



**Dear Confreres**

The incredible calendar year 2016 is ended accompanied by God's providence. The New Year 2017 gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth. As our beloved Pope wished during Christmas, let us give witness to solidarity and peace with our voices and our actions. The beginning of the New Year is traditionally for most people a time for new resolutions, reviewing and resolving. Reminding ourselves of the sacred dignity received through our baptism and religious consecration will help us to be true and faithful to our identity and ministries.

We gratefully remember all the members and communities involved in manifold apostolates entrusted to them by the Society. We earnestly wish consistency and conviction in all we do and pray for all the confreres who are contributing in their own way to the enhancement of the Salvatorian presence.

**IMV Administration**

#### **Update on communities and members;**

Regards and best wishes to the confreres of IMV who are not directly involved in the ministry of IMV and serving in other places: Frs. Gujjala Vyakula Vara Prasada Rao, Jesurajan Lambert Juliu, Shaji Sebastian, Stephen Louis, Kumar Irudasamy and Rosario Chinnappan. Prayerful wishes in their ministry.

**Carmelaram, Bangalore:** The Aspirancy formation program which officially began on July 1, 2016 with 38 aspirants is heading towards its completion by the end of March 2017 under the leadership of Fr. Peter Kordor Nengnong as their formator and mentor. Fr. Peter is assisted by the charismatic regent Cl. Robert Marwein, Mr. Jacob as the English teacher and Mr. Periyannayagam as the music teacher. Few subjects are also taught by Frs. Sunil Thomas, Sebastian Cheeramvelil and Vinoy Joseph. The aspirants are showing considerable improvement in their performance after the initial difficulties they encountered because of new ambience, language and situation.

**Chullikkara:** The construction of the St. Joseph Minor seminary is progressing and expected to complete by August 2017 as the date of blessing is fixed on Sept 8, 2017. The project is monitored by Fr. Sunil Thomas and a word of appreciation towards Fr. John Vallomprayil for his timely availability and inspection at the project site.

The agricultural areas of Chullikkara land is facing great deal of ordeal as the market for the cash crops like rubber, coconut and areca nut is enormously reduced.

**Fr. Sebastian Cheeramvelil** will assist in looking after the construction project from January 5, 2017 onwards staying in the Kottody parish which is two kilometers away from the venue.

**Fr. Sunil Thomas** is recovering after the knee surgery due to the fall during the football game on September 21, 2016.

**Dn. Joby Philip** started his MBA program specializing in Human Resource Management on June 2015 after clearing the national level Management Aptitude Test (MAT) in Christ University Bangalore. He lives in the community of Camillian Fathers near the university. As a deacon, Joby is also trying to exercise the ministry whenever possible in the community as well as outside. We wish him all the best for the successful completion of the program.

**Fr. Stephen Loius** began his program of Doctorate in Philosophy from September 2016 at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He stays in the motherhouse in Rome. Our prayerful support and best wishes as he is in the new place with new language and situation.

**Tamil Nadu: Kuzhithura:** Frs. S. Selvanathan and Stephen Raj are serving as Assistant parish priests in the diocese of Kuzhithura, Tamil Nadu. Though busy, and far from the community they belong to, they were able to attend the on-going formation program in Shillong and on other few occasions to join the community function in Bangalore. They are also assessing the situation to begin a Salvatorian apostolate in the area.

#### **Sri Lanka: Chilaw and Jaffna**

Both communities in Sri Lanka, Salvatorian Maria House in Jaffna and Salvatorian Fathers and brothers in Chilaw are truly international in nature now. Thanks for the witnessing missionary courage of Fr. Thomas Runggaldier a missionary from Austria and the energetic regents Cl. Joselito R. Fernandez and Cl. Nguyen Dinh Thai (Andrew), from Philippines and Vietnam respectively. Cl. Joselito is assisting in the formation house in Chilaw and Cl. Andrew in Jaffna. Hearty condolence to Br. Joselito, whose mother passed away recently.

Community is preparing itself for the priestly ordination of Dn. Nirmal Surajan (ordained as Deacon on October 15, 2016) who is pursuing his Bachelor of Theology in Jordan University, Morogoro, Tanzania.

**Jaffna** community consists of Fr. Vinothan Mudiappu Culas, Fr. Thomas Runggaldier and Cl. Andrew along with 10 aspirants who are doing their “O” Level and “A” level studies in the College.

**Chilaw** community consists of Fr. Prabu Jesus Michael Rajah, Fr. Patrick Damien Raj Peries and Cl. Joselito along with 2 candidates and 2 “O” Level students. Chilaw community also has the apostolate of catering to the pastoral need of *St Bernadette Church* with Fr. Damien as the in-charge of the Church.

**Warangal:** The young formation community with two stages of formation program namely philosophy and spiritual orientation program with academic, cultural, pastoral and other related programs is progressing well. Philosophy students are preparing themselves for the completion of the academic year in Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Arts.

Congratulations to the community, which won the Christmas, carol singing competition in the parish. The community is spiritually and philosophically guided by Fr. Joseph Kannamparambil and Ashok Reddy. There are 23 philosophy students and 7 students in the spiritual orientation program.

