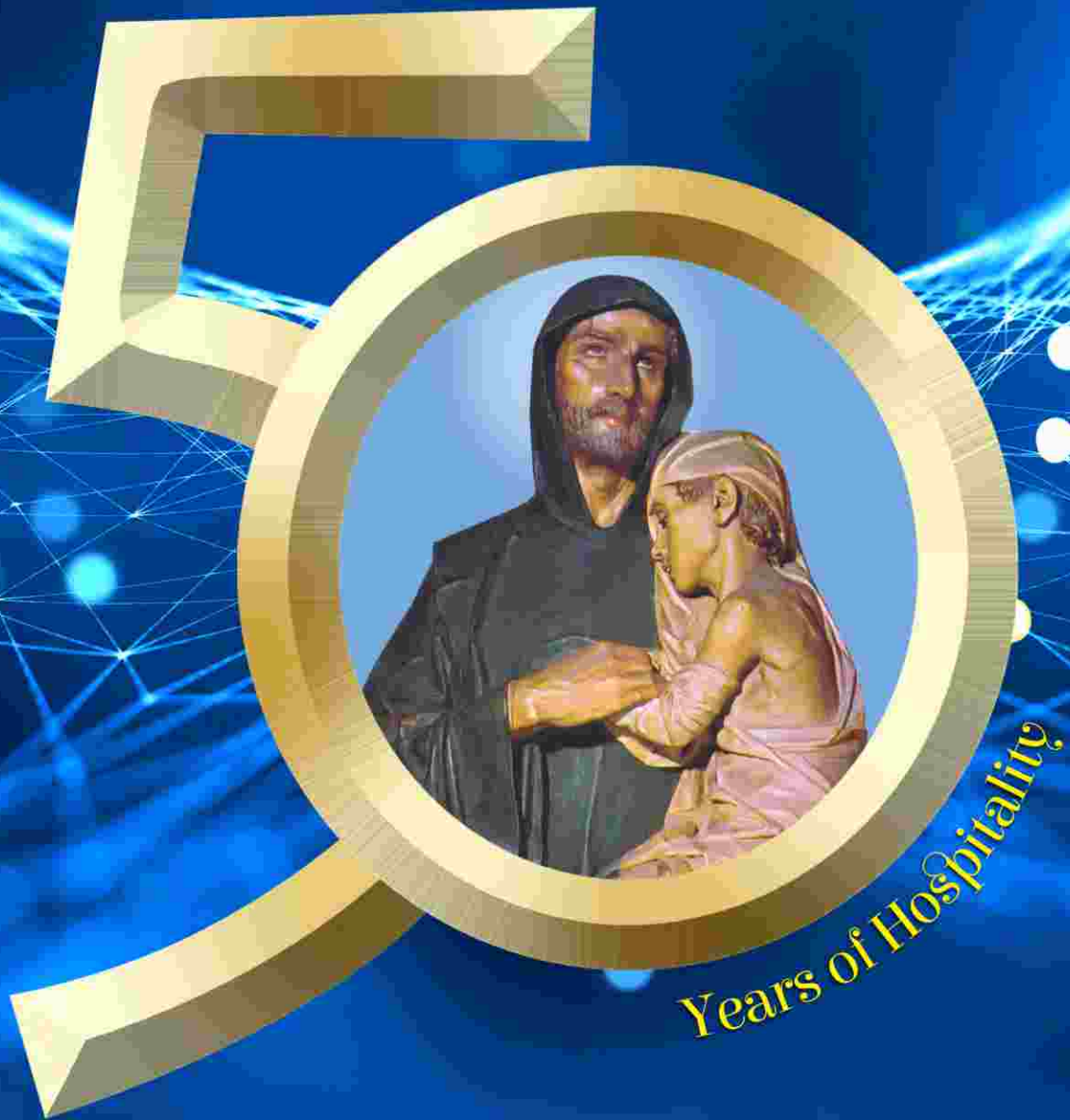




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ST. JOHN OF GOD**
ST. THOMAS PROVINCE, INDIA



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THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PATRONESS OF THE HOSPITALER ORDER



*We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

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E^ditorial

Br. Paul Varghese OH



Celebrating 50 years is a milestone in the history of the Hospitaller Order of Brothers of St. John of God in India. This is an occasion of much joy for us to look back with gratitude to God and look ahead with enthusiasm and confidence. This celebration is a time of reminiscing the past, reflecting on the present and reckoning the future. And what was achieved in the past is more than history; it is a call for our commitment to carry the torch and continue the race. We must continue to hold the torch of hope and love, in order to create a greater impact in our society.

The 'second beginning' of the Hospitaller Order in India was initiated by Servant of God Br. Fortunatus Thanhäuser in 1969 at Kattappana, Kerala. All through its growth to the present status it had to face many adverse conditions, difficulties and obstacles. Today, the Hospitaller Order in India has completed its 50 years of presence in India (1969-2019). It is a moment of great joy for all of us to celebrate what the Almighty has done in the last 50 years. Let us thankfully remember specially the late Servant of God Br. Fortunatus, Br. Alfons and all the other fellow travellers on this journey with us who have moved on to other ways of serving the Lord. Our gratitude goes to the Brothers, Sisters, benefactors, well-wishers and collaborators who have made this journey possible through their constant prayers, support and all forms of assistance.

And I take this opportunity to thank Br. Yanka Sharma, the Provincial, and his Councillors for entrusting me with the task of Chief Editor. Thanks to the editorial team for their hard work and constant support for bringing out this souvenir. I also thank all those who have contributed their precious memories, experiences, reflections, history and blessings for this souvenir.

May the words of St. John of God, "Do good to yourself by doing good to others", instill his spirit in all of us. The Souvenir tries to capture the history and making of the Hospitaller Mission in India. And at the same time it is an invitation to go forward in time by making the Charism of hospitality relevant for us today and for the future. Welcome to the unfolding of the history of the Hospitallers in India.





St. John of God

Our Founder & Patron

O glorious Saint, full of tenderness and compassion for the afflicted, who as a reward for your charity, merited to minister to Jesus Christ under the appearance of a patient, obtain for us the grace to ever see Jesus Christ Himself in the person of our neighbour, so that we may be found worthy to receive the eternal bliss promised to those who serve the Divine Master in the person of the sick, the poor and the needy. Amen.



St. Raphael the Archangel

Heavenly Helper of the Hospitaller Order

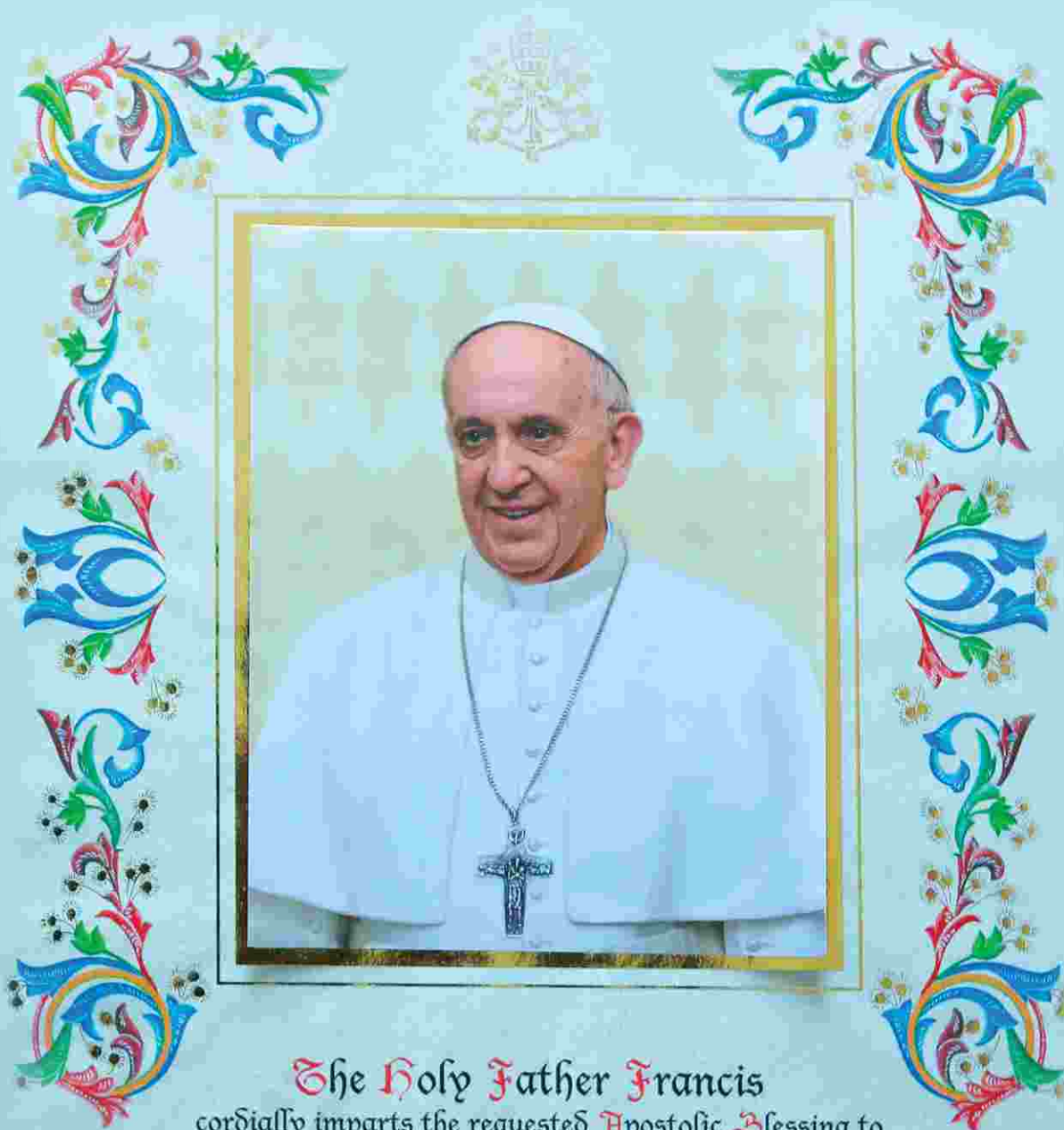


O most glorious prince,
Raphael the archangel, be mindful of us;
here and everywhere, pray to the Son of God for us.
An Angel stood before the altar of the temple.
Having a golden censer in his hand.

Let us Pray

O God, who gave blessed Raphael, the archangel, as a travelling companion, to your servant, Tobias, grant us, your servants, ever to be protected, by his guardianship and by his help. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





The Holy Father Francis
 cordially imparts the requested Apostolic Blessing to
 Bro. Yanka Sharma, Provincial Brothers
 and Co-Workers, the sick, poor and needy of
 St. Thomas Province, Hospitaller Order
 of St. John of God
 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Foundation
 of the Hospitaller Order in India
 invoking through the intercession of the Virgin Mary
 an abundance of Divine graces
 Poanamallee, 19th November 2019

Be. Ambrose Velamuri da S.E. 2019

Card. Samuel Dhanraj
Honorary Bishop



MESSAGE



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Reverend Brother Yanka Sharma,

I am glad to know that a year long Golden Jubilee celebration has been going on till November 2019, starting in Kattappana, where the second beginning of your Congregation in India took place in 1968.

Hearty Congratulations and prayerful greetings on this august occasion. I appreciate and acknowledge your sincere effort to proclaim the magnitude of God's love to humanity through the act of mercy. It is highly appreciated that *Hospitaller Order of St. John of God* had completed 500 years in serving the wounded humanity worldwide.

I join you to thank the Almighty for His abundant blessings making your Province an instrument in effecting His healing ministry in many States in India and Mauritius. Your service is more necessary than ever, as it emphasizes the primacy of Jesus in people's lives, fostering communion in the Church.

My prayer to the merciful Lord is to continue to shower His manifold blessings on your Province. May your congregation witness to His love and compassion through your endeavours in today's world.

Invoking the maternal protection of Mary, the mother of God, I convey the Apostolic Blessings of His Holiness Pope Francis.

I avail myself of this opportunity to confirm my best wishes and I remain in communion of prayers,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro
Apostolic Nuncio



MESSAGE



On 19 November, 2019, at Poonamallee, Chennai, the St Thomas Province of India will be celebrating the climax of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its foundation which had opened a year earlier in Kattappana, Kerala.

I am writing in order join all the Brothers and the whole Hospitaller Family of St John of God in India, and offer you my congratulations and best wishes for this anniversary and this history of Hospitality, which the Brothers inaugurated 50 years ago when they came from the German Rhineland Province led by Brother Fortunatus Thanhäuser with Brother Prakash Madappallil and, one year later, with Brother Alfons Höring.

Speaking on behalf of the whole Order I give thanks to our Lord for this half-century of life of our Order in India, continuing our presence in India in the footsteps of the first Portuguese Brothers who landed in Goa from Mozambique in 1685, and stayed on with various foundations until 1835. Once again, firstly in Kattappana and then in other localities such as Poonamallee, Deshgaon, Velloor, Trichy and Orissa, since 1969 the Order has been continuing to write the wonderful history of the Hospitality of St John of God in this beautiful country.

I am particularly grateful to all the Brothers throughout the past fifty years who, in the past and still today, have been making it possible to continue the work of St John of God today, unceasingly spreading the apostolic mission in different localities in India. And our thanks are also due to the Rhineland Province which first embarked on this enterprise, as well as the Bavarian and Austrian Provinces, which who have always continued to accompany and sustained the mission until today.

This is also an occasion to call to mind Brother Fortunatus Thanhäuser, whose diocesan beatification process is still in progress, which we trust will soon reach its conclusion. He stands as a topical *missionary witness* of the modern age, that Pope Francis is asking of the Church and the Order today, clearly expressed in the theme for the Extraordinary Mission Month which we shall all be celebrating in October this year: *Baptised and sent. The Church of Christ on mission in the world.*



Brother Fortunatus abandoned all, and out of love for our Lord he committed himself body and soul to the sick, the poor and the needy he met in India, a country with which he fell in love and where he became totally inculturated. He stands as an example to the whole Order, and in particular to the Indian Hospitaller Family as a whole, of *heeding the voices of so many sick people and those who need you, following the example of Saint John of God and always remaining impassioned about God and compassionate about the sick and the poor.* (Cf. Pope Francis's address to the Brothers of St John of God, 1st February 2019).

My congratulations and gratitude are also due to the Sisters of Charity of St John of God, founded by Brother Fortunatus, for their commitment to the poor and the sick, and for the way they unfailingly work together with the Order not only in India, but also in Austria, Germany, Italy and lastly, in Spain.

While joyfully celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Province of St Thomas, it is also a most fitting occasion to ask our Lord, our Lady of Patronage, St Thomas and St John of God to continue driving the Order's apostolic life and mission, to ensure that now and into the future, we will always be able to continue responding with the Gospel-inspired Hospitality that the Holy Spirit is asking of us, just as St John of God and Brother Fortunatus responded in their age.

My heartiest CONGRATULATIONS! May our Lord and St John of God always bless every member of our Indian Hospitaller Family.

Fra Jesús Etayo

Brother Jesús Etayo
Superior General
Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God



MESSAGE



St. Thomas Province of India **Golden Jubilee Concluding Celebration** **on 19th November 2019**

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds" (Ps. 9:1).

I am very happy to know that the St. Thomas Province of the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its Foundation in India. At the outset I congratulate all our Brothers, Sisters, Co-Workers present and past, and students for their commitment to the hospitality to the sick, poor and needy throughout the last fifty years. This is an auspicious moment for the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God as we mark the conclusion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of its presence in India. On this occasion we, the Hospitaller Brothers, raise our grateful hearts to God Almighty for His blessings over the past fifty years.

St. John of God, the founder and heavenly Patron of the Hospitaller Brothers, was a man of compassion and out of his love of God he committed his whole life to the service of the sick, poor and needy. Following his example, the servant of God Bro. Fortunatus Thanhaeuser came to Kattappana to establish the seed of hospitality in India on 19th November 1969.

The tiny seed Bro. Fortunatus sowed in the soil of Kattappana has now grown up into a big tree, spreading its branches across four states of India and in Mauritius, providing various works of charity.

I remember with gratitude on this occasion the Former Rhine Province, Bavarian Province and Austrian Province which have been contributing substantially for the development of the Indian Province. I pay my tribute to the departed Brothers Bro. Makarius Klaholz, Bro. Florentin Langthaler, Bro. Michael Mockenhaupt, and Bro. Alfons M. Hoering, who played pivotal role in the development of the Indian Province.

I wish that the Indian Province may flourish further to continue the charism of hospitality in other parts of India.

Bro. Vincent Kochamkunel
General Councillor



MESSAGE



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ

Warm Greetings and Wishes on the great occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Hospitaller Order of Brothers of St John of God, St. Thomas Province, India.

Our Souls magnify and glorify the Lord. Fifty Golden years have passed since our establishment of St. John of God hospitality in Kattappana, Kerala, India. Today we are in other parts of India carrying out our charism of hospitality. All these years we the Brothers of St. John of God have been blessed and helped by the good Lord Jesus and all our benefactors and well wishers to carry out the good work of serving the poor and sick in the footsteps of St. John of God. I personally feel very proud and happy to be a Hospitaller Brother and a member of the Indian Province.

On this occasion I ,together with all my brothers and all other members who make up our Hospitaller family would like to thank our divine master, Lord Jesus for protecting us and guiding us in being faithful to this journey of being a religious brother of St John of God ,serving the poor ,sick and needy.

I would also like to thank all our guests, who come to stay in our St. John of God service centres, our friends, supporters, well wishers and benefactors, without whom we would not be able to continue the healing ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the good Lord Jesus bless each and everyone with His choicest Jubilee blessings.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bro Yanka Sharma OH
Provincial





MESSAGE

ÉVÊCHÉ DE PORT-LOUIS



24 July 2019

Dear Brothers of St John of God, St Thomas Province, India,

Sincere congratulations to you, on the Golden Jubilee of your presence in India.

Some years ago, during a trip to India, I had the opportunity of visiting Kattappana Hospital and the St John of God Community there. I must say I was highly impressed by the quality of service you offer there, your concern for the formation of all those committed to health care in the hospital, and the amount of different facilities offered to patients.

I was also most interested to hear the history of the hospital, the impressive road travelled from humble beginning as a countryside dispensary with a German Brother, to what is now a "hospital town". Sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future. Keep it up!

I wish also to express my sincere gratitude to the various Provincials and brothers of St Thomas Province whom I met here in Mauritius when they came to receive from the French Brothers the hospice in Pamplémousses which was being handed over to them. I was especially impressed by the quality of fraternal collaboration between the outgoing brothers and the incoming community. This has been for us a very valuable testimony of mutual fraternal support given by your international order.

I am very happy indeed that again, thanks to this ongoing international collaboration, plans for substantial development of the Pamplémousses hospice in view of adapting the service offered at the hospice to old people's contemporary needs are well on the way.

Finally, I would like also to thank you for being open to the needs of drug addicts and for engaging concretely in rehabilitation work for them. This openness to attend to the needs of those who suffer most in Mauritian society is a further testimony to your care for the poorest of the poor.

With you, I thank God for all the graces he has showered upon the brothers over the last 50 years and I pray that this spirit of sincere fraternal service continue to inspire the brothers and keep attracting young men, including Mauritians, to embrace this great vocation.

Your brother in Christ

+ *Maurice E. Piat*

+ Cardinal Maurice E. Piat
Bishop of Port-Louis



MESSAGE



Most Rev. Dr. George Antonysamy
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Chennai, 09th August 2019

To
Rev Bro Yanka Sharma OH
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TO THE LEAST OF THESE LITTLE ONES

What is the identity of our Christian vocation on earth? Christ came to this world, took human form to be subordinated to the level of a slave, suffered and died on the cross! All not for Him, but for others, for us to be precise! This is indeed the primordial sacrifice of the *Self*, a selfless sacrifice. If we are to be called as Christians, our life and ministry to resemble that of Christ's! In the gospel according to St. Mathew, in the discourse on the last judgment, Jesus categorically tells us how our lives here on earth should be lived: always in relation to others. "I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison.... and you took care of me." (cf. Mt 25: 35-36) In fact, Pope Francis too highlights these virtues as acts of mercy.

In the same vein, the Hospitaller Brothers of the Order of St. John of God too have been dedicating their life and ministry for the well being of the suffering and the aged. Having started their first house in Kerala in the year 1969, the order has shown their presence by their caring and loving acts of mercy to the sick and the old. It is also divine grace to see their province spread wings in parts of India and abroad.

At this joyful occasion, let me thank God for His abundant blessings upon you all these years and place all of you under the maternal care of Mary, the Mother of God. May the Golden Jubilee Celebration encourage in all of you greater enthusiasm for mission and service to humanity.

With cordial regards, wishes and prayers, I remain

In Christ our Lord,

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July 17, 2019

Message

I am very happy that this year, the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, St. Thomas Province, India, is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of its presence in India. Any achievement is worthy of a celebration and more so is the motive of the 50 years of selfless service to humanity especially in the field of medical care and charitable works.

On this occasion, it is heartening that I can, with much appreciation, recall the wonderful service the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God have been rendering in my Eparchy over the years.

In a society, where different cultures experience difficulty in living alongside one another, where inequality abounds, the Brothers of St. John of God have through the hospital ministry and mercy homes offered concrete model of community, acknowledging the dignity of each person and makes it possible to live as brothers and sisters.

On the occasion of this impressive milestone in your history of ministry in India, I pray the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God; will continue to maintain very high standards of service helping people to live happy and content in a rapidly changing world.

My prayers and blessings are with all of you.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Mar Mathew Arackal
Bishop, Diocese of Kanjirapally



MESSAGE



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Message

“Do good to yourself by doing good to others.” These are the words of St. John of God who by his mission and vision started the congregation of Hospitaller Order of St. John of God for caring for the sick, as a way of living the beatitudes of Christ. The legacy of its founder, Saint John of God, is a mission of hospitality and compassion that has continued and grown over five centuries. I am happy to know that the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God has completed 500 years of serving the suffering mankind worldwide and that the St. Thomas Province of India has completed 50 years of notable service and is celebrating its golden jubilee.

