



“Life is a pilgrimage. The wise man does not rest by the roadside inns rather he marches direct to the illimitable domain of eternal bliss, his ultimate destination.” Swami Sivananda

A beautiful life is spending your time passionately for the message you are called and being happy with what you are fulfilling. If you want to be happy, he or she must live for something. 1 Pet 2: 5 says, “You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” In secular sense, it is believed that every person must have a goal to achieve and an ambition to fulfill. Albert Einstein says: “If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things.” It means that a person must have clarity in focusing his or her goal and achieve it with commitment to make it real.



How would one describe what you understand to be the essence of the mission of Christ in the world? We know certainly that there are many theological answers for this question. Christ had a twofold goal in coming to earth: to provide us with a tangible image of who God is, and to die in our place to pay ransom for our sins. It is true that Jesus came to give life in abundance (Jn 10:10).

The nature and mode of Christ’s suffering and resurrection have been debated down the centuries by the scholars and theologians. Suffering is defined as the reflective experience of pain. Jesus converted pain into sacrament, a sacred sign of future hope and fulfillment. In Christianity, suffering is intimately connected with glorification. For St. Paul, suffering produces hope: “*We rejoice in our suffering, knowing that, suffering produces endurance and endurance produces hope and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*” (Rom 5: 3-5). In the crucifixion and death of Jesus, love has touched the utmost of sin and suffering and has returned, bearing the fruits of unimaginable splendor in the form of the Paschal joy and bliss. Suffering is part and parcel of life. A Christian is not exempted from suffering, whatever form it takes—persecution, rejection, hurt, pain, sorrow, failure, hardship, trails and other painful experiences. Jesus himself said, “**In the world you will have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world**” (Jn 16:33). God intends that suffering be a blessing to us and draw us into an intimacy with Him. The saints knew this secret and “*loved suffering*” not for the suffering itself but what suffering brought. God uses our suffering for our spiritual growth, to prepare us for His ministry. “I have chosen you in furnace of affliction” (Is 48:10). Sufferings cause to grow in maturity, to grow in faith and become more Christ-like if we let God have his way in our suffering.

Wait on the Lord (Is 40:31). Don’t give up but cling on to the Lord till the “destroying storms pass by.” Hence, if we want to be happy in life, we must live for something, which must be the responsibility entrusted to us. As Christ was true to his mission let’s also be true to our responsibility by overcoming the suffering. “A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In his name the nations will put their hope.” (Mt 12: 20-21)

May the Risen Lord, who overcame death and suffering, bring peace and joy in our life and fulfillment in our Mission.

Fr. A. Alexis SDS
Vicar Superior

Mission Procurator Meeting

Fr. S. A. Vimal Raj SDS, the Vicariate Treasurer, attended Mission Procurator Meeting convened in our Mother House, Rome from March 1- 4, 2015. The meeting highlighted about the financial management and the difficulties in raising the funds. This calls us to reflect on the cost reduction and cost control with proper planning and administration. It was an edifying experience for Fr. S. A. Vimal Raj SDS to have participated in that meeting.



Divine Saviour School, Laitkynsew



The official opening of the academic year of Divine Saviour School, Laitkynsew was inaugurated by Mr. Vincent Nianglang, the Sub-divisional school education officer, Sohra on March 2, 2015. A sizable number of faithful was present in the official opening ceremony. Mr. Modi Basaimoit, the acting sordar and secretary of Laitkynsew village and many other dignitaries also attended the ceremony. To add quintessence and flavor to the opening ceremony, children from St.

Dominic Savio Upper and Lower Primary Schools put up a cultural show. The performance of little children was fabulous which enthralled all.

At present, there are 19 children in the school who are in LKG, UKG and Class 1 with four qualified teaching staff. The aim of this new institution is to provide quality education in this remotest part of Meghalaya where many are poor and deprived. It is a humble beginning. We pray and expect that this school ministry may truly bring a significant change in the lives of people.

New Computer Centre in Old Study House Shillong

Technology has become one of the necessities in our time, especially the knowledge and significance of computer in the present era. In order to provide opportunity and facility to the people around, especially the children, a new computer centre was opened in our Old Otto Hopfenmuller Study House, Shillong on March 2, 2015. Presently, there are 35 students who are being trained there. There is a plan to develop this centre with more facilities and variety of training programs in view of catering to the needs of drop-out children and women. Credit



and accolades go to Shillong Community, especially to Fr. Selvanathan SDS for his initiative and venture to shape and develop the said centre in the present stage.

Personal Growth Program

Fr. Lalit Kerketta SDS together with other participants belonging to different congregations attended a short term refreshing course on personal growth, formation and mission from April 12 - May 2, 2015 at Ishvani Kendra, Pune. The course was organized for the priests and religious in order to help them to have better self-introspection and bring better dealing conditions in their respective ministries.



Formation Commission Meeting

The members of the formation commission came together for the meeting organized at Carmelaram, Bangalore on April 13, 2015. They evaluated and discussed on vocation promotion, initial and continuing formation and proposed some valuable recommendations for the further growth of vocation promotion and formation in Indian Mission Vicariate.

Finance Commission Meeting

The members of the finance commission gathered together for the meeting at Otto Hopfenmuller Study House, Shillong on April 22, 2015. The highlights of the meeting for discussion were presentation of Budget with trail balance, proper implementation of the approved budget 2014-2015, plans for the coming years, Silver Jubilee closing ceremony and its arrangement, financial issues with FCRA and renewal of the Society and Jordan Trust etc.



