outings or on picnics I decided after consulting with our Provincial and Parish priests/ Superior to send our students two by two or more to our ministry communities for Christmas ministry.



This was a very happy experience over all. Besides being able to witness the pastoral ministry our Fathers are engaged in, they were also able assist in their ministries. Thus, they carried happy memories of sharing with our priests through table fellowship and conversations and the sharing of their ministry experience, their views and vision. And Christmas being the most joyful season of the year they cherished their experience with our Fathers in the respective parishes and came back with a deeper sense of belonging to SSS family. Though I have thanked them then once again I take this opportunity and say Thank you all for welcoming our brothers.

11. **Tour:** In the October of 2019 we went on a tour to Punjab, Delhi and Taj Mahal. It was a happy experience of knowing the northern part of our country and its culture. We are grateful to the provincial team especially the Provincial Treasurer Rev.Fr. Rosario for funding the tour.
12. **Seminar:** Since there was a month-long gap from completion of the academic program and the commencing of the retreat in preparation for annual renewal and in consultation with Provincial and the local superior, we arranged for a two weeks seminar at our Old novitiate, Kolhapurwadi. A Don Bosco priest gave a program on personal awareness. In the second week Rev.Fr. Justin Sequeira explained the structure and dynamics of our Founder's retreat notes from the new book he has authored. In the evenings the brothers cleared the weeds and wild plants from the garden behind the building. Brothers also went on a half day picnic to Vasai Fort. Another evening they had a very enjoyable time in the swimming pool at Anand's Resort in Arnala beach with a lovely meal at Poolside. The brothers were pleased and grateful for this outing experience.
13. **Community Celebration:** At the end of every month we club together important occasions like birthdays and feasts and celebrate with special meal. Brothers organize recreational and fun filled activity. These events are an opportunity to display their skills in acting singing, dancing etc. Sometime we had invited some priest friends and the rectors of other congregations and professors. It was well appreciated.
14. In the November of 2019 the Scholasticate hosted the celebration of the Final Commitment and the Diaconate of Sebastian, Suresh, Joseph Thambi and Vinay. The students collaborated with one another in preparing and organizing the event successfully. In the four years from the last provincial chapter to this present one 12 priests have been ordained. We thank the Lord for the gift of these young brother priests to our province and the Church. May God's blessings and guidance accompany them. We pray they remain faithful to God and his people and loyal to the Congregation. While we rejoice at the 12 completing their formation and mounting to the Altar of Sacrifice 2 of our brothers, Infantraj and Luie made their final commitment in the July of 2021, and 6 of our brothers have sadly discontinued. God bless them as well and guide them to their destiny.
15. **Administration:** Fr. Rajesh is completing two years. He was appointed as Treasurer of the Scholasticate community and was in-charge of food and provision. He manages the kitchen with the assistance of the students. He was kind and helpful whenever students needed medical attention. He would always transport them to hospital and attend to their treatment. He deserves big Thanks.

Thus, I conclude the report of the Eymardian Scholasticate, Pune. We welcome your observations and comments. Thank you for your patient listening.



**THE FOLLOWING ARE ADDED TO THE PUNE COMMUNITY REPORT AS IT
HAS BEEN MISSED WHILE PRESENTING**

In the scholastic community the follow me document has been implemented at various level. In view of learning third language we have tried to teach Hindi. We had taken efforts to make it work but due to various reasons we couldn't succeed. Our brothers who were interested in learning French were sent to neighbouring community to learn. It created the interest among brothers to learn French and few do so by learning the language personally.

We have paid greater attention to the history of the congregation and founder. We celebrate every Monday Founder's Day and pray novena as a community. We have sharing during the novena on founder's gift of self and his spirituality, culled out from his retreat notes, his letters and the available materials. We also share the practical ways to live it in the community life. We have a regular discussion on charism and rule of life every Monday. We spend our time in sharing the possibilities of practicing and living in the communities.

On various occasions we have animated seminars and sessions on Eucharistic spirituality. We also conducted seminars on founder in connection with the Eucharist. On every first Friday in our recollection we make it a point to connect various Eucharistic aspects. We also provide psychological assistance to our brothers through recollections and spiritual directions. Every Saturday we have group reading and speech practise to improve their art of communication. The province has implemented wearing cross and emblem on the cassock to express our identity. Since our brothers are doing their philosophical and theological studies at JD, we could not involve them much in doing projects on our founder. Nonetheless in preparing for the feast of our founder we have made research and shared among the brothers for the benefit of all.

The annual reports of the brothers are evaluated entirely using the follow me document, form 4 & 5.

Brothers Joyson and Beskilin have completed their Masters in philosophy. Fr. Bharathi had completed his Masters in Theology.

Fr. Michael Adaikalam SSS

Superior and Scholastic Director,

Eymardian Scholasticate,

Pune - 14.

For the 5th Provincial Chapter,

May, 2022 - Goa.



Reports of the Parish Communities (Parishes)



Parishes

St. Antony's Church - Kamarajapuram, Chennai.

2018 June to 2022 April

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trust, and I am helped; My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him”- (Ps 28:7).

True to the words of the psalmist the community experienced the complete protection and providence of the Lord in the past four years in spite of the troubling times of Corona. We begin with thanking the Lord, for all the members who served the parish as per the year of service. We remember with gratitude, Fr. Dennis, Bro. Debin, Fr. Lazar, Bro. Infant, Fr. Ruban, Dec. Praveen Fr. Barathi and Fr. Joseph.

We also thank all other members of the congregation especially the neighbouring communities of valappanchavady and Mannurpet for their support in times of liturgical needs and through their prayers.

The Parish activities and it's accomplishments

“The parish is the presence of the church in any given territory, an environment for hearing God's word for growth in Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration” says Pope Francis. The Kamarajapuram Parish consist of 958 families, 34 small Christian communities and 11 Pious associations. The parish pastoral council plays a vital role in the administration of the parish. The regular liturgical activities are observed in the liturgical season with proper planning except during the time of corona. The Anbiyams were the special focus till corona struck the world. The parish community and the sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were fully involved in animating the Anbiyams. The word of God, church teachings, helping the people to understand the liturgical seasons, celebrate them with meaning were the teachings in the Anbiyams. In all this we tried to build a Eucharistic community as our mission statement stated. The Anbiyam is also a place of fellowship and making people to get know each other.

It was greatly affected during the time of Corona. There was a complete halt of all the Anbiyam activities. We have revived it again from the Month of February 2022. It is showing signs of revival but needs lots of pastoral animation and care.

The Pious groups are the back bone of the parish. All contribute to the growth of the Parish. Again, this went into silent mode due to corona and it's hard to revive especially the youth group. The rest are getting back to normal.

The general congregation is vital to the growth of the parish. The Kamarajapuram parish community is a very faithful community. The devotion to st. Antony needs a special mention as it brings them together for special Eucharist on all Tuesdays apart from the other days of obligation. The first Tuesday devotion brings close to one thousand people for the celebration of Eucharist followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is followed by a common meal for all the people. All the Mondays are dedicated to the devotion to our founder St. Peter Julian Eymard.

Finance and New projects in the Parish

The finance of the Parish is stable. The corona lock-down affected to a great extent. The major income comes from the Sunday collection, monthly subscription and monthly Box collections. The Parish feast brings some substantial amount which adds to the financial stability. In brief a sum of 17,0,9000.00 was spent on new gadgets and other maintenance in the parish and 4, 95,500.00 was spent on community and 4,03500.00 on school. One and half lakh loan was paid back to the congregation.



This was possible by donations received and sponsors by people and from the parish income. This is apart from the normal running of the parish expenses.

(See the appendix- I for the details)

New projects.

A new grotto was built and blessed by Most. Rev. Bishop Cheinnappa on 1.5.2019 and dedicated to our Lady of Lourdes on the golden jubilee celebration of Legion of Mary established in the Parish at the cost of 10 lakhs. Some of the local community religious graced this occasion. A new statue was brought from France blessed at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes – France.

For the purpose of the financial stability of the parish, eight shops were built and blessed by Most Rev. Neethinathan Bishop of Changelpet on 9.12.2021 on the canonization of our founder at the cost of 18 lakhs- a land donated by Mr. Edward from the parish. The provincial superior Rev. Fr. Peter Jayakanthen and members from other communities graced this occasion.

The rent received from these shops are used for the building of the Jeeva Matha hall cum chapel, for the salary of teachers and other developmental purposes. A total of Rs. 26000 is received as rent. Due to corona the rent is not been revised for the past two years.

A Chapel for Jeeva Madha cum hall was built and blessed by Most. Rev. Bishop Neethinathan on 12.12.2021 at the cost of 98 lakhs and forty thousand apart from other accessories and expenses which cost more than ten lakhs including a generator and cctv expenses. Fr. Peter Fernandez the vicar provincial was present on this occasion along with some other members of the congregation. This would not have been possible without the cooperation of the community members. Remember with gratitude Fr. Lazar, Fr. Ruban and Fr. Bharathi who maintained the accounts for the last two major projects.

For the initiative and the completion of all the projects the credit goes to every member who served this parish and the parish core committee.

(See the appendix 2 for more details)

Concerns

- The feast day celebration for 13 days. At present it goes against the diocesan policy of three days celebration.
- Reviving the groups and Anbiyams due to covid.
- New pastoral places to be introduced- Thirumudivakkam and Metha nagar. Sunday Eucharist could be introduced for a start. It was not introduced due to covid.
- Care of the widows, poor, the sick and the aged. A need of the parish.
- No land documents- land not registered. Not a single document available. Efforts have been made in the past. It may cost close to 2crores the present land value. The diocesan procurator and property in-charge have been appraised of the issue. The diocese has to take a call on this.



Activities during the time of Corona

This was the most difficult time for the community and the people. It was very hard to see the suffering of the people. There were so many people coming to the parish office despite the covid restrictions asking for help. The parish community tried its best to support the people. Even though many were affected including the parish team, only there were 3 confirmed deaths in the parish. The immediate need was food material. The community collected donations from different sources and supported deserving families to certain extent. A total of 4 lakhs eighteen thousand was spent during Corona supporting the people. A total of 925 families were helped with food grains and vegetables irrespective of their religion. This included 150 families of sanitation workers who do not belong to our Parish. We also supported Olaikuda and Oralkatcha from the donations.

(See the Appendix 3 for more details)

The school activities and its accomplishment

Catholic Schools educate to develop the whole child. The educational process is an opportunity to cultivate the entire person by engaging the human need for physical, mental, social, and spiritual nourishment. It is the goal of our School, to do just that. The school consists of 10 government staff and 16 management staff. Four Secondary grade teachers have been upgraded to BT (Bachelor of teacher) post. The Assistant Parish Priests and the regents also took English classes for the students. The total strength of the school is 650 which includes balwadi (Childcare school) children. This was drastically affected after the Covid. The numbers have decreased. Before the advent of the covid we tried to improve the quality of education with smart classes and other activities for the students. Every month a co-curricular activity was planned for the whole school. All the children were provided with chairs and benches. But the covid has played a havoc in the education of the students. To bring them to their normal routine way of studying is very hard. The lockdown has also made students to fall into some bad habits like drugs and addiction to mobile games. All the more the government regulations on not punishing students becomes very hard for the teachers to control students.

The annual school salary now is about 8,96,388. For the first time PF was introduced for the all the management staff. It's mandatory now. It cost quite a bit of amount to pay the dues of the past. The PF cost annually 66000. Due to covid the increment couldn't be raised in the last two years. This is apart from the other maintenance of the school like electricity and other facilities. The electricity alone comes close to a lakh and other certificates like sanitary, fire, building stability may cost 30,000 a year. Every three years for the renewal close to 1 lakh is needed. The school fees collected supports to certain extent. The rest has to be paid from the parish income. An attempt was made to start a matriculation school along with Tamil medium but not having an original Patta land (land document) and other government regulations did not allow us to proceed further.

Concerns

- Starting Higher secondary school- Tamil medium. It will give a completion to the school and benefit the children.
- Government regulation on Christian schools. -so many documents to be submitted on daily basis and the bribe to be paid.
- Improving the quality of education. More modern gadgets and equipment needed.



- Improving the discipline of the students- since 99% are female teachers it is hard to discipline them. Also, the value system of the students has changed. Hence need for a more animation and training.
- A hall for the common program- can be built on the top of the new building for common programs.
- No land documents- Only a building approval certificate is available which was acquired during time of Fr. Peter Fernandez at the cost of 16lakhs. No other documents are available. For any future development of school, a patta document is necessary.

Community Activities

The community continued with its regular activities. We continued with our private Eucharist and prayer before the blessed Sacrament during the time of covid. It was the consolation for us at time of this calamity. During the time of Covid the community supported each other. While some in the community got affected, they were well taken care by the community. Thank the provincial team for their support and prayers. The community welcomed the other members of the province when they were sent for mission. The contribution of each member who served at Kamarajapuram is commendable.

Conclusion

The last four years was one of meaningful experience for the community. More than half of the time went in lockdown and other related covid issues. Hence the time was very limited for some more activities. The most affected was family visits and personal care of the faithful. While covid kept the faithful away from liturgical activities, the faith of the people is intact. They positively bounced back when the church was reopened. End with the saying of our Founder "I try to rekindle the fire of the Holy Eucharist". We as a community tried to live the vision of our founder in our own simple ways.

Yours in the Eucharistic Lord



**Fr. Jegarajhari Joseph SSS
For the community.**

Appendix- 2

Jeeva Madha Project

This project was conceived on the Golden jubilee celebration of the Parish in 2017. Due to financial issues the project did not take off. The same proposal came from the parish council and got permission from the Diocese. The whole provincial council was shown the site and briefed during its visitation. The provincial visited three times during the time of construction and appreciated the project. The allegation that permission was not sought is not true.



As the following report of the provincial as on 9.9.2021 says “Fr. Jegaraj has kept his goal to make the school to a self- reliant state. He completed two projects and doing the third one now in Jeeva Madha grotto. This is done with support of the people. The present one is more demanding in midst of lockdown with lack of regular job for all. Parish will have a smooth and stable finance in the future. 80+lakhs are a huge amount and half of it seems to be paid off for now. If the permission was not sought the provincial could have stopped during his visitation or at least mentioned, it orally to me or in the report.

The project is mentioned in the annual report of the parish. The only issue is the final report of total amount of the project could not be sent as the tenders were opened. It was opened on the day foundation stone was laid. Hence the following day the report was sent. A total amount of 97, 40000 was spent on this project. A total sum of 75,40000 have been paid and a balance of 22 lakh is remaining to be paid off. This could be paid by Rs 5000- a contribution promised by each family. A total of 20 lakhs is to be recovered from the families. Due to Corona the amount is paid slowly. The rent received from hall also the rent from the shops will help to pay the balance. In the last four months 2lakhs sixty thousand has been collected as a rent from the hall. We praise and thank God for His providence despite the corona situation the project was able to be completed by the generous support of the Contractor Mr. Chandran. We also remember with gratitude the people of Kamarajapuram for their generous support and prayers.

Appendix -3

In response to Covid 19 four sets of distributions were organized in our parish. And helped people in various others ways. The following table shows our program.

Date	Beneficiaries	Material provided	Number of families	Total amount money spent
8.4.2020	People without ration cards	Rice 5 kg, dal, oil, salt, wheat flour, vegetable	250	330 x 250 = 82500
12.4.2020	Widows and old couples living alone	Rice 5 kg, dal, oil, salt, wheat flour, vegetable	200	350 x 200 = 70000
21.4.2020	Garbage cleaners at Annagaputhur	Rice 5 kg, dal, oil, salt, wheat flour, vegetable	150	360 x 150 = 54000
9.5.2020	Parents of the poor students from st. Antony	Rice 5 kg, dal, oil, salt, wheat flour, vegetable	225	315 x 225 = 70875
On different dates	Poor at random on door	Rice, dal, oil, salt, wheat flour	Arroud 100	100 x 200 = 20000

Cash on door Rs. 500 to 39 poor people	= 19,500.00
Contribution to Nanthambakkam Parish	= 10,000.00
Contribution to Olaikuda-	7,000.00
Contribution to Oral katcha-	30,000.00
Contribution to Diocese	= 15,000.00

Total

3,78,875.00



A total of 925 families had been supported.

A sum of Rs. 2,712,15.00 received from donors known to the Blessed Sacrament community here outside the parish, a sum of Rs. 50,000.00 was donated by Sacred Heart sisters from the parish, the government teachers working in St. Antony's High school contributed Rs. 43,000.00 and Rs. 14,660.00 from the parish account. It amounts to Rs. 3,78,875.00 and also Rs. 39,235.00 from Vincent de Paul. Hence a total of Rs. 4,18,110.00.



St. Antony's Church - Kamarajapuram, Chennai.
2018 June to 2022 April

Appendix-1

**Maintenance expenses of the parish and school and community
church**

1 Sound system(Speaker's repair, stabilizer, new mics, news wiring for mics)	175,000
2 Yamaha-	85,000
3 Mixer	65,000
4 Box for Yamaha	10,000
5 Box for mixer	10,000
6 Inverter batteries including generator (5)	58,000
7 Office table and chair	20,000
8 Confessnal- (donation)	75,000
9 New fans for the altar	8,000
10 Gold and silver plating all holy vessels	35,000
11 New vestments	15,000
12 Our lady's Monstrance- Donation	130,000
13 Carpet cleaning	8,000
14 Lighting to st. Antony grotto-donation	40,000
15 glass fixing to st. antony grotto-donation	75,000
16 New switch board for the full church	40,000
17 New chairs	60,000
18 Jeeva Madha Grotto	800,000
TOTAL	1,709,000

COMMUNITY

1 Bike	90,000
2 Washing Machine	28,000
3 Fridge	30,000
4 New cable and accessories and labour	60,000
5 Water heater	15,000
6 Electrical maintenance	12,000
7 Water tank 15000 Litres	125,000
8 Septic tank	25,000
9 Kitchen vessels	10,000
10 Mixi	3,500
11 Painting ground floor	10,000
12 Glasses for the cupboard	5,000
13 Air condition -2 One donation	60,000
14 Flat Tv	22,000
TOTAL	495,500



SCHOOL

1 School Renewal	90,000
2 Smart T.v	65,000
3 Printer	17,000
4 Benches 35 sets	15,000
5 Drinking water facility-	10,000
6 WIFI 1000 Gb	15,000
7 Every six months	7,000
8 Special programs	
9 Every month prizes-	15,000
10 P.F for all the staff (every month) 10323.00 x 12	10,323
11 Locks changed to full school	7,500
12 Monthly salary- 74699.00x 12	74,699
13 Chairs for balwadi children-donation	22,000
14 New table and chair for school office	35,000
TOTAL	383,522

Extraordinary Project

1 Jeeva Madha chapel	10,740,000
2 Our lady of vallankanni shops 8	1,800,000
3 Our lady of Lourdes grotto	100,000
4 Grotto of st . Michael	75,000
5 Loan paid to the province	200,000
TOTAL	12,915,000



REPORT OF SAGAYA ANNAI ALAYAM, MANNURPET, CHENNAI FROM JUNE 2018 TO APRIL 2022

“What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?” (Ps 116:12)

I, gratefully join the Psalmist, thanking the Lord with similar words, 'What shall I render to the Lord for all His goodness and protection to us in the last four years?' With gratitude to God and to Kristu Jyothi Province, I'm happy to present a moderate report of the Parish of Sagaya Annai Alayam, Mannurpet from June 2018 to April 2022.

The Parish of Sagaya Annai Alayam, Mannurpet is a vibrant parish, consisting of 625 families, which are divided into 18 Basic Christian Communities (Anbiyams). Since it is an industrial area, few, who belong to this Parish own companies, which manufacture different parts of automobile engines and others work in different companies and make their living.

1. Presence of SSS members:

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan sss, who served as the Parish Priest from 1st June 2017 was elected as the Provincial Superior of Kristu Jyothi Province in May, 2018. He continued to serve in the Parish till the Parochial Feast of the Parish, i.e., till the 15th of August, 2018. Fr. Gnanasekar sss, who was appointed to succeed Fr. Peter Jayakanthan sss, took charge as the Parish Priest on 15-8-2018. Fr. Inigo sss was appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest to work with Fr. Gnanasekar sss. After the transfer of Fr. Inigo sss, Fr. Ruban sss and Bro. Joyson sss were appointed. On transfer of Fr. Ruban sss, Fr. Lazar sss was appointed and in the month of September Bro. Louie sss, who could not continue his regency at Siolim was sent to the Parish. Fr. Gnanasekar sss served in the Parish till the 7th, October, 2020. Fr. Santiago sss was then appointed as the Parish Priest from October 2020. The Parish community from October 2020 consisted of Fr. Santiago sss and Fr. Lazar sss. From January 2021, Bro. George sss, who joined the Community as a Deacon, continued as an assistant after the transfer of Fr. Lazar sss.

2. Life in the SSS Community:

“Open to the summons of the Spirit and attentive to the needs of the human family, our communities become places of prayer, reconciliation and festive celebration, signs and leaven of the unity which the world seeks” (ROL 5). Based on this rule, we have set a time-table for our community and follow it up in our daily life.

3. Life in the Parish:

The presence of our Congregation from 2001 has brought a lot of difference in the lives of the people of Mannurpet Parish. In the last four years, while focussing our attention on the theme of the Provincial Chapter, namely 'Nourished by the Paschal meal of Jesus we commit ourselves to breaking of bread in Charity, Justice and Peace,' the following things are being done in the Parish.

I. Attending to the needs of the Parish:

As soon as Fr. Gnanasekar sss was appointed in the Parish the greatest concern was to renovate the Sanctuary and Altar. The Sanctuary in the newly built Parish Church was kept at the centre on the right side, hoping to shift it later based on the extension of the road behind the Church. Once it was confirmed that the extension wouldn't do any good for the Church, it was necessary to shift the Sanctuary and Altar to the straight end of the Church, facing the main entrance.



With the support of the people Fr. Gnanasekar sss has completed this project and made the Church look so beautiful. Thanks to Fr. Sekar sss for doing this work.

Fr. Santiago sss, who took over from Fr. Sekar sss had a challenge of bringing peace to the Parish. There was a need to get the people of the Parish together and to bring peace between different groups. On the one side people weren't coming to the Church due to Covid 19 and on the other side many people were disturbed by the internal problems between different groups. Therefore, it was necessary to win the confidence of the people by attending to every issue that brought division. While identifying the problems by which people were divided, it was a challenge to win the confidence of the people by showing them that their problem is being attended to. Fr. Santiago sss, the Parish Priest and Fr. George sss, the Assistant Parish Priest, worked together in bringing peace to the Parish and in building people deeper in their spiritual life.

ii. Pious Associations and other groups in the parish:

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), consisting of the representatives of the BCCs, Pious associations and few nominated members, meets on every first Sunday after the 8 o'Clock Eucharist to evaluate the programmes of the previous month and to plan out the programmes of the coming month. Apart from this, a short session is given regarding their responsibilities, duties and contributions.

There are two sections of **Legion of Mary**, among which one is meant exclusively for women and they meet on every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Church; the other one is meant for mixed adults and they meet on every Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

The **'Vincent De Paul Society'** meets on every Sunday after the 8 o'Clock Eucharist and they take care of all the charity related works in the Parish.

The **Youth** groups of Boys and Girls are very vibrant in the parish and they function as the executive body of the Parish. They meet on alternative Sundays and do a lot of work in the Parish. Apart from the above, the **Choir** takes care of the singing, both at the Liturgical celebrations and at other occasions. The **Altar Servers** help out at the Altar during the Eucharist. The **Associates of the Blessed Sacrament** have their regular meetings on every Thursday at 6:30 pm. **St. Ann's Widow's group**, **BCC Co-ordinators'** group and **Catechism teachers'** group are only existing without having the possibility of organizing regular meetings due to the pandemic.

iii. Activities in the Parish:

a. Parochial Feast

Every year the Parochial Feast of the Parish begins on the 6th of August with the Flag-hoisting and the Feast is celebrated on the 15th of August. Owing to Pandemic the Parochial Feast couldn't be celebrated in a grand manner in 2020. After the announcement of Covid relaxations by the Government, with the consent of the Parish Pastoral Council and with the permission the local Police we had a grand beginning of the Parish Parochial Feast with the Flag-hoisting on 6th August 2021. Twenty-five children received the Eucharistic Lord for the first time on the 8th of August. We had to anticipate the Feast Day to the 12th of August as week-end lockdowns were announced by the Government. At the end of it all, the people were happy to have a taste of the Parish Parochial Feast after a year.



b. Liturgical Celebrations

The Advent, Lent and Ordinary liturgical times have been well prepared in the Parish. We mark the end of the Ordinary Time with the solemnity of the Christ the King, during which we usually have a special Adoration at the end of the Eucharist and during Advent we plan out the Sunday Liturgies in advance and make sure to preach meaningful homilies. Going for Christmas carols as a group wasn't possible due to Covid restrictions, so we, the Priests went along with the BCC leader to each house and announced the birth of Jesus by singing carols and distributing calendars. This effort was well accepted and appreciated by all in the Parish. Christmas Cribs were done based on a particular theme and context of the year. Midnight Masses for Christmas and New Year were celebrated with the permission of the local Police. On the eve of the New Year Mass, we had an hour of Thanks-giving service in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lent has been a special time, during which we have helped the people to make it a meaningful one as much as possible. We prepared the Lenten programmes in advance and gave them to the people in pamphlets. We made sure that every Sunday had some Lenten activities as most of the people come to the Church on that day. We had Lenten Pilgrimages, in which almost 300 people participated. 'Blood Donation Camp,' was organized by the Parish Youth, in which more than 30 people donated blood. A three-day 'Lenten Retreat' was organized for the people, during which Sacrament of Reconciliation' was also given for the people. We also had a BCC-wise 'Bible Quiz' to encourage the people to read the Word of God. At the end of Lent, we had a meaningful celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, on which the Parish Youth acted out the Stations of the Cross and a joyful celebration of Easter.

Apart from the above, we celebrate the 24th of every month as a day dedicated to our patroness, Sagaya Annai (Our Lady of Help of Christians). On this day we take a car procession from a nearby school, during which we pray the Rosary and reach the Church. Then we begin the Novena to Sagaya Annai, followed by Holy Eucharist and Adoration. We conclude the celebration with a 'Sharing of Meal' for everyone.

We also have started evening Mass and Adoration on First Friday of every month. At the end of the Adoration, we bless the oil and apply it on people's forehead as a sign of God's healing.

c. Our Relationship with the Diocese

Our relationship with the Diocese and the Vicariate is very cordial. We attend all the meetings, recollections and special celebrations at the Vicariate and Diocesan level without fail. We also help out for Masses and confessions at the Vicariate level.

d. Other Activities

❖ We had a special Mass for Pongal celebration and conducted different traditional games for all the groups of the Parish.

❖ We had the Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharist at every BCC during this Lent and it was well appreciated by everyone. This was done with an intention of getting the people together as one BCC after the pandemic.

❖ In order to fulfil the people's thirst for the Eucharistic Lord, we have introduced a special hour of Adoration, following the Eucharist on the 24th of every month.



❖ We had organized almost five Covid Vaccination Camps in the Church premises, by which people of different religions benefited.

❖ We have had our Scholastics, Infant, Dhiren, Anil, Stephen and Dibin, helping out for Christmas and Lenten ministry.

❖ We take communion to the sick regularly. In case of any emergency we make ourselves available for blessings.

❖ Our Parish is made available for the Jesuits, who minister to the Migrants to bring them together for Hindi Eucharist and get-together on second Sunday of every month. A wedding and a Baptism were also done in our Parish.

4. Contribution to the Congregation:

While doing the Parish ministry we extend our little help towards the Congregation by making few contributions. We have made a contribution of Rs. 25,000/- towards 'Students Corpus fund' and we also encourage the Parishioners to contribute for the same cause. Along with that, we have also shared the groceries and provisions when they were in excess.

5. Challenges:

❖ People in general, are still afraid of Covid and many don't turn up to the Church. Therefore, we don't have a full attendance in the Church.

❖ Letter writing culture' is in existence in the Parish. While most of the people experience happiness and satisfaction with our ministry, there are one or two, who have the habit of writing letters against the Priests. This is being done for their personal recognition. This culture should completely be stopped and for that the people in authority should deal with prudence and should never give a sign that the decisions are made based in the influence of the letters.

❖ There is a need for a separate graveyard for the Parish and this needs to be attended immediately.

❖ The contract between the Congregation and the Diocese regarding the Parish needs to be renewed.

❖ There is a need to gain the confidence of the people that money is being accounted properly. Therefore, transparency in accounts is a necessity.

On the whole, Mannurpet is a Parish of variety of people with different cultures, but, one thing is very clear that people are very enthusiastic and still have a thirst for God. Thanks to the Almighty for this beautiful parish. May the Eucharistic Lord continue to be present in the Parish and May Our Lady, queen of the Cenacle, intercede for the parishioners.

Yours in the Eucharistic Lord,

Fr. Santiago sss
Fr. George Fenandaz sss

For 5th Provincial Chapter,
May, 2022 - Goa.



Report of the Parish St. Anthony's Church, Tembipada, Mumbai.

During this term of four years, the parish community consisted of the following members; from 2018 to 2019 Fr. Sebastian sss was the parish priest and Fr. Dhanam sss was the assistant parish priest, from 2019 to 2022 Fr. M. I. Raj SSS was the parish priest, Fr. Inigo sss, Fr. Joseph Thambi sss and Fr. Inbaraj sss were the assistants and Fr. Lazar was residing and assisting and Brothers Stephen and Bharath were the regents.

The Community Life and Prayers:

Community Life and Prayers are the basis of our parish community at Tembipada. This sets a good model for the parishioners. The regular community meetings were conducted to plan out our parish and community activities. The birthdays and anniversaries of our community members were celebrated with due importance by inviting other SSS communities.

Liturgical Celebrations:

Following the lockdown norms of the Government and the archdiocese of Bombay, the Christmas and the New Year celebrations were kept up in our parish. As per the restriction of the number of participants, we increased the number of the services of the Eucharistic celebrations. We invited Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan sss, the Provincial, to celebrate Christmas Eucharist in our parish. The Lenten programmes were organized systematically following the Covid 19 restrictions. We had increased the number of services for the Holy week and Easter. The Annual feast day of our patron St. Anthony, was celebrated through live-streaming. The representatives from each SCC animated the novena Eucharist on a given day. The feast day of our founder, St. Peter Julian Eymard, was celebrated through live streaming, involving the SSS Associates. Special adoration was conducted for the aggregates of our parish.

For the first time in the year 2021, the parish celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Velankanni with flag hoisting and novena, involving the representatives from the SCCs in an outstanding manner. We have begun a special day of devotion and celebration for St. Anthony on 13th of every month, beginning with car procession to St. Anthony, solemn Eucharistic Celebration, Sharing the testimony of the miracle of St. Anthony and finally concluding with the distribution of food for all the partakers of the celebration. It is encouraging to see that many people from neighboring parishes are also participating in this celebration.

The Parish Activities:

The Covid 19 vaccination camp was organized in our parish with coordination of the MLA and BMC officials. Lot of our parishioners benefited from this camp by getting vaccinated easily without standing in the long queue during this rainy season and getting into dispute with the other people. On the whole, around 15,000 people benefited from this camp. The parish priest was invited and welcomed by the political party for the inauguration of the camp.