Jubilee celebration is the time to look back and remember the founding fathers gratefully and to commit ourselves with new vigour and enthusiasm for the service of the Church and the society. The most precious gift of St. Thomas Province to Catholic Church is the Servant of God Bro. Fortunatus, the founder of the Congregation of Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in India. I personally congratulate the members of the on the dedicated service rendered to the Syro - Malabar Church. May I avail myself of this opportunity to wish God's choicest blessings upon your Congregation, and Jubilee greetings personally to each and every one of you.

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July 13, 2019

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Dear Bro. Yanka Sharma,

I extend my hearty congratulations on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of Hospitaller Order of St. John of God presence in India. It has been a great blessing to have your brothers with the charism of offering service to the sick, suffering and the poor in Khandwa Diocese. We are deeply grateful to your brothers for their service at Deshgaon and in Khandwa with St. Richard Pampuri Medical and Research Centre. The contributions of your brothers in the field of education, health care and socio-developmental activities have been remarkable in the past fifty years. We appreciate your Health Care Hospital ministry that has been a great need of our place. We join with your Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in thanking the Lord for all the wonders He has worked through your Brothers.

On behalf of all my priests, religious and people of Khandwa Diocese, I thank you and all your brothers of St. John of God for your generous support to Khandwa Diocese. I pray that the Lord may continue to shower His abundant blessings upon the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God and your ministries.

Most Rev. A.A.S. Durairaj SVD
Bishop of Khandwa



MESSAGE



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MESSAGE

The Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, St. Thomas Province, India celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its second and continuous presence in India. The first venture into India from Portugal back in 1681 had to be wound up due to the civil situation in Portugal. However, good fortune came in the person of Bro. Fortunatus, the Servant of God, who made the second venture into India, Kerala, Kattappana from the Rine Province of Germany in 1969 and ever since then Brothers continue the healing ministry of Jesus through hospitals, care homes etc, in different States like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. This second coming to India, justifiably became important and significant landmark in the 500 years of history of the Congregation because of the continuity. I am happy that after the years of dreaming, planning and relentless efforts since 2007, especially by the then Vice-Provincial and present Provincial Bro. Yanka Sharma, St. John of God Brothers are at Chhatrapur in my Diocese; the House is ready and waiting to become a Home for the Mentally Challenged.

On this auspicious moment of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee, I join St. Thomas Province of the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God in thanking God for His manifold blessings to them and through them to the sick and the marginalized. I congratulate them all for their dedicated and loving service through which the healing ministry of Jesus continues in the world. Doctors with their expertise and experience treat patients, Nurses and others take care with love and respect; while only God heals them. Hospitals, Clinics, Dispensaries and Care Centers are surely places for the sick and the old, but these are also the schools of love and humanity for all the rest. Let the Jubilee celebration affirm and witness this truth to one and all.

God Bless You!

+ 
+ Sarat Chandra Nayak

17th October 2019



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MESSAGE



Message to Golden Jubilee celebration in November 2019 at Poonamallee

Dear Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in India,
In November 2019, the 50th anniversary of the return of the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God to India is being celebrated.

Already from 1685 to 1835, the members of the Order from Portugal came to India and founded four houses. Due to the consequences of the secularization, the service of the Brothers was ended after 150 years in India.

From Frankfurt Germany in 1969 Bro. Fortunatus and Bro. Prakash travelled to India to plant the Order in Kerala. Soon after in 1970 two more Brothers arrived from Frankfurt. The Hospital at Kattappana could be opened very soon and always expanded with further additions and conversions. Today it is a focal hospital in high ranges of Kerala. The second house was opened at Poonamallee in 1981 and can already look back on almost 40 years of history

The number of Brothers increased steadily so that today the community of Brothers has been able to carry out Hospitaller activities in the province for many years.

The story also includes the founding of the Sisters of the Charity of St. John of God, carrying out the charism of St. John of God that has already grown into a very respectable congregation in India.

The Order of Brothers now extends over several states throughout India and Mauritius. Some Brothers are active in Europe and maintain the connections with the whole Order. Congratulations on the great work that has come into being in India and now could celebrate 50 living years of its life in India.

May God continue to bless the works of the Brothers as well as the Sisters

Frater Andreas Hellermann OH



MESSAGE



50 Years of Hospitality in India

As a member of the Indian Province, I have had the luck of a first-hand experience of your Indian hospitality; I could sort of “inhale” it. It's an extraordinary kindness of the heart and a quality of openness which does good to everyone. Thanks to the initiatives of our Brother and Servant of God Fortunatus Thanhäuser, Brother Alfons, the first Indian Brothers and the Holy Spirit, the Indian Saint John of God Hospitality has become stronger and stronger, the driving force for many wonderful initiatives and centres which have emerged within the last 50 years. I'm convinced that you are already doing a lot of good to help people in need, and I'm sure that you will do much more good in the future – because if we live the love for God and for our neighbor, this leaves visible traces.

I'm very happy that we experience an exchange of hospitality, too: Brothers from the Rhineland initiated the work of Saint John of God here in India, and today I'm working nearly in exactly the same place these first Brothers came from. The universal language of Christian hospitality has no borders!

I want to congratulate you for your great Jubilee, and may God bless all your efforts. Keep on following the path of hospitality and provide for rooms and open spaces, where human relations and our relation to God can prosper. Thank you for all your initiatives. They show us how to heal wounds, build bridges and care for one another. The beautiful word of the Gospel: “Bear one another's burdens” is not only a thoughtprovoking idea, but (thanks to our charism of hospitality) a reality.

Your very grateful

Frater Saji Mullankuzhy OH, sac.
Provincial of the Austrian Province



MESSAGE



50 Years of The Brothers of St. John Of God in India

The Indian province of Brothers of St. John of God celebrates its golden jubilee on 19th of November. I thank our Lord for his everlasting providence, which aided the laudatory development of the order in India. The beginners of the community in India, the servant of God Bro. Fortunatus Thanhauser and Bro. Prakash Madappally arrived India from Germany on 19th November 1969. The writings of Bro. Fortunatus give a true reflection about the struggles of the people in the highranges of Kerala before 50 years. The difficult terrains along with limited accessibilities and underdeveloped hospitals which had patients lying on floor, just made the God given task much harder than they would've thought. Looking back it's easy to realise that we have come a long way and the strong will of the Brothers at the inception of the order has finally paid off.

Bro. Alfose Maria OH who passed away last year is one of the pioneering members and a source of great inspiration for the order. I remember Bro. Alfose Maria OH and other noble members of the then Rehin province and the self denying members of the Indian province with gratitude and prayers. They all stand tall in their compassionate services to the ailing and destitute.

Bro. Fortunatus took in to account the actual needs of the community and responded to them, which helped the order to have a solid foundation for the past 50 years. The housing project for the homeless and educating the underprivileged children are worth mentioning. The life of the sage has motivated many brothers and has helped them strengthen their vocation. The undying charisma of St. John of God helped him establish the congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. John of God. The sisters with their fulsome services are a blessing, especially in our institutions in Germany and Austria.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our brothers in Germany and Austria, who made our Indian projects happen with their largesse. Their ideas about charitable activities have been always a guideline. I was fortunate enough to lead the operations of Indenhilife, a bygone organization through which we received the aid for our Indian projects.

In a Christian minority country with Christians less than 3 percentage of the population, God has been kind to provide the Indian province with 56 compassionate members with an average age of 45.

I wish the historical and personal relationship between the Bavarian and Indian provinces gets reinforced during this Golden year. I extend my prayerful wishes to the St John of God family. May God bless you all continue your selfless services in the field you are in. May his providence be with us in our services for the poor and needy.

Br. Benedikt Hau
Provincial
Bavarian Province



MESSAGE



**“Brethren you have time now, do good to all according to your ability”.
(St. John of God)**

It is with immense pleasure that I am quoting from our heavenly Patron, St. John of God who reminds us about the divine mission to serve the world with good deeds. St. John of God speaks to us not about heavy tasks and unfeasible objectives but about small things that is within the capacity of the missionary. This reminds me about the glorious journey undertaken by the Brothers of St. John of God in India. The path they have taken for the last five decades was not a beautiful highway. It was a narrow country road which is bordered with ordinary lilies and grass. But the humble travelers made the road extraordinary. The selfless service of Brothers of St. John of God had changed the land and the people. I am sure that the continuous presence of Holy Spirit and the blessings of our heavenly patron are there in every step of the community.

The community of brothers was of great support to our Congregation since the days of its inception. We, the Sisters of Charity of St. John of God are greatly indebted to our dear brothers for your constant guidance and support in our small attempts to preach the Gospel through our humble services. In the occasion of celebration of 50 years of service in India, I am greatly privileged to wish all the heavenly goodness to the Brothers of St. John of God. I wish all the success for your endeavors for serving the people. Through your services you are bringing heaven closer to the people and we pray the almighty to shower his blessings over you on this auspicious occasion.

With best wishes and prayers,

Sr. Mercy Thomas SCJG
Superior General
Sisters of Charity of St. John of God
Kattappana, Kerala.



MESSAGE



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Date:

2Nov. 2019

Rev. Bro. Yanka Sharma OH, the Provincial Superior & Hospitaller Brothers

I am indeed very glad to learn that you are about to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of your presence in India. I am one among those witnesses who have cherished your witness of religious life and commitment to service especially to the poorest of the poor. As a novice I came to your House for Sunday Liturgy and spent a few hours with the brothers and the elders in your charitable Home for the Aged. Most of our confreres, who have passed by our formation House in Chennai have cherished your love and fraternity. As the Whole Church is reflecting and working toward the third World Day of the Poor (17th Nov. 2019) with the invitation of the Pope Francis "Very little is needed to restore hope, and so as genuine evangelizers offer hope and consolation to the poor", in the name of the Divine Providence Province and all our confreres, I thank the Lord for your untiring work of alleviating the human misery in a special way by taking care of the sick and the aged. I congratulate you and wish that many more generous people will join you in your selfless service and give glory to God.

Congratulations

Yours Truly

Fr. Ronald J
Fr. Ronald J



MESSAGE



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Peace and joy

**“Not all of us can do great things but, we can do small things with great love”
(Mother Theresa)**

Hearty congratulations to the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God Brothers for completing long 50 successful years of dedicated service in India. I express my heartiest appreciation and best wishes to all brothers who continue their dedicated service in this challenging world. I wish you all a happy golden jubilee and pray that the Order may spread its fragrance through excellent service to the humanity, especially services to the suffering people. The wonderful healing ministries of the Hospitaller Order of Brothers to the people around, especially to the suffering people in India, for the past 50 years are really praiseworthy. Indeed, the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God Brothers have carved out a space for itself among the suffering people not only in Kerala, but also in India and abroad. The farsightedness of the founders and pioneers has made it possible to reap rich fruit by all who have gone out of the portals of their institutions. I thank and praise God, for all the institutions are functioning with dedication, for the glory of God and for the benefit of humanity. On this joyful occasion I congratulate the brothers on their jubilee for the extraordinary accomplishments of the last 50 years in India. With immense joy and gratitude, I value the opportunity given to our sisters to work with you at Kattappana and Madrid, Spain. I appreciate your services to the suffering people, both physically and mentally. The jubilee year is an occasion for thanksgiving and renewing commitment to face the new challenges ahead of us. In this blissful year I express my heart full of thanks to the founder and pioneers, of those whose vision and passion have inspired many people to journey through a long process of building humanity. May God bless abundantly to find out His will and to fulfil this courageous task in a fruitful manner. Wish you all success in the mission. I hope and trust that you would continue to play a key role of a trendsetter in an effort to provide quality health care in the years ahead.

Let all your good deeds meet success all the way and may God guide you in the right path.

Sr.Liz Mary FCC
Provincial Superior
FCC Deva Matha Province
Changanacherry



MESSAGE



BON SECOURS GENERALATE

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Dear Bro. Yanka Sharma OH,

Date:

Prayerful wishes to you from Sr. Maria Philomi, Superior General of the Franciscan Sisters of our Lady of Bon Secours Congregation, Chennai.

I am indeed very glad to know that St. Thomas Province of your Congregation in India is Celebrating 50 years of your presence in India this year on 19th of November. On this Golden Jubilee of your Second beginning, I join you in prayers to thank the Almighty for the special blessings He has showered upon your Congregation.

I am also delighted to know that the Hospitaller order of St. John of God has completed 500 years of 'SERVING THE SUFFERING MANKIND IN WORLDWIDE'. At this juncture I am reminded of the Word of God in Psalms 34: 18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit". You are also close to the sick and alleviate the suffering of the people who are physically and mentally ill through your health care ministry.

I appreciate and acknowledge the mission work that you are doing throughout the world specially in Tamil Nadu. I also join you in thanking God for the manifold blessings He has bestowed on your Congregation. I wish and pray that you continue to live your radical discipleship of Christ experiencing deeply and spreading authentically the compassionate love of God through your health ministry specially to the poor and the afflicted.

As I congratulate you and wish you God's choicest blessings on this historical moment, I pray that you continue to live up to the special charism of your founder.

Wish you all the best for the success of the celebration.

Yours in Christ Jessus,

Sr. Maria Philomi FBS

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MESSAGE



"PRAISED BE THE EUCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS"

Provincial Superior

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"He sent His word, and healed them and delivered them from their destruction."

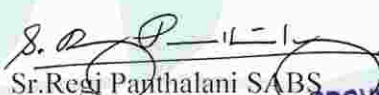
Psalms 107/20

The blessings of St. John's Hospital are the results of the combined efforts of everyone committed to serve here. With great thanks and humble orisons we the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of Jai Matha Province, Idukki extend our heartiest Jubilee Greetings to all in the name of God.

Special appreciation to Rev. Brother Forthunathus Thanhauser, the Servant of God with followers who step ahead into the remote corners of highrange region as a Florence Nightingale to dispel the darkness of disease, your care for the wounded mind and soul may zeal your commitment towards the poor. How far you travelled with God. No fall nor failure heard beneath. Fortunate to see growth of St. John's Hospital with the hands tied with the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God Congregation. Lord Bestowed graces have seen through your deeds and actions. An institution in between no matter how well designed is only as good as the people who live and work within.

Congratulations for the successful 50 years of your valuable services offered. Our salutation to all of them and our heartiest good wishes once again.....

Yours Faithfully


Sr. Regi Parthalani SABS

Provincial Superior

**PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR
SABS JAI MATHA PROVINCE
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MESSAGE



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My Dear Brother Yanka Sharma, the Provincial,
And all the brothers serving in India,

There is a saying. "Seeing is believing". In my capacity as the Executive Secretary of NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF RELIGIOUS BROTHERS INDIA (NARBI), I had the privilege of visiting, both the communities Poonamallee, and Kattappana. The NARBI held its Executive body meeting both in Poonamallee, Chennai in Tamil Nadu and also at Kattappana, in Kerala. The Brothers were cordial and warm towards the National Executive body Brothers, and I witnessed, the same attitude is shown to the Hospital inmates, that was something noteworthy inspiring and marvelous.



It requires extraordinary Patience and challenge to work among the Mentally Ill, physically disabled, Mentally, Psychologically, sensorially disabled, and Old. When I asked a brother in Kattappana, "How is it Possible". He said very casually everything is possible because we see the image of Jesus in them.

On the Occasion of Golden Jubilee, I, wish on behalf of the Entire Brothers Fraternity in India, a Prayerful wish to each and every one of you dear Brothers.

Bro. Jesudass SSP

Bro. Jesudass. SSP
Executive Secretary
NARBI, Bangalore.
Dt: 01-Aug-2019



MESSAGE



The Hospitaller Order of
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Oceania Province

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GOLDEN JUBILEE MESSAGE FROM THE BROTHERS OF THE PROVINCE OF OCEANIA



We Brothers of the Province of Oceania share the Order's sentiments of gratitude and joy as the Province of Saint Thomas, of India, celebrates 50 years spent in the service of God and neighbour in the manner of Saint John of God.

With the followers of Saint John of God, Religious and Laity, in India we thank our hospitable God for the bestowal of the graces and blessings that have enabled them to carry out the mission of Hospitality that *"keeps the merciful presence of Jesus of Nazareth alive within time"*.¹

The history of the Province of Saint Thomas, like that of its apostolic patron, shows an understanding that what one sees is more convincing than what one hears. Accordingly, the practice of Hospitality towards the needs of others as a way of proclaiming the Kingdom is more effective than words that merely comfort or exhort. This understanding has moved the followers of Saint John of God in India to be untiring in their good works.

Also the Province has contributed significantly to the development of the Order in the Asia Pacific Region. It has generously hosted many meetings, seminars and other occasions that have enabled the Order in other countries of the region to draw on the energy, enthusiasm, experience and wisdom that the Province has gained from its 50 years of existence, growth and development.

It is our hope and prayer that, the Province will experience another 50 years in which it carries out effectively the healing ministry that is so much a part of the Christian heritage and tradition.

Yours fraternally

Br. Timothy Graham OH
Provincial

¹ Constitutions of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, Art. 2c.

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MESSAGE

We, the SH Navajyothi Province Idukki take this occasion to express our gratitude to God, remembering the wonderful services done through you . During the last 50 years God only guided you in His path keeping you in His Divine Heart. May the Founder Servant of God Bro.Fortunatus become a saint and through him you experience the love of God abundantly. I take this occasion to congratulate every members of the congregation, your apostolic works, and other activities. May the Good Lord keep you and guide you in His path and shower His choicest Blessings upon you.

Thanking you

With Best Wishes and prayerful Golden Jubilee Greetings Celebrations.

Sr. Mary Mattappillil SH

Provincial Superior



MESSAGE



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Date... 31.07.2019...

GOLDEN JUBILEE GREETINGS

I am immensely happy to learn that Hospitaller Order of the St. John of God is celebrating the Golden Jubilee. May I extend my hearty congratulations and prayerful wishes on this auspicious occasion.

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mk16:15)

According to this you have come to India and completing fifty years of living the self emptying love of the Eucharistic Lord with compassionate caring service, especially the marginalised, attain life in abundance through healing, health and wholeness in the manner of St. John of God.

I feel fortunate to witness the Hospitaller Order of the St. John of God as a community called to dedicate their life for the service of the poor, following the life style of Jesus who was born and lived with poor. Let the Golden Jubilee celebrations be enable you for self evaluation and rededication.

May God bless your jubilee with happiness and peace with his many marvellous gifts of joy that never cease.

Pala

31/07/2019



With Love and Prayers,

Sr. Snow Mary SMC

Superior General



MESSAGE



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Brother Yanka Sharma OH
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Dear Brother Yanka Sharma,

It is my great pleasure to greet you as you celebrate fifty years of the presence of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in India.

You dedicate yourselves to helping the sick and those in need all around the globe. Encouraged by the gift of discipleship you have received; you consecrate yourselves to God and dedicate yourselves to serving the Church in the assistance for the sick and those in need, with a preference for the poorest.

In this way you show that the compassionate and merciful Christ of the Gospel is still alive in the world. The needs and sufferings of fellow human beings touch our hearts, and lead you to alleviate those needs and sufferings and to work for the personal development and advancement of such people.

Dear Brother we rejoice in the love of God that is reflected and made alive in the love of all of you. The Father of Mercies has called you and made you a sign of selfless and tender love. May He who is your light and hope, sustain you in His peace and give you strength for the work remaining.

Sr. A. Malar Jothi, DMI
Provincial of DMI Chennai Province



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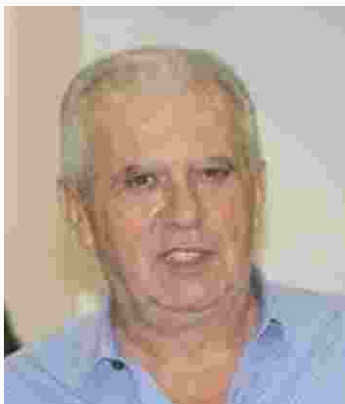
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INAUGURATION OF GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR (1969-2019) HOSPITALLER BROTHERS OF ST. JOHN OF GOD, INDIA

INAUGURATION



HIS EXCELLENCY MAR. JOSE PULICKAL
(Aux. Bishop of Kanjirapally)



SRI. JUSTICE (RETD.)
P. SATHASIVAM
(Hon'ble Governor of Kerala)



SRI. M.M. MANI
(Hon'ble Minister of Electricity)



SRI. JOICE GEORGE
(M.P.)



SRI. ROSHI AUGUSTIN
(M.L.A.)



BR. YANKA SHARMA
(Provincial)



BR. VINCENT KOCHAMKUNNEL
(Provincial Councilor)



BR. ANTONY PALAMATTOM O.H.
(Director, St. John's Hospital Kattappana)

Programme

- 16.20 Hrs. Curtain-Raiser-Digital Presentation
- 16.45 Hrs. Ceremonial reception of Hon'ble Governor
- 17.00 Hrs. National Anthem
- 17.01 Hrs. Prayer
- 17.04 Hrs. Welcome Address
Rev.Br.Vincent Kochamkunel O.H.
Provincial Councilor
- 17.09 Hrs. Benedictory Note
His excellency Mar. Jose Pulickal
Auxiliary Bishop of Kanjirapally Diocese
- 17.13 Hrs. Felicitation Speech
Sri.Roshie Augustin MLA, Idukki
- 17.17 Hrs. Felicitation Speech
Sri.Joice George MP, Idukki
- 17.21 Hrs. Keynote Address
Sri.M.M.Mani
Honorable Minister of Electricity, Kerala
- 17.25 Hrs. Presidential Address
Rev.Br.Yanka Sharma OH
Provincial, Brothers of St.John of God,
St.Thomas Province
- 17.30 Hrs. Inauguration of Golden Jubilee by lighting
the lamp & Jubilee Schemes by handing over
the cheque.
Sri.Justice (Retd.) P Sathasivam
Honorable Governor of Kerala
- 17.33 Hrs. Presentation of Memento to the Honorable
Governor of Kerala
Sri.Manoj M.Thomas (Municipal Chairman, Kattappana)
- 17.35 Hrs. Inaugural Address
Sri.Justice (Retd.) P Sathasivam
Honorable Governor of Kerala
- 17.55 Hrs. Vote of Thanks
Rev.Bro.Antony Palamattom OH, Director,
St.John's Hospital & Educational Institutions
- 17.59 Hrs. National Anthem





INAUGURATION OF GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

Ellavarkkum Ente Namaskaaram.

