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**HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD
SAINT THOMAS PROVINCE, INDIA**



The Office bearers' meeting of the Province will be held at Trichy on 22 November 2010. The theme of the Assembly is



“St. John of God Family”. A presentation on “Emotional Intelligence” is arranged at the assembly. All office bearers will present a short presentation on Challenges and opportunities on their respective centres/areas.

Br. Salim Lakra and Br. Sudhir Kujur wanted to have their Solemn Profession together with Br. Ignace Topno in 2011. Hence the time and venue will be decided at later stage. Since Br. Salim Lakra has not received his passport, and it may take another few more months, he cannot attend the course in Rome in January 2011.

The Province has requested to the Prior General to grant permission to shift the Novitiate to Poonamallee. The Province has encountered so many demerits in the existing place. Once the permission is granted the postulants (five) will enter into Novitiate at Poonamallee, Chennai by first week of December 2010.

Br. Albert and Br. Bino have completed six months' feasibility study on the possibility of extending the charism of St. John of God in Sri Lanka. They have produced a detailed report on Indian Province's initiative in Sri Lanka. The Province has circulated the study report among the members and invited reflections, comments and suggestions for further course of action.



The renewal of Temporary vows of all scholastics (nine) will take place at Velloor on 8 December 2010. In connection with this, classes on ongoing formation and other social events will take place.



Br. Chinnappa Raj is completing his theology study in October 2010. He would start soon to work as full time Provincial Secretary. The next council Meeting will be held at Trichy on 6 December 2010.

Br. Pius Manithottiyil and Professor Velumurugan from St. John's College of Nursing, Kattappana



are preparing to leave for Sierra Leone, Africa for a short time to assist the Order's Nursing School on that land.

An invitation from Jhansi diocese, UP, received with an offer of 5 acres land in Mahoba mission station to start a health service. The Province will consider the invitation in the coming years. Since the Province has at the moment other commitment in Orissa state.