**Ranchi:** The center in Ranchi is developing with 3 active ministries; Divine Saviour Parish, Divine Saviour Primary School and a Formation community. Fr. Rajesh Toppo as parish priest, Fr. Lijo Joseph as Principal of the School and formator and Fr. Lait Kerketta as Assistant parish priest and administrator. The first batch of Aspirants (PUC) is gaining momentum adjusting to the new demands of language and academics.

The parish is planning and preparing for the new Church building as the present structure is only an open hall with a simple structure. In the education ministry, Dominican sisters are collaborating with us.

**Shillong:** Twelve, very symbolic like the 12 Apostles is the number of scholastics in the theology house. The community with professed members is very active on the Salvatorian soil. On December 8, seven of them were installed to the ministry of Lector. Final year scholastics are preparing for their perpetual profession. It is also vacation time (Dec to Feb) and this time is used for home vacation and one month of ministries. Fr. A. Alexis as the Rector with vast experience in the field of pastoral, educational and formation and Fr. Probestar Nongsiej are accompanying the young scholastics in their religious vocation journey. The community is also active and available for the pastoral need of the parishes. On Sundays a sizable number of the faithful gather for the Sunday liturgy and worship.

**Laitkynsew:** The nostalgic mission soil of Salvatorians is having a facelift on the Church building, community house, school building and the hostel. Admiration and appreciation to the zeal and commitment of the Salvatorian confreres who offered their dedicated service earlier and Fr. Noble George as the parish priest and Fr. Arockia Sami Kanika as the assistant and administrator now. Cl. Wester David Marbaniang, the regent is also actively involved in the school and parish activities.

**Nongbah:** the newly opened parish (April 17, 2016) under the patronage of Our Lady of Assumption in the diocese of Jowai is progressing with many pastoral activities. Thanks to the experience of Fr. Vimal Raj as the parish priest and the newly ordained young assistant Fr. Lessmon Nongtdu who is also from the same region. As in the case of Laitkynsew, Nongbah is also having a historical relevance to the Salvatorians as this mission station was originally initiated by Salvatorians in the year 1907 by Frs. Bonifacius, Benedict Neher. Even after a century later with two or more generations gone by they still fondly remember the Salvatorian missionaries.

**Nagaon:** Catholic mission campus of Salvatorians in Nagaon is indeed the biggest campus of the IMV and growing with mission activities. This area consists of Parish, Community residence, school buildings with almost 3000 pupils, big garage for vehicles (almost 35 buses plus small vehicles), convent of the Venerini sisters who collaborate with the Salvatorians in the mission, residence building for the staff etc. The pioneer and the founder of this catholic mission center, Rev. Fr. GK Prakash, staying in the community still actively engaged into evangelization gracefully

motivate, inspire and challenge the confreres to be zealous and committed to the mission of evangelization. The very nature of the dynamics of the centre requires especially the responsible team to be dedicated, energetic, creative, humble etc. Thus, Fr. Benny Valiyaveetil, Local coordinator of the community and the principal and Fr. Chinnaih Bellamkonda, the administrator of the enormous center with a variety of projects, deserve our appreciation and gratitude. Our prayers and support for the members in Nagaon.

**Tokobari:** The community is 3 km away from the Nagaon community. The community consists of 23 aspirants and is animated by the team of two fathers and a regent. Fr. Johnson Vinoth Kumar, the Local coordinator, formator of the community and the vice-principal of Christ Jyoti CBSC where the aspirants pursue the higher secondary education. He is also a non-residential teaching staff in the neighboring St. Clement Philosophy College of the Diocese. Fr. Philip Pukkurayil is the parish priest of Sacred Heart Parish at Nagaon and the administrator of the community. It demands lot of energy and dedication as the parish and school are far from the community. Regent Jonson is assisting the community in various ways.

**Dhing:** The school community of Dhing is animated by Fr. James Thapa as the Local coordinator and principal of the school and Fr. U. Selvaraj as the administrator. Around 700 pupils receive education in the center. The Presentation Sisters (DPMT) is also part of the dedicated staff of the school collaborating with us.

**Ongoing Formation workshop:** A part of the ongoing formation program of the IMV, a renewal program for priests between 5 to 10 years of ordination conducted in Moreau Institute of Integral Training (MMIT) Shillong, was guided by Fr. M. C. Abraham CSC. Input session, reflection, sharing session and guiding intervention of the animator were the highlights of the program.

The ongoing formation program for the priests between 1-5 years ordination will take place in Warangal from January 11-14, 2017.

### **International meetings and travel**

- Fr. Vinoy Joseph participated in the Chapter Preparatory Commission meeting for the XIX General Chapter in Meran, Italy from October 25-28, 2016.
- Frs. Vimal Raj and Probestar attended the Project management workshop organized by SOFIA in Rome from September 10-16, 2016.
- Fr A. Alexis participated the International Salvatorian Vocation Promotion Team Meeting in Rome from October 11 – 14, 2016.
- Fr. Sunil Thomas will participate in the International Team of Formator's meeting and Mission Procurators Meeting from Feb. 10 to March 3, 2016.

**Completion of the visitation:** The official visitation of the IMV led by Frs. A. Alexis, Vinoy Joseph and James Thapa took place from Nov 14 to Dec 30, 2016 and concluded with council meeting in Bangalore. The Unit administration truly thanks all the communities for the hospitality and fraternal support during the visitation.

### **Payer Requests**

- Beatification of our Venerable founder
- New Vocations to the Society
- Deceased members
- Benefactors
- New Missions

