



One of the delightful insights I received during my recently held recollection was that one's calling means one's highest purpose on earth. Our calling is divine and henceforth the purpose/mission. This realization makes life meaningful and something that brings joy and enthusiasm to life. In fact the feeling of enthusiasm is the best criterion for knowing if one is aligned with his/her purpose or not. Our purpose brings tremendous joy and, it uplifts us to a higher dimension in life.



I recall what one of the professors during the philosophy class said; "your life is not an accident". The fact that you exist is a PROOF that you must be here and that the universe needs you AS YOU ARE. As pope Benedict XVI wrote, we are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each one of us is a result of a thought of God. Each one of us is willed, each one of us is loved and each one of us is necessary.

While searching and fulfilling your mission, you become the best person you could ever be. You become the greatest „you“, the most divine version of yourself. Many of the researches have pointed out that, *You are off the track of the mission if you are tired, depressed, feel empty inside, often irritated and annoyed, experiencing a lot of physical pain, anger, feel lost, countless negative thoughts, don't know what boosts your enthusiasm, tend to drink to forget, feel sorrow and melancholy, complain a lot, feel unfulfilled, and more.*

Seeking to find your calling brings you to the path of happiness, success and fulfillment. The shortest way to your mission is to follow your bliss.

The main theme of this newsletter is about mission as few new beginnings are there for this Vicariate. One of the main aspects of mission is, it is a faith journey under the shadow of God's providence. Let us therefore enjoy our journey.

Fr. Vinoy Joseph SDS

Update on the Newly Ordained Priests

1. **Fr. Vinothan Mudiappu Culas:** He is in Jaffna, Sri Lanka at Salvatorian Maria House as the formator of the minor seminary and vocation promoter.
2. **Fr. Arockiasamy Kanikia:** He is doing his ministry as an assistant parish priest and as treasurer of the parish community in Laitkynsew, Meghalaya.
3. **Fr. Kumar Irudasamy:** A missionary to Surinam
4. **Fr. Ashok Reddy:** Treasurer and assistant formator of the Jordan philosophy study house in Warangal and assists in many parish substations in and around Warangal.
5. **Fr. Lessmon Nongtdu:** Assistant Parish Priest and treasurer in the newly opened parish of Nongbah, Diocese of Jowai, Meghalaya.

Formation Commission Meeting

The commission meeting was held in Carmelaram from March 4 to 5, 2016. The meeting mainly focused on the evaluation of different stages of formation, discussion and proposals about vocation promotion and discussion on the proposals of various renewal programs for ongoing formation. Commission also urged the vocation promoters and formators for maintaining the agreed policies of the formation program of IMV and wished prayerful support for their ministry.

Finance Commission Meeting

The newly appointed finance commission members met in Nagaon on 20, 21 April 2016. The main topics were; preparation of the handbook for the material administration, internal auditing, and different policies of the Government concerning accounting and auditing, self-reliance projects in each community, and overview of various concerns and proposals for the next financial year.

Update on New Beginnings

Tamil Nadu

In view of beginning a new apostolate in Tamil Nadu especially in the diocese of Kuzhithura, Frs. Stephen Raj and S. Selvanathan are assigned as Assistant parish priests in the following parishes.

Fr. Stephen Raj SDS: Church of St Antony, Thundathuvilai, Karungal, Kanyakumari DT – 629157, Tamil Nadu, India.

Fr. S. Selvanathan SDS: St. Eustachius Church, Packiapuram, Arumanai Kanyakumari DT – 629151, Tamil Nadu, India.

Nongbah, Meghalaya

The new parish of Nongbah in the diocese of Jowai is blessed and inaugurated on April 17 by his Most Rev. Thomas Menampampil, Apostolic administrator of Jowai, and entrusted to the Salvatorians for a period of 15 years. Fr. Vimal Raj is the parish priest of the new parish and Fr. Lessmon Nongtdu, the assistant Parish Priest and treasurer.



Chullikkara, Kerala

On March 19, 2016, on the feast day of St. Joseph, the blessing and laying the foundation stone was done for the minor seminary named as St. Joseph Minor Seminary. Rev. Fr. George Elukkunnel, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Thalassery, blessed the foundation stone and Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS, Vicariate Superior of the IMV laid the foundation stone.



Surinam



After having completed three months of intensive language course on Dutch in Belgium, on May 7, 2016 Fr. Kumar Irudayasami together with Fr. Jan Verboogen from the Belgian Province received the missionary cross from Fr. Augustine Van Baelen, the General Mission Secretary and officially sent as a missionary to Surinam (South-America). *‘A Salvatorian doesn’t seek his own destination but he receives it, as Jesus received his mission from His Father and was sent to God’s people’*; from the sermon of Fr. Agustin during the ceremony.