I am very happy to address this august gathering at the inauguration of the GoldenJubilee celebration of St. John's Hospital at Kattappana, Idukki.

Let me at the outset, convey my best wishes to the management and staff of this hospital, which has been catering to the health needs of the people in this locality during the last five decades. Managed by the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, an international Catholic Congregation, this hospital is well known for the helping hand it has been offering to the needy patients in the nearby villages since 1968. That this organization has been serving 52 countries through 71 hospitals and many centers for the mentally ill and the aged, speaks volumes about the global goodwill it has earned in the world.

I have been informed of about the sacrifice and services of Brother Fortunatus, a German Missionary who founded the Hospitaller Order in India and the congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. John of God at Kattappana. I am happy to know that this

saintly person who looked after the poor people in the High Ranges and passed away in 2005, is now in the path of Canonization.

In fact, it is such numerous instances of sacrifice and hard work of several well known and unknown people that contributed to the progress made by our State. Such sacrifices also remind us of a past with the threat of diseases and very limited facilities and resources. That this hospital was started at a time when there were no medical facilities in this area reminds us of the difficulties faced by people in those days. Today, the situation has changed with many health care facilities coming up. This hospital has too, grown to a 450 bed multi-specialty institution, serving Idukki district in Kerala, Cumbum andTheni districts of Tamil Nadu. It is good that the institution is encouraging the growth of knowledge through Pharmaceutical and Paramedical Colleges.

Today, as we begin to rewrite the Kerala model, we realize that nearly 60% of our population depends on private health care institutions, which have been updating their



facilities on a regular basis. I am certain that St. John's Hospital also has been contributing its share to sustain the efficient health care system in the State, because, ensuring the well being and health of every individual is a gigantic task which cannot be carried out single-handedly by any State.

Today, the biggest concern in health-care is the heavy cost of medical treatment, especially in diseases like Cancer. As we all know, the Health Policy of Kerala has emphasized the need to reduce the people's out-of-pocket expenses for treatment. The Government is also trying to ensure cheaper but effective services to lessen the financial burden of people. However, such efforts would succeed only with the help of the medical ventures of the private, religious and charitable organizations. I am happy that St. John's Hospital is contributing to such efforts by offering free Cataract surgeries to for the needy patients.

While enhancing the facilities in the Government hospitals and creating a more systematic referral system are certainly good, it is not be possible to drastically reduce people's dependence on private hospitals, within a short period. It is because of the credibility enjoyed by the health care institutions in the private sector. Therefore, I think it will be good if the public health care system thinks of an improved cooperation and networking with private hospitals that offer affordable health care services as part of charitable work.

Since many of the hospitals managed by charitable organizations do not spend money on advertising their services, many people do not know about their services which may be less expensive. I would therefore request the St. John's Hospital to ensure that information about their services reaches as many people as possible.

I am happy to learn that this hospital has been giving importance to understanding and



handling the unique emotional and psychological needs of the Autistic children. Learning disabilities in children have become a serious issue in our society now. I hope your Autism center and Special School would extend counseling to schools too, since they play a great role in minimizing the effects of learning disabilities through inclusive measures.

I would also like to appreciate the attention paid to the health issues and problems of the elderly population through your Pratheeksha Bhavan. Kerala has a large population in the sixty- plus age group and a good number of people are affected by dementia, Parkinson's disease and so on. Sadly, we tend to ignore such conditions as part of the natural process of getting old. It is high time every health care institution took extra interest in handling health issues of the elderly and in educating younger people about health problems that can happen to the elderly in every home.

Compassion and understanding are essential in health-care, especially in the matter of caring for the terminally ill. That a Hospice for AIDS affected people is functioning under this hospital shows the concern for such patients. It is also laudable that the Hospital Society has a housing scheme and a Tsunami rehabilitation scheme called Jeeva Jyothi for Colachel and Kanyakumari districts of Tamil Nadu.

Last, but not the least, I would request St. John's Hospital to include a component that encourages regular physical exercise as a part of lifestyle among the youth in this locality. After all, the aim of a hospital is not limited to curing of diseases; it also includes the propagation of a healthy lifestyle in the community.

I once again greet the Management, Medical, Para-Medical and non Medical Staff and well-wishers of St. John's Hospital and wish this institution a more fruitful future in the service of society.

I also compliment the organizers for conducting this function in a befitting manner.

Ellavarkkum Ente Aashamsakal

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Our Centers



ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, KATTAPPANA

History Behind

Four decades ago when Bro. Fortunatus Thanhauser came to Kattappana the whole High range of the present Idukki district in Kerala was still a very remote area. The nearest hospital was 110 KM away. Patients could not be transported there in time due to lack of proper roads. Most of the serious patients died on the way. Malaria also took the lives of many.

The Vincent de Paul Society and the Franciscan Clarist Sisters of Kattappana were trying their best to start at least a small dispensary. Knowing the situation, Mar Mathew Kavukatt, the Archbishop of Changanassery, invited Bro. Fortunatus Thanhauser from Germany, and Kattappana was selected as the suitable place for the foundation. The Archbishop entrusted Fr. Joseph Meprakarott, the parish priest of Kattappana, with the responsibility to take the necessary steps.

A Humble Beginning Temporary Dispensary

With the help of the Brothers in Germany Fr. Joseph bought a plot of land for the Brothers, in 1967, at Kumbukkal, near the parish church, and a dispensary was started on 8 December 1968. The temporary dispensary was necessary to get the import license for the hospital equipment provided from Germany, and to get visa for the German Brothers (given only for an existing hospital). Dr. Xavier Kurian Mappilasserry, who visited the dispensary

thrice a week from St. Augustine's Hospital at Kumily and five Sisters of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation were attending to the needs of the patients. Later the facility was shifted to a new building with 18 beds, where very often 30-40 patients had to be admitted.

Laying of the Foundation Stone

Later the parish priest arranged for the purchase of more land, where the present hospital is situated, and took all necessary steps for the construction of a hospital. Finally, the foundation stone for the new hospital was laid by Mar Mathew Kavukatt, the Archbishop of Changanassery, on 27 June 1968.

A Milestone: St. John's Hospital

The first building of the present St. John's Hospital, the A-Block, with 60 beds, was inaugurated on February 1971. Twenty-two patients were shifted to the hospital from the temporary dispensary at Kumbukkal. An 8-year-old boy was the first patient. There were 3 doctors, 3 Brothers as nurses, 9 Sisters from the Clarist Convent and one lay auxiliary nurse.

The hospital was very successful from the first day. The very next day, on 2 February, the first child was born and the following day he was baptized as 'John of God'. On the second day itself the number of in-patients increased to 40 and the following day the available iron beds became insufficient and wooden cots were brought in from the dispensary.



Initial Difficulties

The pioneers had to overcome extremely difficult situations. There was no electricity in the area, and telephone service too was unheard of. In the early 70's there was a severe scarcity of cement which delayed the construction process. They were also hard-pressed for the necessary funds to procure hospital equipment and facilities. In spite of all these adversities, the hospital flourished and could render modern medical care to a large section of the population as evidenced by the statistics for a typical year:

The B-Block was completed and blessed on 1 June 1975 by the Archbishop of Changanassery. The C-Block, (ground floor: the present Paediatric Ward/Male Medical, & first floor: present Male Surgical/Ophthalmic O.T. Section) was completed in September 1976 and patients were shifted to it. But the official blessing took place only on 8 February 1977, by Mar Joseph Powathil, the Auxiliary bishop of Changanassery.

The Eye Block comprising the OPD and wards, the construction of which was funded by Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM), was inaugurated on 28th February 1988 by CBM Regional Representative, Dr. Julius Karunakaran.

The Cardiology Block was blessed by Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy, Bishop of Kanjirapally, and inaugurated by Sri. V.T. Sebastian, on 28 March 1993.

The St. Joseph's Block was inaugurated by Bro. Andreas Hellermann on 5 September 1999.

The blessing and laying of the foundation stone of Christu Jayanthi Memorial Block was on 4 January 1999. On 16 February 2001 the new block was blessed by Mar. Mathew Vattakuzhi, Bishop of Kanjirapally and inaugurated by Dr. Cyriac Thomas, Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, during a colourful function attended by local and visiting dignitaries. (The block houses the General OT Complex with centralised AC and gas supply, the Department of Radiology, the Laboratories, Central Sterilization and other ancillary facilities).

Today

St. John's Hospital at Kattappana, after 50 years of its establishment, is the main hospital in the High-range. It is a 450-bed, multi-speciality hospital having state-of-the-art facilities, serving as a tertiary care and referral centre for the whole of Idukki district and the adjoining places of Theni district of the state of Tamil Nadu.

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FORTUNATUS MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE



Fortunatus Mental Health Centre (FMC) is a 50 bedded hospital which provides multidisciplinary mental health services to people of different age groups, who are suffering from various mental health problems. Established in March 2013, the Centre aims at imparting humane mental health care, with the participation of the family members which will have a positive impact in the outlook of the society at large.

Our Vision

That the people whom we serve especially the marginalized, attain life in abundance through healing, health and wholeness, in the manner of St. John of God.

Our Mission

Our mission aims to continue the health care services that promote life ; life in abundance (Jn. 10:10) by enhancing physical, mental, intellectual, social and spiritual dimensions of the human being through love, care and compassion.





ST. JOHNS COLLEGE OF NURSING, KATTAPPANA

St. John's College of Nursing started its voyage on 7th January 2004 lighted by the sacred hands of Bro. Fortunatus. Keeping its foot firm in the values of St. John of God, the Institution has journeyed through 16 years with great achievements and amazing outcomes.

The college has gloriously brought out 572 students in 12 batches. Almost everyone of them are well settled in their Profession. We always had a result of more than 98 to 100% pass in the Final Year exams. The new building of the Nursing College was inaugurated on 7th June 2014 by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Oommen Chandi. We have a wellfurnished building with all the facilities.

CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Every year we have lamp lighting ceremony for the First Year students and Graduation for the outgoing students. In the year 2018 Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Health Sciences was the Chief Guest for the Graduation Ceremony.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our students excel in their academic & co-curricular activities. We have won many Prizes in Zonal, State and National level competitions.

The College has also received the best SNA Unit Award at State Level. The College conducts community education programmes, school health programmes and home visits on a regular basis.



As a part of their curriculum, the students actively conduct public education programmes and school health programmes, school education programmes on drug addiction, communicable diseases, chronic diseases, etc.



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES & RESEARCH, KATTAPPANA

St. John's Hospital situated in the beautiful high range town of Kattappana, was founded in the year 1968 by Rev. Bro. Fortunatus Thanhauser. The institution, managed by the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, today has grown to a tertiary level 300 bedded multi- speciality hospital, with sixteen clinical disciplines. Being the only tertiary level referral centre, in this area, our institution is empowered with a team of talented specialists in all sectors dedicated in providing quality and speciality health care. Moreover the institution provides free treatment / financial aid to the poor and needy sections of the society.

St. John's College of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research was started in the year 2016. The college is affiliated to Kerala University of Health Sciences and approved by AICTE, PCI and Government of Kerala.

(i) Mission and vision of our institution

To provide exemplary education, training, research and professional development in Pharmaceutical Sciences area; to advance discovery, innovation and patient care, and to provide service to the society.

(ii) Objectives of our institution

- (a) To impart quality education to students to meet the pharmaceutical needs of society.
- (b) Maximize a campus culture in which all students can achieve their potential based on morals and principles.
- (c) Ensure optimum use of well equipped classrooms, library, laboratories and IT facilities to impart personalized self training and problem-solving instruction delivery.



Pratheeksha Bhavan Kattappana



“Do good to yourselves by doing good to others”, said St. John of God, the founder of the Hospitaller Order. He is called ‘the Saint of Charity’, and ‘the Father of the Poor’ and he left his mark on the history of hospitality.

Following his example, his followers, the Brothers of St. John of God, started the Pratheeksha Bhavan at Kattappana, in order to participate in the compassionate love of Jesus towards the sick and the poor, which is the identity of the Hospitaller Order.

The Idea

Kunjachan was a middle aged and illiterate man who was differently abled. He used to collect remains of food left behind restaurants for the pigs that people raised near their houses. With the little money he got in return he lived his days quite happily. Since he had no house or relatives he searched for a place where he could spend his nights too. Finally he met Bro. Fortunatus, the ‘Father of the Poor’. The latter allowed him to sleep on the veranda of the Brothers’ quarters. He used to give Kunjachan a mat and a blanket which he folded in the morning before he left the place. Thus

the idea of starting a home for the poor and the homeless came to Bro. Fortunatus. His dream became a reality in 1976 and it was called ‘Pratheeksha Bhavan’, which means ‘house of hope’.

Other Factors

As St. John’s Hospital grew, the needs also increased. Some of our patients, once they were healed, were not leaving the hospital, for they had no place of their own to go to. This situation demanded that we have a home for the poor and the destitute at the earliest.

The Beginning

In the words of the founder, Bro. Fortunatus: “In May 1976 the Novitiate classroom and adjoining former doctor’s quarters were converted into a home for chronic patients. It was named Pratheeksha Bhavan. About 30 patients can be accommodated. Mainly there are TB patients, patients suffering from diabetes, asthma, elephantiasis, multiple sclerosis, etc. All patients requiring long-term treatment, at the same time being very poor, destitute patients, without relatives, or



neglected by their relatives. Food is being supplied by the common kitchen. Patients take food themselves from kitchen and distribute it themselves. Bed-making, cleaning the building inside and outside is also taken care of by the patients. Patients who are able to work offer their services by helping in the laundry, kitchen, agriculture, etc”.

So, in addition to being a home for the aged and the destitute, it served as a long-term hospital for the chronically sick.

The Growth

Construction of a new building for Pratheeksha Bhavan was started in July 1977. The funds were collected by Bro. Michael Mockenhaupt, secretary for the mission in Frankfurt (Indien Hilfe Verein) and Misereor. The new facility, with 150 beds, was blessed by Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy, the Vicar General of Kanjirapally Diocese, on 20th January 1979.

TODAY

In Pratheeksha Bhavan persons are admitted without any discrimination of sex, caste or religion. At present there are 156 inmates, comprising 82 males and 74 females. Most of the inmates are from the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. They are suffering from old-age problems and various chronic illnesses like diabetes, cancer, paralysis, mental illness, etc.

Children's Home

Associated with the Pratheeksha Bhavan is a home for about 20 boys who are either from very poor or broken families. They are studying in the nearby

school.

Other Services

Pratheeksha Bhavan also carries forward the various charitable activities for the poor and the sick initiated by Bro. Fortunatus Thanhauser, its founder, like constructing houses, providing food, clothing and medicine, helping school-going children with books, fees, food, etc.

The Sisters of Charity of St. John of God are helping the Brothers since 1977 for the day-to-day running of the institution and care of the inmates. The inmates receive medical care from St. John's hospital. The finance for the daily running of the centre is given by our benefactors.

Today Pratheeksha Bhavan stands as an expression of God's compassion through human hands. We are reminded to believe and follow the words of Jesus, "Whatever you do to the least of my people you do unto me".

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, Hospitality towards the needy will be your language for making the greatness, strength and effectiveness of Christian love understandable to all. With this concrete and immediate language, you can rekindle expectations, desires and hopes in hearts that are often disappointed and broken; you can echo the voice of God, who, in the intimacy of conscience, invites every man to conversion" (Pope John Paul 11).





Kaithiri Stall, Kattappana

Kaithiri, a service started by Bro. Prakash Madappally, is an attempt, following the example of St. John of God, to light at least a small candle, instead of cursing the darkness around us.

History

It was started at Kattappana in 1975, within the St. John's Hospital campus for the welfare of the poor children. The first activity was tuition classes for children which also aimed at their character formation. From the many children who attended the classes a monthly fee of Rs. 5/- was collected which in turn was used to help very poor children.

Another effort was to provide children with notebooks, pens, etc. at the lowest cost possible. Years later children put stalls during parish fests and the small profit was used for helping the poor. For many years a stall functioned on hospital roadside until a room was made available in the hospital building itself.

With the help of Bro. Pietro Belloni of Italy who visited Kattappana, Kaithiri was able to acquire more facilities.

Kaithiri is engaged in the following services.

1. Kaithiri Stall. Here many necessary things, including school articles needed for children, are sold involving children, at the lowest price possible. By this they are trained in calculations, good manners, etc.

2. Tuition Classes. Students who participate in tuition classes are provided with things needed for studies.

3. Nursery Garden. In the flower and vegetable garden prepared and maintained by the students seeds and seedlings are made available.

4. Leaflets. Leaflets against such social evils as suicide, abortion, AIDS, and intoxicants, and life guidance messages are prepared and distributed.

Children are engaged in activities that promote a mentality of unity, sharing and friendship. Many persons who attended classes and received training from Kaithiri bear witness to the great help they received.

We remember and thank all those who contributed to the growth of Kaithiri to its present status.



ST. THOMAS PROVINCIAL HOUSE

Poonamallee



Aspirants with Formators



Provincial House

The Story Behind

As the years passed and the activities of the Brothers at Kattappana grew, it became necessary to have a separate house for the formation of candidates who were in the different stages of formation.

Thus, a second foundation of the Hospitaller Order was planned in the Provincial Chapter held at Frankfurt, Germany, in June 1980. Br. Makarius Klaholz was the Provincial. Br. Alfons M. Höring was requested to conduct a survey to find out a suitable place to start the Formation House in India.

Selection of Poonamallee

In the survey, conducted in August 1980, Br. Alfons included the following places: Bangalore, Dindigul, Tiruchirapalli, Poonamallee and Guntur.

Finally Poonamallee was selected because the 'Sacred Heart Seminary' was there and the Salesian Fathers, who then managed the seminary, as well as the diocesan priests there, were ready to help. The presence of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) Fathers was an added advantage.

Arrival of Bro. Alfons M. HOERING

Bro. Alfons arrived at Poonamallee on 8th January 1981. Fr. Joseph Puthenkalam SDB, the Rector, (who was of great help in the initial stages) and all the professors welcomed him and he was accommodated in the seminary.

In April 1981 about 1.7 hectares of land was purchased. Bro. Stephen Chirayath arrived in May 1981 as the second member of the 'Community'. His knowledge of Tamil (local language) and experience were of great



advantage. He worked hand in hand with Bro. Alfons, toiling day in and day out to develop the new foundation.

Formation Programme

The novitiate was shifted from Kattappana to Poonamallee on 21st October 1981. The Formation House at Poonamallee used to house

three stages of formation, namely, Aspirancy (one year), Postulancy (for six months to one year) and Novitiate (for two years). Since 2016 there is a common Postulancy & Novitiate in the Philippines. But the Aspirancy period is at Poonamallee.

There are regular classes, ashram experiences, novices' get-together programmes and other courses arranged by certain renewal centres.



POONAMALLEE OLD AGE HOME



RECREATION PROGRAMME FOR THE AGED





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ST. JOHN OF GOD CENTRE VELLOOR

The St. John of God Special School was started by the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in the year 1998 for the support, training and rehabilitation of children and young adults with mental retardation and intellectual disabilities, those who are differently abled. The centre is auspiced by the Society for the Empowerment of the Learning Disabled (SELD). It is a registered charitable organization for the holistic development of those with differing abilities. Our services are open especially to the poor, the needy and the deprived. Admission to the school is open to all children and young adults with differing abilities irrespective of caste, creed, gender or language. However, those who seek admission to the school should not have any psychiatric problems, as these require specialized attention. The aim of the school is to promote the well-being of the differently abled by creating awareness in the society and in the families of their obligations to the differently abled, and by training the differently abled to live independently and to assume their rightful place within their families and the broader society.

On the 1st of November 2003 new facilities, comprising a modern and well-equipped school, comfortable yet homely hostels for different age groups and genders, staff canteen, chapel and residences of Brothers and Sisters were blessed and opened. These facilities are a purposeful statement that proclaims that those who are differently abled should be valued and respected and resourced in the best possible manner.

The St. John of God Special School is a residential facility that has a preferential option to support and train the differently abled who are most needy: the orphaned, those with profound learning disabilities, those from impoverished families, those not able to access a local facility and those whose needs cannot be met within their families. The Centre also offers educational opportunities for day students and provides transport support that enables the attendance of children from a wide



geographical region. Currently, (10.01.2009), there are 110 residential and 50 day-care students. They are supported by 46 staff engaged in the school, hostels and ancillary support sectors. The Centre seeks to be always client-centered and to treat its co-workers justly and with dignity. The Centre seeks to be an institute of excellence that operates consistently with contemporary disability theories and programmes, and pursues best practice in its governance and management. The Centre aims to provide consultancy, support and in-service training for other institutions within the state of Kerala and across India.



The Brothers of St. John of God and the Sisters of Charity of St. John of God (who collaborates with the Brothers), together with their co-workers, dedicate themselves to the uplift and development of children and young adults with differing abilities, those often voiceless persons who are entitled to dignity, justice and opportunities to reach toward their maximum personal potential. In order to pursue the best practice management and service delivery the Centre is organized along departmental lines: Education and Training, Residential, Allied Health Support, Hospitality Services, Pastoral Care, Mission Service and Administration.

OUR VISION

The quality of life of every differently abled is equal to the other citizens in the country.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission, as it was lived out by St. John of God, is to commit ourselves to the hospitality that promotes education, training, advocacy, rehabilitation and welfare of the differently abled, by maximizing opportunities to develop their potential and to participate as valued citizens of the society.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Education, Training and Rehabilitation
- Vocational Training
- Social Awareness
- Skill Development
- Update Co-Workers & Parents
- Social Advocacy
- Teacher's Training
- Uplifting the Weaker Sections of the Society
- Facilitating Family Involvement

ST. JOHN OF GOD SPECIAL SCHOOL

Education and Training Services

Education and training at the St. John of God Special School are organized according to the schemes and guidelines of the peak professional body for India, the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped (NIMH). Students are admitted after thorough assessment of their intellectual capacity and their relevant personal and family information. The students are divided into different streams: care- group, pre-



primary, primary, secondary, pre-vocational and vocational. Each class is limited to between 10-12 students to ensure personal attention and effective communication between students and teachers. All educational programmes aim at maximizing the holistic potential of the individual person. Each student should have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that identifies the relevant areas of skill development, be they cognitive, emotional, motor or social. Each IEP is constructed in consultation with all the stakeholders associated with the student: parents, caregivers, relevant professionals, teachers, residential carers etc. Each IEP is monitored and evaluated on a regular basis.

