INDIAN MISSION VICARIATE



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Dear confreres,

The highlight of this newsletter is the ordinances of the III IMV Chapter approved by the Generalate. Each Chapter is 'God's work'. It gives guidelines and takes decisions, which influence the life, structure and future of the unit. Therefore let us approach the information with the responsible seriousness and participate actively in the dynamics to actualize these projects. All the dynamics and policies associated with the rules have to expresses our desire and resolution to reinforce our apostolic and religious identity as Salvatorians. Let us be inspired and influenced by the theme reflected in the XIX General Chapter:

Salvatorian Community: Gathered for Mission Salvatorian Formation: Directed towards Mission

Salvatorian **Apostolate: Sent in Mission**

We entrust our IMV and our consecrated life into the hands of Mary, *Mater Salvatoris*, and to the intercession of Francis Jordan and Blessed Mary of the Apostles. We pray that they may, through their intercession, obtain for every Salvatorian an interior renewal of his consecrated and apostolic life for the mission.

IMV Superior and Council

Ordinances:

- 1. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS that "O" Level students be recruited to the Society in Sri Lanka and that they do their "A" Level after which they all do the needed English language course in candidature to improve their proficiency in English.
- 2. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to prepare suitable members in order to support the SOFIA- INDIA to take care of different projects for the Vicariate as well as for the activities of the SOFIA-GLOBAL.
- 3. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to establish a bank account in Rome for the formation fund of the unit. (Ref: for the implementation of article number 305 of the IMV Statutes 2016).
- 4. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to approve the accounting manual I & II and promulgate it for the use in the communities from the financial year in 2019-20.

- 5. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to appoint a commission of three members to develop policies on sabbatical and Jubilee celebration, annual holidays, personal trips etc and approve them in a time frame of one year not later than May 2020.
- 6. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to request the formation commission to develop guidelines and policies on late vocations in accordance with the RATIO.
- 7. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to appoint a director of Vocations. (XIX GC Recommendation # 5: Vocation Promotion)
- 8. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to organize and implement the direction of the XIX General Chapter to organize fund raising in our unit along with the Jordan Trust and SOFIA India to become self sufficient. (XIX GC Ordinance # 6: Fund raising in the Unit)
- 9. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to organize with Finance Commission and the Vicariate Treasurer to prepare a list of all properties with its present government and market value and present it to the IMV superior and council before 31 October 2019. (XIX GC Recommendation # 9 Inventory of single unit properties)
- 10. In order to better facilitate International formation and to reduce financial expenses and to the better use of human resources on initial formation, the III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV superior and the council to continue with other units the collaboration of sending members to participate in it. (XIX GC Ordinance # 9: International Initial Formation Houses & Recommendation # 18: Support for those in Initial Formation)
- 11. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to look for ways and means to expand the SDS presence within India and Sri Lanka and in other countries in consultation and cooperation with the Generalate. (XIX GC Ordinance # 11 Coordinated Expansion of the Society)
- 12. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the Vicariate Superior and the council to look for local income in India and Sri Lanka to become self sufficient as well as to support the material needs of the international society. (XIX GC Recommendation # 10: Inter Unit Financial Solidarity)
- 13. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the Vicariate Superior and the council to appoint two members to establish cooperation between other branches of the Salvatorian Family in India and Sri Lanka. (XIX GC Recommendation # 3: Salvatorian Family)
- 14. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the Vicariate Superior and the Council to appoint a member each as JPIC agents in India and Sri Lanka. (XIX GC Recommendation # 21: International Joint JPIC)

