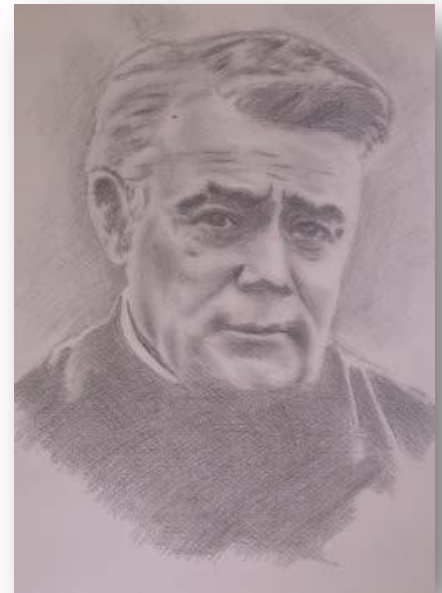




Dear Confreres,

A religious should live by faith. Especially should the religious not judge of circumstances, of persons, with the eyes of the world: indeed, not even with the eyes of reason, but in the light of faith, as the Divine Saviour has taught, as the saints have done. The life of our Venerable founder was wholly built on faith. He believed with unshakable faith in Divine Providence and in the wise and loving dominion of God. It was this which gave him that unflinching strength in all his difficulties. He lived entirely for his holy vocation and simply could not understand how anyone could be unfaithful to his calling. Founder reminds us; the greater the vocation, the more binding the obligation.



- Exhortations and Admonitions
Of Father Francis Jordan

Commissions Meeting:

Finance Commission meeting: The first Finance Commission meeting of the IV IMV took place in Shillong from 28-31 October 2019. The commission mainly discussed budget proposals and requests of Jordan Trust Charities. The report was submitted with suggestions and recommendations to the IMV administration

Vocation and Formation Commission meeting: Both commissions had the meeting together in Carmelaram from 27-29 November, 2019. The meeting began with the theme from our Founder: **‘the greater the vocation, the more binding the obligation’**. Based on the theme, the commission discussed and reflected on the various aspects affecting vocation promotion and formation. The ideals of quality vocation promotion and formation programs along with the current situations faced with many challenges were discussed. One strong reminder for all the members, from the commission was that, appreciating the holy vocation and acknowledging

earnestly the obligation associated with the vocation will help us to have the fire and zeal of participating the mission of vocation promotion and formation. The following are the key elements of the meeting;

- Better organize vocation promotion with the possible vocation camps in each zones with orientation programs and screening.
- Request all the vocation promoters to design and plan in advance for the vocation promotion according to their given situation.
- Facilitating the cooperation between members for the effective and timely vocation promotion by the director of vocation promotion.
- Coordination and frequent communication between vocation promoters and formators to better understand and help in the formation accompaniment of the formandees.
- Appreciating and implementing the policies of the IMV regarding the vocation promotion and formation
- Intensify promoting aspirants who completed +2 and above.

Decisions:

- Due to the lack of sufficient number of admissions for the CBSE +2 programs in Christ Jyothi School in Nagaon for the past few years, the academic year 2020-21, application for fresh admission for +2 program is suspended. As a result the aspirants of IMV will have to complete the +2 program in two batches in Bangalore and Ranchi. (**Tokobary community**: second year +2 Candidates and Aspirants from North East)
- **Two Aspirancy programs of IMV**: one is North and Northeast region in Tokobary community and the second is South India and other region in Bangalore. (**Bangalore Community**: first year +2 candidates and Aspirants of South and other region)
- **Shift in the Philosophy and Degree Program**: due to the changes in the college policies both in Philosophy and Degree College, academic year 2020-21 onwards, Warangal philosophy program will have only 2 years of exclusive philosophy. The secular degree program has to be separately completed prior to the commencement of theological studies.

Update on Members and Communities:

- **Fr. Gervas Daimary:** upon the request of the Generalate, Fr. Gervas has consented to be a missionary to Surinam.
- **Frs. Anil Kumar Perekala and Donbosco Kharmawlong** are still waiting to complete the procedures to obtain visa to Mexico. In the difficult period of waiting, they are very much being available to assist in Warangal and Bangalore communities.
- **Fr. Rajesh Toppo:** His appointment is revoked for the completion of the land settlement in Ranchi for a period of 6 months.
- **Fr. Kumar Irudayasamy** is appointed as the parish Priest of Driekoningen Parochie on 19 October 2019 in Surinam.
- **Cl. Devasia Pakma:** Cl. Devasia, who was doing his regency in Bangalore community, has decided by himself to discontinue the formation in the Society. The IMV is grateful to his service and prayerful wishes to his decisions.
- **Laitkynsew:** The newly constructed Teachers' quarters and canteen was blessed and inaugurated by Fr. A Alexis on 26 January 2020. A special note of gratitude to Misesan Cara and SOFIA GLOBAL for helping this project.
- **Nongbah:** The newly constructed St John Mary Vianny School is scheduled for the blessing and inauguration on 22 February 2020. The IMV is grateful to the benefactors and well wishers for the completion of the project.