Students are also initiated into a variety of recreational activities. Opportunities are available for students to develop their talents in areas such as music, dance, handicrafts and the cottage based industries. Sporting activities are essential to the students and participation in district, state and national competitions is encouraged. Organized after school programmes are an important aspect of each student's daily life and timetable.

HYDROTHERAPY UNIT

It is a new milestone in the development of the centre. We have inaugurated the first



hydrotherapy unit in our school. It was built with the support and financial assistance of our parents and teachers association. Many of our students are benefiting by this programme.

THARAVAD

Mentally challenged people always stand as a separated group in the society. The St. John of God Centre has been running a special school since 1998 and witnessed so many pathetic and havoc conditions in the family as well as in the community. Family members of mentally retarded, especially parents, have worries and anxieties regarding their children.

Lifelong care is an important issue while considering the present condition in the field of mental retardation. Parents agonize about their child's future and their care after their lifetime. Family members or siblings are usually not willing to take care or deal with these people, as they need special and professional interventions.

In India, the National Trust Act 1999 gives provision for legal guardianship which assures the care of the child even after the death of parents. But it is not working properly and there is a chance for abuse and exploitation with regard to guardianship. We have witnessed many tearful incidents of children after the death of their parents. Even their siblings are not ready to give their share of property, but try to avoid them. It is a very sad situation and we understood that "Lifelong Care" is an answer to this issue. The term "Lifelong Care" means giving lifetime care and protection for the mentally disabled persons. In India so many institutions are being run by Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations to give care and protection for people with disabilities. But very sad to state that centres for the mentally challenged, especially providing Lifelong Care, are very few.

Since 2003 we have been maintaining an experimental project for elderly and mentally challenged persons to give lifelong care. We have studied its risk factors, problems, maintaining issues, etc. And from 2007 we





had been thinking and trying to establish a project for the same purpose.

In March 2013, by the grace of the Almighty, we have inaugurated our dream project to provide quality care and protection for people who require lifelong service. The project is named 'THARAVAD'. We are sure that this project will make fundamental changes in the lives of the mentally challenged and that of their parents, who will have peace of mind for the rest of their life.

Tharavd is a specialized centre for those people who need lifelong care. There are 36 inmates living here at present. The facility is equipped with 49 rooms, dining hall, kitchen, auditorium, prayer hall, recreation room, vegetable garden, swimming pool, music garden and treatment room. Qualified nurses

Handicapped, etc. This education is imparted in special schools or in general schools. Education is given to Special students as per their need in all schools.

As per the new approach, now such children are no more referred to as handicapped children, but they are referred to as "Children with Special Needs". These children cannot be educated without teachers trained for Special Education. The colleges which impart training in Special Education of such children are known as 'Colleges for Special Education'. These colleges prepare teachers to teach variety of disabled children of various types. These colleges follow the syllabus and intake and admission norms of 'Rehabilitation Council of India, (RCI)', New Delhi. No



would be available for 24 hours in the campus and carers stay with the clients as well.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

St. John of God College of Special Education was started in the academic year of 2013 – 2014. It is a training centre for Bachelor Degree of Education (B.Ed ID) and diploma in Special Education in Mental Retardation (D.Ed MR) with the affiliation of Mahathma Gandhi University, Kottayam and the approval of Rehabilitation Council of India. B.Ed Special Education (MR)

Special Education means the education of Blind, Hearing Impaired, Mentally Retarded,

individual can work in this field without the recognition of RCI. This field is generating a lot of new job opportunities for the Trained Graduates as follows:

1. Under the scheme 'RMSA (RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN)', a special teacher is appointed in all general Schools. The need for such trained teachers may arise at the Central Level.
2. After completing this training course a teacher can work as a Resource Teacher in Integrated Schools.
3. It is possible to work as a Special Teacher in Special Schools all over India.





4. Apart from this, such a trained teacher may work as teacher in Special Colleges D.Ed./B.Ed. Colleges.

5. Trained candidates can conduct Special Coaching Classes for children with learning problems such as, learning disability, scholastic backwardness, emotionally disturbed, ADHD, intellectually challenged.

In addition to the above a lot of opportunities for employment are available in CBR.

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SANTHINILAYAM - HOME FOR THE AGED TRICHY

Introduction

The Community was established in the year 2007 with a view of starting a centre for the care and rehabilitation of people with HIV/AIDS in the District of Pudukkottai, Trichy. In the same year the Centre commenced its function named Santhi Nilayam. The Centre was financially supported by late Mr. Joseph Kroner, our great German benefactor.

Santhi Nilayam.

Ever since the Centre started functioning, there was a gradual increase in the number of patients who were treated and supported free of cost. But, gradually, there was a decline in the number of patients admitted due to various factors. The Centre was running till September 2018. Later on in 2019 we have changed our HIV/AIDS apostolate and started an Old Age Home

Santhinilayam – Home for the aged, launching retirement suites on rent. Surrounded by the green pastures of River Cauvery, spread over two acres of pristine land, 20 suites of single and double occupancy, welcome to “Santhinilayam – Home for the aged” retirement homes on rent. Santhi Nilayam - Home for the Aged is located on the campus of Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, in Trichy, on the Trichy-Chennai National Highway, a short drive from Fathima Nagar.

Enriched life, enhanced care

At Santhinilayam, beauty is always handled with grace and care. Rehabilitative services, in-home care, assisted living, and skilled nursing are all part of life at our homes. It is the dedication with

which our Brothers care for seniors that makes Santhinilayam the best choice for retirement living.

Ease life, lease home

What makes Santhinilayam truly unique is that it is not just a senior care facility but a senior care solution too. Santhinilayam seniors do not need to buy a home. Instead, they just lease it for life, so they continue to enjoy their savings, all through retirement.

Services & Facilities

Fully furnished room for single or double occupancy, Monthly rental inclusive of Food, EB and Nurse care, Specially Designed Bathroom with hot water, Specially cooked food for inmates, Emergency care, Visit to hospital accompanied by Care Giver, Maintenance of Medical Records, A more Active Life and taking part in other community activities, Parking for Inmates and Visitors, Housekeeping and laundry.

VISION

Provide quality care & support to senior citizens that is comprehensive and holistic.

MISSION

Commit ourselves in addressing the comprehensive needs of senior citizens by assuring their dignity and overall quality of life, and by motivating, supporting and caring.

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St. RICHARD PAMPURI MEDICAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE KHANDWA

HISTORY

The Hospitaller Order of St. John of God started its first mission in North India by accepting the invitation of Bishop Abraham Viruthikulangara of Khandwa Diocese at the Province Chapter of 1983 and taking over a small dispensary at Deshgaon in the year 1985. Bro. Savio Padinjarekutte came here and started working in the dispensary with the help of that time Parish Priest late Fr. John Thayil and St. Joseph's Sevika Sisters. By this time the Order had purchased same land for the construction of a Health centre of its own. With the help of the Indian Help Organisation of our Mother Province in Germany, organised by Bro. Michael Mockenhaupt and our late Provincial Bro. Makarius Klaholz we got some financial assistance from the Misserior to build a dispensary. The foundation stone for this Health Centre was laid by Mother Teresa of Kolkata on Eleventh March 1987. The house and centre were completed and inaugurated on 16th January 1988, by Rev. Bro. Michael Mockenhaupt and blessed by His Grace Bishop Abraham Viruthikulangara in the presence of local people and a delegation of the members of the Indian Help Organisation from Germany. The House was canonically approved by the decree of 2nd May 1988 letter No. 397/88 Prot. No. 58/88,

of Prior General Pier Luigi Marcesi. The Institution was registered as a charitable society under the Societies Act of Madhya Pradesh Government on 11th August 1995. (Reg. No. 26887).



The community here was running a dispensary for the local people. For this purpose we have appointed one Doctor – Dr. Ashish Bajpai M.B.B.S. as visiting doctor. He is visiting this centre every Fridays from 1989 onwards. Slowly but steadily the number of patients increased and then we appointed two more Doctors as visiting doctors. Doctor Dr. Shirish Dingre for Mondays, and Dr. Rajeev Jain to help Dr.A.Bajpai on Fridays. Mean time Dr. Athul Vyas M.S. from Indore offered his service for our centre once in a month and we have fixed his service on every third Friday of the month.





8th September 2009. Bhoomipooja – Blessing of the foundation stone for the Hospital building was done by our Bishop A.S.Durairaj SVD at 3.p.m. It was a bright and hot day. Fathers and Sisters from Khandwa and Deshgaon were present for the function.

The blessing of the hospital took place as planned on 8th December 2012 at 3 pm. His Grace Bishop Abraham Viruthakulangara Blessed the hospital in the presence of Bishop Sebastian Durairaj, Bro. Alfons M. Hoering and our benefactors from Germany and Austria, Bro. Paulus Kohler and Bro. Daniel from Austria, Bro. John and Kevin from Australia, Bro. Paul Adnot and Mr. Dominic Soupe from France, Brothers and Sisters from the communities in Kerala and

Tamil Nadu attended the function. The cultural programme was organised by Fr. Benny, manager St. Theresa's HSS Bhurhanpur.

After a long wait the Hospital started functioning on 1st May 2013 on the Feast of St. Richard Pampuri. The opening ceremony was simple. One of the Patients Mr. Mohan Jamra from a far village Bhuthiakhedy near Karpoor cut the ribbon and opened the Hospital.



St. John of God Health Centre Deshgaon



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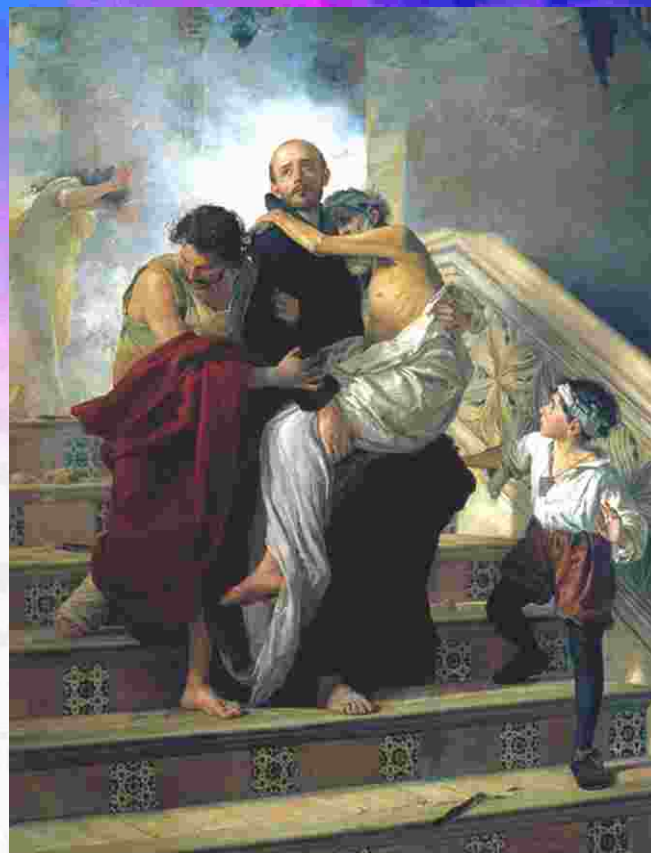


ST. JOHN OF GOD ASHRAM

VELLARVALLEY, KANNUR

The 6th house of St. Thomas Province, India was officially blessed by Bishop Mar George Valiamattom, Archbishop of Thalassery, on 06-05-2010 at 11.30 a.m. The Province bought this land in January 2009. Three Brothers started living there from 28 January 2009 and built a small chapel. The Province is making a feasibility study with regard to the mission to be initiated at Vellervally.

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ST. JOHN OF GOD CENTRE , MAURITIUS

Hospice Saint Jean De Deau at Pamplemousses on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean is a retirement home for people above 60 years of age. It was started by St. John of God Brothers of the French Province in 1976.

HISTORY

In 1856, following a series of epidemics in the capital Port Louis, the religious of the Bon et Perpetuel Secours, a new Mauritian congregation, opened a hospital for the poor. At that time it consisted of a wooden house with a capacity of approximately 12 beds and another house for the nuns.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH BROTHERS

By 1974 the Religious Sisters could no longer manage the hospital for lack of adequate staff. At the request of Bishop Jean Margéot, three Brothers of Saint John of God from France took possession of these places in September 1976 and the hospital was converted into a hospice for aged men.

In 1976 the French Province opened a home. At the end of the 1990s, the French Province began to look for another Province to take over its work at Pamplemousses to free the French Brothers to concentrate on taking the Order to Madagascar—another (very large) island nation in the Indian Ocean. In this matter the French Province has had the co-operation of the Indian and the Vietnamese Provinces.

In 2004 an Indian Brother and two Vietnamese Brothers arrived to reinforce the Order's presence at Pamplemousses. The Indian Brother, Albert Thekkumkaduthadathil, took on responsibility for the management of the Home. Later, one of Vietnamese Brothers, Dominic Pham Van Hoai, was appointed Prior of the Community. Brothers from Viet Nam returned in 2010.

NEW BUILDINGS

In 1977, extensive construction and development works began on the site, which included the following:





A building consisting of kitchen, laundry, workshop and 20 single rooms on the second floor.

BROTHERS FROM INDIA

As part of the transition of the Centre from the French Province to the Indian Province two Indian Brothers arrived in August 2010. And on 25 th March 2011 the French Province handed over the hospice to the Indian Province.

CO-WORKERS

Apart from two St. John of God Brothers from India there are 30 staff and 8 volunteers to assure service to the residents. Fr. Georges Aballan MEP celebrates Holy Mass and takes care of the spiritual needs of the residents.

THE LOCATION

The hospice is situated 15 km from the centre of Port Louis and 3 km from a major hospital which gives us a lot of facilities and especially security emergency.

A beautiful flower garden and the vicinity to the sea enrich the living environment. The retirement home offers attentive care and warmth.



RESIDENTS

There are 75 beds and all the beds are occupied. Residents are men over 60 years (with a few exceptions).

Among the 75 residents 62 are social security (having as a unique resource the old-age pension of Rs. 3,048 per month) and 13 are private. In the year 2010 there were 21 new admissions, 16 residents died and 4 residents returned to their families.

Main diseases of Mauritius are diabetes and hypertension.

The sources of revenue for the running of the Hospice are the social security contributions, a few private residents and donations from Mauritian benefactors.

The social security Department of Mauritius Government provides the services of a doctor once in a week for 3 hours, one nurse for two days in a week for 16 hours, one occupational therapist for six hours a week and a physiotherapist for three hours a week.



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REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED

(ABOVE 18 YEARS)

ODISHA



In the year 2013 Rev.Dr.Sarat Chandra Nayak Bishop of Berhampur invited the Hospitaller Brothers of St.John of God to his Diocese to start a mission in his Diocese.He proposed to start a hospital or service for the mentally challenged.In 2014 we purchased 2 acres of land from Berhampur Diocese. Rev Bro.Savio Padinjarekutte was given the responsibility to make necessary structure for the Brothers' community , chapel and apostolic service. In 2017 we inaugurated the new building. In 2018 after the Provincial Chapter Rev.Bro.Benedict Nadayil was given the responsibility





to start the service here. With the help of Advocate Patnaik and Mr. Paul Raj, on 06 March 2019 we got the permission to open a rehabilitation centre for the M.R. adults. The strength of the centre can be 25 Nos. On 15th of July 2019 we started admitting the clients. At present six are admitted and some more are in contact with us. At present we are three Brothers and six plus one and plus two students with us. Three co-workers are also working with us.

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BROTHERS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN JUBILEE



Bro Prakash Madapallil OH



Bro Savio Padinjarekutte OH





BROTHERS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR SILVER JUBILEE (2005- 2019)



BR. ALOYSIUS MATTATHIL



BR. PIUS MANITHOTTIYIL



BR. THOMAS KANJIRAMOOTTIL



BR. GEORGE KIZHAKKEKKARA, SAC



BR. GEORGE KIZHAKKENATH



BR. JAMES EDAYADIL



BR. JOSEPH KATTACKAL



BR. YANKA SHARMA



BR. SATHYAN MATHAI
CHENNAKATTUKUNNEL



A great missionary crossed the frontiers



Sr. Nirmala SCJG

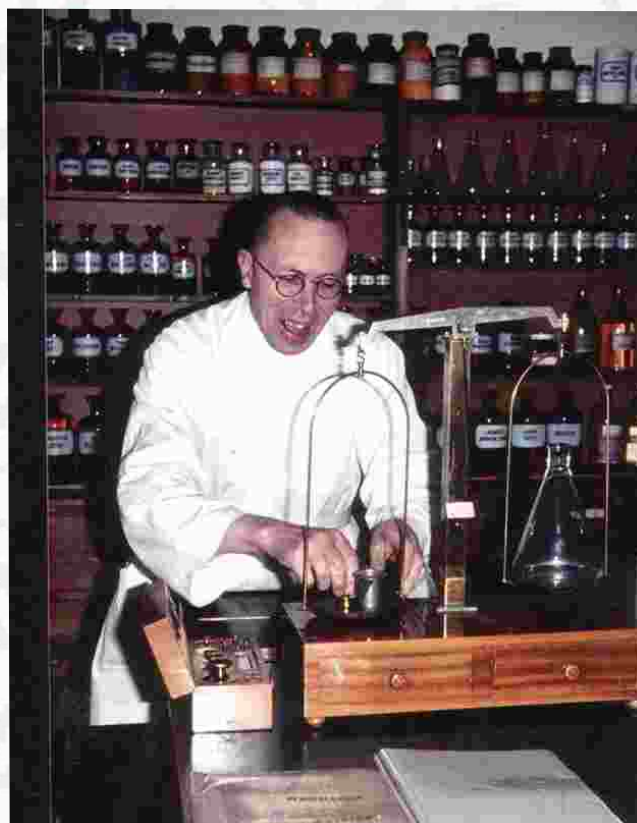
At the auspicious event of Golden jubilee of the foundation of Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God in India, it is right and just to think briefly about the life and writings of Servant of God Bro. Fortunatus who was one of the outstanding pioneers of Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God in India.

The Church's missionary history coincides in large part with the history of consecrated life. Over the course of centuries many consecrated persons have crossed the frontiers of their home countries for the work of the Spirit, like when Paul and his friends set sail towards Troas (cf. *Acts* 16: 6-8). In every age consecrated men and women have contributed to the dialogue between cultures and religious traditions, fostering dignity and identity for many peoples who had been marginalized and humiliated by the powers of the time (cf. *Proclaim* 45). During 16th century St. John of God crossed the frontiers of his home country Portugal and uplifted the poor, sick and needy people in Spain through the charism of hospitality and his healing presence. Likewise in 20th century a faithful follower of St. John of God, Brother Fortunatus Thanhäuser crossed the frontiers of his homeland and uplifted the suffering humanity of Poland, Germany and India who were marginalized and humiliated by various grounds induced by the socio-political conditions of the time.

Servant of God Brother Fortunatus Thanhäuser

According to Pope Francis, "holiness is the most attractive face of the Church" (Pope Francis, *Rejoice and be Glad*, 9). The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance upon the faithful people of God, for it has pleased God to make men and women holy and save them not as individuals without any bond between them but rather as people who might acknowledge Him in truth and serve Him in holiness. So God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people (cf. Pope Francis,

Rejoice and be Glad, 6). When Brother Fortunatus Thanhäuser took up a challenge and decided to offer his life for mission activities of Hospitaller Order of Brothers of St. John of God, God entered into the life and history of the people of Poland, Germany and India through him. There is a divine force and creative energy that moves in the whole universe giving it form, light and fullness (cf. *Gene* 1:2). This benevolent and life transforming power of the Holy Spirit is moving in the inmost being of each individual. It connects people, their ideas, convictions and actions, generating rich and varied life offering experiences. Servant of God Brother Fortunatus' pure and exemplary life, selfless service and inspiring teachings connected the people of three countries (Poland, Germany and India) in two continents (Europe and Asia) with more than six nationalities (Polish, German, Austrian, Russian, Slovakian, Hungarian, British, Indians etc). He served them



without considering their nationality, caste, color or religion. For him every individual was God's own child created in His likeness and image. The word of God, "Whatever you did it to the least of my people you did it to me" (Mt 25:40), fashioned his whole life and shaped his teachings.

Bro. Fortunatus was fortunate to witness the major events of 20th century. His birth was at the end of the First World War. He lived his childhood and adolescence braving the after effects and miseries of First World War. When he entered into his youth Hitler started his anti-Christian movements, suppression of Christian institutions and liquidation of monasteries and convents accusing them to be the source of all that is evil. But these movements and the Nazi regime were not able to suppress the seed of vocation that was sown in the heart of Brother Fortunatus. Facing the challenges and blocks on the vocational journey he went ahead courageously and discovered his call

the high ranges the seed of his vocation entered deeply into the soil, absorbing living water from the Word of God, the Sacraments, prayer and contemplation. His religious life was nurtured by the vows he professed and the fraternity he promoted in the community. "Observe the rules and the rules will safeguard you"; that was his conviction about the observance of the rules. Brother Fortunatus bloomed fully in his religious consecration and yielded hundredfold fruits in the field of healing ministry.

Integration of Contemplative and Active Spirituality

According to Pope Francis: "The vocation is truly a treasure that God places in the hearts of some men/women chosen by Him to follow Him in this special state of life. This treasure that must be discovered and brought to light is not made to enrich someone alone rather for all humanity".

