



To live by faith in God is to make a life journey with love and service. It is a journey of praise to God for being our constant companion all through our journey. In fact, God carries forward our life into a fruitful completion.

Our Venerable Founder Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan had a very difficult journey right from his childhood, the founding of the Society, even to the very end of his life. In spite of all, he always had a companion who accompanied him all through his life; that was 'Faith'. With no sufficient members and funds, he visualized through the eyes of faith a congregation that would spread far and wide. He was always aglow with apostolic zeal and spirit 'not to rest content until all people know, love, and serve Jesus as their Saviour'. Our Founder's cherished dream came into fulfillment when the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians) was founded in Rome in 1881. He exhorted his spiritual sons and daughters to carry forward the apostolic work with trust and confidence by all ways and means which the love of Christ inspires.



Our First Salvatorians came to spread the Good News of the Saviour to North-east of India in 1890. They followed the same zeal of our Founder making known the Saviour to all. They were tested but did not give up, because of their trust in God who accompanied them. Unfortunately they had to make a very sad exit from India due to the First World War. By God's Grace, to continue and reignite the spiritual legacy of our pioneers, our Society was re-established again in India in the year 1989.

Today Our Salvatorian Religious Family has grown by leaps and bounds and spread all over the world. The vibrant Catholic Church in North-east India remembers well the contributions of our first pioneers. Together with the Church, we Salvatorians will be delighted to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Catholic Mission in North-east India in 2015. It is also a great matter of joy for us that Indian Mission Vicariate has entered into the Silver Jubilee Year of its establishment. The Jubilee Year fills us with jubilant mood! It is a time of Grace for us! Perhaps, we have witnessed the growth and we have been able to overcome the testing period in building up the Indian Mission Vicariate. Our communities are mostly formation houses and a few of them consist of parishes and schools. The delight of Jubilee year is also a time for us to assess our call and commitment, and galvanize our apostolates so as to make ourselves more vibrant and efficacious in fulfilling the legacy left behind by our Founder and our pioneers. The need of the hour is to grow further to bear witness and proclaim the Saviour to the world with a radical missionary passion.

Nonetheless, where would we be today without God's constant support during those testing days? Our journey was not always a bed of roses, but God walked with us in good and blue days. God is still with us through the benign help of many generous hearts. He has blessed us and filled us with his abiding presence. We ponder over with gratitude the Divine assistance. If we wish to make great things happen then we must have boundless confidence in God and move ahead in life like the Blessed Virgin Mary and Fr. Jordan. "For we walk by Faith, not by sight." (2 Cor 5:7) Our faith tells us that God will continue to refresh us with His life-giving 'Word' and bless us if we walk with Him. Hence, in our journey of life and mission we should never ignore or forget having a companion called 'Faith'.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, perfect model of Faith! Help us in all our undertakings to make known her Son Jesus, the Saviour of all! Let our Venerable Founder Fr. Jordan and Blessed Mary of the Apostles, who were filled with zeal for the Mission, intercede for us!

Fr. James Thapa SDS

Vicariate Secretary

Regency

The regents are assigned to our communities as follows:

- Cl. Anil Kumar Perekela - Christ Jyoti School, Dhing,
- Cl. Starlight Khongsit - Jordan Minor Seminary, Nagaon,
- Cl. Ksankupar Khongwar - Carmelaram Formation House, Bangalore
- Cl. Donbosco Kharmawlong - Laitkynsew Parish.

We wish them all the very best and pray for their fruitful regency period.

Appointment

After the completion of the pastoral ministry Fr. Johnson Vinoth Kumar SDS is appointed as formator in Jordan Minor Seminary at Tokobari and Fr. Stephen Louis SDS is appointed as Administrator and Assistant Formator at Jordan Philosophy Study House, Warangal. We congratulate them and wish all the best for their new assignments.

Diaconate Ordination

Congratulations and Prayerful Wishes!

Cl. Joby Philip SDS was ordained as deacon along with 21 others belonging to various Dioceses of North-east of India by Most Rev. Paul Mattekattu, Bishop of Dhipu Diocese, in a simple and private ceremony held at Oriens Theological College, Shillong on June 21, 2014.



Annual Retreat



The Annual Retreat for North and North-east Zone was held at Bethel Retreat House, Shillong from 20 to 26 July 2014. The theme “The Saviour’s Mission is Our Passion” was taken in order to make the retreat more personal and meaningful. While the Annual Retreat for South zone was held at Carmelaram, Bangalore, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Fr.

Christopher Ponuuswamy Csr from 1 to 5 October 2014. The participants could spend a quality time in personal reflection and prayer, meditation and adoration, and thus spiritually were enriched to carry forward our mission in their ministry with renewed enthusiasm and vigour.



Gathering of Perpetually Professed Members



All the finally professed members of the Indian Mission Vicariate gathered together in Bangalore from 8 to 9 October, 2014. In an atmosphere of prayer, fraternity, dialogue and togetherness, two days were spent evaluating and discussing on the topics like Community life, Vocation Promotion, Initial and Ongoing Formation, Finance Management and Expansion in order to enhance further growth of our

Society in India and beyond in the context of the Silver Jubilee. The Get-together ended with a positive and happy note. The meeting decided to have a general meeting of all the perpetually professed, just before the next Vicariate chapter tentatively.

International Formation Team Meeting

Fr. Sunil will attend the International Formation Team Meeting in Rome from 20 - 25 October, 2014. We request all the members to pray for the fruitful meeting.

Internal Auditing

The first internal auditing was organized in all communities in July this year. General observations were made which resulted in a positive outcome. However, for furnishing timely financial report and better transparency, every community is asked to maintain the book keeping accurately. Every community is also requested to generate local income for self-sufficiency program. The next internal auditing will take place in October and November, 2014.

Official Visitation

The Vicariate Administration will make its first official visitation of all communities in the month of November and December 2014. All the confreres are requested to make themselves available during those days of visitation. The dates of the visitation are as follows:

- 1) Nagaon, Tokobari and Dhing - November 17 – 21
- 2) Laitkynsew - November 22 – 23
- 3) Shillong - November 24 – 25
- 4) Ranchi - November 26 – 28
- 5) Bangalore - November 29 – 30
- 6) Sri Lanka - December 01 – 05
- 7) Warangal - December 09 – 10

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 Silver Jubilee