

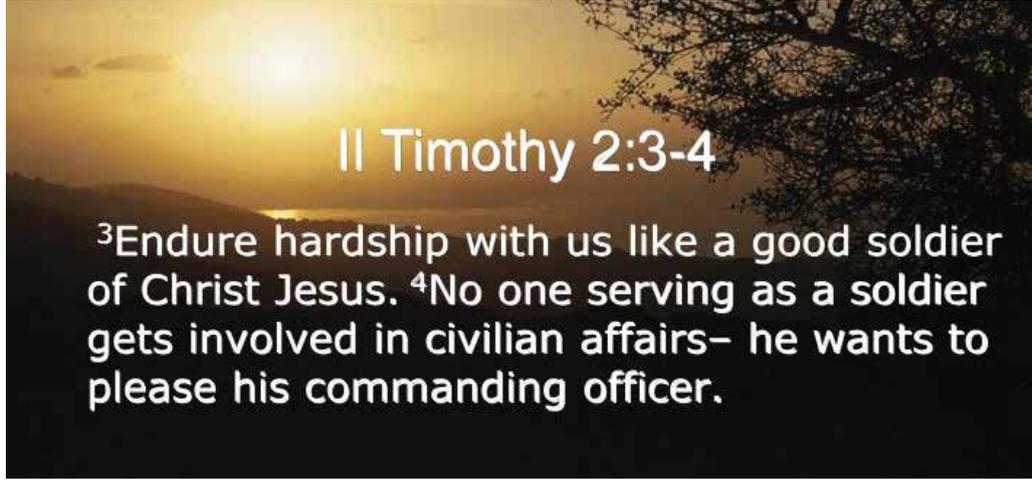


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Provincial's Note



Dear Fathers and Brothers in Jesus Christ,
Greetings from the Provincial House, Mysuru...!

We are in the liturgical season of Apostles. It was a 'Pentecost' that brought total transformation in the Apostles. Today we shall delightfully desire for a new Pentecost. Let us fill our mind and soul with Holy Spirit. Let the Holy Spirit guide our way and our mission. We are the soldiers of our Lord and stewards of His people. The Lord has entrusted us His work, to be continued in this

world. It is Lord's work that we do here. Therefore our work should be Spiritual and Divine. The Religious should work with this motto. We have to identify the disturbing needs of the society and God's answer to it. We translate God's mind through our thoughts, words and deeds. We plead the Lord for the good of the people and not for ourselves.

The ministries of pastoral work, education, and social work are the expressions of our response to our Call as a religious. A soldier is concerned only on master's command, all other calls he considers as distractions. **"No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier"** (2 Timothy 2:4). A steward will stay awake all the day for his master, even without food and sleep. Therefore commitment is the first quality which will test the sincerity of our work. Commitment to our call as a religious, commitment to our vows, commitment to the responsibility we undertake, commitment to His people are the benchmarks to measure our commitment to our Lord.

Now let us evaluate the efficacy of our ministries and reorient them to the CMI charism with the general thrusts of General Synaxis 37 such as;

- 1) Being deeply rooted in the CMI communitarian Charism
- 2) Commitment to the poor and the marginalized
- 3) Renewal of the families after the model of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara
- 4) Proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth

May the Holy Spirit who guided the Apostles, help us to appraise and realize our mission in Jesus' way.

Fr. Provincial

TO SERVE IN LOVE

In the VIth Ordinary Provincial Election held From Friday, 31st March, to Tuesday, 04th April, 2017 at Carmel Bhavan, Shivaji Main Road, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru the following fathers were elected to various ministries for the next 3 years.

1. Fr. Varghese Kelamparambil CMI
Provincial
2. Rev. Fr. Joseph Edakkery CMI
Vicar Provincial and Councillor for Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry
3. Rev. Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI
Councillor for Education and Media
4. Rev. Fr. Renny Malana CMI
Councillor for Social Apostolate
5. Rev. Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil CMI
Councillor for Finance and Agriculture
6. Rev. Fr. Siby Malolayil CMI
Provincial Auditor

Hearty Congratulations and Prayerful best wishes to the new Provincial Team.....!



