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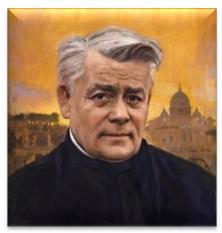


Vicariate Newsletter

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Introduction

"To progress in the spiritual life, it is not only necessary to avoid big mistakes. We must be especially faithful in small things! I would particularly like to urge you all to be quite faithful in the small things! First, you should be faithful because it is God's will; but also, and especially because if you are faithful in small things, you will be protected against greater mistakes! Whoever is faithful in small things won't fall easily into serious errors. Furthermore, those who are faithful in small things is blessed by God. Furthermore, those who are faithful in small things can expect a great reward in heaven and happiness in this world."



Whoever is not faithful in small things is already lukewarm! Those who are not faithful in small things won't be happy either. They will not be happy religious. They are at risk not only of falling into serious mistakes, but of losing their vocations".

-Talks of Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan: 1898/07/08.

FORMATION:

Aspirants 2021-22:



Ranchi -7



Warangal -6



Tokobari - 6

Spiritual Orientation:

There are 10 candidates for this formation program for the AY 2021-22 at the St. Joseph Minor Seminary in Chullikkara. The program officially commenced on 25 August 2021 after their quarantine and retreat. The candidates arrived from the communities of Ranchi and Tokobari respectively after the completion of their + 2 studies.

Philosophy:

The changes intended at the Philosophy program from the AY 2021-22, (*Ref: IV IMV Newsletter #* 7, 2021) that the new batch will enroll for the two years of B. Ph and avail the secular degree from the IGNO University had to be revoked due to the procedural technicality concerning the contract and permission from the bishop and college. Thus, the new batch of candidates in Warangal have enrolled for the three years of B.Ph. and the usual secular degree program without any changes.

NOVITIATE AND PROFESSIONS:

Novitiate:

Eight candidates of the Salvatorians in India entered into a beautiful period of their formation called 'Novitiate' on Tuesday evening (15/06/2021) during the 'vespers' (Evening prayer) at the Salvatorian community, Bangalore, India. Members of the community gathered for this joyful occasion chanting and singing the hymn to the Holy Spirit and psalms. During the ceremony, Fr. Peter Kordor Nengnong, the Novice Master, led eight novices to be to the altar, where they made their petition.



The ritual of Entrance to the novitiate included giving the assurance by the congregation to the novices to guide

and teach them to follow Christ crucified and to live in poverty, obedience and chastity. Teach them to persevere in prayer and penance, in the service of the Church and of humankind. Guiding them to live the gospel every day of their lives and teach the rule of the congregation and teach them to love our brethren as Christ commanded us.

The novices are given also a Holy Bible and a Cross of Jesus Christ to live a way of life which they are entering.

NB: Novice **Josen Toppo** decided by himself to discontinue the Salvatorian formation.





On 16 June 2021, Cl. Sebastian Diloshan, from Sri Lanka, professed his first vows in the Society at Father Jordan Formation House in Talon, Philippines. He further opted to be a missionary in Latin America and joined the International Formation community "Mater Salvatoris" in Madrid for his theological studies.

Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Cl. Sebastian Diloshan.

Perpetual Profession:

On 16th June 2021, in the ceremony held in Otto Hopfenmuller Theology Study House, Shillong, only with limited members on the 173rd birth anniversary of our Founder Blessed Francis Jordan, Cl. Aviral Kumar Minj, Cl. Johnson Bhengra, and Cl. Sigeon Pradeep professed their vows perpetually. The parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, and well-wishers of the newly perpetually professed joined the celebration in spirit as they watched the ceremony on social media.

Along with the final commitment, Cl. Niju Josey SDS, Cl. Jeberius Paul Tirkey SDS, Cl. Karnelius

Murmu SDS, and Meshelmon Suja SDS renewed their vows.





Hearty Congratulations Dear Conferrers

Diaconate Ordination:

On 21 July 202, on the feast day of Bl. Francis Jordan, Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh DD, the Archbishop of Shillong ordained Cl. Aviral Kumar Mij, Cl. Johnson Bhengra, Cl. Sigeon Pradeep as deacons. His Grace Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh was very happy to be part of the historical celebration and fondly remembered the contribution of the Salvatorians to North East India through Bl. Francis Jordan. At the end of the Eucharistic celebration, the archbishop declared that the Year of Bl. Francis Jordan is officially open.

