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SAINT THOMAS PROVINCE, INDIA**



INDIAN PROVINCE ESTABLISHES ITS SEVENTH COMMUNITY AT PAMPLEMOUSSES



Br. Johny George Pullanthithundathil



HOSPICE ST JEAN DIEU, PAMPLEMOUSSES



Br. Shiju Nanthikattu

The Indian Province has formally signed an agreement with French Province regarding the takeover of the Home for the Aged at Pamplemousses, in Mauritius. The home for the aged at Pamplemousses becomes the seventh centre of the Indian Province by March 2011.

In 1976 the French Province opened a home for aged men at Pamplemousses on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. At the end of the 1990s, the French Province began to look for another Province to take over its work at Pamplemousses, since the number of active Brothers has reduced in the French Province.

On the initiative of French Province, all members of General Definitory and French Province met in Paris on 8 January 2010. The theme of this meeting was the future management of the hospice at Pamplemousses. The proposal emerged at this meeting was resolved in the Definitory of French Province. The French Province requested vide letter N/Ref: 10/10ASJ January 25, 2010 to General Councillor Br. Vincent Kochamkunnel to present the proposal to

the next Provincial Chapter of the Indian Province.

The recent development in the project of securing the future of the Hospice St. Jean de Dieu at Pamplemousses was a meeting between the French provincial (Br. Alain Samuel Jeancler) and the Indian Provincial (Br. Antony Palamattom) and their advisors (including Br. Johnny George Pullanthithundathil) in Mauritius on 14 April 2010.

As a result of the meeting the Indian Province will play a greater part in safeguarding the future of the Hospice St. Jean de Dieu at Pamplemousses. Indian province had requested the French province to prepare a "Road map" to facilitate the smooth transfer of the work of French province to Indian Province. An agreement has been signed by both Provinces on 12 July 2010.

Br. Johny George and Br. Siju Nanthikattu are leaving for Mauritius on 10 August 2010. Br. Johny George will prepare to take over the direction of the centre.