SSLC Results

Christa Jyothi School, Arkalgud	- 91.30%
St. Thomas School, Gonikkoppal	- 98.26%
Bharathmatha School, Koppa	- 99.40%
Pushpa School, Periyapatna	- 93%
Sacred Heart School, Shanivarasanth	- 98.48%
Christ School, Thandavapura	- 100%
Christ Public School, Bogadi	- 100%
Christ CMI Public School, Hassan	- 100%

PUC Results

Bharathmatha PU College	- 93%
Sacred Heart PU College	- 72.5%

Changes in Transfers

- Fr. Shoby Kozhippallan CMI - Chavara Centre, Hassan
- Fr. Jomy Mekkunel CMI - Carmel Bhavan, Provincial House, Mysuru
- Fr. Silvin Manjaly - Christ Home, Bogadi
- Fr. Francis Mandapathikkunel - Christ College, Srirampura
- Fr. Shoji Thekken CMI - Christ College, Srirampura

“CEDAR OF MANNANAM”

മാനാനന്ത ദേവദാരം

Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI

“The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like the cedar in Lebanon” (Psalm 92:12)

Our congregation has just celebrated her 186th birthday. Standing on the top of this mile stone we shall have retrospection in to the long-gone years, years that the good God led us through - **A retrospective faith reflection.** A “Creative and effective response to the signs of the times and needs of the society”, has always been an impeccable CMI animation panache. Our forefathers especially St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara had a unique style of leadership, a CMI style of Animation, a **Chavara Style of functioning.** Therefore a CMI animation has basically four dimensions - Communitarian, Family apostolate, preferentially for the poor and Proclamation of the Good News.

1. Communitarian:

We find that at its very source **CMI religious life has a deep communitarian dimension.** This spirit is continued through her life - be it in the foundation, be it in the search for a suitable place for the monastery, or in the event of laying its foundation stone for the motherhouse or in the choice of the patron of the first house being built and so on. Now, we have to introspect about the quality of this community charism, as it is being lived today. We know that, person is a bundle of relationships; he is open to communication, which can lead to communion of hearts and minds, eventually leading to the creation of community. Therefore the call for communitarian life is a call for live sweet cultures like St. Chavara.

The community spirit was built by our fathers on a unfathomable spiritual experience cultured from the feet of the Lord. St. Kuriakose was like the cedar of Lebanon with the Eucharist Lord - “Cloud brushing Cedar” (മേഘം ഉരുമുന്ന ദേവദാരം). His community spirit

fountained from Devotion to Holy Trinity (*Tritva Kudumbam*) Holy Family (*Thiru Kudumbam*) The Church (*Thirusabha*). Fundamentally a religious community is a way of life like a family, and it is the agapeic love (giving, descending, emptying love of God) that should bind us together; it is a reflection of Trinitarian love (Jn. 17: 23). What is Trinity or Triune Family but a perfect equality of persons (substances) with distinct functions. And the quality of our unity and community depends on the quality of our openness and self-surrender to the others as in the Trinity. It is important to remember that growth in spiritual life of members of a religious community depends very much on their community life. “A spiritual exercise in community has better chance of survival than individual spiritual exercise, because the former is stronger than the latter.”

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2. Family Apostolate:

The above reflections on our ‘communitarian charism’ naturally lead to a discussion of a renewed commitment to the **welfare of human families** (*Vasudhaiva kudumbakam* - The World is one Family). St. Chavara’s “vision and mission” of Christian family has been immortalized to a great extent by his two letters written to the members of Kainakari parish and through them to all the families of the world, of which the first one is in the form of his **Last Will (Chavarul)** and the second one is on the **Upavi-shala**: its purpose and need; establishment and maintenance. In the Chavarul, he gives **24 instructions** in which a number of principles and practical aspects are elaborated. These are followed by **16 rules of upbringing children** in the proper way which is a grave duty of parents. Therefore, it is quite fitting that we meaningfully invest our resources - personnel and other - for the

renewal of families which is clearly visible in the life and mission of St. Chavara, and is well articulated in his Chavarul. Probably school is one of the best means to do this family mission.

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3. Preferential for the Poor:

When we are personally and collectively strengthened by the CMI communitarian charism, inherited from the Founding Fathers, and as we invest increasingly in personnel as well as material wealth for the renewal of modern families, which face a number of problems and challenges, we become ever more sensitized to the needs of vulnerable human beings. In the life of the Founding Fathers, especially St. Chavara, we have enough inspiring examples of burning charitable actions: **The orphanage at Kainakari** is an eternal monument of Chavara's charity and compassion for the suffering and abandoned members of the society. Empowerment of these people essentially calls for a preferential option for them, adopting a simple CMI life style among all our members, in all our communities and institutions.

ഭിക്ഷക്കാർ വെറുംകൈയോടെ നിന്റെ വീട്ടിൽനിന്ന് ഇറങ്ങിപ്പോകാൻ ഇടവരുത്

4. Proclamation of the Good News:

The CMI spirituality shaped by the Founding Fathers' charism, which was rooted in a four-fold dimension of community-family welfare-social sensitivity-gospel proclamation, should be the special characteristic of our mission in India and abroad. The community -social sensitivity dimension of their evangelization may be found in the establishment of catechumenates attached to all the early monasteries, starting with Mannanam in 1864, by Fr. Chavara as its Prior. In this attempt, it may be noted that faith formation was preceded and accompanied by human development. Moreover, respect for the faith of other religious followers, shown by our founding fathers is a great lesson for our inter-religious relations as part of our evangelizing mission.