After the finance meeting, the members of the commission together with some of our confreres had a Workshop on Finance and Administration in Shillong from April 23 - 24, 2015. The workshop was guided by Mr. Simon Rodriguez, our auditor from Bangalore.



Final Profession

Cl. Arockia Samy, Cl. Ashok Reddy, Cl. I. Kumar and Cl. Lessmon Nongtdu made their final profession in a solemn celebration held at Otto Hopfenmuller Study House, Shillong on

May 1, 2015. Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS, the Vicariate Superior, received the final vows of our brothers during the Holy Eucharist. Congratulation and prayerful wishes to our brothers!

Renewal of Vows



Cl. Edward Martin renewed his vows for one year at Carmelaram, Bangalore on May 1, 2015. Fr. James Thapa SDS, the Vicariate Secretary, received the renewal of vows during the Eucharist. Cl. S. Soosai Raj, Cl. Ambrose Damian P. Lamin, Cl. Kitboklang M. Umlong Khunsiem, Cl. Anil Kumar Perekela, Cl. Starliht Khongsit and Cl. Donbosco Kharmawlong made their renewal of vows for one year at Otto Hopfenmuller Study House, Shillong on June 16, 2015. Fr. Peter Nengnong SDS, superior of the Shillong Community,

received the vows of our brothers during the Holy Eucharist. On the same day Cl. Ksankupar Khongwar renewed his vows for one year at Carmelaram, Bangalore. We convey congratulations to our brothers and pray that God may continue to bless them.

Christ Jyoti School Day, Nagaon

Christ Jyoti School, Nagaon, celebrated School Day with zest and zeal on May 8, 2015. It was an iconic celebration of talent, intellect, skill and glory. The function was inaugurated officially by lighting the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries. The dais was bedecked with gracious presence of Ms. Monalisa Goswami IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon, Sri. Auranbindo Kalita SP, Nagaon, Sri Utpal Moni Baishya, Commandant of 34 Battalion CRPF, Sri Mridul Neog, Inspector of Schools, Mr. Fakhru Islam Addl. SP and Rev. Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS, Vicariate Superior of Indian Mission Vicariate.

Fr. Benny SDS, Principal of CJS delivered the welcome-note and felicitated the guests. Fr. B. Chinniah SDS and Sr. Celine MPV presented the school reports of SEBA and CBSE respectively. The toppers of the academic session 2014 were also felicitated along with their parents. Ms. Monalisa Goswami, the chief guest and Sri. Auranbindo Kalita, the guest of honor inspired the young minds with their valuable words. The official



segment was followed by an array of cultural show put up by the talented Christ Jyotians. Once again this colorful display spoke loud of the talent, creativity and skills of the budding potentials in Christ Jyoti. The official part of the celebration was concluded with the vote of thanks by Fr. Stephen Raj SDS, Vice-principal of CBSE. Long live CJS!

Finance Management Course



Fr. S. A. Vimal Raj SDS, Fr. Lalit Kerketta SDS and Fr. Stephen Louis SDS participated in Finance Management Course from May 18 - 23, 2015 at St. Anthony's Friary, Bangalore. The course was specially designed for people working in Dioceses, Religious and Non-Profit Organizations as Procurators, Treasurers, Accountants, Superiors, Pastors, Administrators, Project Managers, etc. Different topics were dealt during this course, namely: accounts,

Formation & management of societies/ trusts, FCRA 2010, Income tax; banking law & practice, audit, spirituality of an accountant and role and function of treasurer.

First Profession

It was a matter of great joy for Salvatorians in Carmelaram, Bangalore to celebrate the wonderful events of our Society on June 16, 2015 with a gala festivity, namely, *First Religious Profession of our five Novices: Gervas Daimary, John Paul Shadap, R. Movin Rickson, Sindus Kumar Nayak and Srinu Velpuri, 167 birthday of our Venerable Founder Fr Francis Jordan, 125 anniversary of sending our First Salvatorian Missionaries to North-East India and, Community Thanksgiving Celebration for our Re-establishment of 25 years in India.* Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS, the Vicariate Superior, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and received the vows of our brothers. On that joyful day, we extended our hearty congrats and prayerful wishes to our brothers.



Acceptance into the Novitiate and Candidature

Ajit Tigga, W. David Marbaniang and Robert S. Marwein are accepted into the Novitiate at Carmelaram, Bangalore on June 15, 2015.

Devasia S. Pakma, Francis Toppo, John Ekka, Lugi K. Lyngdoh, Maikel Toppo, Sansingboy Lyngdoh, Syam Sajeev, Silbrowel Thongni, Virinus Phanjong are accepted into the candidature at Carmelaram, Bangalore on June 16, 2015. We earnestly pray that they may have a very rewarding and fruitful experience during their formation.

Regency

Regency is very important part of formation which provides a practical apostolic experience within the ambiance of community life and ministry. It also helps mature one's vocation. This year, our regents are assigned for regency at different places as following:

Cl. Gervas Daimary	– CJS, Dhing
Cl. John Paul Shadap	– Carmelaram
Cl. R. Movin Rickson	– Laitkynsew
Cl. Sindus Kumar Nayak	– CJS Nagaon
Cl. Srinu Velpuri	– Warangal

We wish and pray that they may do their ministry very fruitfully.

Prayer Request

- For the beatification of our Venerable Founder.
- Vocations to the Society
- For the benefactors
- For the deceased members
- For the Silver Jubilee
- For the Missionary Year 2015
- SDS Retreat