The distribution of the provisions

We had distributed provisions to 150 poor families of our parish in the month of May 2021 and more than 500 people benefitted from this. We organized tailoring and beautician courses throughout the year for the women and youth girls of our parish in order to empower and make use of their free time. We have organized mobile and computer repairing courses for the youth of our parish and more than 20 youth of our parish have benefitted. The distribution of the provisions was done once again in the month of July 2021 through the CSA (The Centre for Social Action) of the archdiocese of Bombay. This was indeed a great help for the poor of our parish, who suffered without their livelihood due to continuous lockdown.



Some people were affected by lockdown for the past two years. The parish paid school fee for more than 100 children, who were facing the financial crisis.

Conclusion:

Though the Covid-19 pandemic has dulled the activities of the Church in general, St. Anthony's Church, Tembipada was taking possible efforts to keep the faith of the people alive through live-streaming of the Eucharist. I thank Fr. Inigo sss for his effort for live-streaming. With the grace of God and the blessings of St. Anthony, the parish has been growing in spiritual and mutual life. I thank all my assistants and the brothers who served selflessly for past three years. I express my sincere gratitude to the provincial who was the great support and help to the parish team.

Fr. M. I. Raj sss

The Superior & Parish Priest

Fr. Inbaraj sss

The Co-Pastor



Report of Infant Jesus Church, Olaikuda, Ramnad. From 2018 to 2022

“Your deeds O Lord have made me glad for the work of your hands I shout with joy” – (Ps 92:5).

It is with immense joy and profound gratitude to the Eucharistic Lord; here I present the report of Olaikuda parish community from 2018 to 2022. Olaikuda parish community had Fr. Julian Prakash SSS as the Superior and the Parish Priest after the Provincial Chapter in 2018 till 2022. The following religious were the Co-Pastors, assistant parish priests and community member: Fr. Rajesh Kumar SSS, Fr. Johnson Britto SSS, Fr. Christopher SSS and Fr. Ruban SSS. Fr. Sebastian SSS did his diaconate ministry here from November 2019 to May 2020. Bro. Besklin did his Regency from June 2018 to April 2019.

Community Life and Mission

Following in the footsteps of our holy founder St Peter Julian Eymard, the community has become a place of SSS identity of Gift of Self, translated in and through the mission of prayer and activities. Besides all the liturgical celebrations, free tuition center for all students in the parish was a remarkable one and it is still at the service of the students, who hail from poor families. This Centre served to a great extent in the field of education as the schools were shut during the pandemic, Covid-19. Our SSS religious along with teachers paid special attention to the students who were slow in Mathematics and English. There were Spoken-English classes for all the 10th, 11th and 12th standard boys and girls. On the whole, the tuition Centre catered to the needs of fifty students and above. Secondly, free tailoring unit for all the women was indeed helpful for the women empowerment in our parish. There was a keen interest among the women as to learn and increase their family income by learning the tailoring. There was a teacher, who was exclusively appointed for the same in order to teach and accompany the women in their pursuit of steady income to the families.

Thirdly, promotion of ecological awareness had a lasting impact on the parishioners and especially, the children and youth by planting the saplings and maintaining a beautiful garden around the community. The community members were well aware of using water and electricity sparingly and taking part in all the liturgical and parish activities. The coming together and planning the events in the community meeting were the strength of the community. A balanced harmony between the village administration and our religious in the parish fostered the spiritual activities without any hurdle or hassle. Thus, SSS Identity was visible to the parishioners.

Parish Mission

The Eucharistic celebration on daily basis, in spite of the pandemic indeed, nourished the parish community as to grow in the love of the Lord. There were different liturgical celebrations and devotions; such as, on Tuesdays, there is a special novena and Eucharist in honour of St Anthony. On Thursdays there is a novena to Infant Jesus, followed by the Eucharist as well as adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. On First Fridays, there is an hour of adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and healing Eucharistic celebration. The Holy Communion is administered to the sick and the aged. There is a novena and Eucharist in honour our founder on Fridays as well as a blessing on the people with the relic of St. Peter Julian Eymard, the apostle of the Eucharist.

The Sunday catechism for the children is usually held at Sengole Madha, a sub-station Church as well as in Infant Jesus Parish Church. In Sunday school, the focus is not only on the lessons from the catechism books but also on bible characters, action songs, bible quiz, common church prayers



and moral values accompanied by video presentations. There is usually a Vacation Bible Seminar at every summer, except during the pandemic. It is a good opportunity to deepen the faith of the children with guidance from the Diocese of Sivagangai.

There are 11 Basic Christian Communities (*anbiyams*) in the parish. The religious animate BCC meetings on Sunday evenings, which is very suitable for the people to participate in good number. The priests and religious sisters regularly participate in these meetings.

House visit and Blessing:

The house visit and blessing are done twice a year, once after the Easter, as we call it "Easter blessing" and the second one before Christmas. This provides an opportunity to the parish priest to be familiar and accompany the parishioners in their joys and sorrows.

Correspondence with the Diocese:

We have a good and cordial relationship with the administration of the diocese. We are regular for all the meetings, recollections, and important happenings of the diocese.

Vicariate:

We attend meetings regularly at the Vicariate level. Our relationship is cordial.

Primary school:

St. Mary's primary school has two teachers in principle but only one teacher gets government salary and the other teacher is working without salary for past three years. Having observed the school, we took the initiative to improve the quality of the education by appointing a third teacher who is paid by the parish and from the little contribution from the parents. We also arranged an auto for the children, to come to school and to go home without much difficulty. Parents are very happy about the change and transportation.

Vision and Mission:

The community had the vision and mission of the Province as its guide and made a sincere effort to translate these words into deeds. Charity, Justice and Peace were underlying thread as it was in the community mission, be it spiritual or social one.

The SSS Identity manifested in and through the team work of our religious, both in the church and outside, were remarkable. There was no event or activity in which our religious were not present. The quality of our religious life here in Olaikuda is a proof of gift of self to the SSS Mission. Apart from the regular social projects such as Free Tuition Center, Free Tailoring Unit, the community attempted to alleviate the sufferings caused by the pandemic covid-19 by distributing the provisions to the deserving families with the help of our religious communities, our province, and the local benefactors. The apostolic zeal of our holy founder Fr. Eymard was indeed a constant driving force in the activities undertaken by our religious as to recognize the face of Jesus in the others.

We have the lay aggregate group in the parish, which is composed of children, youth and women.



There are 28 members, who gather together in the presence of St. Peter Julian Eymard twice a month. We use the reflection material prescribed for the lay aggregates. The community uses the given opportunity to preach on St. Peter Julian.

The community as of now is dependent on the Province to some extent and it has to go a long way to drink from its own well as the Covid-19 turned the situation upside down and made the finance going from bad to worse in the parish contribution by the parishioners. Yet, all the activities aim at building parish into the Eucharistic communities with the help of Lay Associates.

In short, the parish has grown in terms of catechism, animation of liturgical activities, Basic Christian Communities and Eucharistic devotions. However, we still have a long way to go.

The following were a few recommendations as the Superior and Parish Priest for the past five years:

- A steady local income to be invented

REPORT OF FR. INIGO FROM POONDI MATHA BASILICA

“Be the apostle of the divine Eucharist, like a flame which enlightens and warms like the Angel of his heart who will go to proclaim him to those who don't know him and will encourage those who love him and are suffering.”

My dear fathers and brothers I would like to present the report of Poondi Matha basilica where I have been doing my pastoral ministry. On July 7th 2021 I took my responsibility as an Assistant Parish Priest at Poondi. We are five priests in the community. I am the person, in-charge of liturgy, choir, and free meals and also for two substations. Every day alternatively I have to sit in the blessing hall. As I am the person in-charge of liturgy I have to prepare the monthly Mass schedule and animate the liturgy in the basilica. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I used to go to substations for Mass.

The parish children were not given first Holy Communion for the past two years due to Covid-19. Catechist and I took initiative to prepare them to receive first Holy Communion. More than 50 students received first Holy Communion. Even though I am with diocesan priests I have experienced community life. We have to be there for prayer, meals as community.

Past two years parish children were not regular for school so they struggled for studies and exams. Along with sisters we have begun tuition center. It was very helpful for the poor children. We have also organized workshop for the youth for their future. I had a beautiful experience to meet many pilgrims who came from different states. I too spoke about our congregation and charism of our founder. Being in the basilica many priests and sisters came to know about our congregation.

17.04.2022.

Fr. Inigo sss,

Fr. Ruban sss,

Fr. Julian Prakash sss,

Superior and Parish Priest,

Infant Jesus Church,

Olaikuda, Rameswaram,

Tamil Nadu.



Report of Our Lady of Rosary Church, Oralkatcha - Andaman **From 2018 to 2022**

On 10th July 2016 we officially took over the parish of Oralkatcha in the presence of the diocesan Vicar General Fr. Dharamphal. On 10th July 2021 we successfully completed our 5 years of commitment and very soon we will finish 6 years of our presence in Andaman. We thank and praise God for his mighty help and support. We thank Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and our Kristu Jyoti province. We also thank our parishioners for their support and encouragement.

During these 6 years we were able to complete all the diocesan policies and commitments. Even during this pandemic, we survived and did well in the parish. Overall the diocese and our beloved parishioners were happy with our services, hospitality and availability. So far, we have not faced any big difficulties or problems. People are very supportive because they are satisfied with our hard work and the ability to reach out to them in each and every occasion.

Some of our achievements:

The renovation of the old building was completed successfully and now it has become a wonderful hall, which is used for multi-purpose, especially for children and youth programmes. It happened because of the support of the province, Mumbai people and Bishop house. The hall was blessed and inaugurated by his Lordship Bishop Alex Dias.

We always had a desire to do something for the children since it was missing but now, we are happy that our dream has come true and every second Saturday around 75 children come from various villages to spend a day in the church. We have an hour prayer service for them, we conduct some sports and offer them some snacks. The children look forward to the second Saturday of every month and they enjoy the day to the fullest. Throughout the year we have various programmes for the children like Christmas party, Easter party, Holy childhood day etc. We have created a small fund for children's fun with people's help.

On every Sunday after Mass our Brothers organize Sunday school for the children in the hall. Now we believe that these children are the big hope of our Parish. It only happens in Oralkatcha.

We have a youth group, which is cared by sisters, brothers and fathers. Many youth come for the meetings. Unfortunately many of our youth are out of parish for work purpose. But now the youth group is organized well and they are doing well. But a lot of work needs to be done for the youth.

Adoration:

We have made sure that our special charism is to offer Masses and help people to adore the Lord. With this in mind, besides our Parish church we have started monthly holy hours for our people in villages where they are staying. It is encouraging to see that people long to come for the Eucharist and Adoration. Sisters, Fathers and Brothers also take part in this and encourage people to come for the holy hours and Masses.

SSS community life:

Every day at 6:30 am we have adoration and Morning Prayer. We come together for all the meals, Mass with the people and for Evening Prayer.

Regular community meetings:

We thank our provincial team for their annual visits and encouragement.



Father's residence:

After 6 years of long wait at last the house renovation work has begun at Oralkatcha by the Diocese. False ceiling work was just completed by replacing the old plywood work, which was totally destroyed. The new Bishop is planning to put tiles for the whole house. He is also planning to redo the whole electric wiring and switch boards. This work will begin soon.

Pastoral Ministry:

We have 14 villages and one center. The recent survey shows that we have more than 500 families and around 3000 Catholics in our parish. Some villages are close by and some are very far. The good news is that now most of the villages have road facility, that saves our times and energy of walking. According to the Diocesan policy we have to tour these villages thrice a year besides the other occasion. There are 'Monsoon, Advent and Lent tour.' During Monsoon and Advent, we just celebrate Masses and hear confessions. During Lent tour we have to do the Easter blessings of each and every house. And in the evening, we have Rosary, confessions, Mass, Meetings and dinner in the village chapels. All these activities take the whole day. We go early morning and come late in the evening. For these tours, Deacons, Brothers and religious sisters also come and do their bit. It is tiring but wonderful Missionary experience. To do Ministry in Andaman one must know Hindi well and Hindi is the language which is spoken all over the Diocese.

Diocesan Mission meetings:

This programme is held every year in the month of September in Port Blair. It is a long programme for almost 22 days and practically all the churches are closed. It is a compulsory programme for all the priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters. It includes meetings, Seminars followed by 8 days retreat. It includes CRI meeting and Diocesan clergy meeting. Retreat is mainly for priests but others can also join.

Associations in Parish:

For a smooth and effective running of the parish, different associations with different purposes were formed, they are:

- Village Catechist and village head meeting
- Aam Sabha-Village committee
- Parish pastoral council
- Liturgy committee
- Mahila-Sangh-Women's Group
- Bhai-Sangh- Men's Group
- Yuva-Sangh- Youth Group
- Baal-Sangh- children's group
- Sunday School



- Altar boys and girls
- Lectors and choir group
- Maria sena-Legion of Mary

Dear Fathers and Brothers, this is a brief report that we have tried to present to you during this chapter. We wish to thank each and every one of you for your co-operation, prayers and patient listening. This report may not cover up everything; certain things need to be explained. If there is time, we will try to do it. We welcome your questions and clarifications. Once again, thank you.

Fr. Joachim Joseph Rodrigues sss

Bro. Ignatius Joseph sss

For 5th Provincial Chapter,

May, 2022 - Goa.



Mae De Deus Chapel, Gaunsavaddo, Siolim - Goa

Introductory information:

An introductory information will help the capitulars to place the community in its proper perspective.

Geography:

Gaunsavaddo belongs to the parish of St. Anthony in the deanery of Siolim and in the panchayat of Sodiem. It comes under Bardez Taluk of North Goa. The city of Mapusa is 4 kms from our community. The proximate distance to our Novitiate community-Badem 5 kms, to our property at Kareswada-Mapusa, 4.5 kms, to our community at Alto-Santacruz 25 kms and to Panjim the capital city of Goa is 20 kms.

History:

From 1994-2003 the Blessed Sacrament religious ministered to the people of God at this place. When the SSS moved from here the residence for priests remained closed. Mae De Deus Chapel, the present chapel is 130 years old though the original chapel was from 1568 and is part of the St. Anthony's parish- Siolim, which is 458 years old. The annual celebration of the Chapel is held on the first Sunday of May each year with nine days of novena. The languages used for liturgy are Konkni and English. Since the residence was not in use for almost 14 years. When we arrived in June 2017, we stayed here for 9 months and then renovation work of the priests' residence was undertaken. While the renovation was going on, we stayed for 8 months in a rented place.

Appreciation:

Through the effort of the Provincial council to fulfill the mandate of the provincial chapter 2014, with the initiative of Fr. Nathan and with the cooperation of the parish priest and the diocesan authority we arrived at this place on 31st May 2017 to minister the people of God.

Agreement:

A bipartite agreement was made with the diocese for five years which automatically renewable unless otherwise decided by either party. The Chapel has a committee called Cofre which looks after the maintenance and other legal matters connected with the property.

Community:

Frs. Martin and Nathan form the community to minister to the people of God at this place (2018-2019) From December 2018: Fr. Martin was asked to shuttle between Alto-Santacruz and here. We managed it well. From June 2019 Bro. Luie D'Souza was appointed as a regent and Fr. Dhanam to take care of the liturgy in konkani. Bro. Luie D' Souza was here for 5 months and 20 days. Fr. Dhanam was here for 37 days before going to Australia. Dn.Thambi: arrived on 22nd Nov 2019. He was here for 6 months and 18 days. Fr. Christopher was appointed here and he stayed here for 78 days and minus 14 days of quarantine. (July 6th -21st Sep 2020). Fr. Martin was appointed and stayed here for 94 days. Dn. Selvadhas was appointed to do his transitional diaconate ministry and after his ordination in June 2021 he was appointed here. Bro. Ajit Kerketta was appointed here for his period of regency from June 2021. The community was composed of three members from June 2021.



The fish eye view of the place:

There are 120 families and divided into 5 samudhay (5 Basic Christian community). Economically most of the people are slightly below middle class. This worshipping community comprises of salaried people and retired senior citizens. The devotional aspect of the worshipping community is very strong. Extra curricular activities like music and foot ball are very much encouraged and followed from the young age. The pandemic situation disturbed the regular activities.

The salient features of the Eucharistic mission:

Based on the various ministries given in the Rule of life of the congregation we have given priority to our way of life and the mission. Regular prayer, community meeting, recollection with the diocesan clergy on monthly basis, participated in the recollections organized by the congregation, well planned celebration of the Liturgy of the hours with the people, Eucharistic celebration, Eucharistic adoration with the people, animating the basic Christian community meeting, catechism classes on Sundays, guiding the altar servers, youth, choir, communion for the home bound twice a month and attending to the emergency sick calls to the nearby two private hospitals and a District hospital are some of the salient features of our Eucharistic ministry. These ministries are divided among the community members. Collaboration with the diocesan program, attending the Parish Pastoral Council meetings, deanery meetings, participating CRI- Goa unit and its program and Fr. Nathan is the representative for North Goa in the CRI-Goa unit Executive Committee.

New pastoral initiatives:

1. On every Monday we have a special Eucharistic celebration followed by the Novena in honor of St. Peter Julian Eymard and blessing with the first-class relic of St. Peter Julian Eymard.
2. Nov 2019 two of the scholastics from Srilanka who were preparing for their final vows came here for a week and our community looked after them and given them sessions on Eucharistic spirituality.
3. From women religious community, three sisters made a month-long retreat and prepared for their final vows, five novices made their retreat before their first profession. Individual sisters and priest also made their five days guided retreat.
4. On first Friday after the morning celebration of the Eucharist and the liturgy of the hours, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for 7 hours for adoration. Each samudhay and community members avail themselves for adoration till 2 pm and again at 5.30 pm followed by Eucharist.
5. Eucharistic celebration on the second Sunday of every month, Baptism and other sacraments are administered to the Tamil speaking migrants.
6. We avail ourselves for retreat, recollection, nearby women religious communities and special talks on Eucharist for catechists and animating the parish youth, confirmation group. etc...
7. The celebration of the feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard held with 9 days of novena. On the feast day we had the agape with the worshipping community and priests and religious except during the pandemic.



8. Formed the Aggregates: after two years of preparation and formation and the induction ceremony was done for 18 of them on 2nd Aug 2021. Four are still in initial formation. A monthly regular program is organized for them.
9. With the help of some of our vaddo members and others we receive dry ration and distribute them to the needy migrants in the construction site and on the seashore daily wage workers.
10. Active participation in the preparation in the synodal preparation and celebration in the diocesan level.

Finance:

As per the agreement, one religious gets the monthly allowance, mass stipend for both from the Cofre and ministry income. Basically, it is a self-sufficient community and we have savings too and we built up a corpus fund of Rs. 500000.00 (Rupees five lakhs only) for the community. We also contribute to the formation houses, pandemic relief, preparation and celebration of the Final vows (2020), provided desk chairs costing Rs 30000.00(Rupees thirty thousand only) arranged Rs.4,50,000.00(Rupees four lakhs and fifty thousand only) to our formation house at Alto-Santacruz, invited the scholastics twice for Christmas and twice for Easter. Housed and looked after three scholastics during the first lockdown for three months.

Challenges:

Learning of the language Konkanni to be comfortable in the conversation and the liturgical celebration. Work for vocation to our way of life and encouraging students who have aptitude to learn Konkaani.

Recommendation:

1. A very good ground for forming SSS and increase the number of Aggregates.
2. Three or four members can be appointed here and the ministry possibilities are there.
3. A few students can be accommodated to learn the language of Konkanni systematically and not as Deacon or Regent.

Adveniat Regnum Tuum Eucharisticum -May your Eucharistic Kingdom come.

Fr. Nathan sss

Fr. Selvadhas sss

For 5th Provincial Chapter,

St.Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre,

Cruz Dos Milagres- Old Goa.



REPORT FROM VIENNA COMMUNITY

From 2019 to 2022

Dear Fathers and finally professed religious,

At the very outset Fr. Prabu Metha and Fr. Nelson would like to thank you all for your valuable supports and constant encouragement to carry forward our Eucharistic mission in Vienna. On 2nd August 2019 the official contract signed between the General Curia and the Kristu Jyothi Province India. It was the canonical act of handing over from Italian province to Indian Province.

On 25th August 2019 was marked with a legacy that festive Eucharistic celebration was organised and in the presence of our General Superior Rev. Fr. Eugenio Barbosa, General Treasurer Fr. Philip Benzi, Italian Provincial Fr. Dominico, Indian Provincial Fr. Peter Jayakanthan and Provincial Treasurer Fr. Rosario, two of our religious assumed new responsibility, namely Fr. Nelson Soosai Marian as Superior and Parish Priest and Fr. Prabu Metha as Community Treasurer and Assistant Parish Priest. Fr. Joseph Jacob as community member and to study the German Language. Here to note that Fr. Nelson took charge officially as Parish Priest and Fr. Metha as Assistant Parish Priest from September 2018 after the retirement of the Italians Fr. Antonio Pedereti and Fr. Joseph Wenger.

Parish – Community Vision Mission Statement

“LIVING THE EUCHARIST - Together For Each Other”

Our parish St. Ägid - Gumpendorf in the Archdiocese of Vienna has been the only parish in Austria to be animated by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament since 1945. From 1945 to 2019 it was under Südtirol-Austrian Province and Italian Province. Since August 2019 it is under the Indian Province. St. Ägid - Gumpendorf is the largest parish in Deanery 6/7 of the Vienna Diocese. We see ourselves as part of all believers with Christ in the centre.

With the support of our parish community we want to:

- ❖ Offering people, a living liturgy and continue to give great importance to festivals in the church year;
- ❖ Being an active and creative parish that appeals to young people and we make an effort to bring children and young people closer to the Christian faith as part of the preparation for the sacraments, but also create new activities for them;
- ❖ Making an effort to exchange ideas with people of other religions and denominations;
- ❖ Providing transparent and up-to-date information about life in our parish; Being attentive to everyone who is in an emergency situation and support them where possible - the Le+O campaign should continue to be a focus of our charitable work;
- ❖ That our lives are sanctified through the conscious reception of the sacraments.

Community Life

The Vienna mission community has its unique way of acting and functioning. The community officially from August 25th 2019 consists of three members. The community members are Frs. Metha, Joseph and Nelson.



The life style of the community as follows;

- 1) every day Morning Prayer integrated with the Eucharistic celebration;
- 2) one hour of prayer in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord;
- 3) Lunch was cooked as community especially during the COVID-19 and this continued also after Fr. Joseph left to India;
- 4) regular community meetings and Gospel sharing once in a month and our community send regularly the community minutes to the provincial superior.
- 5) Recollection and Confession being organised during the season of Advent and Lent.
- 6) Community Picnic or Recreation is organised time to time according to the Parish Program.

Parish - Parish Life and Parishioners

Our parish comes within the city limits and it is very convenient for public transportation. Obviously, it is one of the biggest parishes with many Catholics, and now the Catholic population is diminishing. In our parish we have more senior people than the young people. Also, through our observations and learning we can say that it is the most complicated and challenging parish. The lay domination is very predominant. It is a very big challenge. At present, Fr. Metha and myself try to give a new picture that we are for the people and slowly convince them that we bring new energy and new spirit.

Daily Eucharistic celebration, Prayer and Adoration highlight our charism of our Congregation. Every Sunday masses are animated by different groups and for different groups namely children mass, Family mass, Women's Mass, and Caritas mass etc. Within the parish we are actively involved in ministering the sacrament of Baptism, preparing Children for First Holy Communion, Preparing Young people for the sacrament of Confirmation and preparing young couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Various Groups:

We work with different groups in our parish and they are the followings: Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Liturgy Team, Children Group, Women Group, Choir, Legion of Mary, Youth Group, Caritas group, Bible Group, Events Organising Team and Interreligious Dialogue Group.

The above-mentioned facts are real indicators that we have enough ministries available within the parish itself, outside as well. People appreciate us for our charism and mission.

The community undertakes the following ministries: (apart from the Parish activities)

School Ministry:

we have three schools around our parish, which are run by the Vincent De Paul Sisters and private sectors. We actively involve ourselves in celebrating the class and school masses, hearing the sacrament of confession during Advent and Lenten seasons.



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Hospital Ministry:

we have regular Sunday mass on Saturday evening, anointing of the sick, Sacrament of Confession, visiting the sick and giving communion to the sick.

Old Age Home:

There are two old age homes which come under our parish. The spiritual needs are met by us. We offer mass on every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sundays. Here also we do anointing of the sick, visiting the sick and giving communion to the sick. Especially for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, the priest must be available day and night.

Burial:

It takes place very frequently and one needs to travel to different places. The cemetery is not situated in one place rather there are many cemeteries within the city and outside the city. The community undertook many burials during the most difficult time of COVID-19.

Financial Situation of the Community

After taking over from the Italian province (August 2029), Fr. Metha the Treasurer of the Community is looking after the community Finance, administration of Properties and Maintenance of the Buildings. The Community runs only with our monthly salary. We don't have any regular income apart from our salary. Mass intentions and Blessing Money are shared between the Parish and the community. Apart from this, Parking Place is only source of our income. The Monthly and Quarterly bills such as food, Monthly allowance, Medical Insurance, Workers Insurance, Travel, Workers salary, Internet, Telephone, TV-Radio, land tax, Building Insurance, Xerox Machine, Electricity, Heating, Water, Garbage Clearance, Roof Maintenance, Garden Maintenance, Visa Renewal, Retreat, Holidays and other emergency maintenances are managed from our salary.

Since our parish is incorporated Parish and we being the Owner of the Properties, we don't have any other option but to share the cost with the parish according to the old Contract between the Parish and the Community. In fact, we end up in paying more than the Parish.



Therefore, Community expenses are always more than the income. Therefore, we could neither save anything nor support the Province financially. Initially we managed the finance well because of some savings left by Italians but now we are finding it very difficult to manage our finance and maintenance due to less saving support. To manage the finance, we have begun to cook for ourselves without the cook, unsubscribed to all the Magazines and TV Channel etc.

We also experience a struggle between Parish and the Community with regard to finance, maintenance and paying of Bills etc. At times we are helpless to negotiate or to make changes in sharing of the bills because of the structure which the Parish is already building upon. In spite of this struggle Fr. Metha makes an effort to balance between the Parish and Community administration. Always important financial matters are discussed with the Superior or with the Community for clarity and approval. Monthly account is sent to the Provincial Treasurer Fr. Rosario every month after the approval of Fr. Nelson the Superior. (or Community).

COVID – 19

It was a most devastating experience to the community and to the whole world as well. The parish community has suffered a lot due to continuous locked downs, surrounded by fear and uncertainty and numerous deaths as well. But the community was strong enough to handle the situations and in all the ways possible we catered to the needs of the people during the pandemic period. The nearby hospital helped us to get early vaccination.

Building Issue

The physical structure of the house (House no: 5 & 7) is very old and due for renovation since 2010. We lack many basic facilities but still we live and work in the missionary spirit. We stay in the House no:5 and the House No:7 is being occupied by the Parish largely. The Garden and the Garage also being used by the Parish.

The building issue is directly addressed by the General Curia and our Indian Province.

Fr. Joseph Jacob – His arrival-stay and Departure

Fr. Joseph joined the community in the month of July 2019. He continued his intensive German language course by staying in the community and he was available for the community activities and parish ministry apart from his study. Many parishioners have helped him to learn the language and however he could not get through his German B2 level exam. In a way he found difficult to adapt to the Local Culture and mentality of the people to some extent. He expressed his willingness to go back to the province and even was not ready to appear for an integration exam to renew his visa. He left the community on April 14th 2021. He stayed with the community almost 2 years (21 months) and the community spent around 10 thousand euro (9 lakhs).

German Language

It is one of the essential elements and basic requirement from the Diocese of Vienna. One needs to complete and get through B2 level German language exam. Without passing the B2 level exam we don't get integrated into the Diocese and get no stipend from the Diocese. It is a big challenge. Everything is done in German language and one needs to be equipped and master the language.



Above all one needs to sacrifice a lot for this Eucharistic Mission from the perspective of language, food, culture and weather. The need of the congregation and at the request of the General superior is to keep our mission alive and active.

Once again thanks a lot for your continuous support.

Fr. Prabu Metha sss

Fr. Nelson sss

For 5th Provincial Chapter,

May, 2022 - Goa.



*Reports of the Ministry Communities
(Ministries)*



Report of St. Francis Xavier's Chapel, Colaba, Mumbai - 5 From 2018 to 2022

“Our communities are called to become centers of prayer which offer assistance to all on their pilgrim way. This ministry is particularly suited to city centers churches. These churches, where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, are oasis of silence and peace in the heart of the city and offer places of welcoming and meeting prayer and adoration, spiritual guidance and sacramental reconciliation.” (RoL:42).

Introduction:

The community comprises of Frs. Rosario Pushparaj, Arockia Punithan, Dominic Savio and Dhanapragasam who joined towards the end. We still have two masses on weekdays, five on weekends (English-4 & Tamil-1), and afternoon mass on First Fridays and throughout forty days of Lent. Blessed Sacrament is exposed daily. Hindi Mass.... planned to organise twice in a month (on Sundays) but could not execute because the neighbouring parish has been organising already and of late held a couple of meetings and planned to start the mass but the domestic maids were not allowed by their owners due to Covid-fear.

From the inception of the appointment orders passed by the newly formed provincial team we the members made conscious and constructive efforts to en flesh the vision & mission of the province at the community level in our won capacity. This has been discussed time and again at our monthly community meetings.

A. To recognize the face of Jesus in others through our Social Projects with the apostolic zeal of our Founder.

Tailoring Unit:

Our community runs a Tailoring Unit. Beneficiaries- in and around vicinity of Colaba the domestic maids. Days - Monday to Friday. Timings -12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m. Students come at their own convenient time from their work place between 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m. Minimum fee Rs. 100/- collected per month towards the part of teacher's monthly allowance. The strength is 15 to 20 of them yearly. The tailoring unit also issues a certificate at the end of the year. Some of them settle with self-employment and most of them join fancy tailoring centres.

Crèche Centre:

We still run at Gitanagar as part of charity...a teacher minds that centre with 15 kids and we pay her the allowance as well as some ration. Unfortunately, both the above said units were closed for more than a year during the extended lockdown still the community paid the allowance to the staff.

Ration for the less privileged:

The community gives ration to 10 families every month (rice, dal, sugar, cooking oil, wheat)

B. Towards our SSS Identity....

At the service of the Arch Diocese:

We reach out to the parishes in the diocese any time when asked to celebrate masses in English, Tamil and Telugu.



Our religious visited the sick and anointed the sick at the hospital during the strict Covid lockdown...attended the funeral and accompanied to the cemeteries when the diocesan clergy refused to. We distributed the Communion during the mass witnessing to the Eucharistic charism whilst the entire diocese distributed after the mass is over at the main exit gates as per the cardinal's strict instructions. The above-mentioned initiatives and good works been noted and highly appreciated by the faithful.

150th Death anniversary of our founder.... souvenir marking the occasion-prayer for healing of Cancer at the back printed and distributed to all...u will find these images on our SSS web opening page.

C. To build Eucharistic communities in collaboration with Lay Associates.

SSS Lay Associates:

We started for Tamil speaking group. Formation sessions were given by Fr. Julian along with Fr. Punithan. The brief history of the congregation, the origin, purpose and the objectives of the group were printed, distributed and explained to the members. We had planned to organise a mega-seminar on the province level Rev. Fr. Superior General as the chief guest in September 2020 at Colaba...unfortunately, not materialised due to the pandemic. The above said printed copy material was sent to all the Lay Associates in our province.

