

### From the Provincial's Desk



My Dear Brothers, Sisters,  
Co-workers and Friends,  
As we are celebrating the  
feast of great Saints, Francis  
of Assisi and Theresa of the  
Child Jesus in October,

let us absorb the value of poverty, brotherhood and  
simplicity in our lives.

Let simplicity be the hallmark of our lives. It is a  
way of showing the world that, "God alone  
suffices" as St. Theresa of Avila said years ago.  
People today are unhappy in spite of their wealth.  
The joy and simplicity of our lives as religious will  
therefore pose a challenge, especially to youth.

Religious life is not what it was at the time when  
the Church was established. Materialism and  
commercialism have tainted religious life  
considerably. A new way of being the church and a  
new way of being Religious are to be found out.  
We need to be immersed in God and must be seen  
as such. Our communities have to be centers and  
sources of love and unity. ... (Continue... Page 6)

### Postulancy at Trichy



It has been a  
long cherished  
dream of the  
Province to  
separate the  
different stages  
of initial  
formation to  
improve the

quality of formation of young Hospitaliers. So  
far all the stages of formation were accumulated  
at Poonamallee. As per the Chapter resolution  
and decision of the last council meeting held at  
Khandwa, the Postulancy has officially been  
shifted on 8 September 2007 from Poonamallee  
to Trichy and Bro. Shiju Nanthikattu was  
appointed as the Master of Postulants.

The Provincial officially declared the installation  
of Postulancy at Trichy during Holy Mass that  
was celebrated by Bro. Francis Mannaparampil  
on the same day.

### Canonical Establishment of Trichy

The third Council  
Meeting decided the  
Canonical  
establishment of the  
Community and  
Apostolic work at  
Fathima Nagar,  
Trichy. The General  
Definitory approved  
the request of the Province and the Community  
has been established Canonically.



It is established under the patronage of 'Holy  
Family' in commemoration of our Mother  
Province, the former Holy Family Province,  
Frankfurt, Germany.

### DIFFERENT CENTERS OF THE PROVINCE

<b>Poonamallee, Chennai</b>	St. Thomas Provincial House St. Thomas Community of John of God St. Thomas Novitiate & Aspirantate St. Thomas Home for the Aged St. John of God Dispensary
<b>Kattappana</b>	St. John of God Community St. John's Hospital 'Pratheeksha Bhavan' St. John's College of Nursing St. John's School of Nursing
<b>Deshgaon, Khandwa</b>	St. Richard Pampur Community St. John's Health Centre
<b>Velloor, Kottayam</b>	Community of Mary Health of the Sick St. John of God Centre (School and Home for the Differently Aabled)
<b>Trichy</b>	Holy Family Community of John of God Postulancy 'Santhi Nalayam' (Care & Support Centre for HIV/AIDS patients)
<b>Bangalore</b>	St. John of God Community

As per the proposal, Prior General with the consent of his Council, appointed Bro. Antony Palamattom as the Prior of the Community. Congratulations to Bro. Antony for his new Office as the First Prior of the Community and the Province wish him all the Best. The official document of Canonical Establishment and appointment of Prior were handed over to Bro. Antony Palamattom during a function held at Poonamallee on 27 September 2007 by General Councillor Bro. Vincent Kochamkunnel.



Construction work of the Brothers' Residence and Chapel at Trichy is progressing. After shifting the Postulancy to Trichy there are

three Solemn Professed Brothers and four Postulants.

### Third Provincial Council Meeting 2007



The third Provincial Council meeting was held at Deshgaon on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007. All the Councillors, Provincial Secretary and Facilitator, Fr. Mathew Vallipalam participated. The current situation of the Province was evaluated and discussed various measures for the growth and development of the Province.

### Brothers & Co-workers Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Brothers & Co-workers met at

Kattappana on Friday, 10 August 2007. Nine



members participated in the meeting. The meeting discussed in detail about the forthcoming Co-workers Gathering.

Meeting of all the Co-workers, Brothers and Sisters will be held on 11, 12, 13 December 2007 at Kattappana. This is the first time ever in the history of the Indian Province. The meeting will be conducted in three batches so that the routine work of our centers will not be interrupted. Bro. Donatus Forkan- Prior General will inaugurate the meeting.

For the efficient coordination of the three-day programme, different committees were formed / responsibilities were assigned and a tentative timetable was fixed.

