

One of the attractive features in the life of our venerable founder is his confidence in God. He walked the way of life like a child led by the hand of his heavenly Father. His confidence in God never left him, not even in the most trifling circumstances. Countless times did he exhort his spiritual sons to have confidence in God. And he glowed with holy zeal when he spoke of confidence in God. Indeed he left this spirit of confidence as a special heritage to his spiritual children.

Exhortations and Admonitions of Father Francis Jordan.

# **Greetings!**

We remember and we celebrate! Kind regards and best wishes to the confreres of IMV who are involving in the ministry and studies in other units: Frs. Gujjala Vyakula Vara Prasada Rao, Jesurajan Lambert Juliu, Shaji Sebastian, Stephen Louis, and Kumar Irudasamy. Prayerful wishes in their ministry!

### Formation

Carmelaram: The community is getting ready to receive the new batch of aspirants, and the academic year will commence on July 3, 2017. The candidates of the Spiritual Orientation formation program are also in Carmelaram temporarily till the new house in Chullikkara is completed. As the Spiritual Orientation program is shifted to Chullikkara, Warangal house will have only the philosophy formation program.

No	Community	Program	Number
1	Carmelaram	Aspirants + Regent	35 + 1
2	Tokobary	Plus 1 & 2 + Regent	20 + 1
3	Ranchi	Plus 1 & 2	10
4	Chullikkara	Spiritual Orientation	13
5	Warangal	Philosophy	21
6	Philippines	Novitiate	3 (India)
		Philosophy	2 (Sri Lanka)

7	Shillong	Theology	12
8	Chilaw (Sri Lanka)	Aspirants	3
9	Jaffna (Sri Lanka)	Aspirants & Candidates	12
10	Morogoro	Theology	2 (August 2017)
11	Rome	Theology	1(November 2017)
12	Laitkynsew parish	Regent	1 (Until November)
13	Nongbah Parish	Regent	1
			Professed: 17
		Total	Novices: 3
			Candidates: 117

**Centenary of Fr. Jordan's Death:** The Official opening of the centenary of Fr. Francis Jordan's Death will take place on September 8, 2017 at Chullikkara. On the same day, the candidates of the Spiritual Orientation will have the official entrance to the Society.

**St. Joseph Minor Seminary:** September 9, 2017 is the date fixed for inauguration and blessing of the new community at Chullikkara.

**Fr. Sebastian Cheeramvelil** is appointed as the Local Coordinator of the community and formator of the Spiritual orientation program.

**Fr. John Vallomprayil** is appointed as the Administrator and the Spiritual director of the new community. The IMV hereby acknowledges with gratitude to Fr. John for his genuine availability to serve here in the IMV.

#### Tamil Nadu: Kuzhithura:

**Frs. Stephen Raj and Selvanathan** are transferred to new parishes in the same diocese after serving in the former parishes for more than a year. The addresses of the fathers are as follows:

Fr. Stephenraj:Fr. Selvanathan:Church of St. Theresa of Child JesusOur Lady of Mount Carmel ChurchKandanvilai – 629810Vavarai MangadKanyakumari, TNKanyakumari, TN

**Dn. Joby Philip** successfully completed his MBA with first class from Christ University, Bangalore and the degree was awarded on 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. He is now preparing the procedures to join SOFIA Rome as the request of the Generalate is approved by the IMV. Hearty congratulations for the completion of MBA and prayerful wishes to Dn. Joby Philip for the new ministry.

### **First Profession**

Three novices of IMV, namely Aldori Mawa, Aviral Kumar Minj and Sigeon Pradeep along with 5 other novices of EAMV made their first religious profession on June 1, 2017 in Manila, Philippines. Fr. Adam Janus SDS, The Vicariate Superior of the EAMV received their vows. The IMV acknowledges and express our gratitude EAMV and in particular to Fr. Hubert Kranz SDS, the Novice Master. It may be recalled that previous novices from India had made their Novitiate way back in 2004 & 2005 in Philippines. After a gap of many years, these three Indian novices made their Novitiate in the same place again. We extend our hearty congratulations to the three newly professed members.





# **Renewal of Vows**

The following 11 clerics renewed their vows on June 16, 2017 in the Otto Hopfenmuller Theology Study house in Shillong.

Anil Kumar, Starlight Khongsit, Donbosco Kharmawlong, Ksankupar Khongwar, Gervasis Daimary, John Paul Shadap, R Movin Rickson, Sindus Kumar Nayak, Velpuri Srinu, David W Marbaninag, and Robert Marwein.

#### **Final Profession**

Clerics **Kitboklang M. Umlong Khunsyiem, Ambrose Damian P. Lamin and A. Susai Raj** made their final commitment in the Society of the Divine Saviour on June 16, 2017 at the Otto Hopfenmuller Theology Study house in Shillong. In a solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Fr. Sunil Thomas, the IMV Superior received their final commitment. The Holy Eucharist was concelebrated by a good number of clergy and the melodious choir added attraction to this mega event. There was a picture taking session at the end of the Mass and our perpetually professed were full of smiles on their faces. The celebration was attended by a good number of family members, relatives, friends and Salvatorian confreres.

Religious Vows are sacred promises. They reflect a life orientation profound loving and commitment. Those who wish to embrace religious life profess their religious vows publicly. The vows joyfully free a person to live for God and through that first love to serve others with love and to witness God's faithfulness, compassion, mercy and care for all. We extend our hearty congrats to these three finally professed members of IMV.