This exhortation of Pope Francis is very relevant when we consider the life and manuscripts of the classes and autobiography of Servant of God Brother Fortunatus Thanhäuser. The vocation of Brother Fortunatus and his deep convictions and concepts about the religious life are some hidden treasures. These treasures we could discover if we go through his autobiography and manuscripts of the class notes. Recently the manuscripts are being published in two volumes: **"Treasures of religious life"; "Treasures of contemplative and active life"**. May I quote from

the foreword of the second volume of the manuscripts of Servant of God Bro. Fortunatus Thanhäuser OH. "These notes were originally intended for the novices, sisters and brothers of the St. John of God family. The foundation courses on spirituality and prayer life are really classical spiritual text books, based on genuine catholic teachings. His words are very simple just as he was; it clearly exposes the mind of the Church and leads the readers to go deeper into Christian spirituality." (*Treasures of contemplative and active life*, p.5: Foreword by Dr. Kurian Thamaraserry).

Brother Fortunatus was a man who integrated the



to the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God. That seed of vocation sprouted during Second World War in the midst of Hitler's dictatorship and persecutions. Like any other German he was also expelled from his beloved homeland Silesia in Poland. The long-lasting deportation transports were also part of his wealth of experiences.

The seed of vocation that sprouted during the Second World War matured through hardships of deportation and the adverse situations he faced in Germany in his efforts to build up the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God from the ruins of the war. He built a hospital there with empty hands, depending fully on divine providence. In 1969 when Brother Fortunatus came to the hilly area of



active and contemplative aspects of religious life. It was like both sides of a single coin in his life. For him the union of the contemplative and the active lives constitute the true apostolate, the hallmark of the Christian religion. “When you go to chapel for prayers, you are going near to God, but when you love your brethren, God is reaching near to you”. These words were the essence of his lived spirituality. He reached such an experience through contemplation and practiced it by caring for the poor, the sick and the needy. His humanizing works of charity led to the integral development of the high ranges. When the love of God and love of the neighbor met together, a 'Valliachan-a great father'-of the poor, took existence in Brother Fortunatus. His greatness was in doing the most humble works with great love – works which others were disgusted and hesitant to do.

By birth Brother Fortunatus was a German. In the course of time he acquired the citizenship of India, and he lived and died as an Indian. His charitable works showed that charity has no boundaries and it can travel beyond countries and continents. His life model, classes and messages touched the hearts of many, especially the brothers and sisters of St. John of God in India. That helped in forming their life according to the charism and spirituality of St. John of God.

Conclusion

In *Evangelii Gaudium* Pope Francis calls upon the whole Church to live “permanently in a state of mission” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 25). In the same document he continues; “My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off; it is not an 'extra' or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in the world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed even branded, by his mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Servant of God Brother

Fortunatus was a man who was permanently in a state of mission and his life was being in the heart of the people. So after his death people could ponder good memories in their hearts about him. Servant of God Brother Fortunatus lived and offered his life in the 20th century. He continues to shed light and radiates his holiness to the people of the 21st century. His autobiography, unpublished writings and the manuscripts of his classes to the Brothers and Sisters of St. John of God, are evidences of his lived spirituality and missionary spirit. These writings are the cream of his missionary life in the Hospitaller Order. Now it is our turn to continue his missionary spirit in our times and hand over it to the next generation. Once St. John Paul II said: “the loyalty to the charism of the founder and loyalty to sound tradition, are the essential elements of religious life”. His challenging words reveal the relevance of turning back to founding charism and pioneers' visions: “show me a community that cherishes the founder's memory, talks about him, reads about him, invokes him, and I will show you a community that has a promising future. Show me the opposite and I can tell you, that community's days are numbered.” May these words be a challenge for us both brothers and sisters of St. John of God regarding our mission of hospitality.



“Be Made Clean”

HEALING TODAY



Fr. Francis Mannaparampil OH
Chaplain, St. Johns Kattappana

Introduction

Today science and technology have brought about a lot of progress in the world. Medical science is far more advanced. But still there are areas and instances where medical science seems helpless. Our era is marked by frustration and tension. About 80% of all illness is psychosomatic. Emotional insecurity, lack of true love, lack of meaning and purpose in life are some of the root causes of much illness today. Thus, the Church has a great responsibility to incarnate Jesus' love and power in the world of suffering through the healing ministry, thus extending the kingdom of God. We should not stop with mere medicine or the physical healing of a person. All those who are involved in the healing ministry should be aware of holistic medicine. So we have to develop a correct attitude towards sickness and health.

God wants people to enjoy total health

God's plan at creation was for persons to enjoy total health. 'But it was through sin that sickness and death entered in the world. Jesus came to restore what man had lost through sin'. God's will was people's well-being, restoring people to their wholeness in the image of God.

Use the necessary means for our health

'Thus it is our responsibility to preserve our health through proper nutrition, exercise,

rest, avoiding whatever we know to be harmful to ourselves'. If we are sick it is not a cross or a punishment sent from God as the Old Testament people understood, rather an evil to remove from our lives. As we turn to doctors, turn to God, pray to God for healing.

Still healing is a mystery

'There is much about healing that we do not understand'. Healing through prayer is not magical. It is a sovereign act of God. When we pray to God for healing we should submit to God's will. We are not trying to control God. There is more to God's plan than we can grasp. Because certain sufferings, crosses and illness are always with us even though we use medicine or even prayer. There is a mystery in healing that we cannot fathom. There is a mystery of redemptive suffering, illness or infirmity can be a part of it.

Focus on the healing aspect not on the spectacular aspect

Healings are manifestations of God's love for us, and an invitation to greater faith and thanksgiving. 'When we pray for healing we pray primarily in order to get well not for God to work a wonder'. What matters is that God is present among us extending his



Hindrances to healing

There are some radical hindrances to healing today. Many think that modern medicine can do it well. Some believe that God sends suffering to bring about repentance and purify our faith. Often a lot of people agree that healing happened in the early Christian community to establish the church and promote the preaching of the Gospel. For some God cannot break the rules of the nature. In the light of the above studies we know that all these arguments are baseless.

Conclusion

In the final analysis, health, healing and kingdom of God are the same. The coming of the kingdom would mean creation's final healing. The motto of Jesus was to establish God's kingdom. Through his words, deeds, death and resurrection he established this kingdom in the hearts of the people.

Now it is the mission of the Church, which is the continuation of Christ, to incarnate this healing ministry in the world. The Church took it seriously and one of her sacraments is that of anointing the sick. Today there are many ministers, religious institutes and individuals who involve in the healing ministry of Christ. But there are people in the Church who get the healing charisms.

But today many do not believe in the healing power of prayer. Some go to God only as a last resort. The same Jesus and his power can be active today in the world through different means and people. We can have recourse to both natural and

supernatural means for healing.

What we need today is a strong and living faith and total surrender to God's plan. We need to believe in His power of love mediated through people and forgiveness of heart. We need to forgive one another. We need to be reconciled to one another and to God.

We should always keep in mind the holistic outlook about people. We cannot differentiate people as their physical, mental, moral or social aspects. When we speak of health or healing we should see the person as a 'whole'. One is healthy only when all these aspects are integrated and treated well. Denying one or the other in any health care system is destroying the unity of persons.

Though we can try our best to remove pain and misery from this world, there is still an element of the mystery of redemptive suffering. There lies the mystery of God's plan. Though God's plan for us is our total well being, the value of redemptive suffering we cannot rule out. There is always an element of the kingdom 'already and not yet'. We do not fully realize this kingdom here on earth. We look to the future with hope for its fuller realization. But this should not take away our responsibility to the present.



ST. JOHN OF GOD FAMILY YEAR



8 March 2011 to 8 March 2012



The Family – Where Life Begins and Ends in
God's Embrace



In connection with Family Year, conducted different Meets
at St. John's Hospital Kattappana



KIDS MEET

28 May 2011



COUPLES MEET

24 July 2011



YOUTH MEET

09 October 2011



RELIGIOUS MEET

26 January 2012





Benefactors Meet 20 December 2011



FLOOD RELIEF MEDICAL CAMPS



**Flood relief Medical Camp
Painavu, Idukki**



Upputhara



Vazhathoppu



Thankamany



Kuttanadu



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Inauguration of Disaster Management

Free Eye Camp at Kumily



ORUVATTAM KOODI

Ex co-workers and Students Meet conducted at St. John's Hospital Auditorium on 08/08/2019. The programme started at 10.00 am. Many ex students and co-workers attended the Programme. Co-workers shared their past experiences. The programme ended at 3.00 pm.







ORUVATTAM KOODI



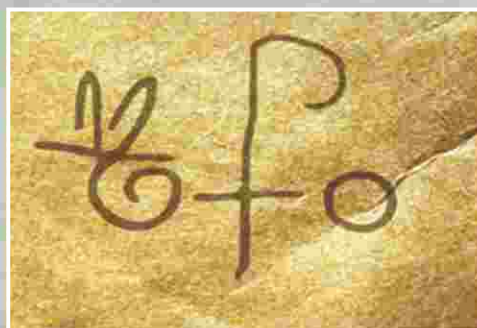
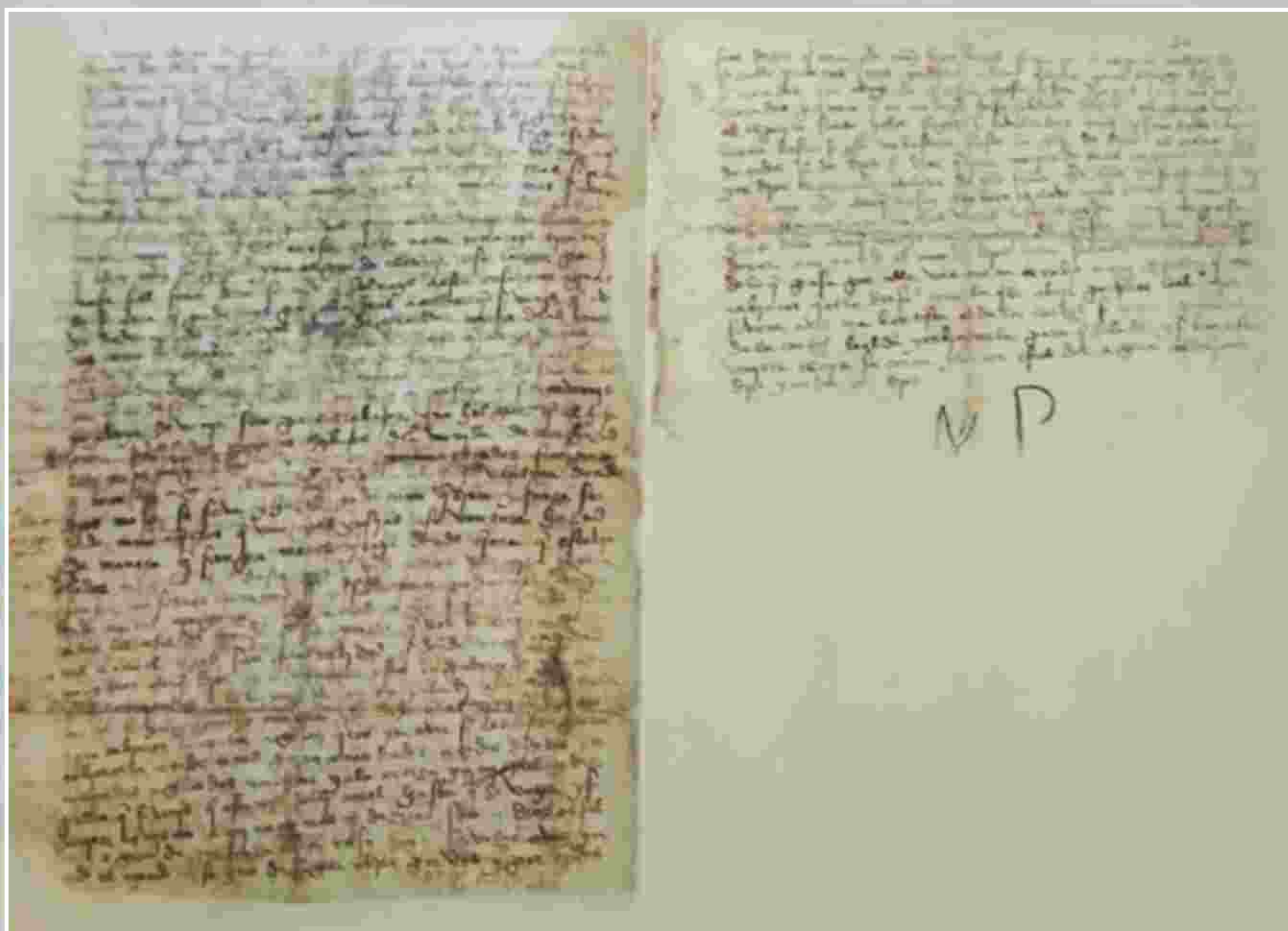
PRESTLY ORDINATION OF BR. SAJI MULLANKUZHYIL



Br. Saji Mullankuzhyil, the Provincial Superior of the Austrian Province was ordained to the priesthood on the 1st of May 2019 in Vienna, by Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, the Archbishop of Vienna.



THE LETTERS OF ST. JOHN OF GOD



SIGNATURE OF ST. JOHN OF GOD



TWO DECADES DOWN MEMORY LANE: REMINISCENCES OF A CO-WORKER

My first encounter with the Hospitaller Order happened, unwittingly, long before I started working at St. John's Hospital, Kattappana. The year was 1980, and I was in Chennai for a conference convened by Christoffel-Blindenmission (CBM) for their partner institutions across India. I went representing the Eye Services of a rural hospital in Chhattisgarh where I had been working. In the hotel, my next door neighbour was an elderly European gentleman whom I befriended the first day itself. I was deeply impressed by his humility and simplicity, but he was very reluctant to talk! All I learned in three days was that he was a Catholic Brother from Germany helping in a rural hospital in Kerala. However, the fact that this missionary had come from an affluent country to live and work in a remote area of rural India left an indelible impression on my mind. Imagine my amazement eighteen years later when I came to work with St. John's Hospital, Kattappana, and the saga of the founder of the Order in India, the Great Father of the Poor, started unfolding before me! I was flabbergasted. Indeed, Servant of God Fortunatus lived out the famous prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Dearest Lord, teach me to serve You as You deserve, and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your will." This self-effacing nature is the great heritage of the Brothers, not just from Br. Fortunatus, but right from St. John of God, and it has been a privilege to witness it being lived out by so many of them!

My wife Susan and I joined the Hospital on 1st May 1998 and have continued ever since as grateful co-workers with the Order. But it's not our professional life that is the theme of this article, but my experience with the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in general.



Dr. Mathew Jacob
OPHTHALMOLOGIST

I came to learn more about the Order within a year of my joining Kattappana, mainly through some foundational books – like the first biography of St. John of God by Francesco de Castro, his latest biography, John of God *loco* in Granada by José María Javierre, and the Constitutions of the Order. In later years I was fascinated by the Charter of Hospitality, the Path of Hospitality, and the General Statutes. Familiarity with these official documents facilitated very much my journey with the Order in the following years.

My first exposure to the Global Order happened in 2006 when Br. Antony Palamattom who was the Director of the Hospital sent me to Rome to attend the 66th General Chapter of the Order. Incidentally, this was the General Chapter which brought into prominence the crucial role of co-workers in the Order. One of the main themes was Mission of the Order comprising Charismatic Management, Integration of Brothers and Co-workers, and Transmission of Values of the Order. All these had a direct bearing on the co-workers. Br. Donatus Forkan was elected as the new Prior General, and Br. Vincent Kochamkunnel continued as a General Councillor. The next six years saw a lot of practical thrust given to the decision to bring the co-workers into the mainstream of the Order. Their role was highlighted in various conferences. I had the



privilege of being the facilitator for two Conferences of the Asia-Pacific Region during this period, one in Vietnam and the other in India. Many programmes were organized at the Provincial level in India too, including a grand Youth Get-together at Kattappana which was attended by the Prior General and several General Councillors.

In the next Sexennium headed by Br. Jesús Etayo as the Prior General, I was inducted into the General Bioethics Commission of the Order, again at the suggestion of Br. Antony who was the Provincial. I happened to be the only co-worker on this apex body with no qualification or experience in the field of bioethics! However, it was a great period of learning and joining hands with some select Brothers and co-workers from across the globe, all experts, in debating and formulating issues of practical relevance in Bioethics for the Order. The highlight of this term was the First Global Conference in Bioethics organized in Madrid by the Order in 2017. My wife and I, along with Br. Francis Mannaparampil, could attend this, and later join a conducted tour of Granada, the historic place of St. John of God's ministry.

What is the most attractive feature of the Order as far as co-workers are concerned? I think it is simply the great premium the Order puts on the co-workers as an integral part of the global family. According to the latest statistics (2017), there are 63076 co-workers in the services of the Order worldwide in 387 facilities including general and psychiatry hospitals, service for the disabled, rehab centres, hospices and old-age homes.

The Order's core values (Hospitality expressed in Quality, Respect, Responsibility, and Spirituality) and their application in the day-to-day life and service is a major factor that gels together Brothers and co-workers. The translation of these values in the life of the Brothers has been a great motivational factor for the co-workers. This was a sentiment expressed by many in a recent meeting

at St. John's Hospital, Kattappana, where about 150 former staff members had gathered with the present staff to share their stories. Two of them, Dr. M. C. Abraham and Dr. P. J. Joseph, who were my long-time colleagues in the Hospital, had exemplified to me the charism of hospitality to the poor and needy in their service here.

When I look back on my 21-year journey with the Order, I am grateful for the multitude of blessings that have come my way. It has been a time of great learning - partly from the books, partly from the preparation for teaching programs, but mostly by personal interaction with the Brothers and co-workers. My outlook was broadened and horizons widened especially with my close association with several Brothers in whom I saw the charism of hospitality in action. I must specially mention the former Prior Generals Br. Donatus Forkan and Br. Brian O'Donnell with whom I worked closely for the two Regional Conferences as well as on other occasions. I am also grateful to the present Prior General Br. Jesús Etayo and several of the present and former General Councillors whom I have personally known. I must specially make mention of Br. Vincent Kochamkunnel who has been a paragon of hospitality to my wife and me both in India and abroad. Br. José María Bermejo, the Chair of the General Bioethics Commission, deserves special thanks. It has been a pleasure associating with all the dear Brothers in India in various ways. I am particularly grateful to Br. Antony Palamattom and all the former Directors of the Hospital, the present Provincial Br. Yanka Sharma, and the previous Provincials and General Delegates who have all enriched me by their counsel and support on various occasions.

As the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Province are coming to a close, it is my earnest hope and prayer that the Order will continue to make its presence felt in our country through the services rendered in the true spirit of hospitality. May this witness of the Kingdom of God shine forth more radiantly in the coming years.





EXPERIENCE

We are Mr. and Mrs. J. Lourdhunathan. We, hereby give our experience of stay in St. Thomas Home for The Aged at Poonamallee for the last two years. We like the Aged Home and we are staying here happily without any worries and without any hindrance. Our room is well furnished and when we get up in the morning we see lovely green trees and we get fresh air, which give us good health and good atmosphere to live.

We have been seeing the water pond with fishes also we see rabbits, hens, turkeys, parrots, love birds and cows, which give us much happiness. When compared to other homes, this home exists very well. Further we have a noiseless atmosphere and we are

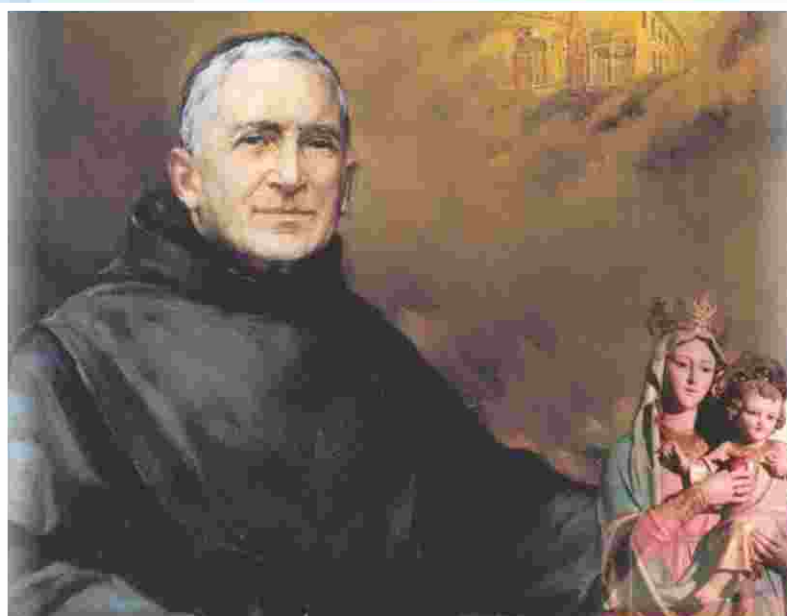
spiritually and mentally very contented. Daily we attend mass in English at 6.30 a.m. and on Sundays and Wednesdays we have Mass at 6.30 a.m. in Tamil. We also attend rosary and other prayers at 7 p.m.

Every day morning Brothers will come and do some cleaning and they distribute food. Especially they give bath to people who are bedridden. We enjoy to be here because we are well taken care of by the Brothers. We always appreciate what they do for the suffering humanity, especially the abandoned. We thank them for all the good works they are doing for us.

Happy Anniversary!
Mr & Mrs Lourdhunathan



HOSPITALER SAINTS



ST. BENEDICT MENNI OH (1841-1914)

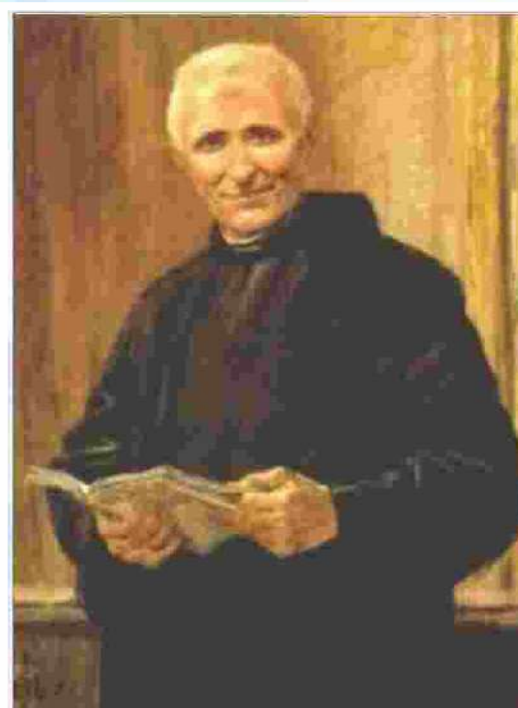


ST. JOHN GRANDE OH (1546- 1600)





ST. RICHARD PAMPURI OH (1897- 1930)



Bl. EUCHACHIUS KUGLER OH (1867- 1946)





BL. JOSE OLALLO VALDES OH (1820- 1889)



BL. MARTYRS



ARCHBISHOP ABRAHAM VIRUTHIKULANGARA

The sudden demise of Archbishop Abraham Viruthikulangara (74) of cardiac arrest, early in the morning of 19 April 2018, occurred while he was in Delhi for a meeting. He was the Archbishop of Nagpur in Maharashtra, central India.