Joy of Love in the Commitment

Final profession

For being a Salvatorian missionary Cl. Nirmal Suranjan Jokin Antony made his final commitment in the Society in the mission land, far away from his home country, in Morogoro-Tanzania on May 14, 2016. Fr. Agustin Van Baelen SDS, the General Mission Secretary accepted the vows in a public celebration.



First Profession



On June 16, 2016 on the 168 birthday of the Founder and Novices Robert Marwein and Wester David Marbianang made their First Profession. Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS, the Vicariate Superior accepted their vows in a public celebration. On this joyful occasion we were blessed with the presence of the family members of the novices, Salvatorian sisters, the members of the neighboring communities, friends and well-wishers.

Renewal

The following members renewed their vows for one year in the respective places on June 16, 2016.

Carmelaram: Cl. Velpuri Srinu, Cl. Johnpaul Shadap, and Cl. Movin Rickson.

Shillong: Cl. S. Soosai Raj, Cl. Ambrose Damian P. Lamin, Cl. Kitboklang M. Umlong Khunsiem, Cl. Donbosco Kharmawlong, Cl. Anilkumar Perekala, Cl. Ksankupar Khongwar and Cl. Starlight Khongsit.

Nagaon: Cl. Gervas Daimary and Cl. Sindus Kumar Nayak

Successful Journey

The following regents have completed one year of regency program as professed members:

Cl. John Paul Shadap: Carmelaram

Cl. Velpuri Srinu: Warangal

Cl. Sindus Kumar Nayak: Tokobari

Cl. Gervas Daimary: Dhing

Cl. Movin Rickson: Laitkinsew

The IMV gratefully appreciates and acknowledges their service and offers prayerful wishes and fraternal support as they continue the journey in the society as theology students.

Members in other Units

Fr. Gujjala Vyakula varaprasada Rao: He is in the East Asian Mission Vicariate, Philippines as the Rector of the Scholastics, member of the council and pursuing his Doctorate in theology.

Fr. Jesurajan Lambert Juliu (Fr. Theeban): He is in the East Asian Mission Vicariate, Philippines, and serves in the philosophy formation community, Amedeo and in the pastoral ministry.

Philosophy Students in Manila, Philippines

Two philosophy students from Sri Lanka namely Sulaxon Sebastiyampillai and Diloshan Sebastiyani joined for philosophy in the East Asian Mission Vicariate, Philippines.

Novices in Manila, Philippines

Three novices from India namely, Sigeon Pradeep, Aviral Minj and Aldori Mawa joined for the continental novitiate program in East Asian Mission Vicariate, Philippines.

Regents from East Asian Mission Vicariate

Two professed theology students from East Asian Mission Vicariate namely Cl. Nguyen Dinh Tai and Cl. Fernandez Joselito Ras are expected to arrive by July in Sri Lanka as regents.

Exposure and Experience: International Meetings

PCT and IHC: Fr. Vinoy Joseph attended the Process Coordinating Team meeting (PCT) for the general synod and the International Historical Commission (IHC) meeting in Rome in May 2016.

Postulation Commission Meeting: Fr. Sebastian Cheeramvelil, member of the commission attended the meeting in Rome in June 2016.

GIPP, Germany: As part of the German Indian Partnership Program (GIPP), Fr. Benny Valiyaveetil SDS and Fr. Noble George SDS together with 8 staff members and students of Christ Jyoti School took part in the program in Germany from 19th May to June 5, 2016.

General Synod: Fr. Sunil Thomas as an official member from IMV and Fr. Vinoy Joseph as the member of PCT will participate the General Synod in Rome from July 4-16, 2016.

World Youth Day: Fr. Ashok Reddy, Cl. Starlight Khongsit and Cl. Gervas Daimary will attend the WYD celebration in Poland. Their maiden trip to Europe is via Rome. Bon voyage! IMV also acknowledges with gratitude the Polish Province for sponsoring the trip.

Coming Home and Welcome

Fr. Sebastian Cheeramvelil: He has returned to IMV after having completed 6 years of stay in German Province.

Fr. John Vallomprayil: IMV welcome Fr. John Vallomprayil, a member of British Province, as he returned to India.

Information

- **Fr. Stephen Louis:** completed a short course in Italian language in Chennai and is preparing to go to Rome for his higher studies.
- **Cl. Edward Martin:** He has decided to discontinue from the Society on personal ground. We wish him all the best for his future.
- **Novitiate Program:** IMV novitiate program in India has temporarily halted, and in collaboration with the EAMV the Novices are sent to Philippines.

Regency

The following members are appointed as regents in their respective places.

Cl. Robert Marwein: Carmelaram

Cl. Wester David Marbaniang: Laitkynsew

Johnson Bhengra: Tokobari

Congratulations and Gratitude

For the best results in the school: Congrats to our fathers, staff and students of CJS Nagaon who secured 5 ranks in the state, and Dhing for the 100% results in the 10th grade final examination!

Prayer Requests

- Beatification of our Venerable Founder.
- Vocations to the Society
- Deceased members
- Benefactors
- General Synod
- New Missions