Appointments and Transfers:

No	Names	Community & Appointment
1	Fr. S Selvanathan	Chullikkara: Administrator & Assistant Formator
2	Fr. Kitbok M Umlong	Dhing: Administrator
3	Fr. Lijo P Joseph	Tokobary: Administrator & Assistant Formator
4	Fr. Movin Rickson	Bangalore: Ministry in the Parish of St Micheal at Rajavoor, Kottar Diocese, Tamil Nadu
5	Fr. Lalit Kerketta	Ranchi: Parish Priest & Formator
6	Fr. Sindus Kumar Nayak	Ranchi: Assistant Parish Priest & Assistant Formator
7	Fr. Sunil Babu Velpuri	Warangal: Administrator & Pastoral Ministry in Karunapuram Parish, Warangal diocese

Final Profession and Priestly Ordination:

Cl. Robert Marwein and **Cl. Wester David Marbaniang** professed their perpetual vows on January 1, 2020 at the international formation house “Mater Salvatoris” in Morogoro along with 7 other confreres. Congratulations and prayerful wishes to them that the Lord may always guide them in their commitment and strengthen their resolution to fulfill their whole life what they have vowed.



Fr. Sunil Babu Velpuri: He was ordained to the priesthood on 27 December 2019 at his home parish St. John Church, Vellaturu by Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao SMM, Bishop of Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

Fr. Movin Rickson: He was ordained to the priesthood on 4 January 2020 at his home parish, St. Mathew Church at Pallam, by Most Rev. Nazarene Soosai, Bishop of Kottar, Tamil Nadu.

Fr. Gervas Daimari: he was ordained to the priesthood on 12 January 2020 at his home parish, Catholic Church of Ambagaon, Udalguri District by Most Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur Diocese, Assam

Fr. Sindus Kumar Nayak: he was ordained to the priesthood on 18 January 2020 at his home parish, Immaculate Conception Church in Aligonda, by Most Rev. Sarat Chandra Nayak, Bishop of Berhampur, Odisha.

Congratulations and Prayerful wishes for their fruitful priestly ministry.

Other Information:

- **Delegate of Sri Lanka: Fr. Damien Patric Raj Peries** is appointed as the delegate of Sri Lanka and he is the liaison between IMV, EAMV and the Generalate.
- **Financial and project Policies:** In order to have an effective system of transparent accounting and book keeping, certain protocols have to be maintained in reference to the proposals and execution of the project by the communities in IMV. All the project requests to the funding agency have to be with the approval of the IMV superior. Therefore, it is proper to consider all projects other than what is approved in the ordinary budget, as the project of the unit but executed by the respective communities. Thus, periodical updates of the projects have to be communicated to the Vicariate Superior, the Treasurer and the Director of SOFIA –India, along with the official communication to the funding agency.
- Members requesting from the **Jordan Trust Charities** are advised to follow the guidelines mentioned in the statutes of the IMV.
- Upon the recommendations of the III IMV Chapter, the commission appointed by Generalate to study the future of the Salvatorian presence in India and Sri Lanka and its positive growth with the possibility of creating new units, **submitted the report** in December 2019 to the Generalate. The Generalate will study the report and respond to it in due time.
- **Formation of lay faithful:** all the parish priests and local coordinators are asked to take initiative to organize program for the lay formation in their respective communities.
- Recommended to all the SDS parishes and School communities to publish a separate **newsletter** periodically which contains all the pastoral and social activities, in order to update the members especially the donors.

Prayer Request:

- ❖ Beatification of Venerable Founder: Father Francis Jordan
- ❖ Decennial celebration of the SDS establishment in Sri Lanka
- ❖ Silver Jubilee of Profession: Frs. Joseph KJ, Sajimon Francis (Sebastian), Sunil Thomas and Vinoy Joseph. (01.05.1995)
- ❖ For the new Missions and Missionaries
- ❖ For the Benefactors and Well Wishers
- ❖ For the deceased members