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Rev. Fr. Jacob Manjaly



Karunaabisheka Convention

“...You can start a monastery; it will be useful for you as well as for others.” Ecclesial dimension and call given by the Bishop Maurelius Stabilini to our founding fathers to their original charism was flashed and thundered as divine symphony at Kakkinje through the Karunabisheka Convention and the people experienced it as a new Pentecost. About 1,500 people experienced the power of the Word of God and witnessed to the marvellous works the Risen Lord performs amidst us even today.

The four day convention began on 08th of May, Monday with the solemn liturgy lead by Rev. Fr. Jose Valiyapararambil, Vicar general of the diocese of Belthangady. His homily set the right tone for the convention. Well known retreat preacher, Rev. Fr. Jacob Manjaly was the main preacher for the first two days. God has gifted this servant to reach the Word of God to people with wit and wisdom. Following two days were guided by Bro. Sabu with signs of healings and miracles of God. On 11th May with the paternal blessings and message of, His Excellency, Bp. Lawrence Mukuzhy, of the diocese of Belthangady the convention concluded. In his message the bishop emphasized on

the importance of listening to the Word of God, deepening the faith and becoming fruitful in the works of love.

There was a good support of the priests from the nearby parishes in liturgical services. Fr. Kuriakose Vettuvazhy, Forane Vicar, Thottathady and Fr. Binoy Kurialasserry, Vicar, Forane of Cathedral Church, Belthangady helped with leading Eucharistic Celebration. The help of Rev. Sisters and the faithful was bountiful. Many of our fathers and brothers actively involved and participated in the convention. The whole province appreciates, congratulates and thanks the local community, Fr. Johnsnson Attuchalil, Superior, Fr. Baby Thazhuthedath, the coordinator of the convention and Fr. John Kandankery, for their insightful initiative, relentless commitment, and commendable service

A view of the Participants





Blessing of Christ School Nursery Building

The long cherished dream of Christ Public School, Bogadi was materialized on 28th of May 2017, with the blessing of a new Kindergarten building. The beautiful edifice is reminiscence of the farsightedness and collective will of implementation of the previous provincial team. It is yet another feather on the cap of the local community led by Fr. Dince. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelamparambil, the Provincial, acknowledging the contributions of all the hands behind accomplishment, prayed, blessed and dedicated the building for the larger mission of the Church, in the presence of a good number of our own members, school staff and other beneficiaries. Let the new sculpture become the platform for the little angels to leap in to the world of immeasurable blessings.



Native Mission Exploration - Fr. Joy Chirackal

Rev. Fr. Joy Chirackal is appointed as the parish priest of Good shepherd Church Anagallidoddi, Thomayarpanyam Post, Kollegal Taluk, Chamarajanagar. The parish is 36 km away from Kollegal. Nearest parish to Anagallidoddi is Hanur and it is in 12 km distance. The provincial team members accompanied him to the parish. He was installed as parish priest on 11th of June. Prayers and a joyful experience for Fr. Joy....!

To the Queensland

Fr. Sijo Puramthottathil is geared up to become a missionary in a new terrain. Yes, he received visa to work in the Rockhampton diocese. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is a suffragan Latin Church diocese of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, erected in 1882, covering Central Queensland, Australia. He shall be bidding adieu to us on July 22nd.

On a Spiritual Auditing

Fr. Sebastian Illicakunnel who has been the auditor of the province was winged to USA to do pastoral and spiritual auditing.

To the Top brass

Fr. Joshy Cheruparambil has been handpicked by the Prior General to be General Formation Co-ordinator of the CMI Congregation.

Secretary ...General

Fr. Vipin Pullanpally is actively communicative and vibrant as Secretary to Rev. Fr. Prior General. He brings greater communion to the congregation through his timely and valuable communication.

Always Aiming the Higher...!

Fr. Titto Puthuva has started his higher studies - Post-Graduation - at Christ University, Bangalore.

To Wake up the World

Four of our Deacons are having their Diaconate Ministry in different parishes. We wish them a very fruitful ministry.

Dear Fathers and Deacons, the Pauline family proudly congratulate and appreciate you. We pray for showers of blessings upon each one of you and on your new mission. Come out with colours and bring laurels to the province...!