### Pastoral Care and Bio-ethics

The first meeting on the pastoral care and Bio-ethics was held on 10 August 2007 at Kattappana.

Sixteen members from different centers participated in the meeting.



In the meeting a Provincial Committee for Pastoral Care and Bio-ethics was formed. Following are the members of the team: Bro. Pius Manihottiyil (Chairperson), Bro. Augustine Polaprayil, Bro. Francis Mannaprampil, Bro. George Kizhakkekara, Sister General Rosy Joseph, Dr. Mathew Jacob, Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Mrs. Ann Mary Jacob and Ms. Jincy Kurian.

It was decided to conduct an orientation programme (one-day Seminar) on Pastoral Care and Bio-ethics for all those who are responsible for Pastoral Care and Bio-ethics in our centers and for all those who are interested, on Sunday, 14 October 2007 at Kattappana. Fr. Stephen Chirapuram from Vadavathoor Seminary, Kottayam, an expert in this subject, will animate the seminar.

## Quality Control Team



Quality Control Team for the Province was formed on 25 April 2007 at the first Council Meeting at Poonamallee. The chairperson of the Quality Control team, Bro. Augustine Polaprayil, Provincial called up a meeting for the team on 10 August 2007 at Kattappana. Apart from the team members some representatives were invited to participate in the meeting. Ten members participated in the meeting.

Purpose of this meeting was to improve and keep up the quality care in all our centers. It was also decided to convene such meetings for the future.

## The Revised Provincial Council



Due to some personal reasons, Bro. Yanka Sharma the First Provincial Councillor resigned his Office and his resignation was accepted by the Prior General. To fill up the vacant Office, the Provincial Council proposed the name of Bro. Johny George Pullanthithundathil and requested to the Prior General to appoint him as the Fourth Provincial Councillor. The request was accepted and Bro. Johny George Pullanthithundathil has been appointed as the Fourth Provincial Councillor. With his appointment the Provincial Council has been revised as follows:

Bro. Baiju Valuparampil : 1<sup>st</sup> Councillor  
Bro. Pius Manithottiyil : 2<sup>nd</sup> Councillor  
Bro. George Kizhakkenath : 3<sup>rd</sup> Councillor  
Bro. Johny George : 4<sup>th</sup> Councillor

The patent letters of the new appointments were handed over to the respective Brothers on 27 September 2007 at Poonamallee. Congratulations to Bro. Johny on his new responsibility as a Provincial Councillor and Best wishes to the new Provincial Council Team.

## Feastal Greetings to the Provincial



This year on his feastday Provincial was on the way back to Chennai from Khandwa after attending the Council Meeting. The

Deshgaon Community celebrated his feastday on 27 August. The Poonamallee Community had it on 1 September together with the Scholastics who were at Poonamallee for the Gathering. In the evening there was a cultural programme in honour of Bro. Provincial.

## Visit of General Councillor

Bro. Vincent Kochamkunnel, General Councillor responsible for Mission, International co-operation and Asia-Pacific region, visited the Province on his way to Japan and East Timor. He spent one week in our Province and visited Kattappana, Velloor, Trichy and Poonamallee Communities. He also took part in the inauguration of Neuro Surgery Department at Kattappana. The Province celebrated his Feastday on 27 September at Poonamallee. All Brothers those who attended the Retreat at Poonamallee also took part in the celebrations.



## Visit of Archbishop

Most Rev. Abraham Viruthikulangara, the Archbishop of Nagpur, who is a great friend of our Province and the Hospitaller Order, paid a short visit on 27 September 2007 at Poonamallee. He was welcomed by the Provincial and he spent the evening with the Community.



## Annual Retreat - First Batch



The first batch Annual Retreat was conducted at Poonamallee from 25 to 30 September 2007. 14 Brothers participated in it. Fr. Mathew

Vallipalam OFM Cap. guided the Retreat.

## Scholastics Gathering

A Gathering of Scholastics of the Province was held under the guidance of Bro. Johny George, Scholastics Master, from 30



August to 1 September 2007 at Poonamallee. 11 Scholastics participated in it. Two Scholastics, Bro. Morly and Bro. Binish who are in abroad, could not participate. Theme of the meeting was 'Renewed in the Path of St. John of God'. The gathering started on Thursday, 30 August at 9 am. Fr. Sahayaraj SDB, Fr. Sekhar, Bro. Augustine Polaprayil and Bro. Francis Mannaparampil took classes on different topics.

