



## HOME PAGE

My Dear Brothers in Christ,  
Greetings!

Our institutions and mission is getting back to track by the announcement of certain relaxation in social life. I wish you all a fruitful academic year with renewed vigor and commitment. As we all have experienced the global pandemic, the second wave of Covid-19 has both negative and positive impacts in the lives of every individual. First of all, people became resilient to respond to the effects of the virus; by avoiding social gatherings, unnecessary travels, postponing important events and living within reasonable expenses. And the second important aspect is that people become more responsible for



themselves and for the other. I would like to focus the second aspect of the lockdown effect through some of my reflections based the Magisterium of the church and the sound tradition of the institute which would enhance our vision and objectives amidst the challenging times.

The Second Vatican Council opened up a revolutionary new way of understanding religious life. Council's document, *Perfectae Caritatis* (Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life) captures the Council Fathers' vision on a deep renewal of what the Church calls "the Consecrated Life." Based on this, the Code of Canon Law relating to religious life was revised and promulgated in the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Previously, the 1917 Code and the legislation that preceded it. The Church Law reflected the popular sentiment about what religious should be and how they should behave. The Vatican Council's emphasis on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit marked a considerable departure from the past canonical legislation on religious life. The decrees of the Second Vatican Council adopted a different approach and shifted the emphasis to the guidance of the Spirit. In the conciliar decrees we find a greater awareness of the working of the Spirit in the Church and a more careful attention to the charismatic aspect of the Christian life. Consequently, much attention is now being given to the inspiration

of the Spirit that lies at the origin of religious life in the Church. At the source of every religious congregation is a founder (or founders) who was/ were fired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, inspired by the teaching and example of Jesus, and driven to answer the needs of the Church and the world in which they lived. Each religious congregation has been encouraged to develop according to the charismatic inspiration of the founder or founders. (can. 576 & 578)

A charism is an inspiration from the Spirit of God which urges the individual to perform a special role in the community. There are numerous religious institutes in the Church because a variety of Christians have responded to the free gift of the Spirit in particular ways. The variety of institutes is attributed to the inspiration of the Spirit. In the Church there are many institutes of consecrated life, with gifts that differ according to the graces given them: they more closely follow Christ praying, or Christ proclaiming the kingdom of God, or Christ doing good to people, or Christ in dialogue with people of this world, but always Christ doing the will of the Father (can. 577). The founders have been drawn towards a definite way of life which puts special emphasis on a particular aspect of the following of Christ, and they have attracted others to join them. In this sense then, every religious congregation is a charismatic

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- 03 - St. Thomas (Apostle)
- 06 - St. Maria Goretti
- 22 - Mary Magdalene
- 28 - St. Alphonsa
- 29 - St. Martha
- 31 - Ignatius of Loyola



institution. We are to examine the life and works of the founder/s so as to return to that original inspiration and allow it to breathe renewal into every aspect of thought and practice. We would be able to see where adaptation to changed conditions would be required. Such adaptation would be aimed at updating and refocusing apostolates, while maintaining the heart of the original charism. Competent authority in the Church 'has the responsibility to do what is in its power to ensure that institutes grow and flourish according to the spirit of their founders and to their sound traditions' (can. 576). 'The whole patrimony of an institute must be faithfully preserved by all. This patrimony is comprised of the intentions of the founders, of all that the competent ecclesiastical authority has approved concerning the nature, purpose, spirit and character of the institute, and of its sound traditions' (can. 578).

To follow Christ more closely the religious profess the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty, and obedience and, through them striving for the perfection of charity in the service of the Kingdom of God. (can. 573 §1 & 2)

Chastity is at the core of the evangelical counsels. St. Paul calls it a "fruit of the Holy Spirit" and is included in the list of nine "fruits" of the Holy Spirit. (Gal. 5:22-23). Chastity is assumed by those who are called for the religious life for the sake of the Kingdom of God. (Can. 599). Chastity is intimately tied to charity. It will be merely a sterile exercise of bachelorhood/ spinsterhood, if the vow of chastity does not transform the heart of the religious into a flame of authentic self-sacrificing love for God and for the neighbour in a variety of

possible outreach and expression.