Hospitaller Brothers from our Khandwa Community paid homage to the Archbishop.



At least 5,000 people attended the funeral for Archbishop Abraham at Francis de Sales Cathedral in the city of Nagpur in western Maharashtra state on April 23, 2018.

The Archbishop was laid to rest on 23 April 2018. In what can be seen as a sign of late archbishop's popularity, two cardinals, 60 bishops and a host of clergymen, priests, and people from different religions were present to pay their respects.

The rite of commendation was led by Cardinal Mar George Alenchery, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church.



Br. Jesús Etayo, the Superior General of the Hospitaller Order, in the name of our Order, conveyed his condolences to the authorities of Nagpur diocese on the demise of Archbishop Abraham.



A Friend of the Order

The Archbishop was a friend of the Hospitaller Order.



So, in 2008 he was aggregated to the Hospitaller Order with a letter of Brotherhood of our Order.



History

In 1983, at the suggestion of Makarius Klaholz (Provincial, Rhine Province, Germany) and Brother Michael Mockenhaupt (Germany), the Brothers in India acceded to the request of Bishop Abraham, the then Bishop of Khandwa, to take over an existing dispensary in Khandwa Diocese at



Emotions ran high as the late archbishop's favourite hymn, 'You are a priest forever' was sung.

Deshgaon which was then being run by an SVD Brother.

Brother Savio Padinjarekutte took over the dispensary in 1985. By that time the Bishop, with the help of Br. Michael Mockenhaupt, had purchased for us 5 acres of land at Deshgaon. Later a House and Dispensary were constructed at Deshgaon and inaugurated in 1988.



He had a special love for the needy and worked for indigenous and disadvantaged people by opening schools and offering scholarships to promote education among them.

Let us cherish the goodness of Archbishop Abraham.



Was a popular missionary bishop. Is remembered for his simplicity.





Was ordained as a bishop at the age of 34 in 1977 and became the first bishop of Khandwa Diocese, in Madhya Pradesh. He served there for 20 years.



Was transferred to be the Archbishop of Nagpur in 1998

Was a friend to all and never judged anybody.



Was a man of excellent communication skills.



Was one who had a spiritual presence.



'A precious gift to the Church in India.'

May his soul rest in peace

R.I.P.



BIRTH CENTENARY

The birth centenary of **Servant of God Br. Fortunatus Thanhäuser** was celebrated on **27 February 2018**, at Kattappana, Kerala.

Br. Fortunatus was born in Berlin (Germany) on **27 February 1918**. He entered the Hospitaller Order on 27 May 1935. In 1969 he came to India, founded the first foundation of the Hospitaller Order at Kattappana, Kerala



Br. Fortunatus, popularly known as the 'Father of the Poor', was called by God for his eternal reward on 21 November 2005.

He was proclaimed 'Servant of God' (the first stage on the way to sainthood) on 22 November 2014 at Kattappana.



To celebrate the birth centenary there were **essay and drawing competitions, exhibition on the life and works of the Servant of God**, and a quiz competition about his life.



Quiz Competition



Exhibition





In the afternoon there was Birth Centenary Solemn Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Kurian Thamarassery, the Syncellus of Kanjirapally diocese.



It was followed by prayers at the tomb of the Servant of God. To conclude the events there was a tea party for all who participated.



Story of a Great Visionary: Bro. Fortunatus



Nine years have passed since the demise of Brother Fortunatus Thanhauser, who was lovingly called Valiyachan (Great father) for his selfless service to thousands of people in the high ranges of Idukki, Kerala, India. He was the Vice-Provincial of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in Frankfurt, Germany when he was invited to Kattappana, Kerala, in 1969 by Archbishop Mar Mathew Kavukatt of Changanachery; his mission was to provide healthcare to the high ranges, at that time considered one of the most backward regions in Kerala.

Bro. Fortunatus was born in Berlin Capital of Germany, on 27th February 1918. On 27 May of 1935 he joined the Silesian Province of the Brothers of St. John of God in Breslau and made his first Profession in Breslau on 21 November 1936. Because he had to serve in the Second World War he celebrated his Solemn Profession on 21 July 1946 in Breslau, which had come under Polish rule after Second World War. Since in 1950 all Germans have been deported to Germany, he came to Frankfurt and built up a ruin into a modern General Hospital and served in Frankfurt as Hospitaller Brother, trained Male Nurse and trained X-Ray and Lab-Technician from 1950 till 1969, the year, when he came to Kattappana, India.

He worked day in and day out for the betterment and development of the people of high ranges in Idukki, Kerala. He started St.

John's Hospital, built more than five thousand houses for the poor families, built a home for the elderly, poor and abandoned people, known as Pratheeksha Bhavan, founded a new congregation for the Sisters to look after the poor, sick and needy known as the 'Sisters of Charity of St. John of God', supported many poor students for studies, provided food, cloths, medicines and financial support for many poor people etc..

His sanctity, humility and simplicity are well known to all. Towards the end of his life journey he was admitted in the hospital more than a year and had to suffer a lot. But he accepted all in patience and love. The heavenly Father called him back into his arms on 21 November 2005. The funeral functions took place on 26 and 27 November 2005 under great participation of the population and of all religions.

People of all denominations flock to his tomb for praying to him and getting numerous blessings. The Kerala Synod of Bishops recently resolved to begin the process for the canonization of our Confrère, Brother Fortunatus Thanhäuser. The date will shortly be set for the celebrations to mark the official opening of the diocesan enquiry. The General Postulation will keep the whole Order fully briefed on developments.

Fr. Francis Mannaparampil OH
Chaplain, St. Johns Kattappana





BR. ALFONS MARIA HÖRING

(18 September, 1943 - July 20, 2018)

A GREAT FRIEND OF INDIA

(Remembrance by Brother Andreas Hellermann, Germany)

Brother Alfons Maria Höring, who together with Br. Fortunatus Thanhäuser set up the institutions of the Brothers of St. John of God in India, laid the foundations for the present Indian Province.

Brief Life History

Born on 18 September, 1943 in Buchenau (district of Marburg-Biedenkopf) Hesse, and raised in Frankfurt am Main, Wolfgang Höring entered the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in 1960. He received the religious name Alfons Maria and made the First Profession on 8 March 1962. This was followed by years of training as a nurse and preparation for mission in India. On 29 June 1968, the Frankfurter made his solemn profession for his entire life. In April 1970 he traveled to India.

Life in India

At Kattappana in the southern Indian state of Kerala, Br. Alfons performed his ministry in the **St. John's Hospital** and as an instructor for Brothers in formation.



In 1981 he founded the Novitiate House and a small Home for the Aged at Poonamallee in Chennai.

In 1987 he returned to Germany. From 1992 he devoted himself again to the education of young people for service in the Order, in the Interprovincial Novitiate at Graz-Eggenberg, Austria.

He visited India again and again and gave the charism of St. John of God to the Brothers and to the Sisters of Charity of St. John of God (founded by Br. Fortunatus Thanhäuser), in India.



Contributions to the Beatification Process of Br. Fortunatus



A highlight for Br. Alfons was the establishment of the Indian Province of St. Thomas the Apostle, in 2005. Also, he put together all the documents for the beatification process of Br. Fortunatus Thanhäuser, who died in holiness in 2005 - a work that was far from over.

Final Years & Death



He lived his last years in Regensburg and worked, under pain and various illnesses, on the documents for the beatification process of Br. Fortunatus. He died on Friday, July 20, 2018, in our hospital at Regensburg (Bavaria, Germany).

Burial in the Brother's Cemetery, Regensburg



The requiem for Brother Alfons Maria was celebrated on Thursday, 26 July 2018, at 2 p.m. in the St. Pius Hospital Church in Regensburg, and subsequently he was buried in the Brothers' Cemetery





Now that Br. Alfons has finished his life's work, may he rest in peace.
R.I.P.



Sisters of Charity of St. John of God



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (Lk 4: 18-19)

The period from 1967 to 1977 was a time when the Holy Spirit was working in a special way in the founder in order to make this prophecy of Isaiah, made centuries ago and fulfilled in Jesus, an experience in this century.

The Servant of God Bro. Fortunatus, member of Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, came to Kattappana in the year 1967. He started a small dispensary that has grown up to the stature of the hospital with many departments. At the same time, he started a home for caring the sick, poor and the needy. Prompted by a divine inspiration, he approached Mar Mathew Kavukatt, Archbishop of Changanassery and expressed his desire to form a religious community for sisters to collaborate along with them in the field of Hospitaller services. He got the necessary encouragement

and co-operation from him.

By the mercy of God and with the permission of His Excellency Mar Joseph Powathil the Bishop of Kanjirapally, the congregation of the Sisters of St. John of God was given shape by the Servant of God Bro. Fortunatus consecrating eight young girls from various parts of Kerala to Our Lady on 8th September 1977. On 24th February 1982 Mar Joseph Powathil, the Bishop of Kanjirappally gave temporary approval to the Rules of this community changing its name to "Sisters of Charity of St. John of God". On 10th January 1984, seven of the founding members made their First Profession, with the permission of Mar Joseph Powathil and in the presence of the Founder.

On January 15, 1994 Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy, the Bishop of Kanjirappally, erected our society as a congregation. Within a few years of its inception, the congregation had demonstrated convincingly the accomplishment of its mission. The evidence of this is seen in the fact that the Sisters of Charity of St. John of God was found worthy to be aggregated to the family



of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, thereby participating in the 500 years tradition and spirituality of the Hospitaller Order. The solemn ceremony of aggregation to the Hospitaller Order was held on 5th January 1997 at the Generalate of the Sisters at Kattappana, officiated by Rev. Fr. Pascal Piles, the Superior General of the Hospitaller Order. His Excellency Mar Mathew Arackal, the head of the Eparchy of Kanjirappally declared by means of a decree, approved the statutes and Directory of the congregation.

The second house which was started in 1985, at Podimattom, in Kottayam district, serves as the Formation House. Other houses were opened at Koratty (1993), Ayamkudy (1997), Ammamkulam (2002), Adoor (2002) and Trichy (2007), Alpara (2008), Chantiput in Odisha (2012), Khandwa -MP (2014) and Mathirappilly (2019). The Sisters also witness to the spirit of St. John of God in Germany, Austria, Italy and Spain.

The identity of Sisters of Charity of St. John of God consists in experiencing the presence of Jesus in our apostolic fields, in each person we come in touch with, especially in the sick and in those in need, in the same way as we experience the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. ".....for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (Mt 25:35-36). The goal is to follow Heavenly Patron St. John of God, who made the above words part and parcel of his life, and like him, to go into the

interior essence of the word of God. Reaching out to the sick, the poor and the neglected, the sisters make their agonies and anxieties their own, by consoling them and helping them to realise the value of suffering and to lead them to the love of God.

The Sisters of Charity St. John of God who are consecrated themselves to the apostolate of compassion and succor to the ailing, the neglected, the sorrowful and the oppressed, have taken a fourth vow of hospitality in addition to the evangelical counsels of obedience, poverty and chastity. The members are trying to recognize the needs of the time and are preparing themselves to meet them satisfactorily. The sisters are working in homes for the aged, hospitals, nursing college, orphanages, priest home and centers for the handicapped. Services are also rendered by home care, house visiting, catechetical activities, shelter home, social work and in other activities in participation with the local church.

Today, the members are striving to grow into a community which can understand the heartbeats of those people outside the walls of the convent, to make the pains and sighs of those people their own and to share their joy. The noble and exemplary life of the founder whose heart beat in union with that of St. John of God who found meaning in the words of the Lord, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these members of my family, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40) is a powerful inspiration for the members to grow in the spirit of the Congregation.



APC FORMATION PROGRAMME

(ASIA-PACIFIC COMMISSION)

The APC (Asia Pacific Provincials Commission) had a long cherished dream of having a regional formation programme in the region. After a lot of study and hard work, this dream of a regional formation programme for postulants and novices in the APC region became a reality in the Philippines in 2015 when the first batch of pre postulants from Vietnam, Philippines and India joined the postulancy programme of APC regional formation centre in the Philippines.

Today we have candidates from Vietnam, Philippines, Korea, PNG, East Timor and India doing their postulancy and novitiate there. The Philippines Brothers being assisted by other brothers from the APC provinces are carrying out the regional formation programme.



First Profession (APC)



First Profession



The Hospitaller Order of Brothers of St. John of God celebrated their 69th General Chapter in Rome, from 14th January to 5th February 2019. And Fr. Jesus Etayo, OH was elected as the new Superior General.



Pope Francis meets the General and the members of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God during their 69th General Chapter in Rome, 2019.



കട്ടപ്പനയുടെ കർമ്മയോഗി ദൈവാസ ഗണത്തിൽ

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ദൈവാസ പ്രഖ്യാപനം

2014 നവംബർ 22 സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് സഭയുടെ ചരിത്രത്തിൽ എന്നല്ല കത്തോലിക സഭയുടെ ചരിത്രത്തിൽകൂടി ആലേഖനം ചെയ്യപ്പെടേണ്ട ധന്യമുഹൂർത്തം വന്നുചേർന്നു. ബ്രദേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് സഭയിലെ അംഗവും, സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് ചാരിറ്റി ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് സഭയുടെ സ്ഥാപകനുമായ പുണ്യചരിതനായ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിനെ കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി രൂപതയുടെ

മേലധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ മാത്യു അറയ്ക്കൽ ദൈവാസനായി ഉയർത്തി.

ഇടുകി, കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി രൂപതാധികാരികൾ, വിവിധ സന്യാസ സമൂഹങ്ങളിലെ പ്രതിനിധികൾ, നൂറുകണക്കിന് സന്യസ്തരും, വൈദികരും, സാമൂഹിക രാഷ്ട്രീയ നേതാക്കൾ, ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിനെ കണ്ടവരും, അറിഞ്ഞവരും, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കാരുണ്യം അനുഭവിച്ചവരും, വിവിധ രൂപതകളിൽ നിന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസഗണം, സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് സഭയിലെ സ്വദേശത്ത് നിന്നുള്ളവരും, വിദേശത്തുനിന്നുള്ള പ്രതിനിധികളും ഇങ്ങനെ പതിനായിരത്തോളം വരുന്ന വിശ്വാസ സമൂഹം ഈ പുണ്യകർമ്മത്തിൽ പങ്കുകൊണ്ടു.

കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ മാത്യു അറയ്ക്കലിന്റെ മുഖ്യകാർമ്മികത്വത്തിൽ കട്ടപ്പനയിലെ സെന്റ് ജോർജ് ദേവാലയത്തിൽ രാവിലെ 10 മണിക്ക് നടന്ന കൃതജ്ഞതാ ബലിയോടെയായിരുന്ന ചടങ്ങുകൾക്ക് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചത്. പിതാവിനോടൊപ്പം ബലിയർപ്പിച്ചത് തിരുവല്ലാ രൂപത സഹായമെത്രാൻ ഫിലിപ്പോസ് മാർ സ്റ്റേഫാനോസ്, ബ്രദേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡിലെ ജനറൽ പോസ്റ്റലേറ്റർ



പള്ളിയിൽ നിന്നും കബറിടത്തിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രദക്ഷിണം



റവ.ഫാ.എലിയാ ത്രിപ്പാൾഡി, കുറുമ്പനാടം അസംപ്ഷൻ പള്ളി വികാരി റവ.ഫാ.ജോസഫ് കുറിഞ്ഞിപ്പറമ്പിൽ, കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി ബിഷപ്പിന്റെ സെക്രട്ടറി റവ.ഫാ.ജോൺ കുന്നേൽ എന്നിവരാണ്.

ദിവ്യബലി മദ്ധ്യയുള്ള വചനസന്ദേശത്തിൽ ഫിലിപ്പോസ് മാർ സ്തേഫാനോസ് പിതാവ് തുടങ്ങിയതിങ്ങനെ,

‘കുടിയേറ്റ മേഖലയായ ഹൈറേഞ്ചിന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹവും, പ്രത്യാശയുമായിരുന്ന ഭാഗ്യസ്ഥരണാർഹനായിരുന്ന വന്ദ്യ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസ് താൻ ഹൊയ്സർ



പള്ളിയിൽനിന്നും കബറിടത്തിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രദക്ഷിണം

സ്വർഗ്ഗയാത്രയായിട്ട് 9 വർഷങ്ങൾ പൂർത്തിയാകുന്നു സവിശേഷമായ ജീവിതദർശനംകൊണ്ടും, സമർപ്പണശുശ്രൂഷകൊണ്ടും, ജീവിതസാക്ഷ്യംകൊണ്ടും, വിശാലമായ പൊതു സമൂഹത്തിലും, സഭയിലും, സമാധാനമായ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസ് എന്ന പുണ്യപുരുഷന്റെ ഓർമ്മയ്ക്കു മുമ്പിൽ ഈ ജനസഞ്ചയത്തോട് ചേർന്ന് ഞാനും പ്രാർത്ഥനാഞ്ജലികൾ അർപ്പിക്കുന്നു’ തുടർന്നുള്ള വചനസന്ദേശത്തിലുടനീളം ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിന്റെ സുകൃതജീവിതം നിഴലിച്ചിരുന്നു.

വെളിപാടു പുസ്തകത്തിൽ എഴുതപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രകാരം സ്വർഗ്ഗീയ ജറുസലേമിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പേരും സവിശേഷമാംവിധം ആലേഖനം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസ് എന്ന പേര് വിശുദ്ധരുടെ പട്ടികയിൽ ഉയർത്തപ്പെട്ട് കാണുവാൻ നാം ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹരൂപം അശ്ശൂര വണക്കത്തിനായി പ്രതിഷ്ഠിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന നാളുകൾക്കായി പ്രത്യാശയോടെ നാം കാത്തിരിക്കുന്നു..

ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസ് എന്ന വാക്കിന്റെ അർത്ഥം സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ ‘ഭാഗ്യവാനായി’ അദ്ദേഹം വിശുദ്ധ പദവിയിലേക്ക് ഉയർത്തപ്പെട്ടെ. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ

അനുഗ്രഹ മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥം നമുക്ക് ഏവർക്കും മാനസാന്തരവും, നവീകരണവും, സൗഖ്യവും, ദൈവകൃപകളും, ദൈവികമായ ആനന്ദവും, സമാധാനവും, ഐശ്വര്യവും പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യട്ടേ എന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നുവെന്ന് പറഞ്ഞ് പിതാവ് തന്റെ ഉപദേശം ഉപസംഹരിച്ചു.

വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് ശേഷം റവ.ഫാ.തോമസ് തോപ്പിൽ (കുട്ടപ്പന അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് വികാരി) തുടർന്ന് നടക്കാൻ പോകുന്ന ദൈവാസന പ്രഖ്യാപനം കോടതി രൂപീകരണം എന്നിവയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് വിജ്ഞാപനത്തിലൂടെ



പള്ളിയിൽനിന്നും കബറിടത്തിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രദക്ഷിണം

വിശ്വാസഗണത്തെ ഉത്ബോധിപ്പിച്ചു.

തുടർന്ന് വിശ്വാസസമൂഹത്തിന് മുമ്പിൽ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിനെ ദൈവാസനായി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള മാർ മാത്യു അററാൽ പിതാവിന്റെ കൽപ്പന കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി രൂപതാ ചാൻസലർ റവ.ഡോ.ഫാ.കുര്യൻ താമരശ്ശേരി ഇംഗ്ലീഷിലും പിന്നീട് വൈസ് ചാൻസലർ റവ.ഡോ.മാത്യു കല്ലറയ്ക്കൽ മലയാളത്തിലും വായിച്ചു. ഇതോടുകൂടി ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിന്റെ നാമകരണ നടപടികൾ രൂപതാതലത്തിൽ ഔദ്യോഗികമായി ആരംഭിച്ചു. ഇതിന്റെ നിർവ്വാഹകൻ രൂപതാ മേലധ്യക്ഷൻ ആണ്. തുടർന്നു നടന്നത് നാമകരണ കോടതിയുടെ സംസ്ഥാപനമാണ്. ഇക്കാര്യങ്ങൾക്ക് സിനഡ് അംഗീകാരം കൊടുത്തതു മുതൽ ഇതുവരെ നടന്ന എല്ലാ നൈയാമിക നടപടികൾക്കും നേതൃത്വം കൊടുത്തത് രൂപതാ ചാൻസലർ ആയിരുന്നു. അതിനാൽ റവ.ഫാ താമരശ്ശേരിയുടെ മുമ്പാകെ വി.ഗ്രന്ഥം സാക്ഷിയായി കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ മാത്യു അറയ്ക്കൽ, എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ സലഗേറ്റായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്ത റവ.ഡോ.ജെയിംസ് തലച്ചെല്ലൂർ, പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്റർ റവ.ഫാ.ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മണ്ണാപറമ്പിൽ ഒ.എച്ച്, വൈസ് പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്റർ റവ.സി.ലില്ലി ട്രീസ എസ്.സി.ജെ.ജി





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നോട്ടറി, റവ.സി. നിർമ്മല കണ്ണമുണ്ടയിൽ എസ്.സി.ജെ.ജി, വൈസ് നോട്ടറി റവ.സി.ആൽഫി സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ എസ്.സി.ജെ.ജി എന്നിവർ സത്യപ്രതിജ്ഞ ചെയ്ത് തങ്ങളുടെ നിയമനം സ്വീകരിച്ചു.