To be Alone with the Alone

Four of our brothers have joined novitiate at St. Thomas Mount, Calicut for their Novitiate experience. Carmel Bhavan community together with the provincial and the councillors gave them a prayerful send off. May they be able to imbibe the genuine spirit of religious life after the model of St. Chavara.

Final Commitment

Bro. Bibin Chengencherry made his Final Commitment to God on 28th of May. Fr. Provincial officiated the liturgical ceremonies. There was a good representation from our communities and sister communities. After the solemn celebrations at the divine table there was a sumptuous agape meal. We welcome Bro. Bibin to the larger religious fraternity. May he be able to serve in love. All the best Bibin.....! ■



Animation for Exuberance

An Animation Programme for Superiors, Directors, Prefects, and Principals of the province was conducted at our Provincial House from 18-20 May 2017. The resource persons of the animation programme were: Mar Antony Kariyil CMI, Bishop of Mandya, Fr. Varghese Kelamparambil CMI, Provincial, Prof. (CA) Subramanian Janardanan (consultant Christ University), Fr. Suraj Kottayil CMI, Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI and Fr. Biju Pallurathil CMI. Rev. Fr. Joseph Edakkery welcomed the gathering and he was the moderator of all the input sessions. Rev. Fr. Vicar General, Varghese Vithayathil CMI formulated the Orientation Talk as DASS - Discern, Accompany, Serve and Sanctify. Mar Antony Kariyil alerted the gathering by briefly explaining three recent controversies which emerged in the Church of Kerala. The input session by Mar Antony Kariyil was followed by Jubilee Celebration. The Mysore CMI family wished Mar. Antony Kariyil greetings of his Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession. Rev. Fr. Provincial spoke about 'Provincial Manual sharing'. While Fr. Suraj explained to the assembly, 'Institutional Administration: Current Issues', Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy shared with the gathering, "CMI Animation Style: in the footsteps of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara". Fr. Biju Palluruthil handled the topic, 'Documentation, Chronicles, other Books and Files'. Prof. Subramanian spoke on the 'Basics of Accounting and Finance for Institutional Managers'. Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil, Counsellor for Education and Communication proposed the vote of thanks. He highlighted the importance of communitarian aspect of religious life. Team work can take us to better heights of success. Fr. Provincial also thanked everyone for their active participation in the programme ■





“Nadedu Banda Daari”

History of CMI, St. Paul’s Province, Mysore

(Dear Fathers and Brothers, from this issue of the St. Paul’s Messenger we bring to you the history of the province part by part. As you go through content you may please give your valuable, important and pertinent response by way of corrections, additions, suggestions, opinions and showing the omissions. Thank you)

INTRODUCTION

The Congregation of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) established in the year 1831 is the first indigenous Catholic Religious Congregation for Men in India. The founders of CMI congregation were Fr. Thomas Palackal, Fr. Thomas Porukara and St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. It was on May 1831 that the foundation stone for the first house - the mother house- of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) was laid on the top of the Mannanam Hill. The first eleven Fathers made their religious profession on 8th December 1855, according to the rules and constitutions given to them by Arch Bishop Maurelio Stabellini, Vicar Apostolic of Verapoly¹.

The centenary of the founding of the religions community was solemnly celebrated in 1931 and a souvenir volume sketching its history was published with the name, “The Carmelite Congregation of Malabar 1831-1931”. The centenary of the religious profession of the first Fathers of the congregation was solemnly celebrated in December 1955 - by convoking an All India Religious Conference.²

¹ The history of the congregation written by Rev. Fr. Bernard Alanchery CMI, the well known historian of the St. Thomas Christians was published on the occasion of the golden jubilee celebration (1905) of the profession of the first Fathers.

² The fore-runner of the present CRI.

In 1885, the congregation was elevated to the pontifical status, and in 1967 to the position of Pontifical Exemption. Now the CMI Congregation is a Clerical Exempt Religious Congregation of Pontifical Right. Over the centuries, the congregation has grown to 15 provinces, 1 Mission Region, 7 Sub-Regions, 2 Delegations, 6 Mission Dioceses, working in 31 countries with a total membership of over 3000 Fathers, Brothers and Seminarians.

I. MYSORE MISSION AS ST. PAUL’S PROVINCE

The beginning of the CMI mission in Karnataka State dates back to 1954. In the early 1950’s the St. Thomas Christians had migrated to Malabar and beyond in large numbers. To meet the pastoral needs of the migrated people, Rev. Dr. Sebastian Vellopilly, bishop of Tellichery³ sought the help of the CMI Fathers of the Sacred Heart Province, Kalamassery (Kochi). Realizing the invitation as God’s call the Sacred Heart Province, Kalamassery, the present Kochi Province, decided to take up the Mission and moved to the Christians at Narasimharajapuram (N.R. Pura) in the District of Chikkamagalur, Karnataka State. Rev.Fr. Berchmans Kureeckal CMI, came as the first

³ With the formation of the Diocese of Tellicherry in the early 1950s, the faithful of Northern part of Kerala and outside were in need of pastoral service.