Religious embrace a life of poverty in imitation of Christ who, although he was rich, was made poor for us. (can. 600)

By means of obedience, the religious have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ who was obedient unto death in a unique way (can. 601) The vow helps to focus our intellects and wills in a way that makes them more open to God's grace and love, guiding us into what God's will is opening up to us. Obedience helps the religious to literally lay down their lives for their Brothers and sisters: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest, and whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. Such is the case with the Son of Man who has come, not to be served by others, but to serve, and to give his own life as a ransom for the many" (Mat. 20:26-28).

Obedience is the beautiful vow and grace which moves the religious to such service of all, whether in the Church or in the world. And in the process, it makes the religious take on more and more of the mind and heart of Christ. Such a witness is at the very heart of what Religious Life is intended to do.

Religious are drawn to this particular way of life recognized and protected by the Church because of their intense love of God, first of all. They are devoted to responding to the Lord's call to them, to surrendering to the movement of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. This means they have an intense personal relationship with God, a closeness to Jesus, and openness to the Spirit which is truly a gift from God. All our activities, including our social work activities, are animated by the vowed person's

special relationship with God, a relationship which fundamentally is that of love of God

Filled with divine love, the religious goes out to express it in many forms genuine love of neighbor. Love of persons whom the religious serve is thus a kind of sacrament — an outward expression of the divine love which animates them inwardly.

Because the outreach of religious is so important in the life of the Church, the Vatican Council II saw the need for its renewal and adaptation. The Religious Life cannot merely continue to repeat the old forms without reference to today's changed situation of life or it will die.

On the other hand, the same period has shown us that the religious cannot simply plunge into activity in chaotic manner and become part of the secular landscape, rather than expressions of divine grace and love.

The relevance of religious life is more important than ever today since we live in a world that is God-less, centered on the self and its pleasures and fancies. To vow oneself to the religious life, then, is truly to profess oneself counter-cultural. It is to witness to the life of Jesus in a profound and very meaningful way through our words and actions, then we really. This is what makes Religious Life such a powerful sign of God's Kingdom being built on earth.

We celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. He is a great mystic, saint and the founder of the worldwide Jesuit Order. The Order he founded embodied the most radical departure from the traditional lines to serve God and His Kingdom. He is an example of an inspired leadership. Let us pray to him for him for the



same zeal and vision to better serve God and His people.

I wish all the Brothers who celebrate their birthdays and feast days during this month and invoke God's choicest blessings on them and their ministry.

With kind regards

Yours Fraternally,

● *A. Backianathan*

**Br. A. Backianathan, SHJ**

Provincial Superior

## ANGELO NIVAS

We the Angelo Nivas Community solemnly remembered the birth anniversary of our co founder on 4<sup>th</sup> June and prayed for our province and for our institute. On 11<sup>th</sup> June We celebrated the solemnity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus at Angelo Nivas with Eucharist Celebration.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Rev. Br. A. Backianathan SHJ the Provincial Superior along with Br. A. Xavier SHJ and Br. S. Pancras SHJ met Most Rev. Bishop Savarimuthu Arokiaraj on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 who has been appointed the Bishop of Trichy. Angelo Province wishes God's choicest blessings on him and his episcopal ministry.



## Angelo Province Society ANPROS:

Angelo Province was and still continues to be actively involved in the relief works in the midst of the devastating second wave of the pandemic. The beneficiaries of our relief work included the following.

1. 100 Tamil Sri Lankan refugee families in Subramaniapuram and Kattur in Trichy.
2. 42 transgenders in Crawford, Trichy
3. 75 families of the blind in the vicinity of Angelo Nivas, Manikandam.

4. 92 poor families at Thandapatti and Bugalur.
5. 50 poor families at Siruganur.
6. 432 Nutritious lunch and supper was given for five days for the families of the blind.
7. 365 Nutritious lunch was given for five days for the poor families, aged and abandoned people.
8. 65 Slums dwellers and migrants.