For the English-speaking crowd, we organize thrice a year on public holidays a day program with a sort prayer-service, fun & games followed by a meal. It has a full present and appreciation.

D. To establish an Economy of Communion in diverse areas with self-sufficiency.

New changes in the Chapel & Community Residence:

Yes, this community maintains the self-sufficiency and also aids other depending communities as per the need. The following projects undertaken have been generated and supported by the local community...

- 1. SSS Media Centre:** with the required equipments like computers, printer, laminator, recording system, sound proof, A/C, furniture etc. (the old kitchen room of the new building is converted & furnished).
- 2. Guest Room** on the ground floor with the attached wash-room and A/C.
- 3.** We fixed a fibre carved image of **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament** and an extra-large size frame of the **Divine Mercy**, on the left side of the inside chapel.
- 4. Chapel Name & Statue of St. Francis Xavier:** you see these on the either sides of main front walls.
- 5. Extra vesting room for the chapel** -some part of the old dining room is converted into the vesting room with a side altar & glassed door cupboard for vestments cum passage to the main sacristy.



Major Repairs and Renovations:

The **entire campus** is being repaired, renovated and painted i.e.,

The **entire community residence's** windows changed into sliding doors

Dining Hall – a complete renovation with the new floor, shelves, sink, lights, fans etc.

Parlour - new floor and shelves safeguarding and displaying the archives of the province

Hall –fully renovated with a false ceiling, main door with glass, floor polished, central A/C installed and either sides wash rooms renovated with some internal changes. This is done in the view of renting the hall away for seminars drawing income to support the community.

Special achievement-It has been a historical achievement that with the help of the area Corporator Mr. Makarand Narvekar and few chapel comers' support we managed to shift the age-old milk-booth that caused compound complications and disturbed the main entrance area. Now a steady and neat foot-path is laid along the entire front area...the railing is still pending. We too tried our best to move the coconut stall but it is kept on hold waiting for some serious clearances to be made from BMC and political concerns. I sincerely thank our dear Frs. Rasario and Punithan who were a strong instrumental on this long-awaited daydream come true which was next to impossible.

Concerns & Closing Remarks

The number of attendants at the chapel is a drastic descent – the pandemic disturbed the staying of paying guests...which obviously affected the income graph collapse. Nevertheless, we still undertook several major jobs and completed successfully with the help and support of a few generous individuals...our community owes an invaluable gratitude, love and admiration to these exceptional epitomes of reliable individuals in materialising a long-standing dream possible. Our community hosted P4 2021 program for Bros. Infantraj and Luie Desouza, Fr. Dominic Savio was the moderator and the final commitment ceremony also held at our chapel.

I thank the two uniquely gifted and talented confreres Frs. Rosario & Punithan who have been so loving, caring, understanding, jovial, entertaining, adjusting, outgoing, industrious, belonging, contributing, constructive, visionaries, challenging and... (confidential as councillors). It's been so fortunate- praying, serving, planning, working and journeying with them for the last four forever cherishing years. Last but never the least I thank Fr. Dhanam who joined us from last August - 2021. He daily took us for Australian tour with a virtual visas and free tickets and showed us Sydney with its unique life-style, I quote and quote, "oh, *in Australia it is a superb system, so different...*" all his sharings made our table fellowship more interactive and informative. Ultimately, a special note of thanks to our provincial and his team for their fraternal support and encouragement all through.

Gratefully Yours in the Lord guarding in the Blessed Sacrament.

Servant of the community.

Dominic Savio H. SSS

10.05.2022.



Report of the SSS Media Centre From 2018 to 2022

The SSS Media Centre with the vision “Media – for a culture of Eucharistic peace” enables the communication between the people of God and SSS Members. It connects the members of the province of Kristu Jyoti as well as SSS members around the world. Appreciating the influence of social media and its benefits of increased connectivity and extended opportunities, the Centre opened social media accounts in the social media platforms.

They are as follows:

- YouTube both in English as 'SSS India Media' and Tamil as 'Catholic SSS',
- Twitter,
- Facebook,
- Vimeo as 'Gift of self'
- and SoundCloud.

Newly Built Studio Room:

The dream of establishing a full-blown media Centre with Mac computer – video and audio editing software, acoustic panels room (i.e sound-absorbing or to control echo and reverberation), studio lights for video recordings, was created, blessed and inaugurated by Rev.Fr Provincial Peter Jayakanthan on 4th February 2019. My Sincere Thanks goes out firstly to the provincial council and to Colaba Community for approving the budget and allotting place for the media room. Even though the Centre is in the promotion stage, it contributed a lot in spreading the Eucharistic mission substantially and assuring the commencement stage is imminent. The following highlights will make it clear.

SSS Media Team:

Realizing the demands of the Eucharistic mission, Fr Provincial appointed the media team namely Frs. Punithan, Ruban, Dennis and Bro. Beskilin. The meeting of the media team is held once in two months regularly from May 2021. The Team comes together to share the knowledge of computer skills. The theme of the newsletter is the outcome of Media team.

Eucharist and its Materials:

When people were locked up due to pandemic, the celebration of the holy Eucharist was made available online on Sundays including holy week services in the year 2020. Meanwhile, SSS media Centre is fully aware that online mass is only for spiritual communion it does not represent the Church and people of God. As Pope Francis puts it “This is the church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing...” The pinnacle of online ministry is the Eucharistic adoration conducted 210 days from 23 March 2020 till 27, Nov 2020. SSS members were present and conducted by Frs. Rosario, Peter J, Benzi, Punithan and Bros. Bharath and Beskilin. Around 80 people participated while it was on live and later watched by 400 viewers from Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Tamil Nadu and all over the world like Singapore, Malaysia and Canada. Petitionary prayers were written by people in the chat box and prayed during the adoration.



In order to achieve the aim of making known the Eucharist with its meaning, the effort was taken to evangelize the mysteries of the Holy Eucharist through video content in the YouTube. Talks on Eucharist in English and Tamil by Fr Gnanasekar sss were videographed, edited and published in the YouTube.

The new initiative of creating the website exclusively for “**Booking online mass**” by individual family was taken in the name of www.familyholymass.com. Frs. Sanal, peter J, Punithan celebrated the masses. Unfortunately, we could not continue.

Visiting card, pen drives containing articles on Eucharist and founder were distributed to all the members during the “Live-in 2019”.

In order to achieve fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations, updates were made on the constitution of Sacred liturgy by the Universal church. The media center made these updates available through emails.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament:

Online Novena in Tamil in honor of our lady of Blessed Sacrament was done from 8 May 2020 to 14 May 2020.

St. Peter Julian Eymard

In the midst of extraordinary challenges and uncertainty, and countless personal tragedies due to pandemic, Media Centre designed the reflections based on the Covid-19 for the novena in honor of St. Peter Julian Eymard and sent to all our communities for the meaningful celebration of our founder in the year 2020.

Audio Books in YouTube:

Being aware of trending audio books in YouTube channels, the center decided to bring out audio books. The first of its kind is the book in Tamil on the Life of St. Peter Julian Eymard written by K.Y. Antony sss, which was made available. Some of the theologically interesting articles from the Immanuel magazine were chosen and uploaded. Centre began to upload from the booklet named 'Bread of life: Heart and love, Sermon on the Eucharist by Peter Julian Eymard'.

The brochures in English, Tamil and Telegu on the life of our Founder St Eymard were prepared. Now it is available on our website as well as with few printed copies.

Novena in honor of St Peter Julian Eymard in Hindi was live in our SSS India Media YouTube channel from Noida Community and also in English and Tamil (Catholic SSS channel) was live from Colaba Community from 24 July 2021 to 1 August 2021.

Online singing competition in Tamil based on the theme “Eucharist and life” (Only Communion Hymn) was conducted by the mission commission in order to strengthen the members of the aggregation and make known the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, the media center collected, edited all the videos and uploaded in YouTube channel. The participants are totally 160, which includes Juniors-35, Seniors-46 and Super Seniors-79. First time in history, online Singing competition was conducted in the province. The result was announced on 14 Aug 2021 through Zoom meeting with introducing our charism and congregation.



Other Initiatives:

- Sayings of St. Eymard were made in Video format and uploaded in the YouTube.
- Homilies were uploaded in English and Tamil.
- Prayer for the cure of cancer through the intercession of St. Eymard was made available on YouTube in English and Tamil.
- SSS Members composed few hymns in English & Tamil specially Communion hymn or in honor of Mother Mary and either fully prepared at the media center or partly recorded and edited with videos.
- Tamil Catholic News: the center uploaded weekly 3 minutes short catholic news to know the universal church from 27 July 2019 to 19 March 2020. Irregularity was the concern.
- The videos of the historical event “Manna” in Chennai were made available on the YouTube.
- During the season of Lent, Way of the Cross was prepared and uploaded in YouTube for people's view.
- SSS Media Centre on the COVID-19 Frontlines: Talks were prepared by our Priests to boost the people to deal the negative results of pandemic.
- SSS India Newsletter is published once in two months providing articles and activities of our communities through material sent directly for publication. The texts are edited by the media team members and layout is done with addition of photos. It is sent to all members of the province by e-mail and printed copies sent to communities in India. Reflections for Monthly Recollections in the communities were also added.
- Photography and videography of final vows 2019, 2020, 2021 and Jubilee celebration of Fr Justin – Goa were done by the center. When people could not participate in the final vows and diaconate celebrations, it was on “live” through our channel.
- Anniversaries: In the name of SSS Days, the Birth days, final vows days for brothers, ordination and death anniversaries, in the name of “it's SSS connect” email ids and phone numbers of the members were prepared and printed as well as sent emails.
- Address of the SSS communities and members were sent to Generalate.
- ID cards for the Members of the province were prepared.
- Videos on the text of Rule of life were prepared and uploaded. It is in the process of completion.
- Maintained the SSS website.
- Visiting cards were prepared for the Agashi Retreat centre.
- Acts of the 4th Provincial Chapter was designed and printed in the form of book.
- Aggregation of Lay Associates (ALA) “Narkarunai Min mini” was designed by Media Team member Fr. Ruban and printed in SSS media center. It was released on 2 August 2021. The 12-page booklet helped to bring out the works and activities of the members of aggregation.



Concerns / Suggestions for better collaboration:

Media Center reminds humbly you that Your written contributions accompanied by photos are always welcome regarding the articles based on the theme announced and sharing of the events and activities of your communities as well as the various experiences lived in our communities.

In order to make it easier and ensure that news is sent and circulated, please nominate a religious or a person in-charge for your Community who would keep contact with Director of SSS Media center, with the view of constantly updating and transmitting news or information from and to your community.

Fr. Punithan sss

SSS Media Center, Colaba, Mumbai.

For 5th Provincial Center,

May, 2022 - Goa.



REPORT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ASHRAM KHOLAPURWADI, AGASHI

Blessed Sacrament Ashram is a retreat center. It is very popular in the surroundings and known till the edges of the diocese of Bombay. It is a place of prayer, silence and solitude. People come from near and far to experience the Lord of the Eucharist.

Br. Ignatius and Fr. Xavier M were welcomed to the community and Br. Moses was given farewell on 19 June 2019. Br. Peter Paul joined the community on 17 February 2020. Fr. Justin joined the community on 26 August 2020. Fr. Vinay joined the community on 31 December 2020.

PRAYER LIFE

We have Morning Prayer at 07.15 am followed by the Eucharistic celebration. A few faithful join us for the Eucharistic celebration daily. We celebrate Eucharist for people on every Wednesdays and first Fridays. We have adoration every day after the Eucharistic celebration. We celebrate our Founder's Day on every Monday. Birth anniversary, ordination anniversary, baptism and feast of our founder are marked and celebrated in a grand manner. Because of the global pandemic, we had celebrated in a low-key manner.

MISSION

Our vision is to live the Eucharist fully. In this retreat house, we enrich people by creating an atmosphere of prayer and silence for the people who come here for retreats. Apart from retreats, we give the ground for lease for occasions like receptions, functions etc. This generates income for the community. We attended deanery meetings on every second Thursday of a month. We attended CRI meetings thrice a year.

The contribution of Fr. Justin was great to the community. He is good at preaching retreats and talks on the Eucharist. His ministry supported the community financially.

The contribution of Fr. Vinay to the community is so great and memorable. Being a young priest, he managed to fulfill the needs of the community; paying the bills, purchasing things and maintaining the community. Apart from all these, He always keeps himself busy with his writing ministry and at the same time does the community work perfectly.

The contribution of Br. Peter must be acknowledged and appreciated. He sits before the Blessed Sacrament twice a day and intercedes for the needs of the whole congregation. The community is well pleased with his contribution.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Rule of Life states; the vitality of a community depends to a large extent on its meetings at which the brothers regularly share their joys and problems (Rule of Life – No: 11). We had community meetings every month. Here, we shared the joys and sorrows. It created an atmosphere of sense of belonging. We have our own limitations yet live our community life balanced. We are not the perfect community but striving to be more joyful and meaningful.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

1. Bishop Barthol came here for a few days of silence and prayer along with his Priests in the month of February/ 2020.



2. Br. Sujith came here for community experience. Fr. Xavier M guided Bro. Ignatius, Br. Sanal and Bro. Sujith for annual retreat and renewal of vows in the month of April/ 2020.
3. Fr. Justin gave online annual retreat to General Superior and his team on 03/ October/ 2020.
4. Sr. Conception, along with her community members, came here for annual retreat. Sr. Conception sponsored wooden cupboard for the chapel and speakers (sound system). It is the hard work of Fr. Vinay who preached the retreat and got the sponsor done.
5. Amplified Provincial Council meeting was held here on 16th November, 2019 to discuss the important issues of the Province. Priests and Brothers of our province came here for annual retreat on 12th November 2019.
6. The scholastics came here recently for a two-week program accompanied by the scholastic director.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Files were not maintained properly. After I took up the responsibility as superior, I started maintaining files and keeping them in order.
2. The local Panchayath leader, with the help of Government, put Paver Block Stone on 26th September 2019 on our ground.
3. Mr. Cyril sponsored two inverters for our community. One inverter was placed in the chapel and another in the refectory.
4. Mr. Alfred sponsored the liturgical vestments for our community.
5. We planted the crotons and coconut plants in our garden.

EFFECT OF PANDEMIC

This was self-sufficient community. We used to draw enough money to meet all expenses from the groups that come here. We too contributed some money to the province before the pandemic. But then, the global pandemic affected the whole world. Everyone is part of the damage done by the pandemic directly and indirectly. People started to attend the retreats in online. People stopped coming to the retreat because of the global pandemic. It is difficult to manage monthly expenses. Now, we depend on the province to meet all our needs. The self-sufficient community became dependant community. It will take some time to raise this community as self-sufficient community.

FUTURE PLANS

- **Renovation:** This house has to be renovated and painted. There are minor and major repairs; electrical works, plumbing works, carpentry works and painting works.
- **Rise of Finance:** now, this community is dependant community. I, along with the community members, am trying to raise this community to the level of self-sufficiency.

At times we are weak and at times we are strong. We live together with our weakness and with our goodness. We appreciate the goodness of another and live our religious meaningfully.

Fr. Francis Xavier sss

For 5th provincial Chapter

Fr. Vinay sss

May, 2022 - Goa.



REPORT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COMMUNITY, ALTO SANTA CRUZ

The Community: The Community consists of two profess members and students: Fr. K. Sebastian and Fr. Gnanasekar. Prior to this composition, there were other religious viz. Fr. Arul, Fr. Martin Raja as Superiors, Fr. Jesusraja, Fr. Gnanasekar as director of Students, Fr. Justin and Bro. Solomon as Regent. We begin the day with the Eucharistic celebration followed by the Morning Prayer and divine office prayer with the people.

Ministries:

Activities in the House:

- We cater to special needs such as confessions, retreats, and Recollections for Religious and laypeople.
- Organized Recollections for the Religious and lay people during the Lenten Seasons.
- The Catenean Group come and celebrated Eucharist in our chapel and contributed generously to the stage of formation.
- We had organized two sets of Four Sunday series Eucharistic Healing (on 11th, 18th, 25th August, and 1st September 2019) and Healing through Reconciliation (8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th Feb 2020) were organized by Fr. Justin.
- We availed our place for P4 Retreat from 20th to 24th Oct 2019 and SSS Priests Batch Retreat from 3rd to 8th Nov 2019.
- The Golden Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Justin sss was held in our community.
- The Province organized formers to meet 'Youngling Mingling' at Alto Santa Cruz.
- P4 Programme of 7 Brothers was held at Alto Santa Cruz from 8th Sept 2020 to 8th Dec 2020. The perpetual profession of Seven brothers and Ordination to Diaconate of six brothers were held respectively on 13th Dec 2020 and 14th Dec.2020 (Bishop's personal chapel).

Pray with the family on a regular basis in our neighborhood

As a community, we undertook various ministries such as recollections, talks, confessions, and celebration of Mass in convents, Parishes, and schools. On request, we visit the hospitals to provide prayerful support, anointing of the sick, sick, confessions, and Holy Communion. On request, we play a supportive role in the parish.

Hospitality: Due to Covid-19 we were unable to reach out to people as a result very few people came to visit us.

GOASSS: The Community took the initiative to organize recollections and festival gatherings for the SSS Goa.

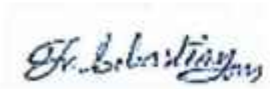
Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the soul. We as a community would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who are present here for your constant support and guidance to this formation Community, special thanks to the Province Leadership Team for your constant guidance, support, and encouragement towards this life-giving ministry.



I would like to thank our other two communities based in Goa namely the Novitiate community and Siolim community, for the cooperation and support rendered to us to run our house. We especially thank the students and the director for their whole heart support to run the house smoothly. We thank and appreciate Fr. Nathan for the contribution of Rs. 4, 50,000.00 as a donation and Mass Stipend. We would like to thank the Province and the local benefactors for their financial support namely Rs 17, 41,701. The local people tend to contribute generously when they see the presence of students. The development of the Basement was postponed further because of Covid-19.

Thankingyou

Yours sincerely



Fr. K. Sebastian sss

Superior

&

Fr. Gnana Sekar sss



Report of the Cenacle & Karunalayam, Velappanchavady, Chennai. From 2018 to 2022.

“Each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them” - 1 Cor 7:17

As St. Paul states in the above quote, we are called to live as believer in all situations. The invitation for community of Cenacle is to break the bread in Charity, Justice and Peace with the opportunity of giving formation to the young ones of the Congregation. The community of Cenacle is the place of Formation, Community, Administration and Eucharistic evangelization.

Appointments

2018-2019

Rev. Fr. Jesu Augustine sss – Superior and the Administrator, President of BSDS

Rev. Fr. Christopher sss – Director

Rev. Fr. M. I. Raj sss – Director of Karunalayam and Formation team

Rev. Fr. B. A. Raj sss – Asst. Director of Karunalayam and Mission in charge

2019-2020

Rev. Fr. Jesu Augustine sss – Superior and the Administrator, President of BSDS,
Director of Karunalayam

Rev. Fr. Christopher sss – Director of the Students

2020-2021

Rev. Fr. Jesu Augustine sss – Superior and the Administrator, President of BSDS, Director of
Karunalayam

Rev. Fr. Xavier Arockia Raj sss – Director of the Students

Rev. Fr. Johnson Britto sss – Formation team

2021-2022

Rev. Fr. Jesu Augustine sss – Superior and the administrator, President of BSDS, Director of
Karunalayam

Rev. Fr. Xavier Arockia Raj sss – Director of the Students

Rev. Fr. Johnson Britto sss – Formation team

The community of Cenacle is blessed with very young ones of the Congregation in the formation level. It is the formation house with the candidates who do their college studies and postulancy programme at their final year over here. We too undertake the administration work of Blessed Sacrament Development society here in this house having president from the community.

The community has also life of community apart from the formation. We have been living with fathers who work together with different portfolios sharing the ministry in the community, at the ministry of Karunalayam and at the Pastoral ministry in our parishes and in the parishes of diocese. The fathers who are here formed already the team of formation. Hence, it is easy for us to do the formation work well. We invite the fathers to take some seminar and conferences and spiritual talk to brothers. We involve as community to the ministry at Karunalayam. We hold monthly community meetings under the guidance of the superior in which we have the evaluation of the progress of the community in daily living, inside and outside of the house and we sent the report to the Provinciate.



We express our experience of fraternal life with one another and we bring to completion what we decide in the meetings. We have sent regularly the minutes of the meetings. We tried our best to recognize the face of Jesus in others through our social projects with the apostolic zeal of our founder by teaching the little ones at our tuitions centers and this year we were able to construct new structures; we were able to help out some of the students for their study, even some of our seminarians we helped them in their material needs. Community prayer is must for us as we all join in our Eucharistic celebration if we are here. We join in our divine office and prayer before the Eucharistic presence. We share our joys and sorrows at our free time with one another. With all these elements we have celebrated our community life.

Ministry of Karunalayam

Karunalayam, our center for Eucharistic Evangelization has been in the flow of healing river for many people who had come for the worship at Karunalayam. Fr. M.I. Raj sss has planted and watered the garden which is Karunalayam with his own efforts and with the support of the Congregation. On this last year, 2018-2019 he was transferred to the Parish of St. Anthony at Tembipada Mumbai. The new team with Fr. Jesu Augustine sss and Fr. Gnanasekar in the year 2019-2020 began the ministry with the help of the community of Cenacle. Later Fr. Jesu has taken the complete charge of it.

The programme of the Karunalyam is as such, monthly three programmes are organized like First Saturday with Car Procession and Eucharistic adoration and mass, full moon night vigil prayer and third Saturday fasting prayer. All these were well organized but got the break for a long time due to the attack of Corona throughout the world and so the programme in Karunalayam was at question mark. We could not conduct any prayer services even masses on Sundays. Whenever the lockdown is released, we could keep the Sunday masses but no other programme of the Karunalyam. Gradually, we could conduct first Saturday programme along with Sunday masses. We conduct our services for all the liturgical seasons of the church like parish; we have good number of people coming to our Karunalyam and they are appreciative of the prayerful services conducted here. But the revenue is not regular.

The fathers in the community of Cenacle would always work together for the growth of the Karunalayam. We take turn to celebrate masses, conduct prayers and arranging the programme. We could keep retreats and missions according to the liturgical calendar for the people in preparing them spiritually. On the whole the ministry of Karunalayam is working regularly and it is running its mission to the level that we can. We are aware of the pressure from nearby parishes and we were always responsive to the doubts that they have that we encourage people to get enrolled the people and no sacrament is given without the permission of the Parish Priest. The ministry of Karunalayam is successful to some extent and we do all with our willingness to serve people.

Blessings or Achievements during this period

- We have last four years results of 100% in our study that students have cleared their subjects and passed in good marks.
- Students have acquired the certificates for the participation of various conferences in the college after the lockdown was released.
- We were able to collect the certificates of all passed batches of eight to ten years who went ahead to their next stage of formation.



- We have renovated our chapel beautifully in which we changed our backdrop of the chapel, changed new fans and lights and tiles on floor. It was really an amazing work with the generous heart of Mr. Xavier Alphonse's family specially his Son in Law.
- We have built an office for the BSDS to have separate office and room for president for official purpose to have accommodated accounts of all the community under BSDS. It is for official purpose only. We make use of this office sometime for our seminar and commission meeting and Auditing purposes.
- We have built our tuition centre in a new construction with the double purpose of tuition centre and regular rental income to the community. It was difficult in the beginning due to Covid-19 but God has more gracious to us in bringing to completion along with the hard work of Fr. Jesu Augustine sss and Fr. Rosario Pushparaj sss.
- We have raised the level of compound wall and have placed lights on the wall.
- We have repaired the tiles of Karunalayam adoration chapel and glass that was broken. As a special note here is, this chapel is blessed by the newly ordained bishop. His Grace Selvaraj the Bishop of Andaman. It added the grace upon grace while we pray at this Chapel. We use it for our masses weekly once.
- We have plenty of harvest in the grove of banana and from the coconut tree we have made oil, and sold coconuts and the income, we used them for the formation. We have a good number of rabbits and hens and ducks who are marching joyfully around our house.
- We had organized two of our Fathers' ordination at Mangadu due to Corona Restriction and felicitations programme at our house.
- We had helped all our fathers for overseas journey (Frs. Joseph, Jesu raja, Praveen, Dhanam, and brothers for their regency to Andaman) all were successful. We were able to do it on time.
- House is always accommodative for our Fathers who had come and stayed at Cenacle. It was always at the virtue of hospitality.
- We renewed our BSDS permission each year without fail.
- We remember the departed religious at their anniversary by praying for them at the cemetery without fail.
- We had opened our house recently for the group to get accommodation in our house after lockdown released. We had some groups come up and stayed and did their retreats.
- We got new medium size monstrance sponsored by Mr. Xavier Alphonse to our Cenacle Chapel.



Suggestions

- Perennial problem of water stagnating around our house during rainy season needs to be sorted out.

In conclusion, as our Rule of Life states 'we become witnesses of Christ by making ourselves servants of our brothers' we had tried our best to live our religious life by starting with our community life, Spiritual life, life of our ministry, encouraging the little ones to form themselves in the life of formation and availing ourselves for ministry of Karualayam. Finally let us make a good response to the presence of Christ by entering into the dynamism of the Eucharist with a prayer of adoration and of praise and thanksgiving.

Thanking you

Fr. Jesu Augustine sss

Fr. Xavier Arokia Raj sss

For the 5th Provincial Chapter,

May, 2022 – Goa.



REPORT OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - MATHOOR **from 27th May 2019 to 10th May 2022**

Greetings from Frs. Arul and Lazar. A special thanks to previous assistants who worked at Mathoor namely Frs. Dennis, Inigo and Praveen. St. Joseph Church, Mathoor is located in Aruvikarai panchayat, Kanyakumari Dt, Tamil Nadu. As per the contract signed between the diocese and us, we are supposed to work for five years. We have worked for three years and two more years are left.

Mathoor is one of the tourist places of Kanyakumari Dt. It is a mission parish consisting of 148 families on record. In practice only about 60 families come to church and among the sixty families about 30 families are active Catholics.

The Socio - economic condition is low. The people are poor. Most of them are daily wage labourers working in the following areas. Such as on construction site, cashew nut factories, rubber industries and farming. Elderly engage themselves working in the Govt scheme. A very few men work abroad.

Spiritual life of the people could be better. They are all Sunday Catholics. We have celebration of the Eucharist daily and the attendance varies from 2 to 30 persons. On Sundays and special days it would be around 100 to 150. After our arrival there was a remarkable rise in the spiritual life of the people. That atmosphere did not last for long due to Covid -19. During this pandemic, people did not come to church. Apart from annual visits to the families, we visit their houses wherever they require us. Sundays we visit all the BCC communities. The annual feast of the parish was not celebrated for the last two years due to covid-19. This year it is planed to have in the first week of June. Out of 22 commissions existing in the diocese, the parish has 18 commissions and in each commission there are about five to six persons.

Our presence brought the following changes in the main parish.

1. Daily celebration of the Eucharist.
2. For the first time novena and mass on Wednesday in honour of St. Joseph who is the patron of the parish.
3. Started spoken English class
4. Bible class
5. Keyboard class
6. Purchase of two small plots of land, one for the cemetery and the other for the purpose of a multipurpose hall.
7. Construction of the new sanctuary and an altar. Some sponserers from Goa have generously contributed towards the construction of the sanctuary Rs. 1,15,000. On 13th January it was consecrated on the same day 138 children from both the parishes received the sacrament of Confirmation.
8. Laid a new granite floor inside the church.
9. Painting of the church after many years.
10. Laid paver blocks outside the church.



SSS Finance:

Our monthly steady income is around Rs. 17,000. Out of this amount 15,000 comes from the parish and roughly Rs. 2,000 from mass intentions. In this diocese of Kuzhithurai mass donation is Rs. 100 and the priest gets Rs. 60 per mass. From this income, we meet the following expenses: food for two of us, our monthly allowance, salary to the cook, major medical bills, maintenance of the vehicles, travelling and house maintenance. So far, till March 2022 the diocese paid our ordinary medical bills. Last month we got a circular from the diocesan procurator stating that the diocese will not pay anymore medical bills.

Diocese and us:

We participate in all the diocesan events and have a good rapport with the neighbouring priests. Fr. Arul is the vicariate director for the following commissions Bible, liturgy and altar servers.

Substation:

The name of the substation is Christ the King Church. In many respects it is same as the main parish. We are constructing a small hall for various church needs. Here we have masses on Friday and on Sunday. Here the parish feast is celebrated on the feast of the Christ the King. It is celebrated for five days. On the feast day festive meal is served for everyone.

Thank you,

Frs. Arul and Lazar

12-5-2022

For 5th Provincial Chapter,

May- 2022, Goa.



THE REPORT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COMMUNITY AT NOIDA, DELHI. FROM 2019 To 2022

The mission of Christ is through His providence that we are able to open a new community after a progression of two long years persuaded by our provincial council. Many individuals are intertwined in triumphing the foundation of this mission. Most important of all, we are indebted to His Grace Albert D'souza, Bishop Emeritus of Archdiocese of Agra, the person behind this dream. We believe and expect the same co-operation from the new Archbishop Raphy Manjaly, Bishop of Archdiocese of Agra.

STRUGGLES AND BEGINNING OF THE NEW MISSION

On 26th of Dec 2019, Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan and Dn. Sanal D'Mello travelled from Mumbai and reached on 27th in Agra.

Fr. Martin travelled from Goa and arrived at Agra on 27th, all three of us stayed at pastoral centers for a day.

On 28th Dec 2021 all three travelled from Agra to Greater Noida stayed at Jesus and Mary School for a day.

On 29th all three came to St. Mary's Church, and left the luggage at Mayur Vihar phase III and bought the necessary things for the house. Since the house was not ready so we stayed at CBCI with Fr. Sebastian sss, until 2nd Jan 2021. Bro. Raghmani joined the community on 21st Jan, 2021.

Later On, 2nd of January 2021, Fr. Peter Jayakanthan the provincial superior, Fr. Martin and Dn. Sanal arrived at Noida sector 34 to which our mission sectors belong to. From there we had proceeded to Mayur Vihar phase III Delhi, where presently we stay. On 7th of January 2021, our house was inaugurated and blessed by His Grace Albert D'souza, Bishop Emeritus of Archdiocese of Agra. On 10th January, 2021 with the feast day of the Baptism of the Lord, indeed an extraordinary day as we offered the First Holy Eucharist in our Mission Center at 3.30 pm and the First Eucharist after the perilous pandemic Covid-19. We began our new mission on the terrace of a three-story building of Mr. Lawrence Danwar, at Sadarpur and from there we moved on to the terrace of Ignatius Danwar till date we continue our liturgy there.

HISTORY OF THE MISSION CENTERS

St. Mary's Parish Church located in sector 34, in Noida is a well-established parish with a Marian Shrine at sector 27, which is a sub-station. The parish has got a Parish priest and three assistants, one of the assistants reside at MariaSadan - Marian Shrine. The SSS community is given two sectors: 1. Sardarpur village- sector 45, with 54 families & 2. Chejarci village- sector 63, with 25 families which are still part of St. Mary's parish. Once a month the priests from the parish used to celebrate Mass in the centers. The areas are densely populated slums, mostly a residential sector comprising of apartments and houses with narrow streets. People are migrants from Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Assam.