പ്രൊമോട്ടർ ഓഫ് ജസ്റ്റിസ് എന്ന സ്ഥാനത്ത് നിയമിതനായിരിക്കുന്നത് പാലാ രൂപതാംഗമായ നിയമപണ്ഠിതൻ റവ.ഡോ.മൈക്കിൾ വട്ടപ്പലം അച്ചനാണ്. അതുപോലെ ഹിസ്റ്റോറിക്കൽ കമ്മീഷനിലെ അംഗങ്ങളായി നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് പാലാ രൂപതയിലെ റവ.ഡോ.ജെയിംസ് പുലിയറുമ്പിൽ അച്ചനെയും, റവ.ബ്രദർ വിൻസന്റ് കോച്ചാങ്കുന്നേൽ ഒ.എച്ച്. , സിറീന മരിയ മാങ്കുട്ടത്തിലിനെയുമാണ്.

സത്യപ്രതിജ്ഞയ്ക്കുശേഷം വിശ്വാസഗണം ഗായക സംഘത്തോട് ചേർന്ന് ദൈവത്തിനു സ്തോത്രഗീതം അർപ്പിച്ചു, പത്തുമിനിട്ട് നേരത്തേ ഇടവേളയ്ക്കുശേഷം കട്ടപ്പന പള്ളിയിൽനിന്ന് ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിന്റെ കബറിടത്തിങ്കലേയ്ക്കുള്ള പ്രദക്ഷിണം ആരംഭിച്ചു.

കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ മാത്യു അറയ്ക്കൽ നേതൃത്വം നൽകിയ പ്രദക്ഷിണത്തിൽ വാദ്ധ്യമേളങ്ങൾ, ബാനറുകൾ, വർണ്ണകൂടകൾ, ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിന്റെ ഛായാചിത്രം പതിച്ചു

ബലുണുകൾ എന്നിവയാൽ അലംകൃതമായ പ്രദക്ഷിണ നിരയിൽ. ആദ്യകുർബ്ബാന സ്വീകരിച്ച കുട്ടികൾ, ഫ്രണ്ട്സ് ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് സംഘടനയിലെ കുട്ടികൾ, ഇടവകയുടെയും, സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് സ്കൂൾ, കോളേജ് എന്നിവയുടെയും ഡിസ്പ്ലേകൾ എന്നിവ കാതുകകരമായ; വൈദികരുടെയും, സന്യസ്തരുടെയും, യൂണിഫോമിലുള്ള സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് സ്റ്റുഡന്റ്സിന്റെയും നിങ്ങളിരുകൾ. പരിപാവനവും, ഭക്തിയും പകർത്തി പതിനായിരക്കണക്കിനു വിശ്വാസികൾ റോഡിലൂടെ ഒഴുകിയെങ്കിലും, പക്ഷമായി, അടുക്കിലും ചിട്ടയിലും നടന്നു നിങ്ങളിയതിനാൽ, വോളന്റിയറുടെയും, പോലീസിന്റെയും നിയന്ത്രണം അവശ്യപ്പെടകമല്ലാതായി മാറി, പ്രദക്ഷിണം കബറിടത്തിലെത്തിയപ്പോൾ മാർ മാത്യു അറയ്ക്കൽ പിതാവ് പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നൽകി. തുടർന്ന് സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് ഓഡിറ്റോറിയത്തിൽ അനുസ്മരണ സമ്മേളനം നടന്നു. ബ്രദേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് സഭയിലെ ജനറൽ കാൺസിലർ ബ്ര.റുഡോൾഫ് ക്നോപ്പ് ഒ.എച്ച് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ച സമ്മേളനത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം നടത്തിയത് മാർ മാത്യു അറയ്ക്കലായിരുന്നു.

തന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടന പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ ഹൈറേഞ്ചിലെ ജനത്തിന്റെമേൽ അനുകമ്പ തോന്നിയ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ



ആൾരൂപമായ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിന്റെ ചിത്രം വരച്ചുകാട്ടി. തുടർന്ന് മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷകൻ മാർ മാത്യു ആനിക്കുഴിക്കാട്ടിൽ, ദൈവവചനം പ്രസംഗിക്കാതെ, പ്രവർത്തിച്ച് അനുകമ്പയുടെ മനുഷ്യനായ ദൈവദാസൻ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിലൂടെ സാഖ്യദായകനായ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെയാണ് ജനം ദർശിച്ചതെന്നും, ബ്രദറിന്റെ ജീവിതം ഉൽകൃഷ്ടമായിരുന്നെന്നും വിലയിരുത്തിയപ്പോൾ, ഒരു ചരിത്ര നിയോഗമാണ് ബ്രദറിന്റെ ഹൈറേഞ്ചിലെ ജീവിതമെന്ന് എഫ്.എ. റോഷി അഗസ്റ്റിനും വിവരിച്ചു. താൻ ഏഴുമാസക്കാലം കട്ടപ്പനയിൽ ദൈവദാസൻ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിനൊപ്പം ജീവിച്ച അനുഭവം കുറിഞ്ഞിപറമ്പിലൂടെ പങ്കുവെച്ചു. ജർമ്മനിയിൽ ജനിച്ച് കട്ടപ്പനയിൽ വന്ന് അന്ത്യവിശ്രമംകൊള്ളുന്ന ദൈവദാസൻ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിന്റെ എളിമയെ ഇമാം അബ്ദുൾ റെഹ്മാൻ കാസരി വെളിപ്പെടുത്തി. ജൻമംകൊണ്ട് ജർമ്മൻകാരനെന്നിലും കർമ്മംകൊണ്ട് കട്ടപ്പനക്കാരനായി മാറി, എണ്ണയിട്ട യന്ത്രംപോലെ, ഒന്നുമില്ലാത്തവരുടെ ഇടയിൽ കാരണ്ണും വിതച്ച് കടന്നുപോയ പുണ്യമനുഷ്യനായ ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിനെ പ്രാഗ്രാഹം കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർ റവ.ഫാ.ജോസ് പ്ലാച്ചിക്കൽ തന്റെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു. അഡ്വ.ജോയ്സ് ജോർജ് എം.പി., ഹൈറേഞ്ച് എൻ.എസ്.എസ് യൂണിയൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ് ആർ മണിക്കുട്ടൻ, മലനാട് എസ്.എൻ.ഡി.പി യൂണിയൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ് ശ്രീ.സി.കെ.മോഹനൻ എന്നിവരും തങ്ങൾ ദർശിച്ച ബ്രദർ ഫോർത്തുനാത്തുസിനെ ജനങ്ങൾക്കിടയിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു. ബ്രദേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡിന്റെ ഇന്ത്യൻ പ്രോവിൻഷ്യൽ ബ്രദർ യാക്കാ ശർമ്മയാണ് എല്ലാവർക്കും സ്വാഗതം ആശംസിച്ചത്. സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് ചാരിറ്റി ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡിന്റെ സുചിരിയർ ജനറൽ സി.വിമല ജോർജ് എല്ലാവർക്കും നന്ദിയും രേഖപ്പെടുത്തി.പേപ്പൽ ഗാനത്തോടെ മീറ്റിംഗ് അവസാനിച്ചു.

മീറ്റിംഗിനുശേഷം നേർച്ചസഭയിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത് കൃതാർത്ഥരായി എല്ലാവരും പിരിഞ്ഞുപോയി. പള്ളിയിലും, കബറിടത്തിങ്കലും, ഓഡിറ്റോറിയത്തിലും പ്രവേശിക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്തവിധം ജനസമൂഹമായിരുന്നതിനാൽ എല്ലാവർക്കും പരിപാടികളിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കത്തക്കവിധം അതിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഇരിപ്പിടങ്ങൾ ഒരുക്കുകയും, ക്ലോസ്ഡ് സർക്യൂട്ട് ടി.വി വഴി എല്ലാവർക്കും കാണാനുള്ള സംവിധാനം ഒരുക്കിയിരുന്നു. അതുപോലെ ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിലുള്ള രോഗികൾക്കും ആവശ്യമായ സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ ഒരുക്കിയിരുന്നു. കൂടാതെ www.stjohns.co.in എന്ന വെബ് സൈറ്റ് വഴി തൽസമയപ്രക്ഷേപണവും നടത്തിയിരുന്നു. ഈ പ്രോഗ്രാമിന്റെ ജനറൽ കൺവീനേഴ്സ് ആയി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചവർ റവ.ഫാ.ജോസ് പ്ലാച്ചിക്കൽ, റവ.ഫാ.ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മണ്ണാപറമ്പിൽ ഒ.എച്ച്. ശ്രീജോയി വെട്ടിക്കുഴി എന്നിവരാണ്.



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2018



**A meeting of the Asia Pacific Regional
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ജീവജ്യോതി ഗ്രാമം



സുനാമി ദുരിതബാധിതർക്കായി ഹോസ്പിറ്റലർ ബ്രദേഴ്സ് (ബ്രദേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ്) നിർമിച്ച ജീവജ്യോതി ഗ്രാമം ഡിസംബർ 12-നു കൈമാറി. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തിനു സമീപം കന്യാകുമാരി ജില്ലയിൽ മിഡാളത്ത് പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്ന 43 വീടുകളും ഒരു സ്കൂളും ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന ഗ്രാമമാണ് ജീവജ്യോതി. 1.6 കോടി രൂപ മുടക്കുള്ള ഗ്രാമത്തിലെ 400 ചതുരശ്ര അടി വിസ്തീർണ്ണമുള്ള ചുറ്റുമതിലു കളോടുകൂടിയ ഒരു വീടിന് 3.25 ലക്ഷം രൂപയാണു ചെലവ്. 5500 ചതുരശ്ര അടി വിസ്തീർണ്ണമുള്ള സ്കൂളും ഗ്രാമത്തിലുണ്ട്.

ഒരുവർഷംകൊണ്ടു നിർമ്മാണം പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ ഗ്രാമം മെർസിഡാരിയൻ സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സ് ഓഫ് ചാരിറ്റിയുടെയും സംയുക്ത സംരംഭമാണ്. സുനാമി ദുരിതാശ്വാസ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് അഴീക്കലിലെത്തിയ ഹോസ്പിറ്റലർ ബ്രദേഴ്സ് സംഘമാണ് ഇവിടെ പുനരധിവാസ ഗ്രാമം നിർമ്മിക്കാൻ പദ്ധതിയിട്ടത്.

മിഡാളത്ത് സുനാമി ആക്രമണത്തിൽ കുടിലുകൾ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടവർക്കായാണു ജീവജ്യോതി വീടു നൽകുന്നത്. സർക്കാർ നൽകുന്ന 1.80 ലക്ഷം രൂപയുടെ വീടിന് കുടിലുകൾ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടവർക്ക് അർഹതയുണ്ടാ

യിരുന്നില്ല. ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിലാണ് അവർക്കുവേണ്ടി ഭവനങ്ങൾ നിർമ്മിച്ചുനൽകാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചത് കട്ടപ്പന സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് ആശുപത്രി ഡയറക്ടറും ജീവജ്യോതി പ്രൊജക്ട് ഡയറക്ടറുമായ ബ്രദർ ആന്റണി പാലമറ്റമാണ് പ്രോജക്ടിന് നേതൃത്വം നൽകിയത്. മുന്നേക്കർ വിസ്തീർണ്ണമുള്ള ഗ്രാമത്തിൽ 400 മീറ്റർ കോൺക്രീറ്റ് റോഡ്, വൈദ്യുതി, വെള്ളം, വിശ്രമ സ്ഥലം എന്നിവയും ഒരുക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ഡിസംബർ 12-നു ജീവജ്യോതിയിൽ നടക്കുന്ന ചടങ്ങിൽ സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ ബ്രദർ ബനഡിക്ട് നടയിൽ ഗ്രാമം ഉദ്ഘാടനംചെയ്തു. സ്കൂൾ മന്ദിരം ബ്രദർ വിൻസെന്റ് കോച്ചാങ്കുന്നേൽ ഉദ്ഘാടനംചെയ്തു. മെർസിഡാരിയസ് സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സ് ജനറൽ കാൺസിലർ സിസ്റ്റർ ഒറോറാ കാൽവേ ഗ്രാമത്തിന്റെ താക്കോൽദാനവും ജനറൽ കാൺസിലർ സിസ്റ്റർ മെർസിഡസ് ടൊറിബിയോ സ്കൂളിന്റെ താക്കോൽ ദാനവും നിർവഹിച്ചു.

കൊട്ടാർ രൂപത മെത്രാൻ മാർ ലിയോൺ ധർമരാജ്, അന്നത്തെ തക്കല രൂപതാ ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ജോർജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി, ബ്രദർ ചിന്നപ്പരാജ്, ഫാ. കിൽഡോസ് തുടങ്ങിയവർ പങ്കെടുത്തു.



Programme

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| 1. Prayer Dance | : St. Joseph's Primary School Midalam |
| 2. Welcome Speech | : Rev. Fr. Kildos, Parish Priest Midalam |
| 3. Keynote Address | : Rev. Br. Chinnapparaj OH |
| 4. Inauguration of the New Village | : Rev. Br. Benedict Nadayil OH |
| 5. Blessing of the Houses | Provincial, Brothers of St. John of God |
| 6. Handing over House Keys | : Most. REv. Leon Tharmaraj, Bishop of Kottar |
| Mercedarias Sisters of Charith, Rome | : Rev. Sr. Aurora Calvo, General Councillor, |
| 7. Inauguration of School Building | : Rev. Br. Vincent Kochamkunnel, OH. General Councillor, Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, Rome |
| 8. Blessing of the School Building | : Mar. George Alenchery, Bishop of Thackalai |
| 9. Handing over School Key | : Rev. Sr. Mercedes Toribio, General Councillor, Mercedarias Sisters of Charity, Rome |
| 10. Dance | : St. Joseph's Primary School, Midalam |
| 11. Presentation of Project Report | : Rev. Br. Antony Palamattom OF, Brothers of St. John of God |
| 12. Presidential Address | : Mr. Sunil Palival. District Collector, Nagercoil |
| 13. Presentation of Mementos : | |
| 14. Felicitations : | |
| Mr. Suresh Rajan, Tourism Minister, Tamil Nadu | |
| Mr. Bellarmin, M.P, Nagercoil | |
| Rev. Sr. Rosy Joseph, Sister General, Sisters of Charity of St. John of God, Kattappana | |
| Mr. John Jacob, M.L.A, Kelliyoore | |
| Mrs. Ajitha Mano Thankaraj, Chairman, District Panchayat | |
| Fr. J. Romald, Director, KSSS | |
| Mrs. Jinobai, Panchayat President, Midalam | |
| 15. Vote of Appreciation | : Mrs. Irene Rani |
| 16. Vote of Thanks | : Mr. Pangras |



MAJOR EVENTS OF THE PROVINCE

2005

June 15: Elevation of the Indian General Delegation to the status of a Province.

November 21st Bro. Fortunatus Thanhauser, the pioneer and founder of the Hospitaller Order in India passed away.

December 5-6: an ongoing formation programme conducted by Br. Vianney Welch at Kattappana.

December 4, Brs. Pious V. George and Raphael Swamidoss made their solemn profession at Kattappana.

December 8, Br. Ignace Topno made his simple profession at Poonamallee.

2006

January 3rd: foundation stone laid at Midalam in Kulachal for the construction of houses for Tsunami victims.

January 9-10: bro Antony Palamattom attended a meeting at Sydney- Australia in order to plan the regional Ongoing Formation course.

February 10: Archbishop Abraham Viruthikulangara and Bishop Jacob Manethodath paid a visit to our hospital at Kattappana.

February Brs. Benedict Nadayil & Pius Manithottiyil attended the Regional Conference in Korea.

July 31: Ongoing Formation Course for the Asia Pacific Region was held at Poonamallee.

August 12 we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Poonamallee Community.

August 14 the Blessing and Inauguration of Santhi Nilayam, Hospice for HIV/AIDS patients.

September 10 we celebrated the Silver jubilee of Br. Aloysius Mattathil at Kattappana.

December 3rd, Br. Shiju Nanthikattu made his solemn profession at Kattappana.

December 8, Brs. Sudhir Tirkey, Dhan Singh and Shailendra made their simple profession at Poonamallee.

December 12, Jeeva Jyothi (Tsunami Rehabilitation Project, Midalam) was Blessed and Inaugurated.

2007

2007- 29-30, an assembly of all brothers was held at Poonamallee.

2007- We started two major projects at Kattappana-construction of a Psychiatry hospital and the Eustachius Kugler home – new building for Pratheesha Bhavan.

2007- Brothers & Co-workers gathering was organized at Poonamallee.

2008

November 23, Brs. Saji Mullankuzhiyil, Johnson Arackal and Binish Mulackal made their solemn profession at Kattappana.

December 8, Br. Paul Varghese made his simple profession at Poonamallee



2009

March 3rd, Br. Siby Kalluvettathu made his simple profession at Velloor.

Seminar on Pastoral Care & Bio-ethics and the Seminar on Hospitality.

November, the LXII Extraordinary General Chapter celebrated in Mexico in which the General Statutes of the Order were revised and renewed.

2010

We could implement the housing scheme for the poor with the fund received from the Mercedare Sisters, Spain.

April, Delegations of Indian and French Provinces held a joint meeting in Mauritius to plan for the future work at Pamplermouses.

March, a preparatory course was conducted for all newly elected and appointed Office Bearers at Ennore, Chennai.

September, five –days retreat was conducted for the renewal of the life of Brothers in the Province.

November 22, Office Bearers' meeting was convened at Trichy.

Cardinal Maurice E. Piat C.S.S.P. and Fr. Pascal from Mauritius visited our Poonamallee Community.

2011

4th Regional Conference was hosted at Poonamallee by the Indian Province from 30th January to 4th February.

March 8th, St. John of God Family Year was inaugurated at Poonamallee.

March 25, the French Province officially handed over the Pamplermouses community in Mauritius to Indian Province.

May 29 – June 24, Br. Vincent Kochamkunnel conducted the canonical visit in the Province.

2011- A tree member committee was formed to study and present a concrete proposal for the effective implementation of Policies and Guidelines in our Province.

September a documentary film produced on the activities of St. Thomas Province, India.

September, annual retreat was arranged for the members of the province in groups at Poonamallee and Kattappana.

September 12-13, Mid-term Conference of the Province was held at Poonamallee.

October 12, Br. Joseph Kattackal returned to India after long years of loyal and dedicated service at Vatican Pharmacy, Rome.

October 17-21, Brs. Pius Augustine and Raphael attended APIPC's Formators' meeting in Philippines.



October 25-29, Br. Andreas Hellermann and Pater Konrad Hoffmann from Germany visited our communities in India.

November, Guidelines were formed to implement Financial Management Reforms in the Province.

December 8, Brs. Sudhir Kujur and Ignace Topno made their solemn profession at Poonamallee.

2012

January, the province arranged an Ongoing Formation/ Renewal Programme for the solemn professed Brothers of the Province in two groups.

February 11, seven Brothers & two co-workers from India participated in the official transfer of Mauritius Centre to the Indian Province.

April 16-24, a tour was arranged at Province level to Agra, New Delhi and Jaipur.

April 26, the ceremony of laying foundation stone for the building of St. John's College of Nursing took place at Kattappana.

October: the newly developed St. Thomas Province Directory and Directory for Apostolic Centres was approved by the General Council.

November 8, Br. Siby Kalluvettathu made his solemn profession in Rome.

November 24, Golden Jubilee of Br. Alfons M. Horing was celebrated at Kattappana.

December 8, the blessing and inauguration of Khandwa Hospital took place.

December 16, Br. Arockiaraj made his simple profession at Poonamallee.

2013

February 26-18, APPC meeting took place in Vietnam.

February 8- April 8, Provincial Br. Antony Palamattom performed canonical visitation in the Province.

March 21st, The Psychiatry Hospital and building for the old age people was blessed and inaugurated at Kattappana.

March 22, His Excellency Mar Mathew Arackaal, Bishop of Kanjirapally held a meeting on the canonization of Rev. Br. Fortunatus Thanhauser at Bishop House. During the meeting Bishop declared the permission for starting the process of canonization.

March 23, lifelong centre for differently abled and old age people was inaugurated at Velloor.

July 22, a meeting of office bearers of St. Thomas Province was held at Kattappana.

July 25-27 and from August 8-10, a renewal programme for the members of the Province was organized in two groups at Chalakudy.

August and September, Annual Retreat was arranged for brothers in two groups at Kattappana and at Poonamallee.

October 4-5, the Province convened Pre-chapter assembly of all the professed brothers at Poonamallee.



November 14-17, Br. Raphael attended the Formation Commission's meeting and the ordination of Br. Eldy in Manila, Philippines.

December 3rd, Prof. George Chemparathy was admitted as member (Oblate) to St. Thomas Province India, at Kattappana.

February 17-19, A three days renewal course was arranged for the incoming Office Bearers of the Provincial Government at Poonamallee.

2014

Provincial chapter – Jan 15-19. Chapter conducted by Prior General Rev. Bro Jesus Etayo and general councilor Rudolf Knopp and Bro Joseph Smith

Feb 27 -29 province Office Bearers Meeting and seminar on Servant Leadership

May 1st – 6 Pre Postulants are admitted to the Novitiate program at Poonamallee.

Oct - province Annual Retreat in two groups

December 8- Brs. Jacob George, Pratap Bilwal, Johan Bandod made their Simple Profession at Poonamallee.

2015

January 2, Brs. Dhan Singh and Paul Varghese made their solemn profession at Poonamallee.

Jan – Purchase and Registration of land in Chatrapur , Odhisa

April 19th First batch of 4 pre postulants travel to Philippines with Bro Paul for their Postulancy program at the APC regional postulancy program

May 1-Entry of 3 postulants into the Novitiate.