Missionary in this new mission in 1954. He had to face a lot of initial problems, but he underwent all the challenges patiently till his death in 1958 at N.R.Pura. His body was brought back to Always Monastery and he rests in the monastery grave for the glorious resurrection. The Parishners of N. R. Pura have great respect for this pioneer missionary and every year they celebrate the 'Satham' in his memory.

CMI mission in Karnataka was formerly entrusted to the S.H. Province, Kalamassery, Kochi, as its first Mission in 1959 by the Prescript (Proto no. 586/49) from the Vatican. The region was officially erected in the year 1965 when Rev. Fr. Francis Sales was the Provincial of the S. H province Kalamassery, Kochi. Rev. Fr. Cyprian Vithayathil was appointed as the first Regional Superior with the Mission Quarters at Gonikoppal in South Coorg. Rev. Fr. Regulus Thadathil was his successor from 4th February 1969. Rev. Fr. Barnabas took the charge of the Region as its Superior on 2nd may 1970 and Rev. Fr. Frederick Mundathanath was his successor from 10th may 1975. The geographical area of the Mission Region spreads well over the civil districts of Mysore, Coorg, Hassan Chickmagalur and Dakshina Kannada (South Canara). The district of Hassan was entrusted by his grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Thoomkuzhy -then Bishop of the Diocese of Mananthavady to CMI, St. Paul's Province, Mysore.

From the year 1960 to 1980's many of our fathers and brothers contributed to the various developments of the Region and the people in different areas. They are Rev. fathers, Devassy Kodenkandath, Sabas Kuruvithadam, Hugo Kalapurackel, Jeremias Ackanathplackal, Rufinus Kuniathodath, Mark Pulparambil, Egbert Vacchaparambil, Benno Kallapurakkakath, Reymond Mancheril, Mathew Koodalil, Dominic Cheerakattil, Augustus Thekanath, Audiso Thirumath, Zacheries Roche Puthussery, John Berchmans Kannarkatt, Vincent Panickaparambil, Joseph Kaimala, George Joseph Putthankala, Joseph Faustian Kangirakombil, Joseph Raphal Kattikareen, Antony Ettickal and Rev. brothers Benjamin Muricken, Varghese Koikara, Ignatius Nellissery and Sylvester Parapurath. They have nurtured the vineyard profoundly. Some of them have gone for their eternal reward and many are serving the Lord in different places.

We are obliged to place on record the yeomen and unique service rendered by Rev. Fr. Francis Sales CMI to the Mysore mission. We place on record the commendable service of Rev. Regional Superiors - Fr. Cyprian, Fr. Regulus, Fr. Barnabas, and Rev. Fr. Frederick- who had great vision for the Mysore Region and they have spent their whole life for its

growth and well being.

Considering the remarkable progress of the mission with regard to the resources and activities the 30th General Synaxis held on may 02, 1978 elevated this Mission Region to the status of a Vice-Province placing under the patronage of St. Paul. Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Fredric Mundathanath who was the Regional Superior from 1975 became the first Provincial of St. Paul's Vice-Province.⁴

II. BRIEF HISTORY OF DIFFERENT HOUSES OF ST. PAUL'S PROVINCE, MYSORE:

1. Carmel Bhavan (Provincial House)

Ever since we took up the Mission in the region of Mysore, we wanted to have a house serving as our Head Quarters in Mysore. Rev. Frs. Thomas Benedict Kaitharath and Edmund Kaliyankara were instrumental in getting a plot of land at N. R. Mohalla from Mr. Ismail Sharif in 1975⁵ along with a house. This house was named as Carmel Bhavan. The Aspirants were brought to Carmel Bhavan from Thandavapura and Rev. Fr. Edmund was appointed as their Rector. He was also the first Superior of the Carmel Bhavan. Carmel Bhavan functioned as the aspirants' house from the year 1985- 1989. On the completion of the new building, the Head Quarters of the province was shifted from Gonikoppal to Carmel Bhavan on 27th July 1979.