Apart from their own local dialect like Sadri, Urav, munda and kadiya all speak Hindi. At present we celebrate mass in sector 45, on a terrace with a shed on top. we did not even visit the other sector because we have no place there even to celebrate the liturgy, as it is highly populated and very congested that we could not even have a place to step into someone's house. Only we could celebrate Mass in our mission area, for rest of the sacraments, we have to go to the parish church. So, we are considered as assistants to the Parish priest because we and the people rely on the parish support for everything.



GEOGRAPHICAL STATUS OF THE MISSION

St. Mary's Church is in sector 34, Archdiocese of Agra Noida, Uttar Pradesh. From the parish our two missions are 40 minutes away one on the East and another on the west. So, it's nearly 40 minutes travel between two missions.

We stay in the ground floor of the huge apartment at Mayur vihar phase III, Diocese of Delhi, in Delhi. The property actually belongs to the Archdiocese of Agra. So, the mission is in Agra-Diocese, UP. But our residence is in Delhi-Diocese, Delhi. The travel distance to the parish is nearly an hour to and fro, and an hour to the mission centers to and fro. We travel by Scooter to the missions which belongs to the Diocese. Every-day we cross the borders, Delhi being a union territory and UP being a state every-day, the road-borders are closed by the state police, checking of the vehicles done often. The borders closures restrict our travel during Christmas, Easter and on special occasions.

It takes nearly 20 minutes by Bike from Sadarpur sector 45 to St. Mary's Church, usually people do travel by E-rikshaw, which costs them Rs.40/Each for one-way journey per person. Sadarpur is a densely populated area, so to call it's a slum area. There are multiple narrow roads to reach our mission. It is even difficult to drive our bike near to our mission center.

PRESENT REALITY OF THE MISSION

On Sunday the mission church gathers for the Eucharist on the terrace, but on Monday to Saturday the people are busy with their daily works.

The main focus was to bring the scattered people together and to build the Church of Christ as one community like the Body of Christ. It was a responsibility with which we were entrusted and were expected to fulfil. But with our experience and knowledge gained in the past one year, we have learnt, in both the sectors there are no places of worship allotted by the government. First of all, there are no land available for sale, second even if there is a land available, we can't build a place of worship. As the days were passing by, we started visiting the houses that too in the evening because people from our mission sectors are poor and are able to earn only for a day hence the right time was to visit them was only in the evening after 7pm. But people started sharing that it's not possible for them to meet for prayer service and they could only can make themselves available on Sundays and feast days of the church.

- We perforated our mission with our House visiting. We also sympathized with the Covid-19 survivors and their struggles to quarantine themselves within those small houses.
- Involving in the mission center by keeping ourselves available to celebrate mass.
- We avail ourselves by distribution of communion for the sick & suffering.
- Occasionally going to neighboring religious communities for Eucharist & confessions, we have mass in our residence every day except Sunday. The neighboring faithful & sometimes the religious join the Eucharistic Celebration.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- 2nd Jan, 2021: We returned to our residence in Mayur vihar, and our house was blessed by



provincial in the presence of Fr. Joseph Dabre the Parish priest, Fr. Martin, Deacon. Sanal and Mr. Rafael.

- 10th Jan, 2021: The First Holy Mass at the mission station was offered by Fr. Martin and Deacon Sanal at 3:30 pm introduced by Fr. Joseph Dabre, the Parish priest.
- 7th Jan, 2021: His grace Apostolic Administrator Albert came and installed the tabernacle in our community chapel.
- 28th, 29th & 30th Jan, 2021: Triduum celebration in honor of St. Don Bosco (Patron saint of the Sadarpur community)
- 31st, Jan, 2021: Feast Celebration of St. Don Bosco, we had some family games.
- **LENT in 2021:**
- We had Passion narratives on every Tuesdays and Way of the Cross on every Fridays
- First Time Holy week service in our mission area.
- After the Easter, due to the Lock - down, we had stopped going to our mission area.
- During the lock - down we had nine days of Novena in honor of celebrating the feast of our founder St. Peter Julian Eymard, it was conducted online with the adoration and the Eucharistic celebration.
- On 5th of Aug, 2021 Fr. Martin left to prepare to go to Ireland.
- After the lockdown we started our usual liturgical celebration at our mission place on 22nd August, 2021.
- We had Tritium novena in honor of celebrating the nativity of Mary our mother.
- On 7th September, 2021 we also had a day of retreat and a day of confession which was held with the adoration.
- Due to the lock-down, we had no Easter blessing, hence we went around visiting people and have their house blessed in the month of October, 2021.
- 27th September, 2021 Fr. Provincial and Fr. Rosario came for the canonical visitation.
- On 21st November, 2021 on the feast of Christ the king, we had a day of retreat.
- Fr. Devan arrived on 2nd of Dec, 2021.
- 24th of December, 2021 we had for the first time, Christmas night vigil mass.
- On 26th, December, 2021 we had mission get together with the lunch, and before the lunch we also had few recreation games conducted for all groups of people, such as for Youth, children, married couples and group games. Through which we tried to bring people together, giving them the idea that they are part of the body of Christ.



- On 31st December, 2021 we had Adoration with night vigil mass at our mission area.
- 2nd Jan, 2022 Nuncio visited St. Mary's parish and we were all part of the celebration and meeting with him.
- On 30th January, 2022 we celebrated the feast of St. Don Bosco, the patron saint of the mission center. For which we had three days of novena and on the feast day we had invited Fr. Joseph Dabre the vicar and the parish priest of St. Mary's church Noida, who was the main celebrant.
- 2nd of Feb 2022, Fr. Sebastian. A joined for the feast of the presentation of the Lord.

THE FUTURE OF THE MISSION

- Apart from Sunday and important feast days we are not able to be connected with the people during the week days as we stay far away from them, we did try to get residence close to the mission center but could not succeed because of the high prices.
- We also tried to find a land by meeting higher officers but as we were informed that Noida is divided by sectors, the government has allotted few sectors only for the places of worship, where all religions can have their own places of worship. and the sector given to us by the Diocese, do not have places of worship, and they know it very well. So even if we get a land, we can't build a Church.
- It's more than a year now still we are celebrating mass on the terrace, no further progress. If the people of other faith object us we have no other options than to stop the terrace mass.
- The people are poor and simple, but they can't afford to come for daily Eucharist or liturgy as they go working on the basis of daily wages.
- During monsoon, terrace and the street gutters will be flooded. It will hinder our travel and celebration.
- We are still part of the parish church, except Eucharist, for all other sacraments we have to take people to the mother church and give them sacraments there. So, we fully depend on the parish support.
- Since we celebrate Eucharist on the terrace, people slowly begin to lose the respect for the liturgical celebration and the lost feel of being in the Church, as after the liturgy the owner of the house and the tenants dry their clothes on the terrace.
- The church exists only on Sundays and rest of the week days the church gets separated.
- The travel distance and residence in different Diocese and State adds further difficulties that we can't be available for the people except on Sundays.
- The whole process of this mission from the beginning till today gives us an impression that the Diocese is not interested in dividing the parish.
- The Diocese was not ready to give Maria Sadan - Shrine to us, which has a Chapel, sacristy, a room & parking place at the ground floor. Three bed rooms, and a parlor combined dining hall on the first floor, a guest room on the second floor. which is close to our mission place.



- The Community feels that the vision of Emeritus Bishop Albert is not the same as present Bishop Raphy.
- The present parish priest is the VG of the Diocese, once he is transferred, we do not know how the new parish priest will support our mission.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE MISSION

- Every month Diocese gives Rs. 22,000/ for the house maintenance and for the food
- Every month the parish priest gives Rs. 6000/ mass intension, from which we share our monthly allowance.
- Every month the procurator of the Diocese suppose to give Rs. 4000/ as congrua for each priest. Which we have not received so far.
- Average weekly mass collection is Rs. 400 – 600/-
- So, it's an SSS community - dependent on Archdiocese of Agra.

CONCLUSION:

Having presented an extensive sum up and reflecting on the Mission specific from the Final Message of the General Chapter, “The Eucharistic Mission has to be translated into clear and concrete choices within the social, economic and religious situation .” we place the following observation. These may be taken up for further sharing.

Potentially, this mission has varied possibilities and opportunities for rich pastoral experiences provided, it is properly exploited.

We look forward to administer sacraments in the mission avenue itself. (E.g. Independent unit When will be the ripe time to have church /chapel of our own in the mission at least with minimum infrastructure?

If these apprehensions not met in the near future, continuing in the mission with no proper sight on the developments may be posing the question closure of the mission.

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FR. DEVAN SSS

FR. SANAL SSS

For 5th Provincial Chapter

May, 2022, Goa.



**THE REPORT OF SSS PRESENCE IN
CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI),
NEW DELHI- 110001**

“My food is to do the will of my Father” in the footsteps of Fr. Eymard, with this fire soon after my ordination I joined the CBCI community on 18th July 2020. One of the visions and missions of our founder is to serve the priest and I was able to live in the community where I was placed. I was entrusted with various responsibilities which later became the tools and support for me to be hospitable to the Bishops and priests who came over there.

The other important mission of our founder is to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at least one hour a day. Praying before the Blessed Sacrament was not a custom of the house before I could go there but through the inspiration and spirit of our founder, I became the instrument in starting the mission of Fr. Eymard that is, one hour praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Now it is the custom of the house that everyone prays before the Blessed Sacrament every evening from 6.30 to 7.30.

I am also part of the Noida community. I join the community for special occasions like feasts, recollections and community gathering and so on. The mission and vision of our Founder is being lived through various means and all these things are done with a Eucharistic spirit.

To actualize and live the vision statement in particular “...to breaking of Bread in Charity...” whenever there was a need in our communities, I was able to be charitable in reaching out the needs of the members of the province especially those who received the ordination to diaconate.

Wishing you once again God's blessings for a fruitful chapter.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Sebastian A. SSS

House Minister CBCI,

For 5th Provincial Chapter,

May, 2022 - Goa.



*Reports of the Ministries that
Come Under Provinciate
(Overseas)*



REPORT OF PROVINCIALATE, EYMARD COTTAGE, MAZAGON, MUMBAI FROM 2018 TO 2022

“Continue to love one another as brothers in the community” (Heb 13:1).

Our Provincialate community focuses on the Administration works and the spiritual needs of the people of our neighborhood.

Personal

Community Members, who lived and worked in the Provincialate for last four years.

2018-2019 - Fr Peter Jayakanthan, Fr Ruben and Bro Peter Paul

2019-2020 – Fr Peter Jayakanthan, Bro Moses and Bro Peter Paul

2020-2021 – Fr Peter Jayakanthan, Dn Antony and Bro Moses

2021-2022 – Fr. Peter Jayakanthan, Fr Antony (Oct 2022), Bro Moses and Joyson.
Fr. Stephen (Apr 2022)

Renovation of the House

The Provincial Administration decided to renovate the house in 2018 because it was in bad shape. The finance commission and the provincial council approved the budget. In late 2019, we began working on this project, but it took us nearly two years to finish it due to frequent lockdowns. The entire community was involved in as many ways as possible to repair the house properly. The building is a vintage one with wooden pillars and wooden roof, it took a lot of time to repair the roof alone, the old roof was completely removed and a new three-layered roof installed. In the first floor, an office, a hall, an archives room, and three separate rooms were furnished with the available space.

SSS Identity and Eucharistic Face:

Four stained glasses fixed in the chapel speak of our SSS identity. It has the images of St. Peter Julian, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Emmaus breaking of bread and the last supper. The chapel was renovated with new tabernacle and the background of the sanctuary was painted in realistic color. We made false ceiling in the chapel. People contributed for major part of the chapel work. The whole house took a new shape with the renovation and was appreciated by the visitors and people who come for daily mass.

Another remarkable witnessing element is in peak Covid situation where all the churches were closed in 2019 with the cooperation of the PP, we had open air Eucharist on the feast day of SPJ on 02 nd August 2019. People maintained social distance and participated with lots of appreciation.

Pandemic Lockdown

Our ministries and life came to standstill due to the pandemic lockdowns. Our community was closed for the people during the lockdown time and when any one asked for the spiritual help, we offered them according to their need. By the grace of God our community members were saved from the deadly virus. We stayed together as community to fight the virus and infection. Once the lockdown rules were relaxed, we started the regular celebration of the Eucharist. People, who were vaccinated, were allowed in the chapel with all safety measurements. Whenever there was a need, we travelled out of the community and completed all the necessary and administrative works. In all the possible way, we helped the spiritual needs of the people during the pandemic times. There were many practical struggles in running the community, because of the restrictions imposed during the lockdown but with the help of our people who come to our chapel, we were able to run our community without much trouble.



Relationship with Parish

We maintained excellent relationship with the parish team in Mazagaon. We helped them in all the ways possible in the parish regarding celebration of the Eucharist. They invited us for all the gatherings and we invited them for our feast celebrations. The communication between the parish and our community was improved in an immense level. There was good understanding between the parish team and our community. The parish community is always welcoming us and they pay a visit to our house when they come to our area. Overall, we are maintaining a healthy relationship with the parish priest and his team.

Building Eucharistic Communities with Lay Aggregates:

We have been present in Mazagaon for more than fifteen years and we have never succeeded in starting the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Our mission statement states, "We pledge ourselves to build Eucharistic communities in collaboration with Lay Aggregates," so as a community we decided to create the third order in our community. We have good number of people coming to our chapel and many of them are interested in our way of life. We thought that it is better to try than never tried and tested. We informed people about the Aggregation and many were interested and we received very positive response from the people. In the beginning 17 people enrolled their names for the preparatory classes and we had frequent classes and training for them. The classes were mainly on our founder, our way of life and Eucharistic meals that are found in the Gospel connecting to our day-to-day life.

In the end of the training, the first batch of people were ready to make their promise of commitment. On 29th March 2022, 12 people made their promise of commitment in the Eucharist and Fr. Michael received the promise. Then Fr. Peter Fernandez gave them the Aggregates' cross. It was a joy to see the fruition of our hard work. We are certain that these people would continue to live the Eucharistic way of life even if we are absent there. Many others were interested after witnessing the ceremony of making the promise of commitment. Our Founder believed that taking the Eucharistic mission to people is the fulfillment of our religious call. We have regular programs like chain prayer, Holy Hours and formative classes.

Reaching out:

Bro. Moses reaches out to the poor people of Arnala and other places to help the poor children by distributing old clothes and other necessary things that he collects from the people at Matharpakadi. In this way he is living out the Eucharist.

Visiting the sick and distributing communion:

On every Sunday Bro. Moses goes to visit the sick and bed ridden and distributes communion at Matharpakadi.

Gatherings and Meetings

The renovation of the house made our community as a place of gathering for the SSS in Mumbai region. We had most of the gatherings in our community and we believed that, all who came to our house enjoyed the hospitality of our community. Our community also became very conducive for contacting meetings and auditing. We were happy to receive our religious at any time and we made sure that they are refreshed in the Provincialate.



We trusted that the comfortable atmosphere could keep the spirit of the people high. Many a times our religious visit the Provincialate when they have difficulties in their ministry or in life keeping that in mind, we made the house hospitable.

Concerns

The renovation is done after a long time and it is necessary that we have to keep up the maintenance works whenever it is needed. It is a heritage house, there are many wooden materials, and they add beauty to the house, so it is our duty to take care of them.

Here we remember gratefully Fr. Rosario, Prov. Treasurer for his support, availability and help for the renovation. We also thank Tembipada Community Fr. M.I. Raj for contributing during the need of renovation.

We still have to do, the clear paper work of the house in our name. The second priest resides here as part of the community, can be involved in the Parish Pastoral ministry actively. There is also another concern regarding building the worker's rooms in the old existing rooms outside the house. We have started the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament after a long struggle and difficulties. We wish to see the good work to continue. People are looking for new ways of experiencing their faith. Therefore, our Eucharistic way of life is the answer to the most of spiritual needs of the people and we keep promoting it.

THANK YOU!

FR. PETER JEYAKANTHAN SSS

BRO. MOSES SSS

FR. STEPHEN SSS

FOR THE 5TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER,

MAY, 2022 - GOA.



REPORT OF PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH & ST. ALBAN, WALLASEY, UK

INTRODUCTION:

During the visitation of Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan sss & Fr. Rosario Pushparaj sss in the month of September 2019, the full-fledged agreement between the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament – Kristu Jyoti province was signed by Bp. Mark Davies and Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan, in the presence of Canon Philip Moor - VG of the Diocese & Fr. Rosario - The Provincial Treasurer, Frs. Devan & Ramesh. Like the rest of the world, Covid hit very hard UK as well, due to which we had to close our parish churches and all the activities of the Parish at the first wave. During second and third waves, the churches and schools were allowed to be kept open through which we were also busy in celebrating masses and other necessary ministries of the parish. Thanks to Fr. Devan for his initiative with one of the parishioners to do the live streaming of the masses which kept the whole parish together during pandemic which we continue till to this date.

Bishop Mark Davies's Visit: During these last four years, our Bishop made Pastoral Visit once during the weekend. His Lordship also came once to celebrate the 'Ash Wednesday' Mass. Plus Bp. Mark came to celebrate the Requiem masses of our two permanent deacons, Dn. Norman and Dn. Dave. As part of our LPA, Bp. Mark came to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation once in our parish. Bp. is personally delighted and satisfied with regard to our Eucharistic Charism and Mission. Thanks to Fr. Ravi Bosco who introduced our congregation to Bishop Mark.

We make every effort to make our parish into an “**authentic community shaped by the Eucharist, source and centre**”, of our Eucharistic Life. Our parish is a **Place of Proclamation, the Living of the Gospel, Place of Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Festive Celebration, Place of Sharing and Fellowship, Place of Freedom and Human Development**.

Fr. Devan was transferred to Noida Community as the Superior. Following the change of personnel, Fr. Ramesh Amaldoss sss was appointed as Parish Priest and Community Superior with effect from October 30, 2021. Fr. Devan Arul sss left the community on December 01, 2021. Fr. Antony Praveen sss was appointed to the parish and who arrived in UK on December 14, 2021. During our Parish winter meeting, as one parish community, we formulated our Parish Vision & Mission Statement for our churches to function effectively and efficiently in line with the vision & mission statement of our province, as per the needs of the local parish and world at large.

Parish Vision & Mission Statement (Inspired by Prophet Micah 6:8, this is what the Lord requires of us)

Vision: Nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, we commit ourselves as instruments of Christ to promote Justice, Love and Peace.

Mission:

To do Justice – Protecting our common home through concrete actions as individuals, families and as one parish community by being just to the diverse bio-families of God.

To love kindness – Accompanying the younger people into God's Family of St. Joseph's & St. Alban's by incarnating the church wherever they are.

To walk humbly with our God – Enriching our own poverty of body, mind, soul and spirit by imploring in humility with God's grace through Sacraments.



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1. TOWARDS QUALITATIVE FORMATION WITH AN SSS IDENTITY

Our life in the 'SSS Cherished Cenacle' begins at 8.30am with the Prayer before the Eucharist for half an hour followed by *Lauds* at 9am with some of our parishioners in the church. During all six days in a week, we again pray half of an hour in 'Prayer before the Eucharist' along with our people prior to the Eucharistic Celebration. We get decent number of people joining us in 'Prayer before the Eucharist'. In this way, "We are attentive in promoting communal prayer; it manifests the unity of the Church, fruit of the Eucharist." Also, we faithfully commit ourselves to the tradition (our charism) which received from our Holy Founder himself. We strongly believe that this is our **Prime Identity**. Through this, we make an effort **"to enter into the dynamism of the Eucharist with a prayer of adoration, of praise and thanksgiving, of reconciliation and intercession."**

Parish Life-Style:

SSS Parish Mission is our Second Identity. We have daily, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and annual plans for our ministry and community living. We celebrate all the sacraments in our parish churches. We have 10 masses in a week. Since majority of our congregation is ageing community, we sadly have to celebrate an awful lot of funeral services/requiem masses obviously prior to which we need to go for the anointing as well at hospitals/care home/residence. On the other hand, we get plenty of children and young parents who are quite regular to our parish churches for Little Liturgy and Messy Church. We miss teenagers and younger people in our parish churches, sadly which is the scenario in most of the European churches. Baptisms we do in plenty. Baptisms are primarily not for the proper commitment, but for the catholic school admission and to have a Baptismal Party. First Forgiveness and Holy Communion we do, in collaboration with our parish schools. RE teachers and the head teacher help us a lot in this regard. Through the help of St. Mary's High School, we send out invitations for the Sacrament of Confirmation, inviting candidates to come along for the confirmation programme. We get a decent number of candidates each year between our LPA Parishes. Marriages are not many usually. We had quite a few before covid. And now, slowly it's picking up again. At the most, we may do 5 to 6 marriages in a year if we are lucky.

Parish Meeting:

We planned to have four Parish Meetings in a year during winter, spring, summer and autumn which was a practice in our parish. For last two years, we couldn't have any meetings for the obvious reasons. From last November onwards, we started to have our parish meetings. So far, we had two meetings one in winter and one in spring. Soon we will set up the New Parish Council and Parish co-ordinators Team of diverse ministries of the parish.

Devotion to our Holy Founder & Our Lady, Queen of the Cenacle:

From November 2021 onwards, we dedicate every second Friday of the month as our "Founder's Day" and pray the prayer for the cure of cancer. At this juncture, I need to record this that one of our parishioners who had prostate cancer and almost to the point of dying. We handed him the cancer prayer card of our Founder and asked him to pray faithfully through intercessions of our Holy Founder. Our Lord worked miracles for him.



He strongly believes that the intercession of St. Peter Julian cured him. Now, he recently got the picture of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, and he continues his prayers. He also began to distribute the prayer cards for the cure of cancer in the Cancer Hospital where he got treated.

Every First Saturday of the month, is being dedicated to 'Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament'. We have Novena Prayers, Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Celebration in honour of our Blessed Mother.

LPA Clergy Gathering & Fellowship: At the Service of Priests - **“We seek to share with them a life of faith, prayer and friendship and exchange pastoral plans and experiences.”** Once in two months we gather together in the evening for *Vespers*, LPA Meeting and Fellowship. We started this from the month of November 2021 onwards. We do it in turns to organize the get-together without fail.

The third major **SSS IDENTITY** in the life of the 'SSS Cherished Cenacle' is our **COMMUNITY LIVING**. “The community reserves for itself areas of silence, prayer and study.” Every first Friday of the month, we observe a half day of **'Recollection'** with Prayer before the Eucharist from morning 10am to 12 noon followed by Adoration, Benediction and Eucharistic Celebration. Plus, we go to the Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Liverpool for a **day of Prayer and Recollection** once in two months. We join the diocese for the Lenten and Advent Recollection for a full day. We seriously consider the above activities are part of our **on-going qualitative formation** and give our prime focus faithfully.

Every month we aim to read a book as part of our Community Living, try to summarise the book and share our insights based on our reflections on the 'Book Reading' to our parishioners as well. The first one was **'Seeking Allah and Finding Jesus'** by 'Nabeel Qureshi' – which is the story of a devout Muslim encounters Christianity. This was our first sharing which was done by Fr. Antony Praveen sss. Everyone appreciated Fr. Antony Praveen sss and on this new initiative.

“Jesus remained totally free to devote himself to the kingdom, we become witnesses to His power to free human relationships from individual and collective selfishness.

Community life is an invaluable support for living this gift of the Spirit in joy” In our 'Cherished Cenacle', our community life is lived out concretely in the following ways, we do our shopping, we do our cooking (breakfast, lunch and dinner), we wash our dishes, we clean our kitchens, we clean our house by hoovering and mopping (ground plus two floors), we clean our rooms and toilets, we wash and iron our clothes and above all we sit in the Parish Office from 9.30 am till 1 pm every day during the week without fail. In a nut shell, **WE DO OUR OWN WORK**. In this way, we utilize our time very fruitfully. Many people might fantasize or imagine that life in abroad is very luxurious or a posh life. But in actuality, life is very tough and taxing. There were days when we will not have time to cook. There were many days we felt the hungry of any poor person in that matter. There were days, we had gone to bed without proper supper.

Life isn't always bed of roses in abroad. We are not complaining but in totality we want to express the ground reality of life in abroad, especially when we are a community of our own SSS members. By the end of 2021, the Parish Secretary and the House Keeper retired on their own. And then we become very busy. But the fruit of all these sacrifices is seen, from January 2022 onwards that each month we are reducing the parish expenses up to £1,029.16p (Allowance to Parish Secretary 823.33p + Allowance to House Keeper 205.83p) to our money it is Rs.1,02,916.00. The diocese is very pleased with our SSS Cherished Cenacle Community life-style. Within few months of time, we have saved up nearly £5,000 in our parish bank account after deducting our expenses.



And this money was used to do the survey of St. Alban's Church. As of now, the money in the parish account is £15,400 even though all the parishes' funds are centralized in the diocese.

After *Vespers*, we go for evening walk as a community along the Promenade. Occasionally we pray rosary together along with our regular night prayer, after watching the 10'o clock BBC News & Regional News. Like any other community, we have regular community meetings once in a month and the minutes have been sent to the provincial, monthly community account regularly sent to the Provincial Treasurer plus an informal meeting every weekend mostly on Fridays at the table during breakfast. We have community outings once in three months or as per the weather and the need. Recently we had been to Scotland and London. We enjoyed our trips.

2. TO RECOGNIZE THE FACE OF JESUS IN OTHERS THROUGH OUR SOCIAL PROJECTS WITH THE APOSTOLIC ZEAL OF ST. EYMARD

“Every community that celebrates the Eucharist is called, through a radical conversion, to challenge sin and its structures and proclaim the hope of a new world.”

Wirral Foodbank:

Our Parishioners bring long-lasting food stuff when they come to the church and drop at the entrance of our churches. Once in a week, those food will be collected and sent to the Trussell or Wirral Food-Bank. Once they check and verify the quality of the food, they return the food back to us as per the need. St. Alban's Parish Centre is one of the distributions centres in Wirral, which is open every Tuesday from 5.30 – 7.00pm providing much needed relief for those with a food voucher issued by Citizens Advice Bureau, One Stop Shops or any of the frontline agencies. Recently, we got a reward of £1,700.00 for doing this amazing work and being sensitive to the marginalized people in our society.

Well-Being Drop-in Centre (Wallasey Church Together):

The Drop-in centre for people who have experienced a mental health condition. This is the initiative of the Wallasey Churches Together Social Responsibility Committee. The 'Drop in' is a very important part of the support process for many sufferers. It is a place where they can relax, enjoy, good company and activities and above all, be accepted without question. This is done every Thursday from 10 am till 2 pm.

Half Term – Brunch Time:

Once in every 6 weeks, there will be a half term for all the schools in England. Half term means a week holiday for the schools, during Christmas it will be nearly two weeks. During this time, when the less-privileged children who will not be able to fed at the schools, are brought in to the parish hall by our parish volunteers along with their families through the help of our schools. They entertain the children with some interesting activities, feed them during lunch and send them home with decent and healthy food stuffs for the rest of the day. From Covid onwards, we have a food hamper for those children and their families which they would come and pick it up from the parish hall. We have a good number of volunteers who would even go to the children's houses to deliver in case if they don't have travelling facilities.



Parish SVP:

Poverty in UK is extremely different from poverty in India. What we consider here 'wants' are 'needs' there. Our Parish SVP focuses mainly on the poorer families to have proper accommodation with basic needs like Food, Clothing, Gas, Heating, Water and Electricity. Along with these needs, they also help families with food voucher, providing house-hold things like bed & mattress, washing machine, fridge and other basic stuffs for the needy. So far, we had two SVPs in our parish churches. From this year onwards, they have come together as one Parish SVP and now their service to the people is much more flourishing and interesting.

3. TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMY OF COMMUNION IN DIVERSE AREAS WITH SELF-SUFFICIENCY

From the very beginning, our community has been self-sufficient. We get paid from the diocese monthly allowance £ 500 each plus £ 260 for the food allowance each. From 2018 until now we have sent **£ 21,400.00** (Around **Rs. 20 lakhs** as per Indian Rupees) to our SSS Indian Province. In future, our aim is to adopt a dependent community / a formation community of our province and to support them financially as per the guidance and advice of the Provincial Council. From January 2022 onwards, we are saving up pact masses, which we also will send to the provincial treasurer to allot to different communities as per the need.

Our next step is to venture into the SSS Mission Appeal starting with the 'Diocese of Shrewsbury'. Likewise, we aim for a diocese in a year and do the mission appeal for our 'SSS Seminarians Corpus Fund'.

Once in a year we have a second collection for our 'SSS Seminarians Corpus Fund' after the summer. This wasn't done for last two years. We have already planned for this year to do in the month of September in our LPA parishes (our parish and the neighbouring parish).

4. TO BUILD EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH LAY ASSOCIATES

SSS Lay Associates:

The first SSS Lay Associates in England is started in our Parish from April 2022 onwards. We are proud to share this good news with you. We sincerely thank Fr. Darren Maslen SSS for his time and energy in inaugurating this special SSS Mission. Now, they will undergo a year of formation with Fr. Darren and make their commitment during next Easter 2023.

Eymardian Curry Club:

We have started a 'curry club' in honour of our Holy Founder. Once in a month, we gather as one 'Eymardian Family' to share our joys and sorrows, to have a chat with members to cultivate friendship, fellowship and love, to pray as one family calling God 'Abba' & 'Father' and obviously to end with curry dinner. This new initiative of our parish is very well appreciated. As of now, we have 36 members as part of this 'Curry Club'. We have a Facebook Group as well for this club. Twice we had gone out to local restaurants, but for the last time, we ourselves cooked for our members in the Parish Hall.



Parish Pancake Day:

We organized 'Parish Pancake Day' on Shrove Tuesday for our parishioners. We entertained our people with home-made delicious pancakes, party songs, games and recreation. We raised nearly **£371.00** which was sent to the Provincial Treasurer for our Formation.

Parish Lenten Pilgrimage:

This year 2022, for the first time in our parish, we have organized Parish Pilgrimage to 'Holywell & Pantasaph'. It was a very meaningful pilgrimage to all those who attended. Many expressed their joy of going together as one parish after Covid.

Liverpool Tamil Community:

While we engage in our regular parish ministry, we also collaborate in a special way with committed lay people who wanted to participate in a Tamil mass once in a while. To fulfil their expectation, we celebrate mass in Tamil once in Liverpool with the co-operation of the local Parish Priest and by the approval of Local Ordinary. It's a great experience for us to be able to speak our own mother tongue and celebrate Tamil mass in UK.

CONCLUSION:

"Under the action of the Holy Spirit, who ceaselessly renews the life of the church, grow and communities are born, grow and take on responsibilities. We play our part in their emergence and development." At the outset, we thank our Provincial and the Council for their prayers, constant support and encouragement. We thank the province for entrusting this lively and active mission parish churches. To have an active parish church in aboard is a real miracle. All the time, we make sure that the miracle continues for the better future and for the existence of our province community in UK. Being in the parish for nearly five years, I strongly say that our province has an Extra-ordinary Bright future in UK, in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. To end with, here I submit the report of the Vicar General of our Diocese who is also our neighbouring Parish Priest.

"Dear Fr Peter and members of the Provincial Council,

Greetings and best wishes from Wallasey. I submit this brief report to you in preparation for your Chapter Meeting next month.

The Blessed Sacrament Mission is going well at St Joseph and St Alban's Parish, Wallasey. The last four years, since the last Chapter Meeting, have been good ones with the priests laying strong foundations for the future. They have shown themselves to be dedicated servants of the parish and have conducted their ministry faithfully, sacramentally, spiritually and pastorally. They have recently introduced Eucharistic Adoration on weekdays before Mass in line with the charism of your Religious Order and the Bishop's wishes. They have also helped me in the neighbouring parish covering when I am carrying out diocesan duties or taking time-off for holidays etc.