UPDATE ON MEMBERS:

Fr. Lessmon Nongtdu: His request to discontinue the doctoral program on Psychology at Christ University on his reason was accepted by the IMV from the AY 2021-22. With his Master's degree in Formative Counselling and Spirituality, he is appointed as the Formator in the Jordan Philosophy Study house at Warangal from 01 July 2021.

Fr. Anil Kumar Perekala: Assistant Administrator, Christ Jyoti School, Dhing

Fr. Gervas Daimary: Assistant Formator at Jordan Minor Seminary at Tokobari and Team member for the establishment of the Mission at Belsiri, Tezpur Diocese. (B. Ed Studies)

Fr. Movin Rickson: MSW at St. Edmunds College Shillong and trainee at the SOFIA India

Fr. Donbosco Kharmawlong: Vice-Principal; Primary Section at Christ Jyoti School SEBA, Nagaon. (B. Ed Studies)

Diaconate Ministry:

- 1. **Dn. Aviral Kumar Minj**: Lourd Matha Church, Karangabahala in Jashpur diocese. (Ranchi Community)
- 2. **Dn. Johnson Bhengra**: Minor Basilica of Divine Motherhood of Our Lady Parish, Raja Ulhatu in the Archdiocese of Ranchi. (Ranchi community)
- 3. **Dn. Sigeon Pradeep**: St Ignatius Church, Begur in the Archdiocese of Bangalore. (Bangalore Community)
- 4. **Dn. David Marbaniang**: Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Nongbah in Jowai Diocese. (Nongbah Community)
- 5. **Dn. Robert Marwein**: Mexico Mission.

SRI LANKA AS THE SALVATORIAN MISSION UNIT:

After having received the request of the confreres from Sri Lanka along with the recommendation from the Commission for the Comprehensive Plan and IMV council regarding certain administrative independence for Sri Lanka, the Generalate decided to establish Sri Lanka as the **Salvatorian Mission Unit** with the effect from 11 October 2021. The current membership of Sri Lanka consists of five Priests and a temporary professed member with two formation communities. The presence of the Salvatorians on the Island is the fruit of many approaches initiated by the Generalate with the collaboration of the East Asian Mission Vicariate and Indian Mission Vicariate. Certainly, this new status brings them an added responsivity as the Society entrusts them the mandate to grow, spread, and defend the Gospel in the great Island of Sri Lanka.

The IMV officially and with a fraternal spirit assures our prayers and collaboration further within our capacity in their process of organizing, developing, and growing together with the rest of the Society. May you be blessed and Blessed Francis Jordan and Mary of the Apostles intercede for you!



Fr. Damien Fr. Nirmal Fr. Prabhu Fr. Theeban Fr. Vinothan Cl. S. Diloshan

MEXICO MISSION:

Acknowledging the prolonged and indefinite delay happening for the process of obtaining the necessary visa to Mexico from India even after multiple attempts due to the pandemic-related issues, the Generalate accepted the request of IMV and revoked the appointments of Frs. Anil Kumar Perekala and Gervas Daimary. Furthermore, in this context, at the request of the Generalate and with the consent of Dn. Robert Marwein and approval of the IMV, who obtained the visa to Mexico from Tanzania has joined in the Mexico Mission. He will arrive in India for his priestly Ordination and will return to Mexico as a missionary under contract.

Tezpur Mission: The Generalate has accepted the proposal of IMV for the new mission at Belsiri in Tezpur Diocese. With the consent of the bishop, the preliminary steps are being taken for establishing pastoral and education ministry at the Tezpur diocese.

YEAR OF BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN:

Year of Blessed Francis Jordan:

The commission which was formed to organize the programs for "the celebration of thanksgiving year of blessed Jordan 21st July 2021 -21st July 2022" had few online meetings. The commission created three groups, namely; Community Group, Pastoral Group, and Social Media Group incorporating members from fathers and brothers, sisters, and lay Salvatorians.

The Opening of the "thanksgiving year of Blessed Jordan" was organized with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration on 21st July 2021 in all the communities following the pandemic protocol.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the new missions and missionaries
- For Medical doctors, nurses, and frontline warriors
- ❖ For God's intervention for healing from the deadly virus
- For the deceased members.