- 15. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the Vicariate Superior and the council to send members to the Spiritual Encounter whenever it is organized by the Generalate. (XIX GC Recommendation # 19: Spirituality Encounters)
- 16. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the Vicariate Superior and the council to cooperate with the Generalate whenever requests for human resources are made by the Generalate for Jordan University College (JUCO). (XIX GC Ordinance # 12: Personnel for Jordan University College)
- 17. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the Vicariate Superior and the council to establish collaboration among Salvatorian schools locally and globally by having an education commission by May 2019 under the vicariate. (XIX GC Recommendation # 20: Network of Salvatorian Schools)
- 18. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the Vicariate Superior and the council to inform all the members of the unit that there will be a continental meeting in Sri Lanka in 2020. Generalate will inform the IMV who will be its participants when the right time approaches. (XIX GC Ordinances # 15: Continental Meeting in 2020)
- 19. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and Director of Formation to make available the visitation reports in the respective communities for its evaluation and implementation.
- 20. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to make arrangement for the timely reception of the monthly financial reports to the IMV Unit Treasurer and the Superior as a PDF file via email. In cases of lapses in this, the vicariate superior and the Unit Treasurer visit such communities to see that it is timely executed through fraternal guidance, counsel and by fraternal punitive measures.
- 21. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to make sure that the community reports to the IMV chapter by the local coordinator/local superior be presented in their respective local communities and be signed by the members of the community and the scanned copy of that report is sent for the chapter. These reports should contain what developments have taken place in the area of ministry, community life and other details of the community in the last term of office.
- 22. The III IMV Chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to make arrangement for the creation of separate minor seminaries for the students from South India and North and Northeast India. This is to be incorporated in to the overall development plan of the Indian Mission Vicariate.
- 23. The III IMV chapter DIRECTS the IMV Superior and the council to add the document: 'ways and means' in the statutes as 'appendix'.

Recommendations:

- 1. The III IMV Chapter recommends the Generalate to appoint a commission with the goal to study the future of the Salvatorian presence in India and Sri Lanka and its positive growth with the possibility of creating new units within a year. The reports must be presented within six months of its appointment. An extra ordinary chapter to be convoked latest by 31 of August 2020 on the basis of the report.(Ordinance No.11 of the XIX General Chapter is incorporated in this Ordinance)
- 2. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and the council to study and work out the details whether it is feasible to have a burial ground and implement it in South India within next term of office.
- 3. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and the council to organize with the vocation promoters to conduct 'come and see' program in different places according to their possibilities. Students in initial formation help in this program according to their availability.
- 4. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and the council to ensure that all the professed members receive the Christmas gift with same value.
- 5. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and the council to implement from academic year 2020-21 to collect the stipulated amount annually as part of the contribution from their parents (Aspirants: Rs.4000, PUC-Rs 6000, Spiritual Orientation Rs. 4000, and B.PhRs. 7000).
- 6. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and the council to implement the proposal to fix the dates of official entry into Aspirancy on 15th AUGUST, Candidature 11 October, First & Final Profession on the 16th June annually.
- 7. The III IMV Chapter recommends that every member is open for every apostolate to promote the spirit of universality.
- 8. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and the council to appoint a commission to study the possibility of establishing a CBSE school in JOWAI, Meghalaya as a Salvatorian school.
- 9. The III IMV Chapter recommends that every community may obtain a debit card in the name of the local coordinator or administrator for the community use. These expenses are incorporated into the community's legal entity for audit
- 10. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and his council to promote vocation to the brotherhood from among the students in initial formation. (XIX GC Recommendation # 4: Vocation of the Salvatorian Brothers)
- 11. The III IMV Chapter recommends the IMV Superior and his council to take initiatives with local communities to establish and strengthen the formation of the lay faithful. (Decision of the XIX GC Resolution: Programs for Lay Formation)

Exhortations:

- 1. The III IMV Chapter exhorts the IMV Superior and the council to consult the concerned member before transferring him to another community according to our rules (Statues 712 K of our Indian Mission Vicariate 2016).
- 2. The III IMV Chapter exhorts the IMV Superior and the council to see the smooth functioning of the SDS Schools in Nagaon by addressing the practical aspects with the local community.
- 3. The III IMV Chapter exhorts the Sri Lankan SDS community to make plans for the renovation of the Jaffna house with the support of the IMV superior and council submitting project to SOFIA- Global and also to look for lands.

