

INDIAN MISSION VICARIATE



NEWSLETTER



Vicariate Newsletter

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Dear confreres,

This is the first News Letter of the calendar year 2019. It is also coming at the closure of this term of the IMV, as we are preparing for the III Ordinary Chapter from March 30 to April 1, 2019 in Bangalore. We acknowledge with clarity that the chapter is a significant moment in the life of the Vicariate as we discern the ways we are asked to respond to God's calls at this moment in our history. The Chapter is certainly a journey in faith. So, in the preparation, during the actual chapter, and in the living of its orientations, it is a spiritual process and a renewing event for the Vicariate. It is also a time to celebrate what God has been doing among us, and a time to embrace the calls of the present and the future. The preparation is guided by the Acts and Decisions of the recently concluded XIX General Chapter of 2018. The members of the IMV are in prayer and reflection with the theme: Salvatorians, Belong to the Fundamentals. Fresh wine in the fresh wineskins! Renew and Go and Enflame!

- **The IMV Administration**

Go, Enflame all! Congratulations:

Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS



The IMV organized a felicitation program on November 28, 2018 in the Carmelaram community, Bangalore to felicitate and extending prayerful wishes to the newly elected General consuler, Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS. The IMV appreciates and acknowledges with gratitude to Fr. Sunil Thomas for his service and ministry,

especially during his tenure as the IMV superior. Great things happen when God mixes with us and you can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens you!

Dn. Joby Philip:

The IMV congratulates Dn Joby, who has been working in SOFIA since last year is now appointed by the Generalate as the new General Mission Secretary. Prayerful wishes on his new ministry and mission.

The IMV remembers with joy and prayers our confreres who are involving in the ministry and studies in other units. (Frs. Sunil Thomas, Stephen Louis, Kumar Irudasamy, Varaprasad Rao, Jesurajan Lambert and Dn. Joby Philip)

Closing Ceremony of the Centennial Death Anniversary of Fr. Francis Jordan.



The closing ceremony of the Centennial Death Anniversary of our Founder on behalf of the Indian Mission Vicariate was officially celebrated in Shillong on September 8, 2018. The celebration was witnessed by the representatives of Salvatorian family from across the unit and priests, religious and faithful of the neighborhood.

May this life that I live bring you praise,
 Blessing you and your wonderful ways
 In the work of my hands and the words that I say
 I will worship you, Lord all my days....



The lyrics of the beautiful and meaningful hymn sang on the occasion of the First Centennial Death Anniversary of our Founder Francis Jordan, gives exactly the message for the celebration; praising the Lord for the divine gift of Father Jordan to the Society and to the Church. Certainly, the beautiful Shillong is very dear and significant to the Salvatorians and the sunny September 8 of 2018 allowed us to celebrate the historical occasion meaningfully. The prime moment of

the celebration was of course the concelebrated Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist presided over by the Archbishop of Shillong, Most. Rev. Dominic Jala. During the breaking of the word he appealed to all, especially to the Salvatorians, be an apostle of the Divine Saviour and engage actively into the life saving ministries.

The short program after the Holy Mass allowed the committee for honoring the dignitaries, unveiling the souvenir, brief introduction about the process of Lay Salvatorians and their formation and introducing the objectives and vision of the new social projects to be established in collaboration with Govt. under the guidance of the community. Before enjoying the sumptuous fraternal meal, Fr. A Alexis, officially lowered down the Salvatorian flag symbolically concluding the Centenary year of the Death of Francis Jordan which began on September 8th, 2017.



Ordinations:

Congratulations to the following confreres who were ordained to Priesthood.



On 5 January 2019, Dn Anil Perekala was ordained to priesthood by Most. Rev. Chinnabathini Bhagyaiah, Bishop of Guntur at St. Francis Xavier Parish



On 19 January 2019, Dns. Donbosco Kharmawlong, Ksankupar Khongwar and Starlight Khongsit were ordained at the Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians, Laitumkhrah, Shillong by Most. Rev. Dominic Jala SDB, Archbishop of Shillong.