COVID-19 – hit the country and the Diocese hard. For the first time in living memory we had to close our parish churches and this proved to be a very difficult time. The Blessed Sacrament priests continued to minister as best they could.



They set up a live-stream connection and were able to stream daily Mass and other services not just to their own parishioners but for many others who were able to connect. This was a very valuable ministry and I know helped many people keep that important connection with Church during this time. The priests were also very supportive of the hospital chaplaincy, a number of the local priests who have underlying health conditions were not able to go into the hospital but, the Blessed Sacrament priests were always willing to help and to go into the hospital whenever needed, sadly this was necessary on many occasions.

POST-COVID – has been a time for rebuilding communities. We have lost a number of key parishioners due to COVID and since the reopening of the churches numbers have been down with some people worried and anxious about the infection rate that is still high on the Wirral. I would roughly estimate that there are approximately 2/3 of the pre-COVID congregation coming to Church now; I am informed that the numbers particularly at St Joseph's in Seacombe are low.

COMMUNITY – since the change in personnel at the end of last year there has been a greater emphasis on community living. The priests have developed daily, weekly, monthly etc timetables for their community living. I meet with them every month and after our meeting we spend time in prayer and then share a meal together; this regular monthly meeting is in addition to the other times that we get together on a less formal basis. I know there is a strong connection with the Shrine in Liverpool that has been developed over the last few months, the priests eat once a week with the Shrine community on a Sunday, this I think has been a good development. Links with the other Blessed Sacrament communities in the local Province have also been developed recently. There are also two deanery meetings a year when all the clergy of the deanery come together. Communication with the Province and the Diocese is most important and I have stressed this to the Community. With the change in personnel recently it is important now for stability and I suggest that the two priests be given time to settle into their new roles and no further changes made at the present time.

TAMIL MINISTRY – The Wallasey Blessed Sacrament community are currently serving the Sri Lankan and Indian Community in Kensington, Liverpool by celebrating a Mass in Tamil once a month in Liverpool.

FUTURE – In response to the Listening (1st) phase of the Synodal process, the Bishop has just issued his discernment and he emphasises three main areas; a **renewed faithfulness and a deeper communion** with Christ and His Church, **greater participation with priests and lay people** working together and a **renewed commitment to mission** and looking outwards. These areas we will try and develop in Wallasey over the next year or so. We are working more and more together with a one-Church approach across Wallasey; for the first time this year we are working together with our catechists in preparing our young people for Confirmation. We also have a joint Marriage preparation course and are going to hopefully restart our Baptism preparation programme together. Fr Darren SSS has just delivered a 3-day retreat entitled 'A Week in the Cenacle for all parishioners across Wallasey and he is also beginning the formation of a SSS Lay Aggregates group. There is much going on and lots for us to develop together.

THIRD MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY – Post COVID the finances in our parishes have reduced and we are only slowly beginning to build them up again. At the present time I don't think that we are able to afford an additional member of the Community here in Wallasey. The plan is for the Blessed Sacrament Community to take over Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish in the future and then we will need a third member of the Community, but for the time being I think we should keep this under review and continue to work together across the Town.



THANK YOU – On behalf of the Bishop and the people of Wallasey thank you for the priests that you have sent to us and for their faithful and dedicated service.

With prayers for you and all in the Congregation,
I hope the Chapter Meeting goes well.

God Bless,

Canon Philip Moor, Vicar General, Diocese of Shrewsbury - 1st April 2022”

FR. RAMESH SSS,

FR. PRAVEEN SSS,

FOR 5TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER,

MAY, 2022 - GOA.



Report of the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, Liverpool (From June 2018 to March 2020)

'Jesus loved us personally...centuries before we were born,' says, St. Peter Julian Eymard. With gratitude to God's love and protection, let me present my ministry report at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, Liverpool.

Our life at the Shrine begins with the Morning Prayer, followed by the Eucharist. We have three Masses every day; the first Mass is at 8:25 am, the second Mass is at 11:45 am and the third Mass is at 1:10 pm. Apart from this we have the Sacrament of reconciliation from 11 am to 11:45 am every day. Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the first Mass and the third Masses. We end the day with the Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:30pm. On Saturday we have the Vigil Mass at 5:40pm and on Sundays we have the first Mass at 11:30 am and the second Mass at 5:00pm.

Ministries:

We, the Community members, used to take turns to celebrate the Eucharist and conduct the morning and evening prayers. While following the regular timetable of the Shrine Community I also did the following ministries...

- ❖ In order to quench the thirst of the people in the Word of God, I used to take Bible Study on every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm and the group that came for the class was called as, 'Bible Study Group.'
- ❖ I have also preached recollections for the people of 'Marian Prayer group' and for Mother Teresa Sisters at Liverpool itself.
- ❖ I continued to cater to the needs of the Tamil speaking Catholics in and around Liverpool and Manchester with the consent and approval of the Bishops of Liverpool and Salford dioceses.

Medical Treatment and return to India

First and foremost, I would like to thank every one of you for your wishes and prayers at the time of my physical difficulty. Let me briefly explain the issue and the treatment. From the middle of January 2020, I started to experience difficulty with my pronunciation of words, so I went to the Doctor (My GP - General Practitioner), who told me to go for a blood test. The results of the blood test, ECG and ENT were normal, yet my problem was not getting solved, in fact it was getting worse. Since the diagnosis was taking longer, I had to come to India for the treatment. After coming to India, I visited few doctors and it was diagnosed that the masticating muscle at the temporomandibular joint had gone weak. I was given tablets to get rid of this issue, yet they didn't help much. So, I went for a Homeopathy treatment and now by God's grace I am completely alright.

Hope for the future:

I am happy that I was the face of Indian Province in the UK and I have kept Kristu Jyoti Province fly high. I am very sure that my ministry at the Shrine has sown the seed for a bigger hope of having a permanent ministry at the Shrine and for an extension of our Province in and around Liverpool. Once again, thanks to the Almighty and to Kristu Jyoti Province for this opportunity.

Yours in the Eucharistic Lord,

Fr. Santiago sss

FOR 5th PROVINCIAL CHAPTER,
MAY, 2022 - GOA.



REPORT OF SAINT PETER JULIAN CHURCH, SYDNEY FROM 2019 TO 2022

“Be the Apostle of the divine Eucharist, like a flame which enlightens and warms, like the angel of his heart who will go to proclaim him to those who don't know him and will encourage those who love him and are suffering” (St. Peter Julian Eymard).

With these words of our founder, I begin with a note of gratitude to the Provincial and his team for giving me the chance to rekindle the passion of the Eucharist in our Mother Province-Australia. I gratefully remember Fr. K. Sebastian SSS, the then superior of Tembipada community and Fr. Utharianathan sss, the superior of the Siolim community for accommodating me and supporting me during the time of preparation for my mission (13th June 2018 -31st May 2019 - Tembipada, 1st June 2019 - 14th July 2019 - Siolim). Upon my arrival at the Sydney airport on 6th August 2019 Fr. Philip Watkins SSS the Provincial of Australia and Fr. Ben Ho SSS the consultor in charge of the Overseas Missionaries had come to pick me up and St. Peter Julian's community that is consisted of 7 members gave me a warm welcome in the chill weather.

For Climatizing and enculturation days Fr. Ben accompanied me to few places and introduced me to the social life of Sydney. Fr. Joe Fernando sss, the Community Leader explained the rhythm of the community and guided me to get used to the life-style of Aussies.

It took about three weeks to obtain faculties from the archdiocese of Sydney and complete the formalities of my immigration. Except the immigration formalities, all other processes went on smoothly in a short period of time comparing to the other missionaries in the past. There were some issues and queries from the Home Affairs of Australia and ACMRO for my delay in arriving when the working visa demands the person to arrive not later than 31 days after the visa approval. We had to do some extra work to satisfy the departments in this regard.

My primary place of ministry was St. Peter Julian's Church in Sydney. Celebrating the Eucharist, hearing confession, praying with the community, and living in the community were my mission. As a young priest, by living with elderly sss religious who were regular for the prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, I deepened my knowledge on our Eucharistic Charism and mission that is praying before the Blessed Sacrament and living in the community itself forms a part of our Eucharistic Mission (ROL). Following the footsteps of our fathers Jegaraj and Rosario I animated the LITE group (Life in The Eucharist). We took a turn to go to the nursing home where our priests go regularly to celebrate Eucharist on Sundays. I also joined the Youtube Channel called 'Voice of Bread' to proclaim a chapter a day from the Bible in different languages. I shared the same in the Whatsapp group with the title “Thiru Viviliathilirundhu Dhinam Oru Adhigaram”.

To fulfill my working visa requirement of 36 hours of work per week and by looking at my eagerness I was also given the chaplain ministry along with Fr. Graeme Malone sss in the Concorde Hospital where I was given the opportunity to take care of the patients in the palliative care, burnt wound unit, emergency department and death calling soon after the death. I felt that it was a real Eucharistic mission of anointing, healing, counseling, consoling, and taking the Eucharistic Lord to the sick and patients who were at the last stage of life.

Learning Driving was very useful to go to the hospital and to meet the needs of the community. At my personal request I was approved to do two years of part time diploma course on 'Counseling and Leadership skills for community development' in Excelsia College which is affiliated to Notre Dame University for which I appeared and passed the PTE (Pearson Test of English) and Interview in the college.



Unfortunately, I could not continue due to the medicinal reaction of MMR and DTP Vaccines which were mandatory to minister in the Hospital. It triggered out inflammatory Arthritis. At most care was given to me by the Mother Province during this time but due to the delay in getting appointment to diagnose the problem I had to return to our home province. For my unluck I was caught up in the Covid-19 lockdown for 9 months.

I am thankful to Fr. Peter Jayakanthan the Provincial, Fr. Peter Fernandez the Vicar, and Fr. Jesu Augustine the Superior of Velappanchavadi Community for their immediate action to bring me down and to treat the inflammation in the joint bones. I thank Fr. Jegaraj the superior of Kamarajapuram Community for accommodating me during the lockdown time.

With my personal efforts and the constant support of the Australian Province I reached back to Sydney on 19th December 2021. After 14 days of Hotel Quarantine, when I reached the community, I received the news that I was appointed as the Superior of the Sydney Community. I received the appreciation in the following ways, "You are the angel to the community especially to the senior religious, you are always ready for any work at any time, you are available to people 24 x7, you are the only person to pick up immediately the landline in your room".

At the request of Provincial and his council I came back to India on 17th June 2021. Mother Province was really a Mother, I am grateful to the Mother Province Australia, especially Fr. Philip Watkins the Provincial, Frs Ben, Graeme, and Fr. Joe for their accompaniment and support. I express my special thanks to Fr. Rosario for his support to go for the periodical health check- up that ended in the month of March.

Suggestion:

- If a priest is sent on a student visa, he can minister as a part time religious Minister.
- Holiday policy of the province needs to be explained to the Australian Province

With the missionary spirit



FR. DHANAM SSS

For 5th Provincial Chapter,
May, 2022 - Goa.



REPORT OF LAMURE MISSION AND SPECIALIZATION ON FOUNDER, SENAGAL - FROM 2021 TO 2022

My Learning Experience in Senagal,

Bonjour. The spirit of Eucharistic Kingdom is well qualified in the way one prepares oneself to adopt to the signs and need of the time. It is also equally important one qualifies oneself for new season and mission.

For past two years I was preparing myself to go for scriptural studies in Biblicum, Rome by completing online courses on Italian language, Greek and Hebrew. When I was ready, there came the call of God from Fr. General through Fr. Benzi to go for other work of the Congregation. Out of obedience and giving priority to the need of the congregation I left what I longed for and said yes to learn French and to go for LaMure mission and specialization on founder. I am happy that my learning and preparation held in Senagal. Senagal is one of the hopes of our congregation where the national language is French. Since French is the official and spoken language, we are forced to listen and communicate only of it.

French is one of the tough languages to read and speak yet nice in its expression. When I landed there in Senagal, I had ears but couldn't hear, mouth but couldn't speak and tongue but couldn't taste. Felt like fish out of water. There was no one to speak in English except Fr. Yves, the provincial who refused to speak with me in English. It is not fair to turn back when the hand is on plough. I struggled to adopt and learn. Knowing the intensity and difficulty of the language, Fr. Benzi asked me to try celebrating mass in three months. In forty days, I could celebrate mass in French for the people. And in fifty days singing mass with short homily. Thanks be to God my strength. I enjoyed celebrating mass for the people and religious community around also. Now I am able to communicate little bit in French and I am sure there is much that I need to improve.

I not only prepared myself with regard to language also the life style and the spirit of mission by observing and learning from them. I liked the lively liturgical celebration and the spirit of religious life there and learnt a lot. I cherished the love, warmth and encouragement of everyone there. Last one month I stayed with the novices learning and practicing French. Though it called for a lot of sacrifice and challenges, the Lord led me through the endeavors as He did to our founder. If we know how to handle our time and space and a new culture there, it would be a golden opportunity to prepare oneself for any kind of mission and to learn French. I wish many other religious would opt for such an adventure to learn French and mission. I suggest we can send some of our students there, for any one of the stages of formation, like novitiate, philosophy or Theology.

I thank everyone who wished me of this good effort and accompanied me in this journey. Special thanks to Fr. General and the Team, particularly Fr. Benzi for his initiative and accompaniment. Thanking also Fr. Provincial and team for support.

Merci Boucoup

Fr. Thomas Jesuraja,

For 5th Provincial Chapter,

May, 2022 - Goa.



REPORT OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL, DUBLIN.

First and foremost, I sincerely apologize to all the conferrers of the chapter for not being physically present for the chapter. Even though I would be very happy and love to be part of this great event of our province as a finally professed member it is mainly due to my exams and submission during the same week as our chapter is planned.

“The celebration of the Memorial of the Lord is at the centre of our personal and communal life”, with these words from our Rule of Life no. 21 and grace of the Eucharistic Lord, I enumerate below my experiences that is both from the aspects of the personal and communal.

MISSION TO IRELAND

The mission to come to Ireland sometime looked like a castle in the air before it could become a reality due to its delay. The process took almost two full years as I managed to reach Ireland with great difficulty due to Covid-19 barriers, both the doses of the vaccine and the process of acquiring my visa. Initially it was for the ministry cum part-time study i.e., 60% ministry and 40% study (where ministry will be full time and study part time) and I was supposed to have minister of religion visa that didn't work. At last, I have come in with the student visa which is a full-time study i.e., 60% study and 40% ministry. I reached Dublin on 26th October, 2021 to begin my ministry and studies in Dublin. It is just six months of my being here, but the experiences are rich as being my first mission outside India. Its challenging and encouraging.

MISSION IN IRELAND

“The Eucharist is the life of the people. The Eucharist gives them a centre of life.” - says St. Peter Julian Eymard. The chapel is situated at the city centre where we carry out our Eucharistic mission which is a centre of Eucharistic Community and evangelisation. It is a place of adoration, celebration and reconciliation. In short, it is designed as an oasis of peace in the heart of the city.

As our previous chapter vision rightly portrays, ***“Nourished by the paschal meal if Jesus, we commit ourselves in breaking of bread....”*** I have realised that my mission in Ireland involves my commitment and breaking myself in the given context. I try to keep the flag of the Indian province high by committing myself to the ministry in the community as well as with the studies. I believe that I am not just keeping the SSS identity, but I portray the identity of the Indian province here. In order to build a Eucharistic community, I have also been part of Jesus' youth group and been involved with it only couple of times as it clashes with my college timing. There is a future possibility to work with Fr. Darren Maslen SSS with regards to the generation of funds for the formation of young Formees for our Kristu Jyoti Province.

MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY

Christ breaks down all barriers and creates a unity in which each one is called to live as a brother among brothers. (ROL# 8) Even though in this community only two of us are from different provinces, the community consists of members from different parts and stands as truly an international community. We have everyday Morning and evening prayer as a community. There are four masses every day and one hour of the sacrament of reconciliation every day, we take turns to hear confession and celebrate the Eucharist. Our life in the community begins with the morning prayer at 8.05 am and followed by Eucharist at 8.25 am. After which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed till benediction for the whole day. Then we also have Eucharist at 11.00 am and 12.45 pm. Reconciliation service will be there from 4pm to 5pm in the evening



daily except Sundays and Bank Holidays, followed by benediction at 5.00 pm. The final mass for the day is at 5.15 pm and the Evening Prayer is at 5.45 pm daily except Sundays. Some lay people also join in the Prayer of the Church both morning and evening. Once a week we have community Holy Hour every Saturday 8.00 am to 9.00 a.m. Once a week I have day off but sometimes due to the college work it is not used.

A community is made up of persons who differ in their capabilities, duties and circumstances. This diversity manifests the wealth of the gifts of one Spirit. (ROL# 8) I feel blessed to be part of a community that is part of our own Congregation. I feel very much at home with the community members. The province as well as the community take care of all my needs. The community consists of 6 members which includes me. Fr. Jim Campbell, is the provincial superior, Bro. Andrew, is the elder member of the community. Fr. Darren Maslen, is the community Superior, Treasurer (upon the death of Br. Timothy) and Consultor, the person who took all initiative in bringing me to this community. Fr. Rene, the member of this province is actively involved in the ministry, including the Dublin Filipino chaplaincy. Fr. Anthony, from the Sri Lankan Province undertakes part time studies and also helps in our ministry.

I had to adapt to the weather and food; initially it was difficult but slowly I got used to Irish food. Having been used to, hot, hotter and hottest weather in India it was difficult to cope with the cold and damp weather during these first months. I learnt the ways to adapt to the weather.

MISSION IN THE COLLEGE

The Word of God calls us and gathers us together; it accompanies us as a lamp for our steps. (ROL# 6) The call to mediate on the Word of God is what led me do studies at St. Patrick's College, a [pontifical university](#), located in the town of [Maynooth](#), 24 km from our community Blessed Sacrament Chapel, [Dublin](#), Ireland. The college is associated with the separate [Maynooth University](#), with whom it shares an historic campus, library and certain facilities. I am undertaking my Post Graduate studies i.e., Masters in Biblical theology. Weekly days to attend the college depends upon the module I have chosen. My study on Scripture is becoming a bridge between my reading and my preaching. Since, I was delayed in reaching Ireland although I entered the middle of the academic year, the forthcoming semester will be considered as my first semester. It's too hectic and tiresome to pursue my studies to make up for the loss of study and the basics that I missed which was taught during the first semester of the academic year. It exposed me to a new environment where I learn new things and face new challenges.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis and the resulting lockdowns have affected nearly every walk of life and the college is no exception. But by the grace of God from the time I have started studies the classes are offline and not online. I came here not knowing much about the area and Institute. One of the great things about studying at St. Patricks is the personal nature of the Institute. The academic studies, social interactions and campus life are very helpful. The library is the centre of my attraction that creates an atmosphere and environment to study. Everyone, both staff and students, is so approachable and welcoming. I found that taking courses from diverse aspects made my study interesting and enjoyable.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Indian Provincial and the Council for giving me an opportunity to do mission in Ireland. My heartfelt gratitude to the Provincial and the Council of St. Peter and St. Paul province and all the community members of Dublin for their great support



and help. I give my best in all the activities here, and the appreciation from the community members and the people at the Chapel is a source of encouragement.

In the Eucharistic Lord,

Fr. Martin Rajasss,

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Dublin.

For 5th Provincial Chapter,

May, 2022 - Goa.





MINUTES OF THE 5TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

Arrival Day, Evening - 9th May 2022

The opening of the 5th Provincial Chapter.

Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan, the Provincial opened the evening session.

Decided the daily programmes and timetable. Whole house accepted the timetable for the week.

Excused: Fr. Arul & Fr. Joseph. Will be in the venue by tonight.

Absentees: Fr. Justin and Bro. Peter Paul due to their age concern.

Frs. Ravi Ernest & Martin Peter Raja due to visa procedures and study respectively.

Fr. Provincial congratulated Fr. Rosario sss for his ordination day.

Fr. Provincial welcomed Fr. Benzi, the General Consultor and Consultor Accompanying the Indian Province for his presence with us and being the youngest Asian In-charge. Fr. Benzi was felicitated by Fr. Peter Fero.

Bro. Paul Raj SG, the animator of the Chapter was introduced and welcomed by Fr. Peter and felicitated by Fr. Julian.

Then Fr. Provincial addressed the gathering with his opening speech. Gift of Self celebrated and lived in the Eymardian Family. Fr. Provincial expressed his illness due to the virus and he got shingles. He personally thanked Fr. Stephen and Bro. Infant for their personal care and support.

He openly declared the start of the Fifth Provincial Chapter. All expressed their acceptance with the sign of the round of applause.

Fr. Provincial welcomed Fr. Benzi and Bro. Paul Raj to the dais.

Fr. Benzi expressed his joy of being with the Indian chapter and told the house that the Indian Province is the biggest members attending the chapter all over the world. He continued to explain the nuances of the chapter as many members attending the Chapter for the first time. Persons in the chapter, how to present the concern/views, bringing an item or agenda to the floor, methods of voting, duties of moderator and choosing moderators.

Fr. Benzi requested Bro. Paul Raj to throw suggestions and ideas on the topic of choosing the moderator. Bro. Paul Raj greeted the house and advised that being an international congregation, there must be some great amount of 'Professionalism' like our founder as he has done some studies on our Holy Founder who was very professional in his life.

Fr. Arul just arrived at the chapter. Fr. Provincial welcomed Fr. Arul for the chapter. The tellers Fr. Praveen and Bro. Louie were called on the floor to distribute the ballots to the house. The house was asked to write three names for the moderators. Fr. Praveen counted the votes which numbered to 48.

Vote for Moderators:

Fr. B. A. Raj - 22

Fr. Metha - 17



Fr. Devan - 12
Fr. Santiago - 15
Fr. Dominic - 06
Fr. Jegaraj - 05
Fr. Punithan - 02
Fr. Sekar - 15
Fr. Peter Fero - 04
Fr. Christopher - 01
Fr. Michael - 09
Fr. Nathan - 15
Fr. George - 01
Fr. Joel - 03
Fr. Dhanam - 02
Fr. Arul - 06
Bro. Raghmani - 01
Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan - 01
Fr. Jesu Raja - 03
Invalid Votes - 04

Fr. Benzi asked the tellers to give first 5 names who have secured more votes. The chosen moderators are Fr. B. A. Raj, Fr. Metha, three of the capitulars Fr. Nathan, Fr. Sekar and Fr. Tiago got 15 votes. Based on the seniority of the Religious Profession, Fr. Nathan was chosen unanimously.

Approval of Secretaries: Fr. Ramesh, Fr. Dhanam & Fr. Joel. The whole house accepted the secretaries. The Council will support Fr. Dhanam to prepare the ACTS since Frs. Ramesh and Joel are ministering in abroad.

Approval of Tellers: Praveen & Louie. The whole house accepted the approval of tellers.

Fr. Nathan was asked to explain the whole house the guidelines and nuances of the liturgical worship.

Fr. Rosario was asked to explain the practicalities of the house.

Fr. Henry, the Director of this centre, welcomed the whole house and expressed his joy to have us all. He explained that this place is a Holy Place because of the Growing Cross in 1619. In 1842, the cross was taken to the cathedral. The second reason is that St. Joseph Vaz lived in this very place.

The evening session got concluded with the prayer to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.



Day 1- 10th May 2022 – Tuesday

The day started with Lauds at 6.30 am followed by the Eucharistic Celebration. Priests celebrating their ordination anniversary presided the Eucharist. The house gathered at 8.30 am for the opening session set the tone for the chapter followed by a prayerful silence and ritual.

Fr. Provincial, Fr. Christopher and Fr. Julian started the prayer and ritual. Sacred Scripture by Fr. Raj, Rule of Life by Fr. Michael, Fr. Jackie carried OLB Statue and Fr. Arul carried SPJE and Fr. Peter carried the Provincial Statues.

Lighting of the Lamp: Frs. Benzi, Sekar, Seby, Nathan & Rosario lit the traditional lamp – Kuthuvilaku with Mangala Isai. All extended their hands and took the light into them. Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan invoked the coming of the Spirit of the Lord. Fr. Punithan proclaimed God's word from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. Fr. Peter Fernandez led us in praying the responsorial psalm. In the prayer, Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan remembered all the departed SSS religious and parents of the religious due to Covid. We prayed the Lord's Prayer and Prayer for the Gift of Self. We all sang our Province Anthem - 'Live the Eucharist is God's Call'. We invoked God's blessings for the success of the chapter.

The inaugural address by Rev. Fr. Eugenio Barbosa Martins was read by Fr. Benzi. (See the section on INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY GENERAL). All were welcomed with applause. Fr. Raj invited three of the senior religious to affirm from the address.

1. Fr. Sekar – appreciated the 'Missionary Project' of our congregation. Choosing right person for the right ministry.
2. Fr. K. Sebastian – focused on No. 3 and expressed how appealing it is in our context.
3. Fr. Santiago – appreciated that Fr. General who covered all aspects of SSS Way of life. At the very initial stage onwards we need to discern whether the candidate has Eucharistic Vocation.
4. Fr. Nathan – Well integrated letter in line with the Synodality of the church.

Bro. Paul Raj the facilitator of the fifth provincial chapter presented the keynote address in which he said that Asia is going to be the Epic Centre for the Eymardian Family. SSS call is a call to enter sacred ground.

All applauded for the Keynote by Bro. Paul Raj. (See the Section on Appendix)

Fr. Joseph – thanked Bro. Paul Raj affirmed the insight of 'removing the sandals. What is that I need to remove today?

Fr. Michael – appreciated 'appreciative inquiry' and foundation experience of the scripture.

Fr. Punithan – affirmed Frs. Joseph and Michael.

Fr. Arul – highlighted today's Gospel and inspired that the chapter is the time to listen to the voice of God.

Fr. Raj invited Fr. Peter Jayakanthan, the Provincial Superior to affirm and appreciate the inaugural address of Fr. General and Keynote of Bro. Paul Raj.



Fr. Raj explained the procedures following the reading of the report. He allotted one minute to discuss with the neighbours and there will be three interventions of appreciation and clarification. If there is any significant issue, there will be a fourth intervention.

Fr. Prabu Metha and Fr. Jesu Augustine drew the attention of the moderator giving importance only to the senior religious. They said all must be given importance to participate in the procession.

Report of the Provincial Administration: The provincial, Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan read the report of the Provincial Administration. **(See the Section on Reports)**

Fr. Raj the moderator of the day, invited the floor to reflect in silence before moving into discussion.

Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan expressed clearly with regard to the affirmation and clarification of the reports.

Frs. Sekar, Jesu Augustine, Johnson, Tiago, Michael clarified with regard to the report.

Interventions: Fr. Jesu Augustine appreciated Fr. Provincial's for his tireless effort for arranging Bishops for their ordination.

Fr. Joel has expressed that his studies not reported

Fr. Joseph expressed that there could have been more Communication from the provincial.

Fr. Santiago – clarified that the intervention must be on his report not on his relationship.

Fr. Sekar – appreciated the patience persistence of Fr. Provincial in negotiating new parish in Mumbai and Chennai.

Fr. Lazar pointed out that the priest who left was taken back within a short span of time whereas the provincial took long in dealing with other issues of the priest.

Fr. Benzi proposed that the death and Burial of Fr. Bismarque Dias should be recorded.

Fr. Dhanam pointed out that studies done by him, and other priests were not mentioned in the provincial's report and only the achievements of the students were mentioned. He also said that the distance education also could have been mentioned to make known the strength of the persons in the official forum of the province.

Formation Commission Report was presented by Fr. Peter Fernandez, Formation in-charge of the Province. **(See the section on Reports)**

Comments on the report:

Fr. Christopher: focused on the large number of students leaving after their studies in Loyola College. Campus interviews for job opportunities cited as the reason for the departure of the many students.



Fr. Santiago welcomed the new initiative of the prayer book for the formees.

Two concerns: Vocation Promoter's Office and College Studies need reconsideration.

Fr. Joseph while appreciated the gathering of Youngling Mingling, he suggested similar gathering for formees' parents and benefactors to the formation and congregation.

Fr. Vinay questioned if a priest can come back with two weeks of retreat after leaving, can brothers who leave during their temporary vow come back?

Fr. M.I. Raj too commented on the leaving of the 23 from the congregation.

Fr. Sanal expressed why some students are sent for ministry and others are not?

Fr. K. Sebastian: appreciated the formation team for the 10 ordinations. With regard to the students leaving, he questioned whether it is the fault of the Formees or Formators?

Fr. Devan expressed his view on the candidates leaving which is nearly 57 students.

He wanted to identify where the problem lies? He wanted to differentiate how many students were sent out and how many left on their own?

Fr. Raj responded saying that leaving after completion of studies is a common factor to all the congregation.

Fr. Jegaraj commented that 50% of surviving is a good number comparing to other Congregations and we need to identify from dropout how many are sent out and how many left on their own. Most of the students were sent out by us.

Fr. Benzi said that there is a difference between priest leaving the congregation and brothers in temporary vows leaving the congregation.

Fr. Michael clarified about temporary vows and permanent vows. The canon law permits the priest to come back whereas it does not permit who leave during temporary vows.

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan asked the chapter members to focus not on individuals but the issues we have got.

**Report of the Life-Style Commission from 2018 – 2022 was read by Fr. Punithan.
(See the section of Reports)**

Interventions:

Fr. Michael: While we are innovative in our life style, we need to get back to our roots like one hour of adoration, half an hour of recreation, community meeting once in a week and sharing of homilies, faith experiences or about our families.

Fr. Johnson shared about his concern of priests not celebrating mass every day.

Fr. Ruban: shared his view on having our own publications in view of updating the media centre.



Fr. Jegaraj: focused on lifestyle with regard to practical life. Not having long e-mails which hardly anyone reads. He requested for some concrete plans for the lifestyle.

Report of Mission and Lay-Aggregates: was read by Fr. Julian Prakash. (See the section on Reports)

Fr. George thanked Fr. Julian for his report, and he suggested that we contact our ex- sss brothers and bring them to our sss family as they also participate in living the real Eucharistic Mission.

Fr. Bharathi complained that the Quiz competition conducted without knowledge of the local community.

Fr. Santiago proposed structure/pattern for the SSS Lay Aggregates like other pious religious associations.

Fr. Christopher proposed National Congress for the SSS Lay Associates.

Fr. Dominic affirmed that the singing competition was well organised.

Fr. M.I. Raj questioned why the mission project stopped now?

Fr. Jesu Augustine informed the members that the SSS Aggregates are regular contributors for our seminarians.

Fr. Ruban: We need to give special attention to cancer patients in our communities and parishes.

The morning session ended for the lunch and break.

Afternoon Session

Fr. Raj, the moderator welcomed the house for the afternoon session. He started the session with the Lord's Prayer.

Fr. Rosario Pushparaj sss was invited to present his report on Finance. He also gave the figures of the finance of income and expenses for the last four years. (See the section on Reports)

Comments:

Fr. Nathan asked if the sabbatical expense come under Medical/On-going formation?

Fr. Jegaraj thanked Fr. Rosario for the report. He said that his return of loan Rs. 2 lakhs missed out in the report. Some sick members were mentioned while others missed out.

Fr. Devan corrected the name of the contribution not only came from the Parish of St. Alban but also from St. Joseph.

Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj expressed though he was approved for MSW but never took admission and therefore his name must be deleted from the report.



Fr. Peter Jayakanthan gratefully affirmed the hard work of Fr. Rosario. He had to face a lot of problems with regard to FCRA. He appreciated Fr. Rosario for collaborating with Fr. Jesu Augustine.

Fr. Dominic, the superior of the Colaba community appreciated all the tedious work of Fr. Rosario.

Fr. M.I. Raj drew attention to the Rs. 5 lakhs he received from the diocese. He retained Rs. 3 lakhs for the parish and sent 2 lakhs to the province which is not mentioned in the report.

Fr. Dhanam's medical expenses in India were reimbursed into our account in Australia and so he asked why the expenses were mentioned in the report.

Fr. Seby appreciated Fr. Rosario for all his paper works. And St. Francis Xavier Trust to stop from one-man trust to three people trust.

Fr. Jesu Augustine thanked Fr. Xavier and Fr. Christopher for doing secretary work for BSDS. He said that we need to appoint someone as property in charge.

Fr. Nathan: Some updates on students' corpus fund is needed.

Fr. Rosario responded to the some of the queries:

1. to claim medical expenses from the insurance company first they must get admitted to the hospital.
2. Sabbatical Expenses could be treated like any other expenses apart from the personal allowance every month.

Fr. Dennis Amalraj was invited to read his report on Vocation Promotion. (See the section on Reports)

Fr. Ruban: He thanked Fr. Dennis for his tireless effort.

Fr. Metha: appreciated Fr. Dennis and Xavier Arockiaraj for their committed work. He also mentioned about the stabilized structure which could be mentioned in his report.

Fr. Michael: commented that the office of the vocation promotion needs to be stabilized and the concerned person need not to be constantly changed.

Fr. Vinay: Vocation needs to be encouraged.

Fr. Dominic said that 'Travelling is a risky task.'

Fr. Benzi: observed that the report of Fr. Dennis is not a complete report. He asked the previous vocation promoter Fr. Xavier the report of the previous 2 years needs to be included.

Responding to Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj, Fr. Raj the moderator said that he must present his report tomorrow morning.



Group Discussion

Group No. 1 – Headed by Fr. Santiago. Fr. Praveen, secretary of the group, came forward to present the suggestions of the Group.

Formation

- Team ministry has to be paid attention in the formation.
- Students are kept fruitfully busy in the formation.
- The students must be accompanied at all the ways possible be it spirituality, education and recreation.
- Extra visits of the major superiors are recommended.
- There should be opportunities of studies for the formators to update themselves.
- Chances need to be given for all the religious to review their suitability for formation.
- There is an urgent need to shift the college from Loyola.
- Persons who are interested about formation can stay shorter period of time in formation prior to becoming a formator.
- We can make philosophy itself.

Life Style

- Two members of the Council can live in the Provincialate for better communication.

Lay Aggregates

- We are happy about the work done in the area of the Lay aggregates.
- National Congress for the Lay aggregates can be organized every year.
- Of the 10 Ministries outlined in the rule of life we can focus all the ministries proportionately.
- Three members in the community can be the ideal.

Finance

- Utilize the unused properties.
- Every member has to make steady and regular income to the community.

Group No. 2 – Headed by Fr. Arul. Fr. Joseph Thambi, secretary of the group, came forward to present the suggestions of the Group.

Formation

- Training of all the formators is a need of the hour.
- To understand students and their background formators who are in all three stages of the formation should visit the houses of the students and know the culture of the students. Formator should be accommodative and example to the formees.
- Formators needs to be impartial and charitable to invite the parents
- No alcohol consumption in the formation houses.
- We continue the regular degree system as it is helping the quality of the formation, but we will form a group and study the situation for a longer period of time to check whether the college is a problem or the circumstances in the formation house are problems or digital world is a problem.



Because there were many numbers of students who have completed the degrees at home and joined us also left the Congregation and in the same way the IGNOU students also left us.

Life style

- Whatever we have proposed earlier which are in the documents needs to be implemented.
- Regularize the spiritual activities should be continued.
- Community meal, community prayer and community entertainment should be encouraged and T.V. in the individual rooms and serving meals in the personal rooms to be avoided.

Mission and Lay Aggregates

Mission

- As our facilitator suggested we need to update our mission according to the signs of the time.
- When we start the new mission to establish the structure and identity and senior priest must accompany.
- Learning third language other than mother tongue and English will provide opportunities for the vibrant mission.

Lay Associates

- We need to form in every parish.
- When we have programmes for the lay Associates in the Province level the local community should be informed and involved.

Administration

- Communication with the local community needs to be kept.
- For the official and faster communications from the provincial office, email and whatsapp group can be created in which only the admin-Provincial can post.
- When the religious is sick and goes for a minor treatment, it doesn't need to be communicated to all officially rather only the major surgery and emergency cases could be made known to all sss.
- To safeguard and to utilise the assets, property committee should be formed consisting of the Provincial council and other professionals from outside.

Finance

- Regularise the sponsors for the seminarians and create a separate account for this in the parish communities.
- Ask experts advise to utilise and increase the financial wealth of the province.

Group No. 3– Headed by Fr. Raj Fr. Bharathi, secretary of the group, came forward to present the suggestions of the Group.



Life Style and Mission

- Founder's Day is mandatory in every community.
- A person can be appointed to animate lifestyle program in each community.
- Create a personal interest to follow religious life like prayer, common program and adoration.
- Discourage individuals for personal benefit.
- Encourage visit to Eymardian places to deepen our love for the Founder.
- Founder's Day is mandatory in every community.

Finance

- Contribution from every community could be saved for 6 months or one year and then the particular amount can be invested for future.
- Renting our place and our formation houses to generate income.
- Making use of our place to grow livestock to get more income for the local community.
- Tapping the income through projects like Ex-sss and donors from the local places.
- We need to develop resources like Mapusa, Olaikuda, Dhivar to increase our income.

Life and Mission

A person can be appointed to animate lifestyle program in each community.

Group No. 4 – Headed by Fr. Michael. Fr. Devan, secretary of the group, came forward to present the suggestions of the Group.

- To Deepen the bond of the community frequent recollection, recreation twice a week, shared prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, each week one person sharing the knowledge of the book that the member has read.
- Sharing or accepting the ministry through the superior of the community and surrendering ministry income to the community.
- Taking the Founder's spirituality and following throughout the week in the community.
- Everyday night talk on our founder and Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament.

Group No. 5 – Headed by Fr. Sekar. Fr. Dennis the secretary came forward to present the report.

An assessment of our SSS Mission and its effectiveness

- Wherever we work in the parish or in the formation houses we integrate ourselves into the mission of the people and culture.
- With the learning of new languages like German, Hindi, Telugu, Konkani, and Italian our effectiveness of mission is seen.
- Because of the effective retreat talks our fathers are booked for a yearlong retreat mission.
- In Andaman mission people did not want us to work for them in the initial stage but now because of the availability of our father and continuous celebration of the Eucharist and the Adoration people want us to be there.
- The effectiveness of the Eucharistic mission is shared through social media like Youtube, Blog, facebook etc.



Proposed ways and means to expand our mission

- The group suggested to expand our mission to Jharkhand, Odisha, Mangalore etc how we have started in Nalgonda.
- To diversify and to fortify our mission the group suggested to establish the home for the aged, sick and suffering, priests in crisis, migrant workers and mentally challenged.
- Learning of new languages is important for the expansion of our mission.
- Make a structure and establish room for the lay aggregates.
- Translate the project of life into different languages.
- Eymardian Trip for the Lay aggregates can be organized.
- National gathering for Lay aggregates can be organised.
- Because of our mission and five years of our presence in the diocese of Shrewsbury helps us to get new parish in the near future.
- To revive the retreat mission, appoint a right person.
- Regional level and diocesan level Eucharistic Congress can be organised to expand our mission.

The Meeting was concluded with a Chapter Prayer.

(Questions for Group Discussion must be added).



Day 2 - 11th May 2022, Wednesday

The day started with the Morning Prayer and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by Silver Jubilarians Frs. Nathan and M.I. Raj, and Fr. Rajesh being his Birthday.

The morning session began at 8.45am with a prayer to Mary. The house agreed to the change of time-table with regard to the morning session, starting from 8.45am and lunch will be at 12.45pm.

The moderator Fr. Nathan invited one of the secretaries to read the minutes. Fr. Dhanam read the minutes of the previous day.

Issues arising from the Previous Minutes

- To maintain the clarity between the canonical procedures and following general and provincial statutes.
- There was a request to use moderate words in the minutes.
- There was an intervention saying that in the minutes we try to maintain the history of the chapter not the intervention and the clarification of each individual.
- The secretaries are open for correction but not willing for changing what is being said.
- Correction/Addition/Subtraction needed to be focused. And there must be forum for that.
- Fr. Benzi from General Curia said that in last year's Chapter ACTS there was no mention of any particular name. Secondly correcting the minutes is not to find fault with the secretaries. The secretaries work on behalf of the capitulars.

Fr. Sekar proposed the minutes to be passed and Fr. Devan seconded.

Observations and Comments on behalf of the 'Discernment Committee' was presented by Bro. Infant Raj

– Refer the Text

Fr. Dennis Amalraj presented the Full-fledged report of the Vocation Promotion.

- Refer the Text

- No comments were made.

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE FORMATION COMMUNITIES

1. Report of English Year Student presented by Fr. Gnanasekar.

- Confer Text

The following comments were made...

- The report was appreciated and affirmed. The English year community not to be referred as Bombolim but to mention Alto Santa Cruz.



- 60% of marks from Higher Secondary needed to get admission in Loyola College.
- The Ground Reality of the world is very difficult to get vocation.
- Proper Discernment should be made before recruiting the students.
- The purpose of the house is accomplished. Formator must be a 'Fatherly Figure'.
- It was suggested in the report that the vocation promoter should not take vocation from the same caste. For this suggestion the response was not to neglect the candidates who are really interested but to balance the candidates from different states and languages.

2. Nalgonda – (Intermediate College – Formation of Aspirants) presented by Fr. Raj

- Refer Text

The following comments were made...

- The report was appreciated and affirmed.
- It was unfortunate that one of our students passed away and the situation was handled well with the help of other religious and local parish priest.
- Frs. Joseph Thambi and Suresh Velpula could have shared from their words in brief even though the report was compiled and collated overall.
- 'Prema Nilayam' is set up for Students mainly coming from Jharkand, Odisha and Andhra. The house is considered as our contribution for Charity. The house is mainly for the 10th standard students.
- Initial Formation is the tough one and handled well during Covid-19.

At the end of the comments Fr. Raj made very clear to the house with regard to a student who was very indecisive and baseless rumours were clarified.

3. Velappanchavady (Collegians & Postulancy) report was presented by Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj

- Recollection and confession could be done once in a month instead of having for once in two months.
- What made them to stay in and around the vicinity of Velppanchavady or Thirverkadu?
- There was a point for discussion with regard to the suggestion of changing the Loyola College. In the past 4 years 6 of the Degree completed students who joined us also have left us and most of the IGNOU students also left us. Most number of students were sent out whereas only few students left on their own after completing the degree in Loyola College, so, the Loyola is not the reason for leaving, it must be discerned by a team.
- Regarding College programme the decision was changed overnight.
- The IGNOU degree is not recognized for any other higher studies or secular studies.



4. Report of the Novitiate Community – Badem presented by Fr. Peter Fernandez

- **See the section on Report**

The following comments were made...

- The report was appreciated and the good works of Novitiate Formation.
- Appreciation to the Novice Master for ministering for longer years. Plus, for doing other excellent administrative works apart from Formation, particularly legalizing the land and removing the encroachment.
- Animating Psycho-Sexual programme was appreciated.
- The Formation team needs to be taken into consideration when a novice is sent out.
- Suggested to identify suitable personnel for the ministry of the faculty of future novice master possibly who assisted the Novice Master.

5. Report of the Scholasticate Community – Pune by Fr. Michael Adaikalam

- **See the section on Report**

The following comments were made...

- Bro. Paul Raj made some observations on formations and said that formations are run human beings and not angels.
- Fr. Benzi shared that we need to grow from every chapter. Studies on our Holy Founder and Rule of Life need to be mentioned in the report. The budget from the Financial Treasurer is to be submitted and the Formation Document 'Follow me' how it is being implemented in the Novitiate and Scholasticate Community must be mentioned.
- Fr. Peter Jayakanthan shared that the report needs to be based on the vision & mission statement and to comment or intervene based on the report. Not to act based on pre-judice.
- Affirmation and appreciation on focusing learning a language in addition to English and Mother Tongue.
- Fr. Dhanam appreciated for insisting the prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. He drew the attention that the report should differentiate the number of Scholastics who left on their own and number of scholastics who were asked to leave, for the better discernment regarding Loyola College issue. He also raised a question from the report whether the accompaniment was given to all on the regular basis understanding the cultural background of the all the Scholastics.
- Fr. Raj the chief moderator expressed that there will be a forum for discussions, questions, clarifications and issues. He was bit saddened by some of the inappropriate words and behaviours of some of the capitulars.



REPORT OF THE PARISH COMMUNITIES

1. Report from St. Antony's Parish Church – Kamarajapuram presented by Fr. Jegaraj

- See the Section on Report

The following comments were made...

- Appreciated the parish team and parish work is commendable.
- There is a record of registration of the land in line with BSDS.
- Many projects were undertaken despite Covid-19
- During Covid, School teachers were paid salary without fail.
- There is a good income generating method.
- Upgrading of the School/teachers could have been mentioned in the report.
- Since it is a city parish, for the sake of IT sector, we could start prayer services or masses in English as well.

With this report, we finished the morning session. We dispersed for the lunch.

2. Report from Our Lady help of Christians (Sagaya Annai Church) – Mannurpet presented by Fr. Santiago

- See the Section on Report

The following comments were made...

- Appreciation and affirmation for the report and ministry.
- Some concrete steps need to be taken to stop the anonymous letters.
- Appreciation for making the church available for Jesuits to make use for the migrants.
- Appreciation for the shifting the location of the sanctuary opposite to the main entrance of the church.
- Correction of the year of the Regency of Bro. Joyson from the year 2018 to 2019.
- Fr. Santiago did well in his ministry by gaining the confidence of the parish council and the people.
- The parish is in need of Graveyard.
- Change in the report with regard to Bro. Louie's transfer to the parish.



3. Report from St. Antony's Church – Tembipada presented by Fr. M.I. Raj

- **See the Section on Reports**

The following comments were made...

- The report was appreciated and affirmed. Three candidates entering into seminary out of which two will be joining the SSS.
- Like Tembipada, Kamarajapuram too have got three SSS candidates in their parish.
- The Eucharistic Ministry was affirmed well in the parish in spite of pandemic and death of some prominent people of the parish.
- The online live-streaming of the parish was well appreciated.
- Giving away groceries is well appreciated during pandemic.

4. Report from Infant Jesus Church – (Olaikuda & Fr. Inigo's report on his Ministry to Poondi Matha Basilica presented by Fr. Ruban)

- **See the Section on Reports**

The following comments were made...

- The report was appreciated.
- Good rapport with village administration and something concrete steps need to be done for local income.
- It was a very good opportunity and blessings for Fr. Inigo to minister in the shrine of Poondi Madha.
- Fr. Julian's ministry is appreciated well and his accompaniment with SSS Associates.
- Fr. Ruban's ministry in Mannurpet appreciated well in the midst of Covid- 19.
- Fr. Inigo's language of preaching is highly appreciated.
- Fr. Lazar's care for the community is appreciated.
- Fr. Ruban thanked the parish team for sparing him sufficiently to do his studies well.

5. Report from – Our Lady of Rosary, Oralkatcha - Andaman presented by Fr. Joachim

- **See the Section on Reports**

The following comments were made...

- Words of appreciation for the ministry of Fr. Joachim.
- His tireless ministry is highly appreciable.



- His method of conducting and animating adoration and mission is highly recognized.
- Need of the assistant could be mentioned.
- There could be mention of the regents.
- Fr. Joachim reached out to people joyfully. A special mention of ministry with children was appreciated.
- Fr. Joachim is faithful to the charism of our congregation.
- The ministry is highly risk taking due to the place.
- The parish team is a real missionary team.
- The Oral-katcha is a self-sufficient community and they have regularised mass intentions (amounted to one lakh) which is kept in the community account. And the community use that money for the travelling.
- Fr. Jackie requested that the parish needs at least two priests.

The moderator, Fr. Nathan welcome the felicitator **Bro. Paul Raj to enlighten the house on the title 'Role of Formators' based on our Rule of Life.**

- **Refer the Text**

Some high lights of Bro's Sharing...

- What are we looking for in the candidates?
- Ongoing Formation: "For us not to make progress would be to recede."
- ROL. #61: Formation is a life-long process.
- Formation is for Transformation not for dis-integration.
- Place of Formation: Apostolic Community. Good Community atmosphere is the key to a successful growth in Religious Life.
- Animation and Accompaniment: Animation gives a sense of direction towards our Goal.
- Superior General's message: Concrete projects for the formation of Formators. Our promotion of Formators will decide the future of SSS India. Diversity of vocation needs to be focused. Special focus needs to be made for the vocation to religious life (SSS Brotherhood)
- Walk to Emmaus and Samaritan Woman.

The house broke for evening tea followed by Group Discussion.



Fr. Raj made an announcement with regard to the amendments/statutes/policies that all capitulars to read all the 30 amendments and to discuss in groups, and so he formed three groups under the leaderships of Frs. Joel, Santiago and Devan.

Reports of the Group Discussions

- **See the Section on Group Discussion Report**

1. Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj came forward to present discussion reports on behalf of Group No. 5.
2. Fr. Christopher presented his report on behalf of Group No. 1
3. Fr. Devan came forward to present his report on behalf of Group No. 4
4. Fr. Dhanam came forward to present the report on behalf of Group No. 2
5. Fr. Lazar came forward to present the report on behalf of Group No. 3

We concluded the evening session with the chapter prayer.



Day 3 - 12th May 2022, Thursday

The day started with the morning prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist by the Newly Ordained Priests in the past four years, namely, Fr. Dennis Amalraj, Fr. Ruban, Fr. Suresh Babu, Fr. Joseph Thambi, Fr. Sebastian Peter, Fr. Vinay Joseph, Fr. Anthoniraj, Fr. Anthony Praveen, Fr. George Fernandez, Fr. Arokia Inbaraj, Fr. Selvadhas, Fr. Sanal. As Fr. Suresh celebrated his birthday, he was the main celebrant for the Eucharist.

The morning session was started with a prayer of the gift of self at 8.45 am. The chief Moderator of the day Fr. Prabumetha greeted the assembly and requested to focus on the report and comment only on the report without interpreting in order to save time.

Moderator Fr. Metha invited one of the Secretaries to read the minutes of the previous day. Fr. Joel Nelson read the minutes.

Fr. Metha the moderator invited the assembly for clarification, correction, addition, subtraction, proposing and seconding.

Corrections

- Fr. Jegaraj, corrected that the Kamarajapuram school upgrading was reported in the previous chapter itself. After the correction there was an acknowledgement for that.
- Fr. Jegaraj also corrected that the regular college degree system was not brought overnight but it was a mandate of the 2014 Chapter. He also quoted the exact text from the Acts.

Fr. Sebastian Peter proposed the minutes to be passed and Fr. Rajesh Kumar seconded it.

Observations and comments on behalf of the 'Discernment Committee' was presented by Bro. Infant Raj. (See the Section on the Discernment Committee Report)

Moderator Metha invited Fr. Michael to present the report on the application of the "Follow Me" Document in the Scholastic community. (See the Section on Reports)

Fr. Nathan presented the report of the Siolim Community (See the Section on Reports)

The following Affirmations were made:

- Many appreciated for starting the lay aggregates in the parish, supporting the formation, making the community as self-sufficient, and welcoming the students for ministry.
- Fr. Nathan's relationship with the local priests in the authority is highly commendable.

The followings were the clarification:

- Frequent transfers of assistance in the Siolim community draws our attention.
- As there was a suggestion to have more priests for learning Konkani and for more ministry, it was commented that there was not enough ministry even for two priests.
- The comment was made by the Provincial that individual community should not own the extra-income which must be returned to the Provincial Treasurer. Corpus Fund is for the province and not to be maintained by the individual community.



Report of the Vienna Community was read by Fr. Joel Nelson
(See the Section on Reports)

- Many appreciated for learning German and doing overseas mission by facing lots of challenges. Clarification was raised for mentioning the money spent on Fr. Joseph's education as it must be the normal custom of every community. The community member responded saying that it was not to highlight or hurt the person but to show the account to the members of the province.
- Fr. Joseph explained that learning language was not his problem, but he went through difficult times and non-acceptance. He also found that spiritual activities were not regularly followed.
- There should be a mention of presence of the 3 members in the community.
- Suggestion to include the Visa process as it is changing time to time.
- All communities have got problems, we need to give a positive approach to the problems. For a canonical community the third member is must. Since it is in Overseas and other language, we struggle to appoint immediately

Fr. Dominic Presented the report of Colaba community and Fr. Punithan- Media Centre:
(See the Section on Reports)

- Many affirmed that the report was factual and appreciated for doing renovations with local donations with Superior's personal approach. Appreciation for removing the milk seller from our entrance premises.
- It could have been added in the report that Fr. Punithan was a priest counsellor in Bombay Archdiocesan Priests Council.
- Priority should be given to SSS religious to stay in the mother house.
- Suggestion was made to the charitable to the milk man and coconut seller.
- Appreciation for Fr. Punithan and the media team for the media ministry especially during Covid-19.
- Websites needs to be updated and registered in our name. Request for including the left-out names in the whatsapp Group and some guidelines to post materials on the SSS India Whatsapp group as it is not the official group.
- Birthday can be reminded in the previous day itself.

Fr. Francis Xavier presented the report of Agashi Community:

(See the Section on Reports)

- Appreciation for taking care of the elderly religious and his approach to the local people for getting sponsors.
- suggestion to include that previous superior and Treasurer Fr. Michael and Bro. Moses worked for the sanctioned project.

Report of the Alto-Santo Cruz - Fr. Seby
(See the Section on Reports)

The following affirmations were given:

Report is real and truthful, Fr. Seby is always available for ministry, hardworking, and systematic, He takes care of our brothers, organized many events, helps the province and the formation. He is known for hospitality.



**Report of Velapanchavadi-Karunalayam -Fr. Jesu Augustine
(See the Section on Reports)**

Appreciated for being hospitable and accommodative house, many works of the province have been carried out in the house and the superior is accommodative, the house has been the mother house of the south, appreciation for combining Karunalayam ministry and formation.

**Report of Matharpakady- Provincialate Community - Bro. Moses and Fr. Stephen.
(See the Section on Reports)**

starting the lay aggregate and renovating the building is a successful work. Provincialate community has become a ministry community and the house of welcoming.

Suggestion to bring out the status of the land as we have got only one written 'will' by the donor and other registered papers are not available. Legal formalities for the paper works must be paid attention.

Moderator Fr. Metha requested the house to intervene only three persons and the community members could give chance for the others as we were behind the schedule.

**Report of Mathoor Paris- Fr. Arul
(See the Section on Reports)**

Appreciation for doing well in the parish. We need to understand the policy of the diocese.

**Noida Mission - Fr. Sanal, CBCI Report - Fr. Sebastian Peter
(See the Section on Reports)**

Appreciation for doing the real Eucharistic mission in the midst of practical difficulties. It was reminded that it was a self-sufficient community, indicated some of the points to remove, reminded about the contract and its nuances, some challenges of the mission were brought for the discussion. Appreciated for the detailed and minute report. Practical difficulties need to be attended. Appreciation to Fr. Sebastian Peter for doing ministry in CBCI and making known our Congregation to the Bishops of India.

**Shrewsbury Report was presented by Fr. Ramesh
(See the Section on Reports)**

While reading the report, with the approval of the house moderator Fr. Metha told us to break for lunch as it was late for the lunch.

The afternoon session began with a prayer in honour of St. Peter Julian Eymard.
The moderator Fr. Metha welcomed 3 members to give observations and affirmations.

Appreciation was given for the initiative taken with the help of Darren to start the Lay Aggregates.

**Fr. Santiago presented the report of Liverpool Mission
(See the Section on Reports)**

Affirmations:

He has done a wonderful ministry in Liverpool and kept the Indian Province fly high.



**Fr. Dhanam presented the report of Sydney Mission
(See the Section on Reports)**

Affirmation:

Happy to have youngsters in Australia His sharing about Australia was inspiring one, becoming superior in the other province is amazing.

**Fr. Jesuraja presented the report of his experience at Senagal
(See the Section on Reports)**

Appreciation was given for learning the French language and accepting the struggles.

He was appreciated for shifting his dream from doing Scripture to Founder study for the sake of the Congregation.

His Obedience to the Congregation is commendable.

**Fr. Rosario, the Provincial Treasurer presented Financial Budget for the next four years
(See the Appendix)**

As clarification arose from the floor asking reason for this budget Fr. Benzi the General Treasurer explained that it was decided in the Amplified provincial chapter in 2021 that all the province must prepare the budget and get approved in their respective provincial Chapter. He also explained further that the budget is the guidelines, by having the income and expenditure of the past 4 years we prepare for the next four years. It is the budget of the province, not only the budget of the provincial treasurer. These 4 years budget would accompany in the next chapter to evaluate the fluctuations of inflation.

The assembly was concerned that inflation must be looked into the budget as other countries are going through economic crisis.

The moderator Fr. Metha invited the house to vote upon the budget.
Approved the budget - 49

**Discussion on the DNC Property-Scholasticate building at Pune- Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan
(See the Section on Concerned Issues)**

The discussion was whether we need to go for lease or sale deed or Gift Deed
Clarifications were raised regarding the cost of lease, or purchasing and advantages and disadvantages of purchasing, possibility of doing ministry or income generating source if we buy etc.

The DNC administration has not given in detail about the cost and other formalities. After studying the nuances, the house accepted to decide upon this either in the commission created by the council with the help of the experts or in the APC.

**Mapusa Property issue - Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan
(See the Section on Concerned Issues)**



General has given some guidelines to deal with this issue (Refer the Text below)

To have the Background Fr. Provincial presented the report (See the Section on Concerned issues)

Fr. Nathan explained some pros and cons
(See the Section on Concerned issues)

Fr. Benzi made an observation and explained that everyone in the province works for good of the province but only the views are different.

He explained Fr. General's recommendations regarding this issue:

1. We recommend the finance commission of the province with the help of the experts and the suggestions given by the APC, prepares possible options in detail with numbers and presents at the provincial chapter 2022.
2. Every option that is presented must also have to pros and cons as well as how each option would help the province in the long run.
3. After the direction of the provincial chapter the project is carried out with transparency in accordance with the norms of the general/provincial statutes and the law of the country.

Recommendation:

To increase the number of the finance commission of the province and study the pros and cons and submit the report within 6 months. The number in the commission could be either 7 or 5

The above suggestion was voted upon.

42 voted for 5
7 voted for 7

The house broke for the Tea Break

Group Discussions

After the Tea Break group discussion was held in the respective groups

Group No 1: Fr. Stephen Paul presented the report

Group No 2: Fr. Inigo presented the report

Group No 3: Fr. Lazar presented the report

Group No 4: Fr. Devan presented the report

Group No 5: Fr. Xavier Arockiaraj presented the report

(See the Section on Group Reports)

Bro. Paul Raj will share the material in the whatsapp as we have lack of time.

Announcing the candidates for the Provincial: Before announcing the candidates, the Moderator asked the forum whether they could come to the hall for the presentation of the provincial candidates.

Change of the time was announced



At 7 pm address of the provincial candidates in the hall and at 7.15 pm Prayer of the Church and the prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

All agreed upon the suggestion

Fr. Philip Benzi, the General Consultor read out the letter of Fr. General and announced the following 3 candidates' names in alphabetical order to be elected as a provincial:

Fr. Bangar Benedict Arputharaj sss

Fr. Dorai Peter Jeyakanthan sss

Fr. Joseph Jegarajhari sss

After this all dispersed in silence

The Moderator Fr. Metha began the session with a prayer and announced that candidates who were chosen for the provincial election would address the assembly. He also said that when one person addresses the other candidates will be out of the hall.

Fr. Arputharaj came forward and addressed the gathering

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan was called for addressing

Fr. Jegaraj presented himself

After this all moved to the Chapel for the Divine Office and the Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Jesu Augustine conducted the evening prayer and Bro. Paul Raj animated the prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in which he prepared us to Discern the right person to animate and accompany the province towards the future with new hope. The day's activities were concluded with the Benediction.



Day 4 - 13th May 2022, Friday
Feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Anniversary of the Foundation of our Congregation

The day with the Lauds integrated with the Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The house gathered at 9.00 am for the proceedings of the day. Fr. Prabu Metha, the moderator of the day started the session with the bhajan to the Holy Spirit following inviting everyone to pray the Prayer to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.

Bro. Paul Raj was invited to verbalize the procedures of the Election. He invited the house to maintain noble silence until the result is announced. He explained 11 steps for the smooth running of the election.

Fr. Benzi then was invited by the moderator to explain further the nuances of the election as per the General Statutes.

Fr. Antony Praveen and Bro. Louis D'Souza, the Tellers of the chapter were invited to make an 'Oath of Secrecy'.

Fr. Metha declared that the election of the provincial superior begins. The capitulars were invited to cast their votes as per the alphabetical order.

The results of the election

Fr. Antony Praveen counted the ballots and it was amounted to 49.

Fr. Aruputha Raj received – 1 vote.

Fr. Jegaraj received – 24 votes,

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan received – 23 votes and there was 1 abstain vote.

Since none of the capitulars received absolute majority, Fr. Benzi said that we need to go for a second round of the election. The results of the second round were as follows:

Fr. Arputhraj Bangar Benedict - Nil

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan - 27

Fr. Jegarajhari Joseph – 22

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan was asked by the moderator Fr. Metha whether he was willing to accept the office of the Provincial Superior. Fr. Peter expressed his willingness that he would accept the portfolio of the Office of the Provincial Superior with all his humility and unworthiness.

Rev. Fr. Peter Jayakanthan was elected as the Provincial Superior. The house applauded for him.

The house dispersed for the 'Tea Break' and to Congratulate the newly elected Provincial Superior. There was a cake cutting by Fr. Peter Jayakanthan followed by refreshments.

At 11 am the house gathered for the reading of the minutes of the previous day. Fr. Dhanam read the minutes of the previous day.

Issues arising from reading of the minutes

- Historical Details which he shared during the report of Mathoor parish are missed out with regard to the initiative of Fr. Johnson Britto to get the parish in the Diocese of Kulithurai. There was a suggestion to recognise individuals hard-works and should be recorded.



- To change the word 'Confer' to 'Refer'.
- Austria visa process could be included in the report.
- Correction in Budget to be presented to: Not the Amplified Provincial Council Rather General Council.

Fr. Ruban approved the minutes and Fr. Dominic seconded it.

Fr. Michael was invited by the moderator to present the report of the 'Discernment Committee'.

Greetings from Fr. General, other people were announced by the moderator to the house.

There was an announcement from the Entertainment Committee with regard to the picnic.

The house was invited to make the Prayer to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. We all dispersed for the Eucharistic Celebration presided by the New Provincial Superior Fr. Peter Jayakanthan.

At 11.30 am – we had the Eucharistic Celebration presided by the Newly Elected Provincial Superior.