## Seminar on the Values of the Hospitaller Order



From 6 - 10 August 2007, Bro. Francis Mannaparampil, Provincial Secretary

conducted a seminar on 'Ethos and Values of the Hospitaller Order' for the B.Sc Nursing students at St. John's Hospital Kattappana. 50 students attended the seminar.

## World Alzheimer's Day

World Alzheimer's Day was celebrated on 25 September 2007 at St. John's Hospital Kattappana. The programme started at 9 a.m. with the inaugural function and a poster exhibition competition. It was inaugurated by

Bro. Jose Mathew Thottathil, the Director of Pratheeksha Bhavan, Kattappana. B.Sc IV year,

B.Sc III year and the Department of Clinical Nutrition won the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes respectively



for the poster competition. The Department of Psychiatry led the programme of the day.

## Health Care Programme for School Students

As a part of rural outreach programme, St. John's Hospital in association with St. John's College of Nursing,



Kattappana conducted a medical camp on 26 September 2007 at Kannampadi Tribal School in Upputhara Panchyat. The camp was inaugurated by Mrs. Ann Mary Jacob, Principal St. John's College of Nursing. Dr. Vally Kiran, Dr. Thankaswami and Dr. Juble examined about 250 students and prescribed necessary treatments.

## Inauguration of Neuro Surgery Department

On 22 September 2007 St. John's Hospital opened the Department of Neuro Surgery which was

inaugurated by Mar Mathew Arackal, Bishop of Kanjirappaly Diocese.



Bro. Vincent Kochamkunnel, General Councillor presided over the inaugural function. Keynote address was given by Dr. Mahesh M.Ch, Neuro Surgeon. Provincial, Parish Priest, Medical Superintendent, Nursing Superintendent and representatives of Local Government Bodies felicitated. The Department has been supported and financed by Bavarian Province, Germany.

## Administrative Committee

Administrative committee of the St. John's Hospital Kattappana met on 12.09.2007 at Kattappana. The committee consists of: Bro.



Bro. Pius Manithottiyil - *New Conference Hall* Director, Bro. Thomas Kanjiramoottil - Assistant Director, Mr. Prakeep Kumar - Administrator, Dr. Mathew Jacob - Medical Superintendent, Mr. Jacob Kora - Finance Manager, Mrs. Santhamma Thomas - Nursing Superintendent, Mrs. Ann Mary Jacob - Principal of College of Nursing, Mrs. Celin Thomas - Principal of School of Nursing and Mrs. Latha Alexander - Paramedical Superintendent.

## Management Committee

Management committee of Pratheeksha Bhavan, Kattappana met on 13.09.2007. Bro. Jose Mathew Thottathil - Chairman, Bro. Augustine Polaprayil - Provincial, Bro. George Kizhakkenath - Prior of Kattappana Community, Bro. Pius Manithottiyil - Director of St. John's Hospital, Sr. Rosy Joseph - Sister General, Sr. Jincy Xavier - Superior of SCJG Pratheeksha Bhavan, Sr. Anitha Thomas and Sr. Lizy participated in the meeting.

## St. John of God Centre, Velloor



St. John of God Special School celebrated 'Onam' together with the second P.T.A. meeting on 24 August. Mrs. Prameela P. Scaria, Welfare

Officer of M.R.F, Kottayam inaugurated the function. Various competitions were conducted as part of the celebrations.

During the month of August and September 2007 many students from different institutions visited the Centre as part of their placement and community experience. There were students

from St. John's College of Nursing Kattappana, St. Gregorious Collage of Nursing Kottayam, Government Nursing College Students Kottayam, Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam etc.



The Hydro-Therapy Unit that was constructed in the last year, is in its full swing. This facility helps the differently abled children to improve in their abilities physically and mentally, as a part of their overall training programme.



Computer Lab



Vocational Training Centre

## Ready for Professional Training

Two Scholastics, Bro. Dhan Singh Jamra and Bro. Shailendra Ohariya, who are members of the Velloor Community, are joining General Nursing course at St. John's School of Nursing Kattappana. So they are transferred to Kattappana Community and will be starting their studies soon.



