



“Let no cross, no
bitterness, no trials nothing
weaken your zeal for
Gods holy cause.”
(SD II/77)
Fr. Francis Jordan

Dear confreres,

As we are overwhelmed by the colossal impact of Covid 19 pandemic, let us intensify our prayers and be vigilant in a responsible way to remain healthy in all aspects of life. As Salvatorians especially, in this unprecedented time of crisis, let us look up to the example of our Founder, who lived a heroic life trusting in the Divine Providence in establishing the Society by undergoing many hard struggles.

We are also celebrating the official recognition of the miracle attributed to Fr. Francis Jordan by the Pope on 19 June 2020. As the process nearing to the definite way towards the beatification of Father Francis Jordan, we plead for his intercession to give us courage and conviction to belong to the Saviour and TRUST in HIM more ardently.

-The IMV Administration

Vocation Promotion and Formation:

- Considering the current situation, the decision of the IMV is to suspend this year the intake of class 10 completed students but +2 completed or above are welcomed to join this year as aspirants but they will remain in the communities of their respective region till the normal situation for travel is established.
- The promoted aspirants of this year are asked to complete the +2 studies at home due to the Covid 19 situation. They will continue their status as aspirants and will be accompanied by the communities of their respective region. The director of formation and vocation promoter will co-ordinate the exact details of formation accompaniment of these aspirants

along with the community superiors of the respective aspirants.

- Candidates of philosophy at Warangal have started the online classes.
- Scholastics of second and third year theology of Shillong community started the academic year residing at Oriens Theology College. The first year of theology is scheduled to begin by September 2020.
- The Aspirancy formation program in Bangalore community has not begun

this year as the vocation promotion is affected. The community comprises only with few formators.

- As the candidates of spiritual orientation have not reached at Chullikkara due to travel restrictions, currently the community is left with only two formators. They are asked to reach to the nearest communities of their region till they are able to travel safe to Chullikkara.

Updates on Members:

During this difficult period of time, the IMV, in a very special way, remember and pray for all confreres in other units. We acknowledge your courage and missionary zeal.

Fr. Donbosco Kharmawlong joined the Laitkynsew community in the interim period as he is unable to travel and join the Mexico mission.

Fr. Anil Perekala has joined the Warangal community in the interim period as he is unable to travel and join the Mexico mission and currently doing the pastoral ministry in the Warangal Diocese as associate pastor at the cathedral parish, Fatima Nagar, Warangal.

Fr. Gervas Daimary will join Nagaon community for the interim period as

he is unable to travel to Surinam mission.

NB: The appointments of Frs. Anil, Don Bosco and Gervas are temporary arrangement (till December 2020) as they are unable to travel as scheduled to their mission stations.

Fr. Lessmon Nongtdu has enrolled for his Ph.D program in Psychology at Christ University Bangalore. Currently he is attending the on line classes staying in Shillong community till the university begins the normal college program.

Fr. Susai Raj is at Bangalore Community and will commence his doctorate program in Scripture at Dharmarem College, Bangalore.

Fr.Chinnaiah Bellomkonda is doing M.Ed as enhanced studies along with M.A this academic year.

Fr. Stephen Louis: the IMV renewed the contract with Motherhouse, Rome till December 2022 to complete his doctorate program in philosophy.

Candidate **Sansingboy Lyngdoh** is on the process of getting admission for M.S.W at St. Edmunds College in

Shillong as he is unable to travel to join the novitiate in Philippines.

Regent **Naveen Teja** is doing the regency in the Warangal diocese. (At the pastoral centre, Fatima Nagar, Warangal)

Regent **Thomas Zuo** is in the Warangal community, waiting to complete his final year university exams.

The first year philosophy Candidate **Rajanikanth Maraisi** has decided to discontinue from the formation.

IMV Online General Meeting:

The online general meeting of the IMV was held on 5th of July 2020 with most of the professed members working in the IMV to discuss primarily the letter of Superior General dated on June 15, 2020 and also the relevant concerns of our unit to face the new crisis situation caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.



This was the first attempt by the IMV to organize a general meeting virtually using the social media platform. It was certainly a quality time. During the meeting members and communities shared the general concerns, practical suggestions, and strategies to safeguard our mission and to walk together.

How we reacted to this crisis situation? And what are the initiatives implemented?

Majority of the members shared their feelings of stress, anxiety, fear, loss of happiness and pessimism as the initial response to this unprecedented situation. Gradually all are getting familiar with 'new normal' situation with the guidelines of the government and ecclesiastical authorities.

- Some communities, especially parish communities, are responding to this situation with many concrete initiatives directly and in collaboration with other organizations to meet the needs of the affected people of the region.
- Rest of the communities has contributed material and financial help through other organizations and parishes who are directly dealing with the affected.
- Sri Lanka: in collaboration with the SDS sisters, some initiatives are taken.

The most affected areas of the communities/members currently as discussed in the web meeting are follows:

- Health: Physical and Spiritual
- Vocation promotion
- Formation
- Pastoral and Educational ministry
- Finance
- Mission Expansion

“May this time be an opportunity to increase our sense of belonging to the Society and make us grow in the union between us, through our prayers, in the spirit of brotherhood and in apostolic service. May we all feel in our hearts that Father Francis Jordan accompanies us with his love as a father and spiritual guide”.

- Generalate

Other Matters:

Finance Commission: The Finance commission is scheduled to organize a web meeting before 31st of August after gathering agendas from each community.

Christ Jyoti Schools in Nagoan and Dhing are functioning with online classes. Other school communities (Laitkynsew, Nongbah & Ranchi) are unable to function currently due to Covid crisis as they lack the digital facilities for online classes.



Renovated Shillong community chapel. Thanks to the benefactors: Joy Dorothy Blah and Mirth Lilian Mary Blah.



SDS Confreres reaching out to the needy during Covid-19 Pandemic. Thanks to the benefactors and well-wishers.

Prayer Request:

- ❖ For Vocations
- ❖ For the preparation of the process of beatification of Francis Jordan
- ❖ For the new missions and missionaries
- ❖ For the benefactors and well wishers
- ❖ For Medical doctors, nurses and frontline warriors
- ❖ For God's intervention and healing from the deadly virus
- ❖ For the deceased members.

