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



## Religious Meet



It was the last of the many Meets we have conducted during the Year of the family of St. John of God. The Meet was conducted at the St. John's Auditorium at Kattappana on 26 January 2012. The Meet started with the registration at 08.30. There were nearly 60 Participants from ten congregations as Brothers and Sisters. At 09.00 in the inaugural address, the Provincial Bro. Antony Palamattom appreciated and welcomed the presence of the many congregation Sisters as members of the family of St. John of God.

After the coffee break, Fr. Joseph from Pala diocese gave a talk on "Religious life and Mission" which was very inspiring and well accepted. The theme of the family of St. John of God was culturally presented in four groups. It was very entertaining and participatory.

## Ceremony of Transfer of Community and Apostolic work, Pamplemousses, Mauritius from the French to the Indian Province.



The title of the Ceremony was "let us keep our candle lighten" The ceremony started at 14.30. The main celebrant was the Bishop of Port Louis, Monsignor Maurice Piat. French Provincial Alain Samuel and Indian Provincial welcomed the gathering at the out set of the ceremony.



About 300 guests attended the function. 12 Brothers and Co-workers from France and 9 Brothers and Co-workers from India represented both Provinces at the Celebration. Prior General Donatus Forkan, General Councillor Br. Vincent and Asia Pacific Inter provincial Commission (APIPC) President Br. Brian O'Donnell graced the occasion.

- **Prior General Donatus Forkan** said in his address "it is significant that the transition ceremony is taking place during the year dedicated to the Family of St. John of God. To-day is a special day for our Hospitaller Family of Saint John of God here in Mauritius in particular. I thank the French Province, which is also the Mother Province of the West European Province, for this initiative. I thank the Indian Province for having the courage and sense of responsibility for the Charism of.....



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**At the end of the Mass Prior General unveiled a Plaque to commemorate the event.**

.....Hospitality on an international scale, for accepting this foundation here in Mauritius and making it a part of their province structure.”

**As a symbolic act of the transition, copies of transfer documents were signed and exchanged.**



**French Provincial Alain Samuel handed over a lighted candle and a Key to the Indian Provincial Br. Antony Palamattom during the ceremony.....**



The ceremony ended with social celebrations by 16.30.

- Solemn professed Brothers assembly would be held at Kattappana on 16 and 17 May 2012. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft copy of the Province “Policies and Guidelines” prepared by the drafting committee.
- Nearly 55 Sisters and Brothers of St. John of God gathered at the Sisters’ Generalate of SCJG at Kattappana on 30.01.2012. The occasion involved participants in a deep reflection on the importance of interdependence, collaboration and on the life of Saint John of God as the founder of the ‘Family’ which they shared with one another.
- Br. Antony Palamattom and Br. George KT are attending the “Leadership for Renewal” course organized and conducted by APIPC at Damyang, South Korea from 27 February to 2 March 2012.