Commissions:

1. Formation commission

- Fr. Johnson Vinoth Kumar: Director of Formation
- Fr. Stephen Raj
- Fr. Noble George
- Fr. Peter Nengnong
- Fr. Benny Valiyaveetil
- Fr. Lalit Kerketta
- Fr. Damien Rai Peries
- Fr. Prabu Michael Rajah

2. Finance Commission

- Fr. Prabu Michael Rajah: President
- Fr. James Thappa: Vice President
- Fr. Ashok Reddy
- Fr. Kitbok M Umlong
- Fr. Probester Nongsiej

3. Vocation Commission

- Fr. Lalit Kerketta: **Director of vocation for India** (Bihar & Jarkhand)
- Fr. NirmalSuranjan: **Director of Vocation for Sri Lanka** (South Sri Lanka)
- Fr. Ambrose Lamien (Meghalaya, Manipur and Mizoram)
- Dn. Gervas Daimary (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland)
- Dn. Velpuri Srinu (AndraPredesh & Telangana)
- Dn. Sindus Kumar Nayak (Odissa & Chattisghar)
- Fr. Johnson Vinothkumar (Tamil Nadu)
- Fr. Vinoy Joseph (Karnataka & Goa)
- Fr. Benny Valiyaveetil (Kerela)
- Fr. Vinothan Francis (North Sri Lanka)

4. Justice and Peace Integrity Commission (JPIC)

- Fr. Lalit Kerketta (for India)
- Fr. Vinothan Francis (for SriLanka)
- 5. Commission to study the future of the Salvatorian presence in India and Sri Lanka (Appointed by the Generalate)
 - Fr. P V Joseph Puthenpurakal SDB
 - Fr. Joseph K J
 - Fr. Stephen Raj
 - Fr. Chinnaiah Bellamkonda
 - Fr. Lessmon Nongtdu
- **6.** Commission to establish cooperation between other branches of the Salvatorian families in India and Sri Lanka
 - Fr. Noble George: India
 - Fr. Nirmal Suranjan: Sri Lanka

7. Education commission

- Fr. Sebastian Cheeramvelil: Coordinator
- Fr. James Thappa
- Fr. Chinnaiah Bellamkonda
- Fr. Probester Nongsiej,
- Fr. Ambrose Lamin,
- Fr. Starlight Khonsgsit

8. Child Protection Polices and Service rules Commission

- Fr. Sebastian Cheeramvelil
- Fr. Kitbok M Umlong
- Fr. Nirmal Suranjan
- **9. Commission to develop policies** on Sabbatical, Jubilee celebrations, Holidays, personal trips.
 - 1. Fr. Joseph KJ
 - 2. Fr. Peter Nengnong
 - 3. Fr. A ArockiaSamy
 - 4. Fr. Stephen Raj
 - 5. Fr. Ashok Reddy

The commission is asked to submit the first draft by the end of October 2019.

10. All the parish priests and local coordinators of IMV are asked to take initiative to organize program for the lay formation in their own respective places.

11. The administrators of the communities are appointed to prepare the list of all properties of IMV with its present Government and market value and submit them to the IMV administration latest by October 15, 2019.

Final Profession and Diaconate Ordination:

Cls.Gervas Daimary, Movin Rickson, Sindus Kumar Nayak and Srinu Velpuri made their Final Profession on June 16, 2019 and on the next day, June 17, 2019 they were ordained as deacons at the Otto Hopfenmüller Theology Study House, Shillong.



Updates on Members:

❖ Fr. Thomas Runggaldier: The IMV acknowledges and appreciates Fr. Thomas, a genuine Salvatorian missionary from the Austrian



Province, who served many years in IMV (both in India and in Sri Lanka), mostly in the formation ministry, is preparing to leave for another mission land on August 8, 2019 from Sri Lanka. We owe him for his inspiring committed life and missionary zeal and for his instrumentality in contributing for the development of the IMV unit. Thank you dear Fr. Thomas for your characteristic charm, cheerfulness and dynamism.

- ❖ Fr. Vara Prasad Rao renewed his contract as a member of East Asian Mission Vicariate for 3 years from May 2019.
- ❖ Fr. Anil Kumar and Fr. Donbosco are learning the Spanish language in Bangalore as they prepare for the Mexico Mission.
- With 22 aspirants the Aspirancy program commenced in Carmelaram for 2019-20. A special mention of gratitude and appreciation to the vocation promoters for their commitment.

Prayer Request:

- ❖ Beatification of Father Francis Jordan
- ❖ For all the intentions of the IMV
- Benefactors
- For the Mission in Mexico
- Deceased Confreres