## Khandwa Community

After the Provincial Council Meeting at Deshgaon, Khandwa, on 27 August 2007, the Provincial Council



had a meeting with the Deshgaon Community. They discussed about the proposed Hospital project at Khandwa.

Preliminary preparations are going on and hope that we could start the work soon.

## Visit of Bursar

Bro. Aloysius Mattathil, Province Bursar visited Kattappana, Deshgaon, Poonamallee and Velloor communities during the month of August and gone through the accounts of the various communities and centers.

## Provincial Chapters

### General Delegation of Canada



The General Delegation Chapter held at Montreal from 19 - 21 July 2007 elected **Bro. Real Michaud** as the General Delegate.

### USA Province

The Provincial Chapter held at Los Angeles from 24 - 28 July 2007 elected **Bro. Pablo Eduardo LOPEZ ESTRELLA** as the Provincial.



### Polish Province



The Provincial Chapter held at Warszawa from 31 July to 4 August 2007 elected **Bro. Krzysztof FRONCZAK** as the Provincial.

### General Delegation of Silesia

The Provincial Chapter held at Wroclaw from 6 - 8 August 2007 elected **Bro. Karol Jacek SIEMBAB** as the General Delegate. Silesian General Delegation is the grand mother Province of the Indian Province. The Pioneer and Founder of the Hospitaller Order in India, Bro. Fortunatus Thanhäuser was a member of the Silesian Province and it was from there the Brothers founded the Rhine Province, Frankfurt, Germany.



### The New African Province

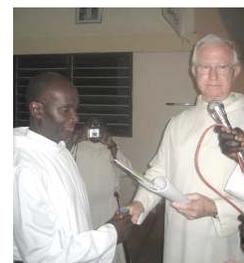
Earlier in Africa the Order had one Province and two General Delegations. They had a Conference at Lome, Tongo from 13 - 21



August 2007. The General Council, together with the General Secretary, all of whom participated in

the Conference then went into session and approved the suppression of the Province and the two General Delegations in Africa. A new structure for the governance, administration and management of the communities and centers of the Order in Africa was then formally approved by the General Definitory. This new structure consists of a single Province for the whole of Africa, with four Provincial Delegations. The new Province was placed under the Protection of Our Father, St. Augustine and will have its headquarters at Lomé, Togo.

The Conference elected **Bro. Robert Chakana** who is a General Councillor as the Provincial.



### Provincial Delegates:

- Bro. Patrick Nshamdze**  
- Cameroon and Kenya
- Bro. Boniface Sambieni**  
- Togo, Benin
- Bro. Johannes Torwoe**  
- Ghana
- Bro. André Sene**  
- Senegal

### Ordination to the Deaconate

Bro. Benedict Won and Bro. John Chung of the Korean Province ordained to the Deaconate on 8 September 2007 at Nocetta, Rome. The ordination ceremony was carried out by a Hospitaller Brother, Bishop Jose Luis Redrado. They are the first Brothers of the Korean Province to be ordained.



*".....I would like to express some words of congratulations and prayerful good wishes to our two Brothers, Bundo and John on the occasion of*

*their ordination to the Deaconate. Any event in the life of a Brother is something that gives joy and pleasure to all the members of the Hospitaller Family. Primarily among these events is his Religious Consecration in Hospitality, from this flows all the other offices and roles that he will be called upon to exercise throughout his religious life. The day we make our religious profession we offer all that we have, all that we are and all that could become to God in one great act of love. In the act of Religious Profession our offering is accepted by God and he consecrates the Brother to himself in Hospitality. This joyful, mysterious event is witnessed to by the People of God and blessed by the Church. (From Prior General's Address)*

### An Appreciation to 'Healing'



I was delighted to receive just now an electronic copy of 'Healing' August edition. It is a beautifully composed and very comprehensive newsletter, something that had been a dream Project for years! Your talent shows! Congratulations. I am sure this will go a long way in co-ordinating and encouraging the Brothers as well as co-workers in the various centres. I am yet to read the paper in detail, but just wanted to convey my very sincere appreciation to you. Thank you very much. May the Lord continue to bless and use you for His glory.

