



We are wrapping up the calendar year 2017. It is also a sweet Christmas season of celebration.

We are almost filled with commentaries, reflections on Christmas, year ending and speculative predications and resolutions that lie ahead for the new beginning. Definitely the dominant feeling would be is that of GRATITUDE for God's providential accompaniment. He is Immanuel.

It is also a time of reflection, resolution; calling us to become increasingly more human, celebrating the goodness and kindness and meaningfully celebrate the CHRISTMAS. What we need is perhaps not only the reflection and contemplation on goodness and kindness, what we need is much more, exactly something more, namely, COURAGE...! Courage to stand by our reflections and contemplation, courage to actualize our goodness and kindness and forgiveness etc., courage to do the daily actions responding to the emerging needs...courage to form and reform and courage to be SALVATORIANS, TO ENFALME ALL!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018

-The IMV



Centenary Death Anniversary of Venerable Father Francis Jordan

The official opening of the centenary death anniversary of Fr. Jordan for the IMV took place on September 8, 2017 in the newly constructed St. Joseph Minor Seminary, Chullikkara, Kerala. The occasion was very memorable and solemn with the meaning of the day's celebration also with the presence of many members of Salvatorians as they gathered for the blessing of the newly constructed formation house. In the solemn Eucharistic Celebration, Fr. Raul Gomez accepted 13 new candidates into the Society, and the community assembled at the courtyard for the flag hoisting ceremony. Fr. Raul Gomez SDS officially hoisted the flag; the assembly then preceded to the hall where display of the history of SDS are exposed and concluded the ceremony singing *Salvator Mundi* in front of the Venerable founder, calling us to renew and revive our Salvatorian spirit. We implore the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Saviour and Queen of the Apostles, that in this centenary year we dearly re-live his holiness and apostolic zeal.



Blessing of the new Formation House

On September 9, 2017 by 9 am almost everything was ready and the beautiful newly constructed seminary and its surroundings were ready to welcome the Bishop and guests for the joyful ceremony of the inauguration and blessing of the St. Joseph Minor Seminary. In front of the gathered assembly at the entrance, Fr. Raul Gomez, the Vicar General, officially inaugurated the seminary by unveiling the stone mark, and Fr. Krzysztof Kowalczyk (General Consultor) did the ceremony of cutting the ribbon. The house was blessed and chapel consecrated by Most. Rev. George Njaralakkatt, the Archbishop of Thalassery (Syro Malabar rite). The felicitation program after the Mass had an opportunity to congratulate and express the gratitude to the people involved for the completion of the new seminary.





Priestly Ordination

Dn. Nirmal Suranjan Jokin Antony was

ordained to the priesthood on September 16, 2017 by Most. Rev. Justine Bernad Gnanapragasam (Bishop of Jaffna) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral, Chilaw. The next day he offered his thanksgiving first Mass at

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church

in Mampuri. The newly ordained received his first appointment as the in-charge priest at St. Bernadette, Chilaw and the vocation promoter of south of Sri Lanka.

Finance Commission Meeting

The finance commission meeting was held in Carmelaram from November 8 to 11, 2017. A day was dedicated for the seminar conducted by the SRA auditor's office on the topic of GST (new taxation policy of the Government). The seminar was every effective as the members could interact with the resource persons on various details concerning the finance and accounting. Along with the professionalism of accounting it also gave an insight about the responsibility of accountability and transparency in every aspects of our life. A member from each community participated the meeting and presented the budget evaluation and proposed new budget.

SOFIA-India: A session was dedicated for SOFIA-India. Fr. Ashok Reddy representing for the Sofia India after having attended fund raising workshop SOFIA-Global in Rome, presented the details about the role of SOFIA-India, its mission, objectives, challenges, implementation etc. for discussion and decision-making.

General Visitation

The General visitation of the IMV led by Fr. Raul Gomez and Fr. Krzysztof (Chris) Kowalczyk began August 12, 2017 and concluded on September 11, 2017 with the council meeting. The IMV remains ever grateful and acknowledges the fraternal guidance and correction of the Generalate. In order to effectively respond to the general visitation each member and communities are asked to reflect personally and collectively on the visitation report for the accompanied vocational growth.