After Lunch, the house had gone for an Outing at 'Jolly Jolly Lester'. The capitulars enjoyed the noon outing, and it was lovely.



Day 5 - 14th May 2022, Saturday

The day began with the morning prayer followed by the Eucharistic Celebration. Fr. Raj, the moderator of the day, welcomed the gathering and congratulated Fr. Peter Jayakanthan, the New Provincial of the Province.

Fr. Raj welcomed Fr. Peter to explain the procedures of the election of the consultors and Provincial Treasurer.

Bro. Paul Raj was invited by the moderator to inspire the house with regard to the election of the consultors.

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan, the Provincial Superior, further elaborated the rules of the election procedures.

The election began for the first consultor and the ballots were counted which was numbered to 49.

The results as follows...

Fr. Santiago: 25

Fr. B.A. Raj: 23

Invalid - 1

Fr. Santiago was elected as the First Consultor. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

The voting for the second consultor began. The ballots were counted and which was numbered to 48. The ballots were counted multiple times and the number was 48 and the round for second consultor became invalid as 1 ballot was not returned. The capitulars were advised to return the ballots even if one is not willing to vote.

The second round for the second consultor began. The ballots were collected and counted to 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. Utharianathan: 24

Fr. Sebastian. K: 21

Fr. B.A. Raj: 2

Fr. Arokiya Sebastian: 1

Fr. Peter Fernandes: 1

Due to the lack of half of the majority, the round got invalid. And so, the third round began for the second consultor. The ballots were counted and numbered to 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. Utharianathan: 26

Fr. Sebastian. K: 23

Fr. Utharianathan got elected as the Second Consultor. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

The round began for the third consultor.



The ballots were counted and numbered to 49.

Fr. A. Sebastian: 21
Fr. Inigo: 23
Fr. Peter Fero: 1
Fr. Michael: 1
Fr. Punithan: 2
Fr. B. A. Raj: 1

Due to the lack of half of the majority, the round got invalid. And so, the second round began for the third consultor. The ballots were counted and numbered to 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. A. Sebastian: 25
Fr. Inigo: 24

Fr. A. Sebastian got elected as the Third Consultor. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

The round for the **Fourth Consultor** who also will be the **Provincial Treasurer** began. The ballots were collected and counted. The total number of ballots were 49.

Fr. Jesu Augustine: 24
Fr. Devan Arul: 23
Fr. Rosario – 1
Fr. Martin – 1

Since the results were in-conclusive. The results got declared as in-valid. And so, the second round for the Fourth Consultor and the Provincial Treasurer began. The ballots were collected and counted. The total number of the ballots were 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. Jesu Augustine: 26
Fr. Devan Arul: 23

Fr. Jesu Augustine got elected as the Fourth Consultor and the Provincial Treasurer. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

Before the election for the delegate to the General Council began, Fr. Peter Jayakanthan asked the house, whether the second person who leads the round could be elected as the sub-delegate for the General Council. 42 consented and 7 objected to the proposal. Fr. Benzi intervened saying even if one capitular objects we need to go for the election and so it was announced that there would be two separate rounds for delegate and sub- delegate.

The round for the delegate to the General Council began. The ballots were distributed and got collected. The ballots got collected and totalled to 49.

Fr. Joel: 25
Fr. Jegaraj: 19
Fr. Santiago: 1
Fr. Peter Fernandes: 1
Fr. Bharathi: 1
Fr. Devan: 1
Fr. Metha: 1



Fr. Joel Nelson got elected as the Delegate for the General Chapter. The house applauded for the newly elected delegate to the General Chapter.

The last and final round for the sub-delegate began. The ballots were collected and counted. The total number was 49.

Fr. Sanal: 23
Fr. Dhanam 13
Fr. Bharathi: 3
Fr. Jegaraj: 3
Fr. Santiago: 2
Fr. Joseph Thambi 1
Fr. Dominic: 1
Fr. Arul: 1
Fr. Inigo: 1
Bro. Raghmani: 1

Fr. Sanal was elected as the Sub-delegate to the General Chapter. The house applauded for Fr. Sanal.

The house gathered at 11.20 am. Fr. Ramesh read the minutes of the previous day. No issues arising from the minutes. Fr. Sekar proposed the minutes to be passed and Fr. Bharathi seconded it.



Day 6: 15th May 2022, Sunday

Since the Moderator of the day Fr. Nathan was late Fr. B.A Raj took the lead as a moderator for a while and started the session with a prayer and explained the procedure of the day. Fr. Raj invited one of the secretaries to read out the minutes of the previous day.

Fr. Ramesh read the minutes.

Corrections:

It has to be recorded that the Provincial asked the candidate after the election of each consultor whether he would like to take up the responsibility.

Voting counted multiple times needs to be changed into how many times it was counted. Mentioning of the number needs to be stressed.

As Fr. Nathan the moderator of the day arrived, he took over the session from Fr. Raj. He invited the Facilitator Bro. Paul Raj to give his input session on the Gift of Self celebrated in the SSS life and to give his draft of the Vision Mission Statement.

Animator's talk: Bro. Paul Raj began his talk by wishing all of us with the feast day wishes of St. Devasagayam. (Please Refer the Text)

The Highlights of his talk: Eymardian Family the Eucharistic Family, the Charismatic Family is needed for the Church, SSS Family is being formed and it is not formed and stopped. Because it is growing. The lay aggregates are beings formed (Spiritual families).

Peter Julian was the spiritual director, formator, pastor and creative ... how do I form myself in the practical situation. It is a practical spirituality. Eymardian Family is extended family.

Charismatic family, spiritual family, all those who are practising Eymardian Spirituality are part of us, form the SSS family.

Self-Gift in a fraternal community demands a collective contribution. Are we gripped with the founding charism spirit. He did not see much discussion coming from the floor on the topic of Gift of self.

In the Process of giving Founder has used the word Love 19,000 times. We need personal discovery of Gift of Self.

In the report it has been mentioned that there is an attempt made to live Eymardian spirituality mainly in the formation houses.

Eymarsdian Sprituality is Eucharistic Sprituality, spirituality of self-gift, Kenotic spirituality, spirituality of brokenness, spirituality of inner cenacle, presence, spirituality of the Heart.

He read out the Draft of the Vision mission statement.

Fr. Nathan the Moderator thanked the animator Bro. Paulraj

We moved on to the formulation of Vision statement and voting upon it. The following was the draft of the Vision and Mission statement to be voted upon:



Vision

Enchanted by the Eucharistic dynamism of St. Peter Julian Eymard, We rededicate ourselves to be and to become a self-gift for the church and for the world.

Mission

We commit ourselves

- ❖ To give concrete expression of synodality, listening, sharing, living and celebrating the gift of ourselves in the Eymardian family
- ❖ To imitate serious and honest effort to reduce the gap between our documents and our life in the area of consecrated life and Eymardian charisma and spirituality
- ❖ Towards strengthening our authentic Eucharistic life and vocation, journeying with the lay aggregates more effectively
- ❖ To make sss formation more a genuine discovery of Jesus Christ and Eymardian Family
- ❖ To bring about financial stability, Transparency and accountability in order to establish an economy of communion

The following correction was made on the Vision statement:

In the Vision statement instead of the word “Enchanted” the word **Captivated** was used.

Therefore, the Vision statement is:

“Captivated by the Eucharistic dynamism of St. Peter Julian Eymard, we rededicate ourselves to be and to become a self-gift for the church and for the world.”

Agreed 49
Disagreed 0
Abstained 0

Mission Statement:

We commit ourselves

- To give concrete expression to synodality, by listening, sharing, living and celebrating the gift of ourselves in the Eymardian family.

Agreed 49
Disagreed 0
Abstained 0

- To initiate serious and honest effort to reduce the gap between our documents and our life in the area of consecrated life and Eymardian charism and spirituality
- Towards strengthening our authentic Eucharistic life and vocation, journeying with the aggregates more effectively
- To make SSS formation more a genuine discovery of Jesus Christ and Eymardian Family



- To bring about financial stability, Transparency, and accountability in order to establish an economy of communion.

Agreed 49

Disagreed 0

Abstained 0

Voting on the Mandate:

ADMINISTRATION

M=Mandate, R=Recommendation, A=Abstained

- 1. The administrative personnel should have a regular communication with all the members in the province, whenever it is necessary. (M 8... R36... A5)
- 2. Provincial and the Provincial council could proactively act on letters of any kind, while keeping the concerned person informed, should not be influenced to make any decisions based on the information from such letters at once, rather secrecy has to be maintained. (M2 ...R47 ...A0)
- 3. The Person in administration can pass on the information about the live-in and annual retreat well in advance. (M3 ...R45 ...A1)
- **4. Provincial chapter could be organized in the month of November. Voted For and Against to scrap this point (To be Scrapped ...Yes-42...No-2 ...A-5). As majority of the capitulars were not for organizing the chapter in November this mandate is scrapped.**
- 5. Extension of the number of days for the chapter could be considered. (M 2...R 47...A 0)
- 6. Every member in the province should respect the responsibility and dignity of the person in the province. (M 12...R 32... A5). This was suggested in the statute and forwarded to this section.
- 7. A director must be appointed for the Aggregates. (M 34 ... R13 ... A 2)
- 8. The Provincial Superior should look into every community's fraternity, prayer and service during his visit. (M 4...R 43... A 2)
- 9. The vision and mission statement has to be animated periodically according to area and be evaluated. (M 11...R 33 ... A 5)

FORMATION

- 1. Using 'Follow me' document. Prepare a study programme on our founder's life, charism and spirituality and evaluate its implementation. (M 46... R 1...A 2)
- 2. After studying thoroughly (by a committee) the problem connected with college studies, choose a college. (M 3... R...33... A 13)



- 3. Learn third language by the end of regency. If a student is not fluent, he would be given an extra year to master it otherwise no entry into theology. (M 8... R 31... A 10). This was suggested as a statute and forwarded to this section.
- 4. House Inquiry should be conducted by an experienced priest. (M 34...R 9... A 6)
- 5. Screening of Candidates should be done at the end of the English Year along with Vocation Promoter and an experienced priest. (M 27... R 17...A 5)
- 6. One full year of formation is mandatory to be a formator. (M 41... R 2...A 6)
- 7. Accompaniment of Students periodically taking into consideration of their cultural background is essential. (M 12... R 32...A 5)
- 8. Every young priest on completion of two years in ministry should be sent for two months course for personal enhancement and formation. (M 18... R 26...A 5)

MISSION

- 1. Care for migrants by celebrating mass, having counselling centres, creating employment bureau, and providing job opportunities by the tie-up with commercial companies. (M 10... R 36...A 3)
- 2. Tuition centres for the school drop-out children and providing accommodation for underprivileged children and elders at Diwar property. (M 0... R 41...A 8)
- 3. Attention to be paid to work as a team in our ministry communities. (M 2... R 42...A 5)
- 4. To carry the following projects for the Mission appeal: Aids, Drug addicts, Alcoholics, media centre and ecology. (M 7...R 30...A 12)
- 5. To close Noida-Mission and to focus on Anthaman-Oralkatcha or other new missions. (M 11... R 24...A 14)
- 6. To make a New Region from the Kristu-Jyoti Province of India, for better growth and wider experience of our Founder's Charism. (M 14... R 2....A 33)
- 7. A proposal that any SSS priests working in any of our parishes should plan and build everything systematically within their term itself. The culture of handing over the parish with a deficit should be avoided. (M 10...R 27...A 12)

Aggregates

- 8. To have Aggregates in all our communities, formation houses and city centres. (M 13...R 26...A 10)



- 9. To provide books of Aggregates in English and Tamil to all the members in SSS parishes. It also should be translated to Hindi, Konkani and Telegu. (M 8...R 41...A 0)
- 10. To form woman of hope group in all our ministry communities. M 13... R 28...A 8)

Life-Style

- 1. Time-Table and life-style of the community must go together. (M 40... R 5...A 4)
- 2. To mark the 60th year of our foundation in India, the year 2024 can be celebrated as a year of "Eymardian Spirituality" (M 42... R 5... A 2)
- 3. Community life is to be celebrated in and through the activities such as Regular community meetings, monthly recollections, spiritual activities and recreations without affecting the nature of the community. (M 31... R 13... A 5)
- 4. Monday as the fixed founder's day throughout the province. (M 48... R 1...A 0)
- 5. Custom book and house dairy need to be maintained. (M 25... R 18... A 6)
- 6. Time keeping of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. (M 0... R 9... A 40)
- 7. Counsellor in charge of life style must stay three days in a community at least once in his term to enrich the spiritual activities and life-style of the community. (M 6... R 39... A 4)
- 8. Area wise (Pranthiyam) gathering must be regularized. (M 18...R 25...A 6)
- 9. Make use of monthly recollections for the emotional clearance of a brother in the community. (M 0... R 37... A 12)
- 10. Annual holidays and retreat programs are to be designed well in advance by the local community. (M 1... R 43... A 5)

FINANCE

- 1. Financial discipline, we need to have transparency and openness with regard to finance.

Mandate	35
Recommendation	5
Abstained	9

- 2. Property Committee:

I. Appoint a Committee with expertise and the Provincial Treasurer.

II. Go through the documents and do the needful. For example: Gift deed, lease deed, property tax, patta, mutation etc.

Building completion and all other documents to be maintained.



Mandate	49	
Recommendation		0
Abstained		0

○ 3. Income generation:

I. Developing Alto Santa Cruz basement

Basement can be used for gravestone like Colaba.

II. Development of Mapusa property

III. Plant trees in Olaikkiuda, Nalgonda property.

Mandate	11	
Recommendation	35	
Abstained	3	

- 4. To stop STAR HEALTH INSURANCE and go for alternative health insurance policy. (This was suggested in the statute to increase the health fund in each community instead of insurance. The same was forwarded to this section)

Mandate	2	
Recommendation	29	
Abstained	8	

- 5. I. Second collection in our parishes. (Provincial meets the local ordinary and gets the necessary permission for second collection and for Associates).

II. Encourage sponsors and Donors in our parishes and communities.

III. Tell all the communities to subscribe the SSS Media (You Tube)

IV. Mission Appeal

V. Benefactors day,

VI. SSS Collaborators, and the Associates

Mandate	2	
Recommendation	40	
Abstained	7	

- 6. To Increase of Allowance for Priests from Rs 2000 to 3000 For brothers from 600 to 800. Increase of food allowance need to be looked in.

Mandate	47	
Recommendation	2	
Abstained	0	

Vote of thanks was given by the Provincial in which he thanked God for the accompaniment all these days of the chapter. Provincial invited Fr. Nathan to express our gratitude to Fr. Benzi.



Fr. Nathan the Provincial Consultor thanked Fr. Benzi saying that he learnt language, efficiently functioning, struck the balance very well, very expressing, very bold during the chapter to act as a representative from the General Curia.

Fr. Jesu Augustine, the provincial treasurer felicitated him.

Fr. Santiago the consultor thanked Bro Paulraj, in which he said, Bro. Paul Raj listened to our reports patiently, emotional outrages, listened to unspoken worlds. He also mentioned that he was a leader to remove the sandals. His speeches and approaches proved that he is the lover of our Congregation, founder, rule of life and Eucharist, Fr. Sebastian Peter the consultor felicitated him. Provincial thanked the Statues committee, moderators Fr. Raj, Fr. Nathan, Fr. Metha, Fr. Sebastian K for accommodation and hospitality. He also thanked discernment committee, all committees, secretaries Fr. Dhanam, Fr. Ramesh and Fr. Joel. He thanked Fr. Henry the director of this house. He thanked the previous committee members.

Fr. Nathan the moderator of the day asked all the members of the chapter whether they were ready to allow the present Provincial Council to approve the minutes of today. It was approved by all the members.

Provincial Fr. Peter Jayakanthan officially declared that the 5th Provincial Chapter of the Kristu Jyoti Province was closed.

We moved for the Closing Eucharist by the newly elected Provincial Council. Fr. Benzi and the previous Council members conducted the installation ceremony for the newly elected Council. To lead the Province and to safeguard the light of the Kristu Jyoti Province a lit candle was given to each member of the council. Once again Fr. Provincial thanked everyone, and he announced that Fr. Santiago would be the Vicar Provincial. After the Eucharist there was a group photo session and festive lunch in which the whole council was congratulated by Cake cutting.



Election Results



RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS
DAY 4: 13th MAY 2022
THE ELECTION OF THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

The election of the Provincial superior was the first item of agenda.

The moderator invited Fr. Benzi explain the nuances and the procedures of the election of the Provincial Superior from the General statutes.

The Tellers were Fr. Praveen and Bro. Luie.

The names of the candidates standing for election were:

Fr. Arputharaj Bangar Benedict

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan Dorai

Fr. Jegarajhari Joseph

Fr. Antony Praveen counted the ballots, and it was amounted to 49.

The result of the election.

Fr. Aruputha Raj received -----1 vote

Fr. Jegaraj received -----24 votes

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan received -----23 votes

Abstained -----1

Since none of the capitulars received absolute majority, Fr. Benzi said that we need to go for a second round of the election.

The results of the second round were as follows

Fr. Arputhraj Bangar Benedict -----0

Fr. Jegarajhari Joseph -----22

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan -----27

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan was the elected Provincial.

Fr. Peter Jayakanthan was then asked by the moderator Fr. Metha whether he was willing to accept the office of the Provincial Superior. Fr. Peter expressed his willingness that he would accept the portfolio of the Office of the Provincial Superior with all his humility and unworthiness.

Fr. Benzi the General Consultor and Bro. Paul Raj congratulated the newly elected provincial superior followed by the members of the steering committee, moderators, and the rest. There was a short break after the election to wish the newly elected Provincial Superior.

**THE ELECTION OF THE PROVINCIAL CONSULTORS AND
PROVINCIAL TREASURER**

Day 5: 14th May 2022

The Election of the 1st Consultor:

The election began for the first consultor and the ballots were counted which was numbered to 49.

The results as follow...

Fr. Santiago -----25

Fr. B.A. Raj -----23

Invalid -----1



Fr. Santiago was elected as the First Consultor as he got the highest number of votes: He was asked by the Provincial Fr. Peter Jayakanthan if he would accept the responsibility as the first consultor. Fr. Santiago accepted this responsibility. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

The Election of the 2nd Consultor:

The voting for the second consultor began. The ballots were counted, which was numbered to 48. The ballots were counted 4 times and the number was 48 and the round for second consultor became invalid as 1 ballot was not returned. The capitulars were advised to return the ballots even if one is not willing to vote.

The second round for the second consultor began. The ballots were collected and counted to 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. Utharianathan	24
Fr. Sebastian. K	21
Fr. B.A. Raj	2
Fr. Arokia Sebastian	1
Fr. Peter Fernandez	1

Due to the lack absolute majority, the third round began for the second consultor. The ballots were counted and numbered to 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. Utharianathan	26
Fr. Sebastian. K	23

Fr. Utharianathan was elected as the Second Consultor as he got the highest number of votes: He was asked by the Provincial if he would accept the responsibility as the consultor. Fr. Utharianathan gracefully accepted this responsibility. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

The Election of the 3rd Consultor

The round began for the third consultor. The ballots were counted and numbered to 49.

Fr. Inigo	23
Fr. A. Sebastian	21
Fr. Peter Fero	1
Fr. Michael	1
Fr. Punithan	2

Fr. B. A. Raj	1
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Due to the lack of absolute majority, we moved on to the next round for the third consultor. The ballots were counted and numbered to 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. A. Sebastian	25
Fr. Inigo	24



Fr. A. Sebastian was elected as the Third Consultor as he got the highest number of votes: He was asked by the Provincial if he would accept the responsibility as the consultor. Fr. A Sebastian accepted this responsibility. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

The Election of the 4th Consultor who also will be the Provincial Treasurer:

The round for the **Fourth Consultor** who also will be the **Provincial Treasurer** began. The ballots were collected and counted. The total number of ballots were 49.

Fr. Jesu Augustine-----	24
Fr. Devan Arul-----	23
Fr. Rosario -----	1
Fr. Martin -----	1

Since the results were in-conclusive, the second round for the Fourth Consultor and the Provincial Treasurer began. The ballots were collected and counted. The total number of the ballots were 49.

The results were as follows...

Fr. Jesu Augustine-----	26
Fr. Devan Arul-----	23

Fr. Jesu Augustine got elected as the Fourth Consultor and the Provincial Treasurer as he got the absolute majority: He was asked by the Provincial if he would accept the responsibility as the consultor and Provincial Treasurer. Fr. Jesu Augustine gracefully accepted this responsibility. The house applauded for the newly elected consultor.

ELECTION OF THE DELEGATE & SUB-DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CHAPTER

Before the election for the delegate and subdelegate to the General Chapter began, Fr. Provincial asked the house, whether the second person who leads the round could be elected as the sub-delegate for the General Council. 42 consented and 7 objected to the proposal. Fr. Benzi intervened saying even if one capitular objects we need to go for the election and so it was announced that there would be two separate rounds for delegate and subdelegate.

The Election of the Delegate to the General Chapter:

The round for the delegate to the General Council began. The ballots were distributed and got collected. The ballots got collected and totalled to 49.

Fr. Joel-----	25
Fr. Jegaraj-----	19
Fr. Santiago-----	1
Fr. Peter Fernandez--	1
Fr. Bharathi-----	1
Fr. Devan-----	1
Fr. Metha-----	1

Fr. Joel Nelson got elected as the Delegate for the General Chapter as he got the highest number of votes: He was asked by the Provincial if he would accept the responsibility, Fr. Joel accepted this responsibility. The house Congratulated him.



The Election of the Sub-delegate to the General Chapter:

The last and final round for the sub-delegate began. The ballots were collected and counted. The total number was 49.

Fr. Sanal-----	23
Fr. Dhanam-----	13
Fr. Bharathi-----	3
Fr. Jegaraj-----	3
Fr. Santiago-----	2
Fr. Joseph Thambi-	1
Fr. Dominic-----	1
Fr. Arul-----	1
Fr. Inigo-----	1
Bro. Raghumani----	1

Fr. Sanal was elected as the Sub-delegate to the General Chapter as he got the highest number of votes. The Provincial asked him whether he would accept this responsibility of representing the province in the General Chapter. Fr. Sanal accepted him. The house applauded for Fr. Sanal.





Inaugural Address, Provincial-Fr. Peter Jeyakanthan sss

Gift of Self Celebrated and Lived in the Eymardian Family

Dear Brothers, I am extremely delighted to acknowledge the presence of Rev. Fr. Philip Benzy sss, General Treasurer and Consulter in charge of Asia, representing General Curia, in particular Our Superior General. I have found the recent treasure in Rev. Bro. Paul Raj SG, Principal and Dean of Vidya Deep College, Theological Study Center, Bangalore. We welcome them and honor them.

I am blessed to join you beloved bros of the Kristu Jyoti Province – India for these six days journey together in this fifth Provincial Chapter from 09th to 15th May 2022. Yes, it's a journey like the beloved Apostles walked in the post resurrection period. They had doubts, questions and dejection. It closed their hearts, minds and eyes from seeing the Presence of Jesus in their midst **Lk 24:16**. After four years of living in our own ministry, mission and formation houses, we are bound to have questions, doubts and pre-conceived thoughts as we have gathered again. It would have been more bundled in the pandemic years. Here, I invite you to undertake three journeys:

Initially, I seek the Eucharistic Lord to open our minds and hearts in these days of journey to see, acknowledge and appreciate the strength of fifty-three members in this Kristu Jyoti Province – India. Eighteen belong to 50+ and thirty-five belong to 30+. Thirteen are participating first time with active voice in this Provincial Chapter. In these differences of age, generation, experience and contribution, shall we open our eyes to admire and accept the goodness and approach of each brother respectfully! **Yes, it is a Positive Journey to open our eyes for the other.**

Secondly, now our regular vocations come from north region. So Eucharistic table is inviting for a multi-cultural community. In the words of Bro. Paul Raj SG in his book "Culture over Christ" – "Multiculturism does not simply mean numerical plurality of different cultures, but rather a community which is creating, guaranteeing and encouraging spaces within which different communities are able to grow at their own space". **Yes, it is a journey to live and celebrate the gift of Self as Eymardian Family.**

Finally, it's a journey towards 2023-24, where XXXVI General Chapter will be in Vietnam. It coincides with our diamond years in India of 60 years. It's a time to examine and explore where our journey will be! "We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard: Acts 4:20. The highlight of the spiritual journey of Fr. Eymard was his Eucharistic Procession in 1845, where he prays to the Eucharistic Lord to give him the apostolic zeal of St. Paul to spread the Gospel. He lived out this Eucharistic mission tirelessly till the end from adoration, celebration and actively in the lives of the people. **Yes, it is journey to live the zealous Eucharistic mission (ROL 37-45) dying to the clericalism around us.**

I express my special word of gratitude to the Provincial Council for all their support and involvement. I thank the members of the preparatory commission.

I offer my sincere thanks to Fr. Rosario, Prov. Tr, along with Fr. Sebastian K and Fr. Peter Fernandez for working as a team for the immediate preparation to have our Chapter in this Center. Pope Francis addressed to sisters gathered for their general chapter saying "walking together is the essence of Religious Life", I join you and invite you to walk together these days of journey, the richness of Eucharistic Presence discovered by our Beloved founder to acknowledge each one, to prioritize community living and witness our Eucharistic Zeal.

Here I join you in this journey and declare the Fifth Provincial Chapter of Kristu Jyoti Province – India – open.

Fr. D. Peter Jayakanthan sss,

09th May 2022



"The Gift of Self - Celebrated and lived in Eymardian Family"

"The Gift of Self – Celebrated and Lived!"

We have begun a journey of forty days. It is an invitation to recall the history of Israel. It is a call to relive the salvation story. It is an opportunity to renew our Christian call. It is a moment to walk closely through the path of Jesus. I wish you all a graceful and meaningful Lenten journey! I join you, extending this journey and making it as an intense preparation for the upcoming Provincial Chapter.

We have reflected on "Eymardian Family" and some of you have sent the sharing responses from your community and I appreciate your sincere involvement and practice. Here I wish to express on **"Gift of self – Celebrated and lived"** in this document. I appreciate all our religious for contributing with their reflections on "gift of self" in our recent newsletter. I borrow the thoughts from the well-studied and expressed write up of Fr. Salvi sss, Former Superior General.

Gift and Self: Gift is precious and special. All we have and to those we give are not gifts. We don't consider all persons around us are gifts, rather we specify few as provided gifts for our life. So, gift is specific and important. Self is reciprocal; it is an element of personal experience of giving and receiving. It speaks also about the value and remark of self.

Giving up vs Giving: We understand straight away gift of self as dying, sacrificing, giving up and foregoing. It makes it negative and as one-way approach. It demands the losing aspect in life. Here, "Gift of self" is newly and creatively experienced, by our founder St. Peter Julian as two-way roads in life journey. He recognizes the dimension of richness and completeness in his discovery of "Gift of Self". Yes, **it is a complete giving and total giving of oneself**. Jesus gives himself fully for me. He is present fully for me and He speaks to me with complete possession. The challenge here is, the one who has experienced this giving from Jesus in the Eucharist, will automatically will give himself or herself emptying the rest of the thoughts to His will. This is possible only with the foundation of LOVE. Fr. Eymard walked a long way, to experience personally, that this Gift of self in the Eucharist is Jesus's abundance of love for him. So, he said, I give to my Eucharistic Jesus as I abandoned myself to Him.

In this laborious journey, he discovers the essential of his search: "the Inner Cenacle". A new vision opens before him! Although frustrated in his request to obtain permission to install the Congregation in the Cenacle of Jerusalem, he is now reassured and he can contemplate the answer given by God himself: it is not you who will abide in the Cenacle where the great Mystery of love was born, but it is I who will take possession of you as a living cenacle! "True love makes you more of who you are, not less." "It is in giving that we receive." –St. Francis.

Gift of Self - Celebrated! Fr. Eymard expresses frankly that he has distraction in many things thus losing his focus. This focus, he specifies as center of life. It is a dynamic center and center of love. The heart of man needs a center of affection, of expansiveness. We make of His love the center of our life. This center must be the Eucharist: for Jesus in the Eucharist. (NR 44, 80). He says that initially he worked intellectually, physically, exteriorly but not with his heart. He was excited to discover that love on 21 March 1865 that led him in finding the gift of self which he expressed in his vow of personality. In the writings of Fr. Eymard, the word love and the verb to love are used almost 19,000 times. In his words, at last, after passing through the desert, **I have reached the mountain of love!** A noble lover does not rest content with a gift; he desires me rather than any gift I can make. (14 March, NR 44, 102). Shall we acknowledge the call of our founder to make Eucharist as our focus and center by entering into it abiding in it!



Gift of Self - Lived! Fr. Eymard invites us to live his personal discovery of gift of self, in our religious and personal life in the dimension of the Paschal mystery (dying – obedience). Fr. Eymard makes his self-disclosure with this, “I offered the three crosses of today that were strangling my heart and breaking my soul” (March 20, NR, 117). They are, 1) the slowness of the process on the request of the Cenacle, 2) the attitude of Fr. De Cuers and 3) the difficulties facing the survival of the Servants of the most Blessed Sacrament. It took time for Fr. Eymard to fully abide and experience the union of love in the Eucharistic Lord. Jesus did not die as a hero for an ideal, on the contrary, he dies to his own ideals, in order to place himself at the service, the will of the His father. The death for Fr. Eymard is dying to his own human projects, and the final death is an expression and fulfillment of all deaths, 'in to your hands I entrust my spirit" (Lc 23, 46) **Fr. Eymard's death to his ideals led him to embrace the grace of the society, the inner Cenacle-gift of self.**

We can understand the depth of the gift of self of Fr. Eymard, only in the light of the Paschal mystery. His acceptance of exodus is a powerful passing that, led him to a complete and trusting abandonment of God. Thus, it is the starting point of Eucharistic Life illumined by the gift of self.

Group Sharing:

- What were the ideal and other elements, that shifted our focus from the Love and Life in the Eucharist!
- Is vow of Obedience is practiced in the community and in the province in the light of Fr. Eymard's experience.
- Name the moments of celebration of gift of self as person and as community!
- Suggest concrete steps for our Kristu Jyoti Province to live this element in the near future in the area of administration, formation and mission!

08 March 2022



"The Gift of Self - Celebrated and lived in Eymardian Family"

EYMARDIAN FAMILY

"Our family is the circle of Strength: founded on faith, joined in love, kept by God together forever" - St. Teresa of Kolkata. Faith, love and strength are present and nurtured in family. There is connectivity and continuity in family. In this tech-digital world individual and independent life is carried out by the present generation. Church is a Family not an event. Bible refers to fellow Christians as "brothers and sisters" (Acts 2 & Heb 13:1). It proves the inclusive nature of family life. Pope Francis affirms this with his exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love") Where he says, "Church is a family of families". We shall reflect on our Eymardian family. It can be also called Eucharistic family and Charismatic family.

"Eucharistic Project" becomes a reality as it extends itself and becomes a true "Eucharistic Family." Sr. Catharine Marie Caron sss begins with these words the Third Volume of the translation of "The life and Letters of St. Peter Julian Eymard. St. Peter Julian's personal gifts were now transformed by his Eucharistic grace. He became the preacher, teacher, formator, spiritual director on fire with a message and conviction of Christ's love for us in the Eucharist. "If you only knew the gift of God," he proclaimed to his own religious as well as in parish missions and to adoration groups throughout France. His Work for the First Communion of Adult Workers gained him the friendship of the poor and the respect of Church Authorities.