Fr. Frederick was reelected Provincial for a second term, and was at the helm up to the year 1984. Rev. Fr. Gabinus Petta succeeded Rev. Fr. Frederick and was in charge of the Vice-Province up to the year 1987. During his time the novitiate house at Thandavapura was constructed. Rev. Frs. Melesius and Antony Moolamattam supervised the construction. Rev. Fr. Gabinus was meek in his behavior and had a motherly affection to everybody. He had a peaceful death at St. Philomina's Hospital after a heart stroke in 1990 and is buried at Thandavapura. Rev. Fr. Gabinus had served the congregation in Kalamsserry province earlier on many capacities. Rev.Fr. Thomas Kuniathodath took up the reign of the province in 1987. He was more a spiritual and pastoral oriented person. He took steps for the establishment of Siddhi Vihara by purchasing the land in 1990. In

4 The 35th ordinary General Synaxis held in Bangalore raised the vice province to the status of a province on 9th of April 2002.

5 The details of the plot and registration are as follows. The plot was a continuous 3 sites, i) Site no 4522(L.43). East -west 38' and North-South 75' was registered in the name of Rev.Fr. Benedict on 13th August 1975. ii) The site no. 452 (L.44). East -west 57' and North-South 75' was registered also in the name of Rev.Fr. Benedict on 18th August 1975. iii) The site no. 4522/1(L.44). East -west 95' and North-South 95' is registered in the name of Rev.Fr. Edmund on 29th March 1975.

1988 Rev. Fr. Thomas laid the foundation stone for the Aspirants' house at Koppa and for the Aspirants house at Bogadi on 6th August 1988.

In the year 1990 onwards Rev. Fr. Joseph Angadiath who was the force behind the various social development projects based at Kakkinje in South Canara succeeded Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunnianthodath. The Carmel Bhavan Church is the project of Rev. Fr. Angadiath. The names of the benefactors of Mount Carmel Church, are recorded on a marble slab on the Church wall to remember them with gratitude and pray for them with love. They contributed the fund from their poor earnings. It may be found as the poor widow's penny taught by our Lord in the Gospel. Their names are August Jertrud and Hedwig Stein Kotter. The interior wall designs at the Altar of the Church depict the Paschal Mystery of Christ - the Eucharist, Passion of Christ, Resurrection etc. Rev. Fr. Joy Elamkunnapuzha CMI is the designer of the beautiful art. The chapel work was completed under the supervision of Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil as the provincial. Rev. Fr. Abraham Fabian Chakiath is the person who executed the work with commendable commitment.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Angadiath was very committed to open many social work activities in different centres. The leprosy scheme at Hallikerehundi in Nanjangud and the cancer hospital project at Kandali, Hassan, the Healthcare project at Tharikere were the results of his hard work for which he got foreign collaboration. Rev. Fr. Francis Chirackal helped Rev. Fr. Joseph Angadiath to materialize the cancer hospital project, at Kandali, Hassan.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil followed Rev. Fr. Angadiath as the Provincial from 1993 to 1996. He was by profession a psychologist and the beginner for many innovations in the province. When Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil took charge of the province the Arakalgud centre was in the early stages. He supported Rev. Fr. Francis Chirackal with vision and finance to put up a School and chapel at Arakalgud. Being a man of prayer he wanted that all the centers should be Eucharist centered. The Carmel Church at Mysore was blessed during his time. The chapel at Hassan, the leprosy building and our house with the chapel at Hallikerehundi, the first floor with the chapel in Periyapatna, the hospital and residence at Tharikere, the School at Thandavapura, the new house at N. R. Pura, were constructed while he was the Provincial.⁶

⁶ Fr. Thomas Vithayathil is at Dharmaram study house now, where he had spent most of his life time on different assignments. He is the spiritual director of the Scholastics at present. He is our senior most priest

Rev. Fr. George Kalambukatt who had worked in many stations in education field for many years took the charge of the province from 1996 to 1999. One of the main contributions of Rev Fr. George was the beginning of Carmel Bhavan Book Centre. This centre stands for the dissemination of values of Christian spirituality through the supply of books, pious articles and liturgical materials. This is a viable and profitable scheme and on a wider level it promotes evangelization within the community of faithful as well as the people of goodwill whose hearts are in search of the Truth. It was during this period the site no. 4541, a plot of 8631/2 square yard, opposite to the radio park and to the Provincial house, belonged to Mrs. Gladia Continho was purchased on 30th December 1997, and the present building was constructed. A branch of South Indian Bank was opened in our old building. The land in Jettihundi where the CHWA buildings are put up and the estate land at Bilsale attached to the Handbal station were purchased. He did this with a wider vision of the progress of our province for the future.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunnianthodath was the next Provincial for a second time from 1999-2002. Rev. Fr. Thomas took interest in our land in Vidyanagar, Hassan which had been remaining idle for a long period and deputed Rev. Fr. Moolamattam to put up a community Hall, mainly for Pastoral work and this was the starting point of the development of Vidyanagar Station, in Hassan city. The first floor with the Carmel Church at Provincial House was put up when Rev. Fr. Kunnianthodath was the Provincial (1999-2002).