Moreover, help was extended to the poor and deserving families through

all our respective communities. Each community identified some 50-60 most deserving families for receiving assistance. This venture was wholly supported by the Province. The Province thanks the Superiors and the Brothers of all these communities for their dedication in reaching out to the poor families and extending help at this dire moment of much hardship. The Province also thanks most profusely the donors and donor agencies abroad for their financial help to reach out to the poor and the needy. ● **Br. L. Ashok Paulraj SHJ**











## ATHIPET

### Home for Children

We conducted a volley ball match for the children on 5<sup>th</sup> May in order to help them to get rid from the stress.

Our staff and superintend Mr. Joseph and Counselor, Mr. Madhan Kumar visited our children on 12<sup>th</sup> May in their homes and gave counselling and provision kit to the children and family.

Our children prayed for the repose of the soul of Br. John Karambanil SHJ, also, prayed for all the souls who died due to Coivd-19 on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Our children wrote their online revision exam on 24<sup>th</sup> May from their

homes as well as children from our Home.

Our children were given Yoga and practice in Pranayama on 29<sup>th</sup> May to strengthen their physical and mental health.

Sacred Heart Novena started in our Home on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Mr. Kanikairaj, Co-worker of our Home Passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> June. He had worked around 35 years in our Home. We along with our children prayed for his soul to rest in peace.

On behalf of our Home relief kit worth of Rs.1500/- given on 16<sup>th</sup> June to parents whose children are staying in our Home in order to support

their livelihood at the time of Corona second wave.

Our girl children went for a day short picnic on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Jawadhu Hills in order to get rid from the stress, also, to refresh their mind.

### Brothers House:

Sacred Heart feast was celebrated on June 11 that our Kurinjillam. Sacred Heart Sisters also participated in the celebration.

• Br. A. Maria Packiaraj SHJ





## MAYILADUTHURAI

We began the novena for the most Sacred Heart of Jesus on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and had a prayer service, facilitated by Br. David raj SHJ, Superior of our community.

Monthly recollection was held on 6th June with the adoration and Holy mass. Prayer service was facilitated by



Br. David Raj SHJ, Superior of our community. Fr. Arockia Samy SVD, celebrated the Holy Mass.

We celebrated the feast of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus in our community with the Holy Mass.

We organized the Covid - 19 relief program during this covid-19 pandemic on 26<sup>th</sup> June in which more



than 60 lay people participated. Dr. Rajasimman was invited as the special guest.

• Br. David Kumar SHJ (Jr)



## PARAMAKUDI

We began the novena for the feast of the Sacred Heart on 02<sup>nd</sup> June and had prayer service in the evening.

Our community participated in the virtual novena prayer session organized by the Province on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

The solemnity of the most Sacred

Heart of Jesus was celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> June with the Holy Mass in which Brothers renewed their vows. Youths from the neighbourhood joined us for the celebrations.

Special Covid -19 vaccination camps organized by DDAWO for people with disabilities on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June at Paramakudi and our special school

coordinated the camps.

• Br. Kulandhai Yesu SHJ (Jr)





## SUSAINAGAR

Novena prayers for the feast of the Most Sacred heart of Jesus has commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. Time table for the Novena was followed by the community Brothers regularly. A special theme was chosen for each day of the novena. We too followed the prayer guide which was provided by the Province.

Gorgeous celebration of the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated on 11th of June in our community. In the morning, we had a special prayer service. In the afternoon, we had Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Viji. The Mass was offered for the wellbeing of the congregation and all the Brothers. We thanked the Almighty God for saving

the life of our Brothers who were down with the virus infection. We prayed for the departed soul of Br. Antony Cruz SHJ and Br. John Karumpanil SHJ

After the Mass we had a sumptuous dinner. All the Brothers wished Br. Irudayam SHJ on his feast day. Br. Mooventhan SHJ, the Superior, congratulated Br. J. Elias SHJ and Br. Aaron Arockiasamy SHJ for having been elected as members of the Province administrative team of

the Angelo Province. All the Brothers wished them for the success of their ministry.