Yours in His love,

Dr. Mathew Jacob  
Medical Superintendent  
St. John's Hospital, Kattappana

### Feastdays

October	
4	Bro. Francis Mannaparampil
9	Bro. Johny George Pullanthithundathil
22	Bro. Donatus Forkan, Prior General
November	
04	Bro. Emerich Steigerwald
15	Bro. Albert Thekkumkaduthadathil
18	Bro. Odo Wiper (Germany)
30	Bro. Andreas Hellermann (Germany)

### Provincial's Engagements October & November 2007

- 13.10.'07 : To Kattappana
- 14.10.'07 : Kattappana:-
  - \* Seminar on Pastoral Care & Bio-ethics
  - \* Executive Committee Meeting of Co-workers
- 15.10.'07 : Return to Poonamallee
- 25.10.'07 : To Velloor
- 26.10 to 31.10.'07 : Annual Retreat at Velloor
- 01.11.'07 : Return to Poonamallee
- 03.11.'07 : To Frankfurt, Germany
- 05.11.'07 : To Münch
- 06.11.'07 : To Neuburg
- 07.11.'07 : To Reichenbach
- 11.11.'07 : To Vienna
- 15.11.'07 : To Frankfurt
- 22.11.'07 : To Rome
- 23 - 24. 11.'07 : APIPC Meeting
- 25- 30.11.'07 : Major Superior's Meeting
- 02.12.'07 : Return to Chennai

### Provincial's Message .... Continuation from Page 1

Religious have to become harbingers of peace and unity. This can be done by inviting people of other denominations and faiths to participate in our life of prayer and by offering them the service of guidance and counseling they need.

It is the right time to move to the other part of our country to spread the Charism of Hospitality. Our integration into the Church and society will give meaning to our lives. Gone are the days when people came to us. We now have to go to the people instead of waiting for them. Till now we have mostly lived in our so called "ivory towers" oblivious of what is happening outside. We certainly need sufficient amount of "apartment" to help us to pray and contemplate but there is greater need for us to mingle more and more with the people.

A life of forgiveness on our part can offer a further challenge to the world at large. Indeed, in

a world broken up by hatred and wars a religious community, whose members live in true harmony, cannot but hold out a challenge stronger than any other attraction ever!

A religious community which prays will wield more power than a community that spends itself working all day long. In a world which has no time for God, a praying community will stand as a beacon light and as a power house. More things are wrought by prayer than these world dreams of. Let us continue to pray especially for the early settlement of land issue at Bangalore and also for getting more vocation to the Hospitaller community.

It is up to us now to enkindle the flame of all encompassing love, to light our torches once again from the source of Light which is Christ himself. Then and only then will our lives be a challenge for the world in the Third Millennium! May we be renewed in this Spirit of Christ, we earnestly pray.

I am very happy to inform you that our Trichy Community is established as Canonical Community from Rome under the patronage of 'Holy Family' which is the commemoration of our Mother Province Frankfurt. Bro. Antony Palamattom will be the first Prior of the Community. I wish him and all Brothers, Sisters and Co-workers all the best for the great success of our apostolate in Trichy.

Also I would like to request all the Priors and Directors of Centers to send maximum numbers of Co-workers, Brothers and Sisters on 14 October to Kattappana to attend the seminar on 'Pastoral care and Bio-ethics'. I am sure that this seminar will enlighten and also help us to work on Christian principles, morality and in truth. Let me conclude by saying a big thanks to each and everyone of you for your wholehearted co-operation in the Path of Hospitality to serve the needy and sick brethren in the Charism of our great founder St. John of God.



*Bro. Augustine*  
Bro. Augustine Polaprayil OH  
Provincial

## From the Editor's Desk



Dear Friends,

We are living in a globalized, post-modern world. Quoting the Path of Hospitality, "We are not only passing through an age of change, but a change of age, in a very real sense. The ways we thought, acted and lived in our immediate past are becoming obsolete and anachronistic; old methods and institutions are losing their effectiveness".

Connectedness and effective communication become essential for a meaningful and fulfilled existence. Hectic changes and developments are taking place in our Province. The purpose of 'Healing' is to help you to be in touch with the life blood of our Hospitaller Family nationally and internationally, so that our Hospitality become relevant.

Let us plunge into the legacy we have inherited from our Father St. John of God. Let us make his vision and mission our own.

Please e-mail us your valuable suggestion, opinion and reaction to this newsletter so that it may be of maximum benefit to you.

Thanking you for your appreciation and support.

Yours fraternally,

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