## **Diaconate Ordination**

Clerics Kitboklang M. Umlong Khunsyiem, Ambrose Damian P. Lamin and S. Soosai Raj are ordained as deacons by Bishop Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong on 17 June 2017 at the St. Dominic Savio Church in Mawlai, Shillong.

# **Priestly Ordination**

**Priestly ordination of Dn. Nirmal Suranjan** is fixed on September 16, 2017 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Chillaw, Sri Lanka by Most Rev. Justin Gnanapragasam the Bishop of Jaffna. He will continue his diaconate ministry at **St. Bernadette Church, Chilaw** as he returns back from Tanzania from where he completed his theology studies and ordained as deacon.

#### Regency

The following regents have completed their regency program in their respective places:

Cl. Robert Marwein – Carmelaram

Cl. David W Marbaninag – Laikensew

Johnson Bhengra – Tokobary

#### New regents and places:

<b>Cl. Sigeon Pradeep</b> :	Carmelaram
<b>Cl.</b> Aviral Kumar Minj:	Tokobary
<b>Cl. Aldori Mawa</b> :	Laitkynsew
Pran D:	Nongbha

#### Sofia-India

**Fr. Ashok Reddy** is appointed to take initiative for the establishment of the SOFIA-INDIA and as part of the preparation he will be joining the workshop in Rome in the month of September 2017.

#### Novices

Three novices, namely Johnson Bhengra, Niju Josey, and Franky Khar Naior began their novitiate in Philippines on June 16, 2017.

#### Theology Studies at Tanzania and Rome

The IMV decided to send some students to our International Formation House at Morogoro and Rome for Theology. **Cl. Wester David Marbaninag and Robert Marwein** are now preparing themselves to commence their theology studies in the Jordan University College, Morogoro, Tanzania from August 2017. We wish them all the best!

**Cl. Aldori Mawa** is preparing to join in the first batch of International formation house in Rome by November 2017 and do the theology studies over there. The objective and plan of this house and program is to prepare the members to do the ministry in Europe.

#### **Commission Meetings of IMV**

**Formation Commission Meeting**: The formation commission meeting was held at Jordan philosophy Study House, Warangal from 4-5 April 2017. The meeting mainly focused on the evaluation of different stages of formation and vocation promotion.

**Finance Commission Meeting:** Finance commission meeting was held in Ranchi from 27-29 April 2017. The commission mainly discussed the budget allocation of the new financial year, Jordan Trust charity program, internal auditing and reporting etc.

#### **International Commission Meetings**

Fr. Sunil Thomas attended the International Team of Formator's meeting and Mission Procurators Meeting from February 10-22, 2017 in Rome.

Fr. Vinoy Joseph attended the IHC meeting in Freiburg, Switzerland in the first week of May 2017.

Fr. Sebastian attended the postulation meeting in Rome in the first week June 2017

Fr. Ashok Reddy will attend the workshop conducted by SOFIA in Rome in September 2017.

Fr. Vinoy Joseph is participating in the General Chapter Preparation Commission meeting in Germany from 19- 23 July 2017.

### Workshop on Finance and Accounting

The workshop was conducted by the auditing staff members of Simon Rodrigues & Associates, Bangalore with the objective of updating the rules and regulations of FCRA, maintaining the accounts and book keeping, to familiarize with the accounting programs and to clarify professionally the doubts and concerns regarding the accounts. The workshop took place in two places in February 2017, one in Warangal and second in Nagaon.

**SDS Annual retreat**: SDS annual retreat will take place in two locations animated by Fr. Adam Teneta SDS. One in Shillong from July 4-9 and the second is in Bangalore from 16-21 July 2017.

## **Canonical visitation by the Generalate:**

The canonical visitation by the Generalate facilitated by Frs. Raul Ruiz Gomez and Krzysztof Kowalczyk (Chris) will take place from August 12 to September 12, 2017. All members and communities are encouraged to prepare for the visitation with prayer, reflection and recommendations.

#### The details of the visitation as follows;

Sri Lanka	– August 13-17, 2017
Warangal	– August 17-21, 2017
Ranchi	- August 21-23, 2017
Shillong, Laitkynsew, Nongbha	-August 23-29, 2017
Nagaon, Tokobari, Dhing	– August 29-3 Sept 2017
Bangalore	– September 3-7, 2017
Kerala	– September 8-10, 2017
Departure to Rome	- September 12, 2017

# Hostel Blessing - Laitkynsew

Sts. Peter and Paul Boys Hostel was inaugurated and blessed and by Fr. Sunil Thomas, SDS on June 18, 2017 in the presence of many faithful and Salvatorian confreres. The hostel can accommodate almost 40 boys and intended to help pupils





coming from far away villages who study in our Divine Saviour English Medium School in the parish. It is one of the many projects of the parish and this is also a significant occasion to acknowledge with gratitude various aiding agencies and individuals from abroad and in India who help to realize these projects. Congratulations and best wishes to the parish and community members.

# **Prayer Requests**

- SDS Annual Retreat
- General Visitation
- The Centenary of the Death of FR. FRANCIS JORDAN (1918-2018)
- Construction Projects
- Blessing and Inauguration of the new community at Chullikkara
- Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. G. K. Prakash SDS (19.12.1967)
- Ordinations
- Vocation Mission