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SAINT THOMAS PROVINCE, INDIA**



This year we have recruited 20 candidates from northern part of India, mainly from Madhya Pradesh. The Provincial Leadership, in consultation with the members of Deshgaon Community, decided to give initial formation to the candidates at our centre itself. The candidates who have not completed 'Plus Two' will attend the college in Khandwa. Because of the

geographical, cultural and linguistic issues, initial training will be given at our Centre this year onwards. The candidates who are promoted as Postulants will join in the formation centre at Poonamallee.

The Provincial Leadership Team visited in July 2010 few places in Rourkela District in Orissa with a mission to start an initial formation centre for the candidates recruited from northern part of India. The result was not very encouraging so we entrusted Bros. Sharma and Salim Lakra to make further enquiries in other parts of Orissa.

A lifelong residential centre with 40 beds for differently able elderly people at Velloor is approved by the Provincial Leadership. The preparation work for the construction will be started soon.

As a trial we are making arrangement to separate the Novitiate from the Trichy community. The Novitiate will be housed in the old building after renovation at our centre.

Provincial, Br. Antony Palamattom is leaving for Europe on 1 September 2010 to attend the Major Superiors' Meeting convoked by Prior General in Rome. He will be visiting our Brothers and benefactors and return by the end of the month. In his absence Br. George KT will be the acting Provincial.

Next Council Meeting will be held at Vellervally on 6 October 2010.