May 3rd Bro. Savio goes to start the new mission in Chatrapur, Odisha

Oct – Province Annual retreat in two groups

2016

Feb 13-15 APC regional conference held at Korea

May 1st First profession of novices George, Elias , Sonu, Tony and Jiten

June 13th Second batch of three pre postulants with Bro Pratap Bilwal travel to the Philippines for their postulancy program there.

June 29 – Entry of two Indian Postulants Dinesh and Vikas to Novitiate in Philippines.

Sept 16-17 Province midterm Assembly at Kattappana. Attended By Delegate Of Prior General Jesus Etayo for APC Bro Joseph Smith

Oct – Province Annual Retreat

Dec 1st Province canonical visit starts



2017

Jan – March – continuation of province canonical visit

Feb 17-18 APC Bioethics seminar held at Poonamallee.

May 1st - Simple Profession of 3 Sanjeeb , Cyriac and Arokia sundram novices at Poonamallee.

Sept 1—5 Province annual retreat at Kattappana

Sept 7th – Oct 5th General Curia Canonical visit conducted by General Councilor Rev Bro Pascal , accompanied By rev. Bro Joseph Smith.

Oct 6th Closing of Canonical visit by Prior General Rev Bro Jesus Etayo at Poonamallee.

Nov 4th Inauguration of the new center for mentally challenged adults at Chatrapur , Odisha

Nov 5th - Province outing at Odisha

2018

Jan- Provincial Chapter held at Poonamallee on the 15-19. Rev Bro Rudolf Knopp and Bro Joseph Smith conducted the chapter.

June 6th - Indian Brothers join the Madagascar mission of French province to serve there.

June 8th – Entry of two pre postulants to postulancy at Poonamallee

June 29 – Entry of one Indian Postulant Anuj in to Novitiate in the Philippines.

Oct- Province annual retreat and ongoing formation program held in two batches

Nov 18 – Opening of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Province at Kattappana.

Dec 8th – Entry of two Postulants to the Novitiate at Poonamallee.

2019

May 10th - Entry of one pre postulant to the postulancy program at Poonamallee

June 20th – First Profession of two Indian Novices Dinesh and Vikas at Philippines.

Oct – Annual retreat and ongoing formation held in two groups

Nov-19 – Golden Jubilee closing ceremony held at Poonamallee.

Dec 13- Office bearers meeting and seminar on Online administration

14-15 Province midterm assembly held at Poonamallee. Attended by Bro Vincent – General councilor for APC

-15-18 Province outing to Hyderabad

The Province consists of six Canonical Communities:

1. Kattappana
2. Poonamallee
3. Deshgaon
4. Velloor
5. Trichy
6. Pamplermouses, Mauritius

No.of Brothers - 50
Novices - 3
Oblates - 1

And three Non-canonical Communities: Vellervally, Khandwa and Odisha



Blessing of the annex of the Poor Home at Poonamallee (2016)



Brotherhood Day Celebration, Kattappana



Brotherhood day celebration of the KARB (Kerala Assembly of Religious Brothers)
at Kattappana in the year 2018



Solemn Profession of Our Brothers





Brs.



Graduation of B.Sc Nursing Students 2019



Jubilee Celebration of Bro. Alfons Horing



Conclusion of Golden Jubilee Celebration

Conclusion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration was conducted at Poonamallee, Chennai on 19/11/2019. The Most. Rev. Dr. George Anthonisamy (The Arch Bishop of Madras and Mylapore) was the Chief Celebrant of the Holy Mass. A public function was followed by the Holy Mass.

Programme

Prayer

Welcome Address

Lighting the Lamp

Presidential Address

Felicitation

Felicitation

Release of Golden Jubilee Souvenir

Memento Presentation to the Guests

Vote of Thanks

- Brothers of St. John of God Poonamallee, Madras-Mylapore
- Rev. Br. Yanka Sharma OH (Provincial)
- Rev. Br. Pascal Ahodegnon & Dignitaries
- Rev. Br. Pascal Ahodegnon OH (General Councilor, Rome)
- Rev. Fr. Felix (Rector, Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee)
- Rev. Sr. Mercy SCJG
(Sister General of Sisters of Charity of St. John of God)
- Rev. Br. Pascal Ahodegnon (General Councilor, Rome)
- Rev. Br. Joseph Smith (General Councilor, Rome)
- Rev. Br. Paul Varghese





Welcome Address

Rev. Bro. Pascal Ahodegnon (General Councillor), Rev. Bro Joseph Smith(General Councillor), Rev. Bro Rudolf Knopp(General Bursar), Rev Fr. Joseph Felix Michael(Rector Sacred Heart Seminary), Rev Sr. Mercy Thomas(Mother General of Sisters of charity of St. John of God), Very Rev Fathers , Sisters, Brothers and all our distinguished guests present here, I stand here before you all to welcome you all and extend our warm Hospitaller golden Jubilee greetings and wishes .

This is the day that the Lord has made and let us all be glad and rejoice in it. Yes our Good Lord Has given us this opportunity to reach 50 golden years of Hospitaller service of St. John of God in India and abroad. This day began fifty years ago in a small town called Kattappana in Kerala. We were privileged to have our pioneering missionaries (Brothers like the late Servant of God Bro. Fortunatus, Bro Alfons from Germany, who came over to this small town and started a small dispensary and later a small hospital to care for the sick and suffering people. We the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, St. Thomas Province/ Indian Province are very happy to celebrate this occasion in thanksgiving to the Lord together with you.

Therefore on behalf of all the brothers I take this opportunity to welcome our distinguished guests present here to this august gathering.

First and foremost I would like to extend a warm hearty welcome to Rev Bro Pascal Ahodegnon (General Councillor) from Rome who has been kind enough to accept our invitation and participate in our Golden Jubilee celebrations and is the Chief Guest of today's Public function. A warm welcome dear brother.

Next I would Like to welcome Rev. Bro Joseph Smith (General Councillor) who has been kind enough to come over here and share in our joy during this Golden Jubilee closing ceremony. A hearty welcome dear brother.

Now I welcome Rev. Fr . Joseph Felix Michael, Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary to this august gathering . Let us all extend him a warm welcome to this function.

Next I would like to extend a warm



welcome to Rev Bro. Rudlof Knopp (General Bursar, Rome) for being kind enough to come over here and participate in our Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Now I would like to extend a hearty welcome to Rev Bro Benedikt Hau, Provincial Bavarian Province and His team of Brothers from Germany, to this gathering.

Next I would like to welcome Rev Bro Saji, Provincial Austrian Province, and his team of brothers from Austria to our Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Now I welcome Rev. Bro Timothy, Provincial of Oceania/ Australia Province and his team of brothers for being generous to be present here in our celebrations.

Now I welcome Bro. Finnian and team from the West European Province to this gathering.

Next I heartily welcome all our Rev. Fathers , Sisters and Brothers who have come from far and near to be a part of our family in the Golden Jubilee celebrations. A warm hearty welcome to all of you.

Now I extend a warm welcome to our very distinguished guests (ladies and gents), well-wishers, friends to this gathering .

Once more a hearty welcome to one and all.

Thank you

BR. Yanka Sharma, OH



FELICITATION

We give thanks to you, O God;
We give thanks; your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds.
Psalm 75:1

We are gathered here on this grace-filled day, together with our Beloved Archbishop George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, Bishop A S Durairaj, Bishop of Khandwa, and the Brothers of St. John of God who are celebrating fifty golden years of their commitment to the poor and the peoples at the margins extending to them their healing hands and hospitality.

On this Golden moment, we have one singular purpose: To raise our hearts and hands in gratitude to God for journeying together with the Brothers of St. John of God, strengthening them in their struggles, and blessing them with a sense of renewed hope to bear witness to God's compassionate love.

We express our heartfelt felicitation to Rev. Bro. Yanka Sharma, the Provincial, Rev. Bro. Pascal Ahodegnon, General Councilor, Rome, Rev. Bro. Joseph Smith, General Councilor Rome, and all the Dignitaries who are gathered here in gratitude to God for His faithfulness and loving kindness throughout the last fifty years. May the Lord of the Harvest bless them and multiply their gifts, goodwill and goodness a hundredfold.

St. John of God was in touch with the real situations of life and was able to discern the customised plan of God for his life. He was blessed with the wisdom to listen to the stirrings of the Spirit of God. In a situation of political turmoil and religious turbulence his brief encounter with St. Teresa of Avila made all the difference. He experienced transformation of heart and offered God's healing presence to his people by caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, converting sinners and sheltering the homeless and orphans. In effect, St. John of God was translating God's love into action.

One of the challenges that every religious congregation encounters is to follow the pathway crafted by Jesus by being committed to its charism. The life and charism presented by John of God to the Church and society could be summarised in his own words: "Love the poor tenderly, regarding them as your masters and yourselves as their servants".

Pope Francis has given a new vision for the Church,



that is, "A Church of the poor, and for the Poor". The poor, as we understand today, are not only those who are deprived of their purchasing power, who have no opportunity to enhance their intelligence, who have no affluence in society, who cannot raise their hand against injustice, or make their cry heard. The poor, are those who are regarded as the "left-overs" of the society, who are discarded and thrown away as disposables.

Serving the left-overs and the disposables of the society is the mission of the Church today. It is a privileged moment to acknowledge that the Brothers of St. John of God participate in this mission with delicate dedication and sincere commitment. Their service to the poor is always a gentle reminder that we remain closer to the heart of God by being close to the poor.

Every time I celebrate the Eucharist for the Brothers or interact with them only one thought constantly disturbs me. "Jesus cannot be confined to the classroom". The Jesus we discuss about in the classroom, the Jesus we adore enthroned in the Tabernacle should also empower us to see Jesus in one another, especially in the peoples at the peripheries of the society.

In a globalised world, where the poor are abused, exploited and taken for granted, the presence, ministry and commitment of the Brothers of St. John of God offers us with an alternative way of realizing the call of Pope Francis to make this earth our "Common Home" by learning to have a compassionate heart for the poor, participating in their struggles and restricting our purchasing



power. This would be a small step forward in realizing the Kingdom Project of Jesus.

Let me conclude with a quote of Pope Francis on holiness, which is a wonderful expression of the commitment of the Brothers of St. John of God. He states: "A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the Risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan" (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 145).

On behalf of the family of fathers and brothers of Sacred Heart Seminary who have a very fond and cordial relationship with the brothers, we wish them choicest blessings from above and congratulate them for their apostolic commitment. Thank You!

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FELICITATION

Most Rev. Provincial Superiors and all the dignitaries on the dais Fathers, Brothers and Sisters
Good Morning/Good afternoon to all

Today is a day of celebration and great happiness to all of us. The journey of St. Thomas province of Hospitaller Order, completes 50 years of its fruitful, dedicated, committed and quality service to the holy Church and the society. First of all on behalf of Sisters of Charity of St. John of God, I wish a very happy jubilee to all Brothers of St. Thomas Province.

On this auspicious day Let us look back and thank the Almighty for the blessings showered upon us through our heavenly patron St John of God. He has given us a blissful path to travel towards the glory of heaven. It is path filled with giving, sharing and caring. Our heavenly patron gave us great lessons of selfless caring and serving. He taught us about caring with heart and sharing without consideration of small selfs. On serving the needy and the poor we are giving ourselves to our lord.

Brothers of St. John of God is always following the divine mission instituted by our founders. In fact through the Hospitaller Order, Our God blessed the sick, poor, needy and abandoned people in India. The people of high range of Kerala are much lucky and blessed to enjoy the caring presence of the healing mission of the order. When I speak about the caring hands of God and healing mission of the order in our parts of the country, I have to bow down in the loving memory of our Founder, servant of God, Bro. Fortunatus and Bro. Alphons. They made our small world a heaven of love and care.



Dear brothers, you are the inheritors of the wonderful tradition of Hospitaller order. Through your never ending charity you are witnessing our lord to this world. Today I thank the almighty God for choosing us to be the part of this wonderful tradition of Hospitality. It was a blessing for us to be a part of your wonderful mission.

I am very proud to say that we learned the lessons of Hospitality from our dear Brothers. I appreciate and thank you all, for the consideration and care you are offering to us. The brothers of Hospitaller Order was a great fountain of inspiration in our mission to preach Jesus Christ through our small deeds.

On this auspicious day we are thanking God for choosing us as humble instruments of the divine mission. The almighty has given us opportunity to be a part of the great order of the



Hospitaller mission. The mission is a great ray of hope for the world which is slipping into darkness and misery. May our Lord be pleased to make it a light house which is to spread the light of love and kindness to the world. Let all the needy and painful find a soothing shelter in your healing ministry. And let the world rejoice with rays of hope at your shining light. This is our humble and

sincere prayer for you. And this is the best gift that we have to offer to our brothers.

Once again happy jubilee . Our Prayers and Thank you

Rev. Sr. Mercy Thomas SCJG
Superior General

Vote of Thanks

“Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul”

Every celebration is an experience, the external fades away, and the internal lingers and echoes in the most depth of our hearts. We are reminded that jubilees are milestones on the journey of life and reminders of God's fidelity all through.

His Excellency Arockia Sebastian Durairaj Alangaram SVD, Rev. Bro. Pascal Ahodegnon (General Councillor), Rev. Bro Joseph Smith (General Councillor), Rev. Bro Rudolf Knopp (General Bursar), Rev Fr. Joseph Felix Michael (Rector Sacred Heart Seminary), Rev Sr. Mercy Thomas (Mother General of Sisters of charity of St. John of God), Very Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and all our distinguished guests present here, I stand here before you to thank you all for being here and participating in our joys on the occasion of our Province Golden Jubilee celebrations.

We have reached 50 golden years of Hospitaller service of St. John of God in India and other parts of the world. This day which began fifty years ago, in a small town called Kattappana in Kerala has completed fifty years of faithful service to the poor and sick people in our country. We the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, St. Thomas Province India are very happy to thank you all for coming over here to share in our joy of this occasion.

Therefore on Behalf of all the brothers I take this opportunity to thank our distinguished guests present here for being very kind and generous to come over here and celebrate with us the Closing of our Golden Jubilee celebrations.



First and foremost I thank God almighty for showering his blessing upon today's function.

Next, I would like to extend our sincere and Heartfelt thanks to His Excellency Rt. Rev Dr. George Antony Swamy the Arch Bishop of Madras- Mylapore for being very generous and kind enough to come over and participate in our Golden Jubilee celebrations by offering a Solemn mass and Blessing us.

Then I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you your Excellency Arockia Sebastian Durairaj Alangaram SVD the Bishop of Khandwa, You were kind enough to accept our invitation, in spite of your entire busy schedule. And your



presence is a special blessing and honour to our Province, thank you dear Bishop.

Next, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Rev Bro. Pascal Ahodegnon (General Councilor) from Rome who has been kind enough to accept our invitation and participate in our Golden Jubilee celebrations and was the Chief Guest of today's Public function. Thank you very much dear brother.

Next, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Bro Joseph Smith (General Councilor) who has been kind enough to come over here and share in our joy during this Golden Jubilee closing ceremony, heartfelt thanks to you dear brother.

Now I would like to thank very much Rev. Fr .Joseph Felix Michael, the Rector of the Sacred Heart Seminary for coming over here to this august gathering and giving his message. Thank you very much Rev. Father.

Next, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Sr. Mercy Thomas, the Superior General of Sisters of Charity of St. John of God who has been very kind enough to come over here to grace the occasion. Thank you Sister.

Next, I would like to extend our warm thanks to Rev. Bro. Rudlof Knopp, the General Bursar, Rome for being kind enough to come over here and participate in our Golden Jubilee celebrations. Thank you Brother.

Now I would like to extend our warm thanks to Rev Bro Benedikt Hau, Provincial of Bavarian Province and His team of Brothers from Germany for coming over here and participating in this program.

Next, I would like to thank Rev Bro Saji Mullankuzhyil Provincial Austrian Province and his team of brothers from Austria for coming to our Golden Jubilee celebrations.

And I also take this opportunity to thank our brothers from Poland for coming over here to attend our Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Now I thank Rev. Bro Timothy, Provincial of Oceania/ Australian Province for being generous to be present here in our celebrations.

Next, I would like to thank Bro. Finnian and Dr. Vincent from the West European Province for being kind to be present in this gathering.

Next, I would like to thank Brs. Fortunatus, Mathew and Mrs. Isabella from Paris for being with us here to share our joy.

Next I sincerely thank you all our Rev. Fathers, Sisters and our Brothers who have come from far and near to be a participated in our Golden Jubilee celebrations and Blessing us. Very big thanks to all of you.

Now I extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to our very distinguished guests (ladies and gentlemen), well-wishers, neighbors and friends for being present in this gathering of our golden jubilee celebrations.

A word of thanks to our parish priest who is very supportive, caring and ready to help us at any time. Thank you father.

A special thanks to our Bon Secours Sisters & School children and evening school children who made this day more colorful by their amazing performance.

Next, I would like to thank our parish Choir for conducting a very melodious choir service; your melodious singing raised our hearts to God during the mass this morning.

Now I would like to thank all those people who have arranged our stage, tent, electricity connections, decorations and various other arrangements to make this day more beautiful. Thank you all.

My thanks will not be complete if i do not acknowledge my dear community Brothers, Scholastics, Novices and Aspirants, each one of them with great love reached out to make this day a great one, thank you dear brothers.

By chance anyone to whom we owe our gratitude has not been mentioned, I say a big thank you

Once more I extend our sincere thanks to one and all present here.

Thank you all

Br. Paul Varghese, OH
Novice Master





POMEGRANATE

The Emblem of the Hospitaller Order

St. John of God, who dedicated his life for the suffering humanity through his healing ministry of Hospitality, is the inspiration, guide and model of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God that is spread throughout the world. Its logo is the pomegranate with a cross that is ripe and broken.

Pomegranate is the symbol of the city of Granada in Spain. It is here where St. John of God lived and died for the suffering humanity. In almost every religion the pomegranate has been used as a symbol of humanity's most fundamental beliefs and desires—life and death, birth and eternal life, fertility and marriage, abundance and prosperity. To Jews the pomegranate represents righteousness; to Christians it means life and hope of eternal life.

There is a legend that when John of God was wandering with a mind full of passion for doing good for the needy and a heart full of mercy and compassion, the Child Jesus appeared to him and giving a pomegranate told him, “Granada will be your cross”. In English Pomegranate is also called 'Granada Apple'. Pomegranate is having healing powers too. To the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, the combined symbols of the pomegranate and the cross represent “charity and sacrifice.” The bursting fruit expresses the need for love to expand, and the cross reminds us that there can be no charity without sacrifice.

Today, this logo signifies John of God's mercy, hospitality and passion for doing good to the poor, the needy and the suffering. When we are in touch with this logo, let us be inspired to be a healing presence in our world of suffering.



ഹോസ്പിറ്റലർ ഓർഡർ ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് OH

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വി. യോഹന്നാൻ (സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ്) 1495 ൽ പോർച്ചുഗലിലെ മൊന്തെമോർ എന്ന കൊച്ചുഗ്രാമത്തിൽ ജനിച്ചു. ആട്ടിടയൻ, പട്ടാളക്കാരൻ, പുസ്തകവ്യാപാരി എന്നീ നിലകളിൽ വളരെ വിശ്വസ്തനായി ജീവിച്ചു. വളരെ പ്രകൃഷ്ടമായ ജീവിത കാലഘട്ടത്തിനുശേഷം ഒരാളെ പരിവർത്തനത്തെ തുടർന്ന് ജോൺ വലിയൊരു സാധുജനോദ്ധാർകനും രോഗികളുടെ രക്ഷകനുമായി. 1539 ജനുവരി 20 തീയതി ഗ്രാനഡ നഗരത്തിൽ വി. സെബസ്ത്യാനോസിന്റെ തിരുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് വിശുദ്ധനും വാഴിയുമായ വി. ജോൺ ഡി ആവിലായുടെ പ്രസംഗമാണ് അദ്ദേഹത്തെ മാനസാന്തരത്തിലേക്ക് നയിച്ചത്. തന്നിരുവേണ്ടി ജീവൻ ബലിയർപ്പിച്ച ഈശോയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി ജീവിക്കണമെന്ന ആഗ്രഹമാണ് അദ്ദേഹത്തെ പാവങ്ങളുടെയും രോഗികളുടേയും സംരക്ഷകനാകുവാൻ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചത്. ഭിക്ഷാടനം മാത്രം കൈമുതലായിരുന്നിട്ടും ദൈവത്തിലാശ്രയിച്ച് വേദനിക്കുന്നവരിൽ ക്രിസ്തുനാഥനെ ദർശിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് അദ്ദേഹം ആരംഭിച്ച ആതുരസേവനസംരഭങ്ങൾ ആയിരങ്ങൾക്ക് ആവേശം പകർന്നു. അത് ഇന്ന് ലോകവ്യാപകമായിരിക്കുന്ന ഹോസ്പിറ്റലർ ഓർഡർ ഓഫ് സെന്റ് ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് എന്ന സന്യാസ സമൂഹത്തിന് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചു.

1550 മാർച്ച് 8-ാം തീയതി മരണമടഞ്ഞ ജോണിനെ 1690 ൽ പോപ് അലക്സാണ്ടർ 8-ാമൻ വിശുദ്ധനായി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു. വി. ജോൺ ഓഫ് ഗോഡ് രോഗികളുടേയും രോഗീശുശ്രൂഷകരുടേയും മധ്യസ്ഥനാണ്. ഈ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രധാന പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനം രോഗീശുശ്രൂഷയാണ്. ആശുപത്രികൾ, അഗതിമന്ദിരങ്ങൾ, ക്ഷയരോഗ ആശുപത്രികൾ ആസന്നമരണർക്കായുള്ള അഭയകേന്ദ്രങ്ങൾ, മാനസിക ചികിത്സാലയങ്ങൾ, ശാരീരിക മാനസിക വൈകല്യങ്ങളുള്ളവർക്കുള്ള പരിശീലന കേന്ദ്രങ്ങൾ എന്നിവയാണ് പ്രധാന പ്രവർത്തന മേഖലകൾ.



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The Statue of Saint John of God inside St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, Rome.

The statue of St. John of God, located on the east side of the south transept, was sculpted by Filippo Della Valle in 1745. He is one of the basilica's 39 "founder saints,"



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