Rev. Fr. Thomas Ayankudy a young vibrant priest became Provincial from 2002-2005. The opening of a mission for the province in Argentina was his contribution. The Carmel Arcade, the Christ Bogadi CBSE School, Hassan Nursery School as well as the School at Varthegundi, Tharikere were fruits of his efforts. Our property at Alwaye and Angamaly was sold during this time. After his Provincialship he became the Director of Siddhivihara and then he opted for the Argentinean Mission which he himself had opened. The first batch of 3 fathers went to the mission in May 2005 when Rev. Fr. Antony Moolamattam was the Provincial. Rev. Frs. Roy Kochuvelikkakath, Chackochan Parakattkuzhiyil, Abraham Kandathinkara were the pioneers. Frs. Chackochan and Abraham came back after few months and did not go back. Next year Rev. Fr. Joy Kochupurackal joined the mission in 2006. Rev. Fr. Thomas Ayankudy went to join the mission on 14 May 2009. Later, Rev. Frs. Joy Kamukumpally, Antony Ackapillil and Jose Pallattu joined the mission and Fr. Antony returned to the province in the year 2017.

Rev. Fr. Antony Sebastian Moolamattam a man on move always and a man of simple life style, became the Provincial in 2005-2008. He promoted a few fathers for higher studies and for the Mission abroad in U.S.A. and U.K. He has traveled abroad to promote the Mission outside of India. He was interested on many fronts. He took initiative for opening a centre for physically challenged in Hunsur. He had taken great interest to make our Carmel Church in Mysore a Parish. On 26th January 2005 it was raised to a Parish and Rev. Fr. George Kalambukatt was the first Vicar of the Carmel Parish. During this term an attempt was made to begin a nursing college at Kakkinje and our property at Ujire was sold to the diocese of Belthangady.

Rev. Fr. Varghese Koluthara took charge of the province in 2008. By his extensive experience in Dharmaram study house and other institutions in Bangalore and abroad he seemed to be the choice of the time when our congregation and province were on move for more global arena of Mission activities. Rev. Fr. Joseph Edakkery- the Vicar Provincial served as the prefect as well as the priest in charge of the Carmel Parish during his tenure. Our property at N. R. Pura was sold during this period and a property was bought in Bangalore.

Fr. Joseph Rathapillil was the provincial from 2011 to 2014. Having a lot of experience in educational and administrative fields he gave experienced leadership to the province. Eventful were the years of his administration with renovation of houses and institutions. ICSE school at Hunsur was began during this time. A property was bought at Thottuva, Kerala and a house was built at Vidyanagar, Hassan. The disposal of Carmel Arcade, Estate at Tharikere and property of Bangalore were done by Fr. Joseph Rathapilly, as the Provincial.

Fr. Santhosh Kurian Srayil took the baton of the Provincial and gave leadership to the province from 2014-2017. His was a time of new initiatives and zealous actions. During his time the retreat centre at Kakkinje named “DashanaVeedu” came in to effect. A new house at Kakkinje, ICSE school at Mundaje, CBSE school at Kandali, State Syllabus school at Hallikerehundi, CHWA- a school for specially privileged children, at Jettihundi, new building for nursery students at Koppa, new college building for degree students at Koppa, Nursery building at Christ Bogadi, beginning of new buildings at Gonikoppa, Shanivarasanthe, Arkalgud, Periyapatna, Christ, Vidyanagar, Hassan, beginning of Christ College at Sreerampura, Mysuru were his initiatives. They purchased land at Madikeri, Managalore and Goa.

Fr. Dr. Varghese Kelampampil took the office of the Provincial in 2017 ■

Dream Bloom-Bharath Matha Degree College



A separate building for the degree college with best facilities was a dream of the Bharathmatha Institution’s management as well as the St. Thomas Education Society. The farsighted vision, concerted effort and relentless passion fruited as a beautiful edifice in the Chavara Campus, Bharathmatha. It was like cutting a way through marshy - thorny, sloshy - murky, rough and tough terrain. “A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.”- Collin Powell. Right from clearing the ‘pody’ of the land to the completion of the structure- sleepless nights, restless hands and selfless service of Fr. Siby Malolayil were concretely and creatively blended. Now, Bharathmatha Degree College has set a platform to leap in to the orbit of the horizon to catch the world with the tail. This milestone definitely is yet another golden feather to be crowned to the Bharathmatha Community and conferrers. The blessing and opening of the building took place along with College Day on 28th of March. The occasion was solemnized with the gracious presence of Rev. Fr. Provincial, Rev. Fathers, sisters, brothers, staff and students, people and government officials ■



