



“He has been raised from the Dead.” (Mt 28: 7)

Easter is the most sublime feast of the Liturgical Year in which we proclaim and celebrate the victory of Jesus of Nazareth, the Risen Lord Our Saviour over sin and death. Let the words of the angles resound in our ears, *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen” (Lk 24: 5)*. This year we make this joyful proclamation at a time when our Universal Shepherded Pope Francis invites us to focus on the Cross and the sufferings of mankind. The Pope urges everyone in the Universal Church to discover the joy of believing in Jesus by being in solidarity with the poor and marginalized. He also invites us to discover our faith in Jesus as an inestimable gift given to each and every one of us. Easter is quite a fitting season to thank God for our faith in the person of Jesus, the Saviour. God has bestowed upon us this unique gift of our faith in God’s only begotten son Jesus. Thus we need to thank all those who were instrumental in handing down to us this gift of our faith.



The joyful season of Easter calls us to deepen our knowledge of JESUS, the risen Savior and to repent, renew and resurrect from (old self to new self) *“you were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self....., and to cloth yourself with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph 4: 22-24)*. Our faith in the risen Saviour gives us comfort as He journeys and accompanies us amidst the trails and the challenges of our lives. The feast of Easter reminds us that Jesus, the Lord does not abandon the flock. This joyful season invites us to deepen our awareness of His abiding presence in our life. When the risen Saviour appeared to His disciples and each time he greeted them with the gift of peace. True peace is indeed a gift and this peace can be experienced in being united with God. Let us share the same gift of peace as we continue to live in these present time and age. Thus, may all of us, experience the gift of peace both in our personal lives and in our communities.

In order to experience and proclaim this gift of **PEACE** we have Two Holy and Powerful Witnesses of Present Times, in the most influential personalities of St. John XXIII, who called for a new Pentecost and assembled 2nd Vatican Council with the slogans of *‘aggiornamento* (Adjournment/Postponement) and *rinnovamento* (Alteration/Rebuilding)’ which was held from 1962 to 1965, and St. John Paul II for encouraging the fall of Communism in his native Poland and across Eastern Europe, His remarkable Papacy lasted from 1978 to 2005. Their biographies reveal the **“service to peace”** and the impact both popes had *“inside and outside the Christian community”* at times of great cultural, political and religious transformation. Popes and saints, John XXIII and John Paul II, were truly missionaries. They witnessed to Christ the Saviour through their example of life and the power of their teaching and ministry. Let’s praise God and honor the new Saints by following their way of life and ministry.

Fr. A. Alexis SDS

Vicar Superior

Mission Procurator Meeting

Fr. Vimal Raj participated in the mission procurators meeting in our Mother house from March 10-12, 2014. It was an enriching experience for him as it was the first meeting for him.

During this meeting Generalate, Mission Secretariat, SOFIA, Mission Procurators and Mission Units reported the activities and how they function in raising fund to support the Missions. The meeting also stressed the need of becoming aware of the accountability and transparency of our dealing with money. Moreover, the stress was made on the ways and means for raising funds in local level.



Continental Meeting

Frs. Sunil Thomas, A. Alexis and James Thapa attended the first ever Salvatorian Continental Leadership Meeting convened at Betania Retreat House in Tagaytay City, Philippines from March 20- 27, 2014. In an atmosphere of prayerfulness and fraternity, Salvatorian leaders from Asia and



Oceania gathered with the members of the Generalate to begin considering the motto of the meeting: ***“Called to be Apostles in a Changing World.”*** After the introduction and orientation to the reasons for the meeting, the methodology to be used, Fr. Milton Zonta, Superior General gave his opening address, exhorting those present to *“...not to be afraid of, to dream big things.”* In the afternoon the 18 participants engaged in a dialogue based on Fr. Milton’s address.

Institution of Acolyte

On April 30, 2014 in a simple ceremony during the Eucharist, Cl. Arokiasamy, Cl. Ashok Reddy, Cl. Edward Martin, Cl. I. Kumar, Cl. Lessmon Nongtdu and Cl. Jokin Antony Nirmal Surajan were installed to the ministry of Acolyte. The ministry was conferred on them by Fr. A. Alexis at Chilaw in Sri Lanka and Fr. Sunil Thomas at Shillong in India.

Renewal

On May 1, 2014 the following theology students renewed their religious vows for one year in Otto Hopfenmuller Theology Study House at Shillong: Cl. Arokiasamy, Cl. Ashok Reddy, Cl. Edward Martin, Cl. I. Kumar and Cl. Lessmon Nongtdu. The vows were accepted by Fr. Sunil Thomas.



On the same date Cl. Jokin Antony Nirmal Surajan renewed his religious vows for one year at Chilaw. The vows were accepted by Fr. A. Alexis.

Final Profession

Cl. Joby Philip made his final profession on May 1, 2014 at Otto Hopfenmuller Theology Study House at Shillong. Fr. Sunil Thomas, the Vicariate Superior, presided over the Eucharist and accepted the vows.

Cl. Mudiyappu Culas Vinothan Francis made his final profession on May 1, 2014 at Salvatorian Fathers, Chilaw. Fr. A. Alexis, the Vicar Superior of the Vicariate presided over the Eucharist and accepted the vows.



Congratulations and God's abundant Blessings to our confreres who were installed into the ministry of Acolyte, renewed vows and made final profession.

House Blessing

On April 29, 2014 the second floor of Jordan Minor Seminary at Tokobari was blessed by Fr. Sunil Thomas. With the completion of this floor the minor seminary building is nearing its completion.

On May 1, 2014 the second floor of Otto Hopfenmuller Theology Study house was blessed by Fr. Sunil Thomas. With the completion of this floor we will be able to accommodate more students and we have some addition space for the visitors and guests.

Congratulations and thanks to all who were instrumental in completing these projects.

Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held at Carmelaram, Bangalore from 18 – 19 May 2014.

Newsletter

The tentative date for the publication of the next Newsletter will be last week of July 2014. Constructive suggestions are most welcome to make our newsletter more effective and informative.

Prayers Requests

- For the completion of the beatification process of our Venerable Founder.
- Vocations to the Society
- For the Benefactors
- For the deceased members
- For the council meeting and the Jubilee core committee meeting
- For the Silver Jubilee