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



Benefactors Meet



As part of the year of the Family of St. John of God Celebration, the School of Hospitality has organized a half day meet for the Benefactors in connection with the remembrance day of late Bro. Fortunatus. It was organized at St. John's Hospital campus on 20 November 2011. By benefactors we mean those people who help and support us financially and in many other ways from our arrival at Kattappana in 1969. About 140 benefactors attended the meeting.

After the registration at 09.30 the meeting commenced at 10.15 with the warm welcome given by Bro. Pius Manihotttil the superior of the Centre. In his presidential address Bro. Antony Palamattam, the Provincial, stressed the importance of the part of benefactors in our Family of St. John of God. Dignitaries of local Government and police department addressed the gathering. Floral tribute and remembrance message was given by the eminent persons present at the occasion.



Representatives of the different sections of the society were honoured by presenting mementos. Bro. Francis Mannarampil explained about the Family of John of God worldwide.



At this occasion the Provincial released the Documentary Video of the Province activities. Bro. Jose Mathew thanked the benefactors for their generous help in our mission of Hospitality. After certain variety entertainments the Director of the St. John's Hospital Bro. Baiju Valuparampil gave a concluding message after which a meal, of course, features Indian cuisine was served. The participants appreciated the meet and the meeting concluded by 14.00

Hospitality Focus Group (HFG)

Based on the Prior General's recent document PG081/2011, the Indian Province formed a Hospitality Focus Group (HFG) across the Province. The combined meeting of all heads of the departments of St. John's Hospital, Provincial leadership team, and members of the HFG held at St. John's Hospital Conference Hall, chaired by Provincial Antony Palamattom on 22 November 2011 at 15.00. The meeting is called to create awareness and to explain the functions of HFG.

The HFG is composed of 10 Co-workers across the Province and three Brothers. The HFG can be augmented as necessary. At the first meeting of the HFG, Mr. Jacob Kora and Mr. Antony Joseph were unanimously selected as Chairperson and Secretary respectively. Before the forthcoming General Chapter of the Order in 2012 the HFG would meet a couple of times and report back to the Provincial leadership and Chapter members.



The Provincial Leadership unanimously resolved in principle the reforms to be implemented, related to signatories of various Societies existing in the Province and Financial Management in the centres of the Province with effect from 31 December 2011 and 1 April 2012 respectively, in its council meeting held on 21 November 2011. A detailed procedure on the reforms would be circulated to the concerned shortly.



Bros Salim Lakra, Sudhir Kujur and Ignace Topno make their Solemn Profession at Poonamallee on 08 December 2011.



Seven postulants enter into Novitiate, at Poonamallee on 6 December 2012.



Br. Thomas Kanjaramootil is celebrating his silver jubilee at St. John's Hospital on 29 January 2012.

Br. Antony Palamattom and Br. Piuskutty Augustine leave for Rome on 11 December 2011 to attend a meeting convened by Prior General.

Next Council Meeting would be held in Khandwa on 7 January 2012