The usage "Charismatic family" is used in religious life in many congregations. Pope Francis mentioned it when he addressed the religious during the year of Consecrated life in 2014: "Indeed, around each religious family, every Society of Apostolic Life and every Secular Institute, there is a larger family, a "charismatic family", which includes a number of Institutes which identify with the same charism, and especially lay faithful who feel called, precisely as lay persons, to share in the same charismatic reality". We call it as Eymardian Family.

Our holy founder takes the vision of the Cenacle, Mary, Apostles and Holy Women gathered in prayer thus the second branch added to the "Society of the Blessed Sacrament" that of the "Servants of the Blessed Sacrament" then the association of the Laity with the with same Eucharistic vision was formed as the "Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament". He dreamt to extend his Eucharistic mission with these three groups, calling as Eucharistic Family. We call it as Eymardian Family part of SSS ministering in various cultures, with different languages and in diverse countries. Our religious have left and closed down the communities in many places but our Lay Aggregation members are present exercising sss mission, they are part of Eymardian family. "Servitium Christi" a secular institute of women became part of the family. It was founded by Rev. Fr. Godfrey Spiekman sss in 1952 as Superior General. They embrace the spirit and Charism of then Bl.Fr. Peter Julian Eymard.

We follow the message of XXXV General Chapter and orient our challenge to live as members belong to Eymardian family. The quality of our living consists in how we practice as a fraternal Community, Community of Prayer and Community Service.

Fraternal Community:

"Please, free yourselves from your phone addiction! "When you become a slave to your phone, you lose your freedom," are the words of Pope Francis. Our life has become very independent with 4G overlooking our fraternal love in our day today community living. R.L 11: The vitality of a community depends to a large extent on its meetings at which the brothers regularly share their joys and problems. Days of recollection and annual retreats provide special occasions of renewal



for all the religious. At our gatherings we take stock of the community project and evaluate our participation in its realization. Our focus needs to be of Inclusion and participation of all in the community. It invites for a cordial contribution according to the gift of each one. There is no place for solo show. Community meeting needs to go beyond discussion on schedule by making a room for sharing the joys and sorrows of religious. There is a need for healthy trust and quality accompaniment to share spontaneously. It will be our witness for a fraternal living.

Our religious are working in overseas provinces and communities. It has widened our experience and our connection with internationality. We serve as sss in a new culture with a new language participating in the Eucharistic mission. The historical link of St. Peter Julian is continued with a new spirit. One should come forward to respond for such overseas ministry. It requires certain sacrifice and commitment. The feeling of fraternal living is the need of the hour even in the overseas mission.

We have a strong and supportive Lay Aggregates in most of our parish and ministry places. Do we include them as co-participants in living our Eucharistic call! Do we join hands with them for new ventures of life and empowerment of the sidelined in our community and society. Their generous interest can be pooled for the exploration our mission now in India.

Community of Prayer:

R.L 31: It invites us to recognize and adore the presence of Christ in the gift of his body given up for us and of his blood poured out for a New Covenant. Prayer unites us. Eucharistic Presence calls us to gather as one community with Him. Adoration is the root of our life; this will be the identity and the foundation of our Eymardian Family. ROL 28: We internalize the celebration of his Passover by a prayer that makes our whole life a prolongation of our Eucharist. Eucharist is the highest form of Prayer. Our daily Eucharistic Celebration should lead us to be a witnessing family like the model of early Christian families.

Community of Service:

Power, Position and Pleasure is the struggle of Clericalism. In the words of Pope Francis, Clericalism is a sin. "To seek status over service is spiritual illness". My availability to my brothers in the community, for the Congregation and for the excluded in my ministry place can demand us for daily yes, this greatness of service and following the servant hood of Christ. He washed the feet and called them as friends.

"Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas." – Pope John XXIII. Incarnation the birth of Jesus takes place when we understand, accept and continue as members of Eymardian family.

- + How does the participation an individual reflect the community as fraternal one?
- + If there has been less/no participation what was the block for it?
- + How often my community meetings were moments of sharing our joys and struggles?
- + What were the steps taken to walk with Lay Aggregates in your community and have they experienced the sense of belonging to the Eymardian family from you, how?

Reference: Talks and letters of Pope Francis, Final Message of XXXV General Chapter-Fr. General & The life and letters of St. Peter Julian Eymard.





GIFT OF SELF CELEBRATED & LIVED [OUR RESPONSES]

What were the ideal and other elements, that shifted our focus from the Love and Life in the Eucharist!

Category 1: Those who sent

On the whole many communities made a sincere and heartfelt evaluation

Category 2: Did not send

Two communities did not send their answer to this question (though one of these seemed to have this question in another place, which I have rearranged.)

Category 3: Something different to say

-Very good analysis, (see end of this section, APPENDIX) but has not answered the question as far as the community is concerned.

-Formation communities:

*2 formation communities' list is very exhaustive, sincere and an honest evaluation.

*Another set of communities (2): New elements:

- Approaching the celebration of the Eucharist with a routine attitude,
- relying on myself rather than trusting the Eucharistic Lord
- pandemic time: away from the community made them lose their focus
- blame game

Category 4: Another Community

Quoting the ROL is not the answer. Nothing seem to have shifted their focus because the real focus seems to be missing in the first place.

[NOTE: If the communities act on this kind of confession they have made, we are in for a great transformation of communities and consequently in the Province.]

APPENDIX

The self-promoting ideals which have deviated from the main focus of love of Eucharist.

-own vested interests, leading to child abuse, sex- scandal, indulgence in a luxurious life. even in the life of the church.

-vocational promoters do not scrutinize motif of the candidate... thus making of consecrated life a career or livelihood

- the yardsticks to measure the success of one's religious life are: popularity through one's rhetoric ability, building churches after churches for self-promotion, competence in leading the institution profitably and possessing authority are



-Personal integrity and commitment to religious vows can be compromised with the enjoyments available - the mentality of doing anything to maximize one's pleasure, as long as she or he is not caught

-At the wake of the arrival of numerous exciting scientific inventions, religious are no longer modest in their life-style, are itching to buy the costly gadgets

-Just like the secular politics, there is a cut-throat competition even among the so-called God-men to possess and consolidate power and authorities.

-Some even canvass the other religious with the promise of giving them certain posts which they don't deserve, whereby the quality of the service done by the religious to the most extent is diluted,

-The image of the church is so tarnished that people even stopped coming for the activities of the church and find their refuge either in some other denominational churches or even in other religion.

Is vow of Obedience is practiced in the community and in the province in the light of Fr. Eymard's experience.

Category 1:

*Practice it and explain how, on the community level

*No reference to the Provincial level: 6 communities

*one community: practice but unnecessary reference to PJE

*One Community: just one-word answer: Yes

*2 communities: balanced: struggling and growing and has shown how. No reference on the Provincial level.

*Another community: not practiced in the light of Fr. Eymard's experience. Reference is made to PJE.

*Another community: at times practiced at other times not: one sign of the latter: anybody, anyone and at any time writes letter to general than informing the provincial first or the other council members

*Another community:

- "In the light of Fr Eymard's experience we don't experience vow of obedience 60% in our community and in our province." In one case there has been a serious lapse in obeying the God-given authority. Very good reasons are given for this lack of obedience: "We are more convenient to our personal interests. There are no dying experience and common concerns in the community life. Changes in lifestyle restrict our practice of obedience. We don't give importance to the virtue of obedience. Pride and self-righteous make us to have I know mentality which lead us to avoid obedience in our lives. Our lack of self-image is a block in practicing obedience."

-gave a reason for this lack of obedience: "Our lack of self-image is a block in practicing obedience."



-Another community:

-say it is not practiced 50%

-the reason for this lack: God father syndrome also influences the person not to pay attention to the legitimate superior.

*Another community:

Gives Jesus as a model. Ultimately, all are obedient in the local community and in the province as well. (Is this true?) Their affirmation that all are obedient must be seen with a question mark.

Name the moments of celebration of gift of self as person and as community!

Category 1: Most of the communities have replied:

*many communities have presented the many ways they do so:

*another community:

-heavy reference to the Founder's life

-maybe this community seems to give the solution, namely:

-I need to realize that I am highly favored to have been noticed and called by God the Almighty. Thus, the moment I realize that Eucharistic vocation is the greatest gift I have ever been given is the singular moment of celebration of the gift of self as person and community.

-Brotherhood has to be experienced concretely to celebrate the gift of self. Individuality has to be celebrated and nurtured to foster brotherhood. Unfortunately, we think at times that individuality has to be sacrificed for the common good. No, we need happy individuals who form happy brotherhood and communities. In other words, in upholding the sanctity of the individuals with his joys and sorrows, we as a community help him to celebrate the gift of self in his life.

- Living out the charism will definitely lead us to celebrate the moments of gift of self.

-Nothing concrete

*one community: limited this gift of self as a person and as a community to the Eucharistic area (spiritual) - inter relational element is missing- may be put off by the word 'celebration

*Another community:

Some strange ideas about the gift of self. This community expects not only giving but also receiving, "otherwise this would degenerate into selfishness." They do admit of failure in this respect and at times success. That no community is perfect seems to be an excuse to carry on what they are doing without changing.

Vague generalities. Nothing concrete and positive.

Suggest concrete steps for our Kristu Jyoti Province to live this element in the near future in the area of administration, formation and mission!

[NOTE: For the most part I have kept this part of the reply intact, except when the



explanation is too long; I have accordingly edited this kind of presentation.]

Cenacle Community/Colaba Community?

- *Community prayer and prayer before the blessed sacrament should be part of our living.
- *Project of the province has to be worked out by all and all have to work for the project of the province
- *The contribution of the individuals has to be monitored and shared generously for the income building
- *Generate the income for the province in our surrounding place and the let the work be discussed and helped out well.
- *Regular community meetings and regular community get together has to be practiced without fail to be in communion with one another.
- *Participating in the family functions of our fathers if possible, fathers who are able to go to assure our presence in the families.

General suggestions, nothing new

Shrewsbury community

-This community had much to say about most of us struggling to decipher our charism, although as a congregation, we are of past 160 years old. It's whole suggestion to those concerned that we do something about this.

Pune Scholasticate Community

- *Skill development courses could be done during holidays
 - *Regional languages could be taught
 - *Proper linguistic formation to be given at the earlier stage
 - *Responsibility day could be introduced
 - *Teachings on founder could be carried out throughout formation years
 - *Specialization in any ministry.
- Good suggestions pertinent to formation – nothing else

Agashi Community (not all were present)

We feel that the province failed to appoint efficient people in the administration, formation and mission.

The appointments must be done according to ability and efficiency. But the province gave priority for the age, seniority which led province astray from the spirituality of our founder and our charism. The appointments are often repetitive. This will create an atmosphere of 'rich becomes richer and poor becomes poorer.' We gradually miss the best and catch the average.

Especially, there should not be any partiality in the administration, formation and mission. We



can expect greater things and the Holy Spirit works only when we walk and talk without partiality.

The suggestions are mostly negative.

Siolim Community

Administration Minimum of three members in the community.

Administrative policy has to be followed as in the statutes. If not, delete the statutes.

Unity among the provincial council members and not diverging the discussions of the provincial council.

Council has to study the community with open mindedness and have clarity in their decision. Clear policy for those who work overseas: Number of years of priesthood exercised should be minimum five years, stipulated period of working, financial contributed.

Formation Continuity of the formation to one stage to another Graded guided formation. English must be the common language in the formation communities.

According to the signs of the time formator has to be appointed. The formator should be prejudice free and treat everyone equally.

There should be a separate spiritual director for the scholastics in the community. Scholasticate director should be consulted regarding the appointment of the regents and deacons.

Mission SSS charism has to be maintained in all areas of ministry, and structure and community life. Every member has to cooperate and work for the common growth of the congregation.

Very pertinent suggestions for the 3 depts, administration formation and mission

Mannurpet Community

People in administration should give importance to the Congregational projects that would help the Congregation to grow People in administration should make themselves available for everyone.

Formation:

Our formation should prepare the candidates to be willing to submit themselves for the mission of the Congregation according to the need of the time.

Mission:

We need to move towards the mission that would help us to expand the love of the Eucharistic Lord

Suggestions on the 3 levels are made, some of them vague

Nalgonda Community:

We suggest few concrete steps for our province to live this element. Element of listening and team



work, continuation of the mission, maintaining the secrecy of the council, personal commitment to the province. Stability in the provincial, continuation of the policies, faith formation to the formees sharing of life, ready to accept all kinds of mission.

Suggestions are made, some of them some new elements

Noida Community:

The gift of self invites us and teaches that we should contribute towards the province hence the parishes of a province can give the gift of self to the province by helping financially.

Each one in the province learn to give the gift of self to the province completely hence one of the ways to practice the gift of self to give the Christmas allowance back to the province.

This gift of self also can be practiced and can be taught at the mission level with the people, through the people and being the leader of the gift of self.

Some suggestion clear, some not

Matharpakady Community:

Administration

We must keep our province first and our collaborative effects to contribute to the growth of the province. We must not have any hidden agendas in doing the province work.

Formation

We need to have more community exercises and cutting down individual times to grow as community persons. Other lectures for the growth of whole self.

Mission

Inclusion of lay people in our way of life in the light of present synodality and their active participation. We need to give our whole self for the mission in living out Eucharistic life. Extending Eucharistic love by financial and other resources to formation houses and depending houses.

Suggestions given on all 3 areas





Eymardian Family [OUR RESPONSES]

How does the participation of an individual reflect the community, as fraternal one? If there has been less/ no participation what was the block for it?

Category 1

How do we know which responses/reports are genuine and which are made to look impressive?

There is one community whose answers are vague and general to give a good impression of their way of living as an Eymardian family, when in fact the reality is far from the one it is called to be.

The reality is that we should not be deceived by these reports but keep in mind that there are some communities who seem to be taking this approach so shield themselves from being truly Eymardian in their life-style.

Solutions should be applied accordingly.

About helps/blocks to living this kind of life:

Although many have shared the helps and blocks, there is a tendency to hide the blocks that prevent them from living the Eymardian family. These are not aware that being aware of the blocks and tackling them accordingly can lead to growth in community. So, the helps that they share can help other communities to benefit from their experiences.

Some communities have not answered the query to the second part of this question.

Category 2

There have been communities where the response shows that there is an attempt to live the Eymardian life. The response looks very theoretical not experiential. The list of items that they have enlisted look impressive. But the reality is how much joy and freedom do the members of such community's experience in living this kind of life.

Some communities mention a list of activities that they are involved in. But what matters is the kind of relationships that exist between members when involved in these activities.

Category 3

It has been noticed that it is rather easy for formation communities to observe a given structure fixed as their formation program. So, while these adhere to the structure, to the law (outward form) but are empty of the power embedded in it. (the inner reality)

Some of the blocks enlisted by one formation community is quite exhaustive. Steps need to be taken how to tackle these blocks.

In some formation community the blocks mentioned related to their outreach projects.

How often my community meetings were moments of sharing our joys and struggles?



Category 1

Some communities do not have proper 'community meetings' on a fixed day, at a fixed time (adjustable) and with a definite agenda, where the minutes are read and there is follow up action. One community gloated in that they have celebrations on some occasion or the other. The problem is whether these flow from community prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or the Celebration of a Community Eucharist? If it isn't then there is nothing Eymardian in such celebrations.

Category 2

Most of the communities seem to have no time for community meetings or some seem to be allergic to them.

So many communities put community meetings and sharing at table and at other times as equivalent to community meetings.

Solution: A thorough enlightenment is required to be given to the whole Province. Fr. McSweeney's Commentary on the Rule of Life in the Section of Community meetings can be of immense help.

No community has mentioned the need for reconciliation within the community and the need to work on this in a processed way.

What were the steps taken to walk with Lay Aggregates in your community and have they experienced the sense of belonging to the Eymardian family from you, how?

Category 1

One community mentioned that many people come to the chapel. One must find out if this is really true. Was the Blessed Sacrament exposed? Was there any service conducted for the same?

Peter Julian Eymard himself was not satisfied with people coming to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, he strongly urged us to make sure that they are given proper instruction.

Category 2

Some communities have some Aggregates project at work, with some kind of formation.

A suggestion: could these formation talks or sessions be made known to the rest of the Province. What kind of formation are we giving them needs to be discerned and tested.

Category 3

Many are struggling to walk with lay aggregates... they say that they have invited others to join etc... Aggregates will come when we are on fire about the power behind the Eucharist.

One community has shared that they invite them for meals. Many will not miss a meal, but will they be committed to a formation program, is the question we need to ask ourselves?

Some do admit that more needs to be done.



Solution:

Please make public on an official level what formation talks should we give our lay Aggregate (both when initiating and then as on-going formation). These talks should be discerned and tested.

Category 4

Formation communities do not seem to have lay aggregates movement.





*Address of the Moderator
Election of New Provincial
(Bro. Paul Raj SG)*



Reflection on Immediate Preparation for the Provincial Chapter

Reading: Ex.: 3/1-17: Burning Bush and Moses
Bro. Paul Raj SG

I. SSS Provincial Chapter is a call to enter the Sacred Ground:

a). You are called by name to this Provincial Chapter:

Raised by his Hebrew mother, Moses was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter (2:9-10) and given an Egyptian name (Exodus 1:8-2:10). From the adopted son of royalty, Moses is now shepherding flocks (a less than prestigious job!), working for his father-in-law. We too are not a privileged few, not selected to be present here because of our worth!! God's first words to Moses called him by name. This shows that even though Moses was an obscure, forgotten shepherd on the backside of the desert, God knew who he was, and Moses was important to God. The double call (Moses, Moses!) implied importance and urgency, as when God called Abraham, Abraham! (Genesis 22:11), Samuel, Samuel! (1 Samuel 3:10), Simon, Simon (Luke 22:31), Martha, Martha (Luke 10:41), and Saul, Saul (Acts 9:4). You too are called by name to this Holy City.

b). God Meets you Where you are:

God came down to speak to Moses. This is the situation when God “comes down” (3:8). When we say that God meets us where we are, the implication is that we are not always where we should be, but that God adapts and accommodates us nonetheless. Moses is not necessarily where he should be, either, but the sight of the burning bush and God's call will bring him out of anonymity and isolation and send Moses back to Egypt to lead the Israelite flock. Instead of one objection, Moses raises four (3:11,13; 4:1,10) before saying flat out, “O my Lord, please send someone else” (4:13)!

c). Provincial Chapter is a Sacred Ground:

Out in the wilderness, Moses stumbles upon “the mountain of God” (Mount Horeb, Mount Sinai—Exodus 19:11). Here, Moses encounters burning bush. Fire is a common biblical symbol of God's presence (Genesis 15:17; Exodus 14:24; 19:18; Leviticus 10:2; see also Acts 2:3). The fiery bush is an icon of the divine, a window into God's presence that both reveals and hides. God comes down from the mountain of God to meet Moses in the bush. At the same time, the burning flame is a sign of God's awesome presence. God instructs Moses to remove the sandals from his feet. The gesture is an ancient practice when entering divine presence. It is a gesture that honours the holiness of this ground, this mountain and this God. The burning bush, as a powerful symbol, represents God's miraculous energy, sacred light, illumination and the burning heart of purity, love and clarity. We are today asked to remove our shoes!

d). Removing sandals is a call to enter a true home- a family SSS/Eymardian Family

However, removing sandals has a second significance for Moses and for us. In the light of Moses' earlier self-declaration in Exodus 2:22: “I have been an alien, residing in a foreign land.” The Hebrews had rejected Moses as one of their own (Ex 2:14). The Egyptian Pharaoh sought to kill him (Ex 2:15). The Midianites saw Moses as a foreigner, “an Egyptian” (Ex 2:19). Moses is not fully “at home” in any human community. Taking off one's sandals is a gesture in many cultures that is associated with entering not only a place of worship but also a home, a family. Thus, here at the foot of the mountain of God, Moses the “alien,” has at last found a true “home”- a family. Moses finds his true home not with humans but with God, the God of his ancestors, “the God of Abraham...of Isaac...of Jacob” (Ex 3:6). And here we are finding a true family-Eymardian family. Hence, we are asked to remove our sandals!

➤ The Provincial Chapter should be in the service of the common good.



- It should be free, fraternal and dialogue of listening to each other-a sign of unity in charity.
- Common good without Dialogue is not good. It is not just seeking majority.
- We need to remove the shoes like Moses. We need to remove something of ourselves. Let go off many things. Leave behind many things – egoistic and personal likes. Let go off individualism. Letting go of our own ideas and align with the plan of God for the Institute.
- Fraternal life in faith – Fraternity is a way of being prophetic. The life in the world is based on rivalry. It is a way of life, a system that is aggressive and competitive.
- We professed to choose fraternity, family. Our common affiliation is to God and not to any ideology or person/s or culture or race.
- A Provincial Chapter is not a sociological study. *It is a bio-spiritual rebirth in SSS family!*

II. Provincial Chapter is a call to move from “I” to “We”.

The world is going through lots of changes, turmoil, developments and decline. The Pandemic has upset the rhythm of our world, of all of us and of our Provincial chapter too!

- There are challenges – tragedies – exclusions - distorted relationships, human miseries, broken families, broken promises, deserted children, migrant families, children orphaned and trafficked.
- Provincial Chapter is not an isolated event or isolated moment in a Congregation. It is to remind ourselves that we are at the service of the world - of the poor. PC is not concerned about sacristy.... It is sensitivity to the global realities of the world. It is concerned about giving Good news of Salvation through SSS apostolate.
- It is for those who are on the wrong side of the road that we have chosen this life.
- What is my analysis of these challenges? Challenges posed to the Eymardian family?
 - SSS-Energy is required at different levels to act. Can the ACTS of our Chapter respond to..?
 - Province's energy has to be focussed and not dispersed in so many areas.
 - Governance is important –it is most difficult – but a responsibility. Our Decisions to be placed on the rock of the Gospel. Priorities of the Province have to be identified.
- The Gospel places the human person at the centre. It considers life as the first indication. It places fraternity, forgiveness. Gospel communicates grace as the Centre of life rather than control/and management. We need to place immense respect for each person during this Chapter.



To Reflect:

1. With what spirit have I come to the Provincial Chapter?
2. Am I ready to face the other as he is my brother?
3. Are you ready to make an assessment of your community life, mission and the Province?
4. Do I have the audacity to accept to become a prophet to meet the challenges of fraternity?
5. There is a Gospel line of thinking and acting. What is my criterion to vote for a decision? It is not just emotional but Evangelical.
6. During my intervention in the Chapter – What are my criteria to guide my intention, voting to make my decision/ my driving force.
7. I am a member and not a spectator in SSS? How can I improve or increase my love for the SSS?
As a Spiritual Body, how could we energize our SSS Companions, Communities, and Province in order to credibly walk with the Eymardian family to live a life of self-gift?

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Mandate to the Council (Mandate)



MANDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATION

Mandate:

1. A director must be appointed for the Aggregates.

Recommendation:

1. The administrative personnel should have a regular communication with all the members in the province, whenever it is necessary.
2. Provincial and the Provincial council could proactively act on letters of any kind, while keeping the concerned person informed, should not be influenced to make any decisions based on the information from such letters at once, rather secrecy has to be maintained.
3. The Person in administration can pass on the information about the live-in and annual retreat well in advance.
4. Extension of the number of days for the chapter could be considered.
5. Every member in the province should respect the responsibility and dignity of the person in the province.
6. The Provincial Superior should look into every community's fraternity, prayer and service during his visit.
7. The vision and mission statement has to be animated periodically according to area and be evaluated.

FORMATION

Mandate:

1. Using 'Follow me' document. Prepare a study programme on our founder's life, Charism and spirituality and evaluate its implementation.
2. House Inquiry should be conducted by an experienced priest.
3. Screening of Candidates should be done at the end of the English Year along with Vocation Promoter and an experienced priest.
4. One full year of formation is mandatory to be a formator.

Recommendation :

1. After studying thoroughly (by a committee) the problem connected with college studies, choose a college.
2. Learn a third language by the end of regency. If a student is not fluent, he would be given an extra year to master it otherwise no entry into theology.
3. Accompaniment of Students periodically taking into consideration of their cultural background is essential.



4. Every young priest on completion of two years in ministry should be sent for two months course for personal enhancement and formation.

MISSION

Mandate = 0

Recommendation:

1. Care for migrants by celebrating mass, having counselling centres, creating employment bureau, and providing job opportunities by the tie-up with commercial companies.
2. Tuition centres for the school drop-out children and providing accommodation for underprivileged children and elders at Diwar property.
3. Attention to be paid to work as a team in our ministry communities.
4. To carry the following projects for the Mission appeal: Aids, Drug addicts, Alcoholics, media centre and ecology.
5. To close Noida-Mission and to focus on Andaman - Oralkatcha or other new missions.
6. A proposal that any SSS priests working in any of our parishes should plan and build everything systematically within their term itself. The culture of handing over the parish with a deficit should be avoided.

Abstained:

1. To make a New Region from the Kristu-Jyoti Province of India, for better growth and wider experience of our Founder's Charism.

Aggregates:

Mandate = 0

Recommendation:

1. To have Aggregates in all our communities, formation houses and city centres.
2. To provide books of Aggregates in English and Tamil to all the members in SSS parishes. It also should be translated in to Hindi, Konkani and Telugu.
3. To form 'woman of hope group' in all our ministry communities.

LIFE-STYLE

Mandate:

1. Time-Table and life-style of the community must go together.



2. To mark the 60th year of our foundation in India, the year 2024 can be celebrated as a year of "Eymardian Spirituality".
3. Community life is to be celebrated in and through the activities such as Regular community meetings, monthly recollections, spiritual activities and recreations without affecting the nature of the community.
4. Monday as the fixed Founder's Day throughout the province.
5. Custom book and house dairy need to be maintained.

Recommendation:

1. Counselor in charge of life style must stay three days in a community at least once in his term to enrich the spiritual activities and life-style of the community.
2. Area wise (Pranthiyam) gathering must be regularized.
3. Make use of monthly recollections for the emotional clearance of a brother in the community.
4. Annual holidays and retreat programs are to be designed well in advance by the local community.

Abstained:

1. Time keeping of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

FINANCE

Mandate:

1. Financial discipline, we need to have transparency and openness with regard to finance.

2. Property Committee:

- I. Appoint a Committee with expertise and the Provincial Treasurer.
- II. Go through the documents and do the needful. For example: Gift deed, lease deed, property tax, patta, mutation etc.
- III. Building completion and all other documents to be maintained.
3. To Increase of Allowance for Priests from Rs 2000 to 3000 For brothers from 600 to 800. Increase of food allowance need to be looked in.



Recommendation:

1. Income generation:

- I. Developing Alto Santa Cruz basement can be used for gravestone like Colaba.
- II. Development of Mapusa property.
- III. Plant trees in Olaikiuda, Nalgonda property.

2. To stop STAR HEALTH INSURANCE and go for alternative health insurance policy.

3. Other Means of Income Generation:

- I. Second collection in our parishes. (Provincial meets the local ordinary and gets the necessary permission for second collection and for Associates).
- II. Encourage sponsors and Donors in our parishes and communities.
- III. Tell all the communities to subscribe the SSS Media (You Tube)
- IV. Mission Appeal
- V. Benefactors day,
- VI. SSS Collaborators, and the Associates.



*Amendments to the
Provincial Statutes
(Amendments)*



AMENDMENTS TO THE PROVINCIAL STATUTES

1. **PS 00.03.01 _ the interpretation of the Provincial Statutes will (shall) also be done in consultation with APC/the General council/Canon Law.**

Total number of capitulars with voting rights - 49

In favour -----49

Not in favour -----0

Abstained-----0

2. **PS 12.01.01:1 Each religious at seventy five (75) years of age has the option to retire or to be taken off structural programs. This allows him the freedom to find other fulfilling ministry of his choice and enjoy a more leisurely pace of life. The form that this retirement takes is to be determined in dialogue between the religious and the Provincial or his delegate.**

PS 12.01.01:3 The retired religious may be asked/requested to help out when there is a real need in a community of his residence. Health reasons needs to be considered.

In favour -----49

Not in favour -----0

Abstained-----0

3. **PS 18.02.01 For the medical care of the members of the Province shall deposit a reasonable amount. The Provincial administration will initiate a Medical Fund in which a reasonable amount (Rs. 2,00,000 -Two Lakhs and above) will be set apart according to the needs of the members of the local community.**

In Favour -----35

Not in favour -----13

Abstained-----1

4. **PS: 35.03.02. Those going to mission overseas, if he is a priest, such member should have five years of pastoral ministry in India, and if he is a religious brother then he needs to complete two years of perpetual profession. However, if priest/s deputed to a community/mission attached to our province, he is/ they are free of the above requirement.**

In favour of Two Years-----28

In favour of Five years-----19

Abstained----- 2

5. **PS 59.01.02: Everything in concurrence with formation that takes place during regency has to be done in consultation with the Scholastic Director.**

PS 59.01.03: Regency is a time for pastoral programme to the needs of the place of regency- (parish, community, formation community).

PS 59.01.04: If a Scholastic is desirous of doing studies, he should complete his



regency. All this should be done in consultation with the Scholastic Director

In favour -----49

Not in favour ----- 0

Abstained-----0

6. **PS 60.02.01 (01 number was added. Whole House accepted and became aware. This is not the amendment but adding only the number)**
7. **PS 61.01.01 Two Years of ministerial priesthood is needed for further studies, (including distance education, correspondence study) and overseas mission, in India.**
8. **PS 84.01.01.13: Regarding purchasing/sale/alienating of property, Provincial has right only after consulting the APC and General Council. This also should apply to grant Power of Attorney to some within the Congregation or any outsider.**

PS 84.01.01.14: The Provincial Council shall appoint a person in charge of the property in the province.

PS 84.01.01.15: He will help to safeguard the property and should have the know how of what is the procedure for buying, selling and developing it.

In favour -----48

Not in favour ----- 1

Abstained-----0

9. **PS 88.01.01... The Province shall have an Amplified Provincial Council. (APC) consisting of the superiors of all canonical communities, parish priest/superior in charge if he is not a superior, formators of all stages (including English Year, College studies and Postulancy) vocation promoter, person in charge of specialized ministries (Karunalayam/SSS Media)**
10. **PS 94. 01.02: Any major decision made in every community, ministry houses, formation policy, nature of the parish feast, building has to be followed. Detailed report of such event should be reported to the Provincial or his delegates. In addition, if any changes made in meantime, should also be intimated to the Provincial / the Council.**

In favour-----49

Not in favour ----- 0

Abstained-----0



Signature of the Capitulars



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Prayer for the Success of the 5th General Chapter

“Gift of Self: Lived & Celebrated in The Eymardian Family”

Kristu Jyoti Province - India

Gracious God, we thank you for the Charism of our congregation
and for our personal call to follow Eucharistic Jesus in
and through our Kristu Jyoti Province.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you showed us the way to self-emptying love
and humble service in the Eucharist.

Gentle Spirit, as we prepare for our fifth Provincial Chapter enlighten us
by the Spirit of wisdom and discernment and unite us in your love.

Fill our hearts with hope and courage that we may be daring in our dreams
and courageous in our actions and follow the footsteps of our founder,
St. Peter Julian Eymard, to bring about your Eucharistic Reign.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of the Cenacle
we implore you Lord to bless the capitulars of our Provincial Chapter.

We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN.

Our Lady, Queen of the Cenacle – Pray for us.

St. Peter Julian Eymard - Pray for us.