Darshana Bhavana, Koppa - Foot in the Door

We have nine young and vibrant brothers as fresher's at Dashana Bhavana, Koppa. This year the I PUC students too stay at Koppa and do their studies at our PU College. It is a new beginning. So, we have all together 22 brothers at Koppa. Rev. Fr. Provincial accepted the newcomers to the province on 10th of June. Fr. Renny and Bro. Bipin Mathur helped the young brothers to get acquainted with the initials. Fr. John, Fr. Shoby and Fr. Francis were the 'fisher men' in this year's catch. Under the dynamic leadership of Fr. Thomas Marottimoottil the aspirants are getting involved in a very creative, meaningful and timely social action programmes. We wish all the very best wishes to all the brothers and their Rector. May you become the 'Chavara Boys' in letter and spirit.

Come together to Grow together

The Annual Vacation get together of the brothers became hectic, dynamic and rejuvenating with varieties and novelties. It was a three day programme held at Carmel Bhavan, with

prayer, classes, play and outing. The programme was well organised under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Edakkery. Fr. Provincial's interventions and innovations made the days meaningful and memorable.

Bursar's and Administrator's Meet

A training program was offered to our Bursars and Administrators on 18th June 2017 at Bharathmatha Campus, Koppa. The duty of the Bursar/ Administrator based on our CMI Constitution Chapter IV Article C262-C335 was explained with precision and clarity by Fr. Joseph Philip. Fr. Provincial addressed the members and explained about the core values of an Administrator. Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil explained about the financial status of the province and of the institutions of St. Thomas Education Society. Loan status of the society was also brought to the notice of the members. According to the decision of our society, the central pooling system needs to be implemented. The contributions are to be sent to the society/ province account before 30th June 2017. Fr. Siby Malalayil, our Provincial Auditor pointed out that he will make sure the visit of the internal auditors for the verification of our accounts.



Education for Excellence

St. Thomas Education Society, Mysuru, began the new academic year on a right note. A well-arranged, useful and effective orientation program for its faculty members was conducted at Christ University Campus from 25th May 2017 to 27th May 2017. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelamparambil, Provincial, gave an inspiring keynote address. Renowned Facilitators for the programme were Dr. Kennedy, Christ University; Dr. Srikantaswamy, Former Director of Research Centre, Christ University, Bengaluru; Dr. Jose C.C, Director, Students Affairs, Christ University; Vinay M, Department of Computer Science, Christ University; Fr. Augustine, Principal, Christ School Bangalore; Fr. Benny Thomas, Director, Faculty of Engineering and School of Law. The resource persons enlightened the group with their expertise on the following topics respectively - Excellence in Teaching, Organizational Culture and work Values, Effective Implementation of Co-Curricular

Activities for Student Development, Technology in School Education and Effective Management and Leadership. Three days Orientation Program helped the teachers of St. Thomas education Society to procure knowledge, how to sustain in the teaching field coping up with modern informations.

“Be the Change...”

Under the able leadership of Fr. Renny Malana, councillor for social apostolate charity works is getting acceleration at Koppa. Few of the initiatives which that have started with much enthusiasm are - Computer coaching and free English coaching by aspirants for government school children, led by Fr. Rector, free note books and benches distribution by the Bharathmatha School to the government school children under the leadership of Fr. Jose P.J, Principal, free education for AkkiPikki community by the aspirants. Monetary assistance for medical purpose and house construction are also dispersed from the department ■





Flamboyant

With the slogan, “Connect People to the Nature, Christa Jyothi School Arkalgud, celebrated the “World Environment Day 2017” with unique gaiety and enthusiasm. The creative, colourful, meaningful, significant and participatory programme was well represented by the school, Revenue and Taluq office and the forest and the police departments. The programme got well attention from the media and the public. *Kudos* to the flamboyant brains and the cumulative will behind the initiative...! ■

Prayerful Homage

1. Let us prayerfully remember the reposed soul of Mr. George (78), beloved father of Rev. Fr. Shinto Puthumattathil who was called to eternal rest on Feb. 24, 2017. We express prayerful condolence to Fr. Shinto and the bereaved family members.
2. Let us prayerfully remember the reposed soul of Mr. Joseph (84), beloved father of Rev. Fr. Abraham Vadakkermury, who was called to eternal rest on April 30, 2017. We express prayerful condolence to Fr. Abraham and the bereaved family members.

Glittering Unique Success

Rev. Fr. Jose Kelampambil has crossed yet another milestone by getting passed in the UGC NET Examination (Malayalam). Perspiration, commitment and determination have resulted in a unique and colorful achievement. Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Jose to scale many more heights....!