Blessings:

The community Chapel: Laitkynsew.

After the completion of the community residence at Laitkynsew, on October 28, 2018 the community chapel was blessed by Fr. A Alexis. The parish community is now equipped enough to offer hospitality and mission exposure.

Installation of the monument describing the history and legacy of Laitkynsew mission also was done on the same day.



Christ Jyoti, Dhing: Blessing of the new wing of class rooms and Fr. Jordan Memorial Hall at Christ Jyoti Dhing took place on December 22, 2018 by Fr. James Thappa SDS.

The Myrjai Village Chapel of the Nongbah Parish



The chapel at Myrjai under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Saviour, was blessed and dedicated on the solemnity of January first 2019 by Most Rev. Bishop Victor Lyngdoh, Bishop of Jowai. This is one of the substations of the Nongbah Parish, and the long awaited dream of the faithful at the Myrjai village was actualised, when the beautiful Lord's temple was blessed and dedicated. Fr. Vimal Raj, the parish Priest thanked SOFIA and Cologne Diocese and other local benefactors who contributed to actualise this project.

Shella Village Chapel of the Laitkynsew Parish.

On January 20, 2019, Most. Rev. Dominic Jala, the Arch Bishop of Shillong, Blessed and dedicated the Divine Mercy Chapel at Shella Village, one of the Substations of the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish of Laitkynsew. Shella village was one of the pioneering Salvatorian villages of the first missionaries, which was damaged during the 1897 Assam earth quake. Fr. Noble George, the parish priest, during the blessing ceremony acknowledged with gratitude all the pioneers and benefactors and parishioners for the commitment in realizing this project.

Fr. Francis Jordan International School for Salvatorian Formators: 2019-20.

Frs. Noble George and Johnson Vinoth kumar have registered as first batch to participate two years program in Rome. The two years program is designed with 3 sessions of ten days each in both years and concluding with a spiritual retreat.

Appointments and Transfers (Effective from 20 February 2019)

No	Names	Community
1	Fr. Anil Perekala	Warangal: Assist in the Diocesan parish and in the administration of the community
2	Fr. Donbosco Kharmawlong	Laitkynsew: Assist in the parish
3	Fr. Ksankupar Khongwar	Nongbah: Assist in the parish
4	Fr. Starlight Khongsit	Tokobari. Assistant formator and vice principal, CBSC
5	Fr. Chinnaiah Bellamkonda	Ranchi: Principal of Divine Saviour School and B.Ed Studies.
6	Fr. Probestar Nongsiej	Nongbah: Local Coordinator and Parish Priest
7	Fr. Vimal Raj	Nagaon: Administrator
8	Fr. S Selvanathan	Chullikkara

Members:

Fr. Damien: due to some personal and technical reasons related to visa procedures to Surinam, he has returned back from Rome to SriLanka and currently he is in Jaffna community.

Fr. Selvanathan: He completed his service and ministry in the diocese of Kuzhithurai, Tamilnadu from October, 2018 and currently he is a member of the Chullikara community.

John Paul Shadap: on his personal decision, he discontinued the formation program of the Society and decided not to renew the vows.

As part of the continuation of GIPP (German Indian Partnership Program) with the education institutions of IMV, Frs. James Thapa, Chinnaiah Bellamkonda, Ambrose Lamin along with Venerini Sisters, few teachers and students of Christ Jyoti Schools participated the interactive Conference organized in Germany from September 7-18, 2018.

Finance Commission Meeting

The commission met in Shillong from October 29 to November 2, 2018. The main agenda was the evaluation of the financial situation of the unit and preparation for the budget proposal for the new financial year of 2019. The commission recommended many policy formation regarding finance and accounting and the functioning of Jordan Trust and SOFIA INDIA etc. and suggested each community to study the areas and prepare the proposal for the upcoming IMV Chapter.

Prayer Requests:

- IMV Chapter 2019
- Vocation Promotion
- Benefactors
- Deceased Members



Fr. Kumar at the WYD in Panama



IMV Scholastics David & Robert in Africa