Golden Jubilee of Fr. G. K. Prakash SDS

The IMV together with the Catholic Mission Nagaon celebrated the golden jubilee of the priestly ordination of Fr. G K Prakash on 19 December 2017 at the Sacred Heart parish in Nagaon, Assam. The zealous missionary was born on 27 August 1934 in Kerala and was ordained to priesthood on

19 December 1967. The celebration was blessed with the presence of 7 Bishops, great number of priests and religious, family members, friends, benefactors etc. A great day to celebrate! thanking God for giving us a faithful steward in the person of Fr. G K Prakash, taking care of HIS vineyard. He is undoubtedly a missionary and a visionary and is well known for his inspiring and ever dying spirit of missionary zeal that made him to initiate in establishing many catholic centers, parishes, orphanages, printing press, educational institutions etc. Christ Jyothi School Nagaon, an esteemed education institution now, gratefully remembers the Founder Father for the vision and for the inspirational motivation. Thank you dear loving Fr. G K Prakash and our prayer for you is; Father of infinite love and source of our eternal life, as we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Fr. GKP's ordination, we give you thanks for his life, dedicated to the service of the faith and of the Church. Heavenly Father, Bless him and keep him in your Eternal Providence.



Blessing of School Building

Both CJS Dhing and Nagaon had the blessing and the inauguration of the newly constructed blocks of the school building by Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS on December 21 and 22, 2017 respectively. The new block of CJS Nagaon was inaugurated in honor of the Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood of Rev. Fr. G. K. Prakash SDS, the Founding Father of CJS.

IMV Members in Other Units

No	NAMES	PLACE
1	Fr. Gujjala Vyakula Varaprasada Rao	EAMV(Formator, Studies)
2	Fr. Jesurajan Lambert Juliu (Theeban)	EAMV (Formator, Studies)
3	Fr. Shaji Sebastian	Germany (Pastoral)
4	Fr. Kumar Irudayasamy	Surinam (Pastoral)
5	Fr. Stephen Louis	Rome (Studies)
6	Dn. Joby Philip	Rome (SOFIA)
7	Fr. Patric Damien Raj Peries	Surinam (Pastoral)
8	Cl. Robert S Marwein	Morogoro Tanzania (Student)
9	Cl. Wester David Marbaniang	Morogoro, Tanzania (Student)
10	Cl. Aldory Mawa	Tor de' Cenci, Rome (Student)

IMV Preparatory Chapter

As a preparation for the XIX General Chapter in August 2018, the IMV will have preparatory chapter from March 3 – 6, 2018 in Bangalore. The members and communities are requested to prepare for the chapter with prayer, reflection and discussions etc. with the theme; **Go, Enflame all!**

Formation Workshop

Fr. Heribert Kerschgens SDS, International Director of formation will conduct the formation workshop in Warangal February 2-6, 2018 and in Shillong February 7-9, 2018.

Priestly Ordination of IMV

Dn. Ambrose Damian P. Lamin N will be ordained on January 7, 2018 at St. Francis De Sales Church, Bakur-Dawki by Most. Rev. Victor Lyngdoh, Bishop of Jowai.

Dn. Susai Raj A will be ordained on January 13, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church, Kommedu, by Most Rev. A.M. Chinnappa, Archbishop Emeritus of Madras-Mylapore.

Dn. Kitboklang Myllem Umlong K will be ordained on January 20, 2018 at Mary Help of Christians, Laitumkhrah by Most Rt. Rev. Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong

Update on Members

Fr. Patrick Damien Raj Peries: He is in the preparation for obtaining visa and of learning the language to join the mission in Surinam.

Dn. Joby Philip: He has joined as a member of the Mother house community and works in the SOFIA GLOBAL, Rome.

Cl. Robert Marwein and **Cl. David Marbaniang** commenced their theology program and formation in Morogoro, Tanzania.

Cl. Aldo Mawa joined in the first batch of the theology program in the new International formation house in Tor de' Cenci, Rome.

The Visit of the GIPP (German-Indian Partnership Program)

The GIPP team had the interactive exposure program in the Schools and parishes of IMV in the northeast India from 22 -31 October 2017. The team consisted of 12 members including 4 students. The team had the program and encounters with the IMV Superior, pupils, teachers, and parents in

Nagaon, Dhing, Nongbah and Laitkynsew. It was certainly an overwhelming experience for both the visiting team and for the hosts motivating for the continuation of the program. The IMV acknowledges to the GIPP our gratitude for their initiative and collaboration aiding in many educational and pastoral projects in the Salvatorian mission centers.

Prayer Request

- IMV Preparatory Chapter in March
- Formation of Lay Salvatorians in India
- Priestly Ordination
- Celebration of the 125th Jubilee of establishment of Catholicism in Jowai, India (28 JAN 18)
- New Vocations to Religious Life and Priesthood
- Benefactors
- Deceased Members