We celebrated the birthday of Br. S. Justin Antonyraj SHJ on 17<sup>th</sup> of June. Prayer service was conducted for the well being of Br. Justin Antony Raj SHJ. The community Brothers prayed for him and felicitated him. The celebration ended with sumptuous meal.

• Br. J. Elias SHJ



## BEAUTY OF INTIMACY

Who is your intimate friend? This question has various nuances and insights. We may have so many friends come and pass through our life, but there must be one or two who is very intimate to us. It would be so exiting and curious to know what type of intimacy our friends have with us at the same time what type of intimacy we have with our friends.

All of us have moments have when a spark of intimacy gets ignited. If we choose to pursue it there is likelihood

that an intimate relationship can be built. I would like to share with you different types of intimacy.

### Types of Intimacy

**Emotional Intimacy:** When we able to share a feeling with one another and sense that the other understands perfectly what we are describing. Or someone may express a feeling that we know but cannot describe. At a particular moment there exists an oneness between us. We know that there is a kindred soul, a feeling that we too recognize and have felt.

**Intellectual Intimacy:** When we are able to share ideas with one another and feel understood. A sense of at-oneness is in the expression of thought and knowledge. Someone expresses a thought that we too have had but may not have been able to express.

**Aesthetic Intimacy:** When we share something beautiful with another. Enjoying a sun set or watching clouds together or climbing mountain or piece of an art cherished by the two at the same time. No. words but simply





## BIRTHDAY

- 01 - Br. A. John SHJ
- 13 - Br. L. Steephan Raj SHJ (Jr)
- 14 - Br. S. Lourdasamy SHJ
- 15 - Br. S. Benjamine SHJ
- 16 - Br. T. Antony Raj SHJ
- 20 - Br. S. Jayaraj SHJ
- 20 - Br. R. Anbarasan SHJ
- 27 - Br. K. Rosario Jeyasingh SHJ



## FEAST DAY

- 03 - Br. K. Thomas Kurian SHJ
- 03 - Br. M. Chris Thomas SHJ
- 11 - Br. D. Benedict SHJ
- 19 - Br. G. Ignatius Victor SHJ
- 22 - Br. I. Mathalai Muthu SHJ
- 22 - Br. S. Mathalai Muthu SHJ
- 25 - Br. J. Christopher SHJ



## NECROLOGY

- 03 - Br. A. Pathrose SHJ
- 03 - Br. M. Nicholas SHJ
- 05 - Br. R.S. Irudhayaraj SHJ
- 12 - Br. S. Maria Gnanapragasam SHJ
- 12 - Br. M. Dhavamani Xavier SHJ
- 26 - Br. D. Micheal Samy SHJ
- 26 - Br. T. Antony William SHJ
- 28 - Br. G. Maria Viagappan SHJ
- 30 - Br. A. M. Thomas SHJ

admiring the beauty we call it aesthetic intimacy.

**Creative Intimacy:** When we are able to work well with another to make something happen together that does not happen alone. Functioning smoothly and facilitating each other's effort, like a team playing together or a work done by a group with full heart.

**Recreational Intimacy:** When we laugh with another, we enjoy the company of other, we have fun with that person without any of the strain of having to keep the conversation going or searching for what to say next, it is effortless relationship of fun.

**Crisis Intimacy:** Two people share a transformative, frequently tragic incident and are drawn to a oneness. For example, the parents of a child killed in a traffic accident or died of Corona pandemic and feel horror together and are drawn into a bond of shared grief. Intimacy created because of a crisis in life situation.

**Erotic Intimacy:** When the other touches something within us that results in an urgent longing to be

sexually intimate with him/her. It is a desire to possess the other totally, physically, sexually and permanently. When it is mutual and expressed, we feel an at-one-ness with a passion we hope never end. Not just finding someone sexually attractive.

**Spiritual Intimacy:** When we share our deepest beliefs about life, death, immortality, evil, soul, heaven and hell. Sometimes we meet someone with whom we can bear our souls and hearts. There is an in depth and mutual soul sharing, we achieve a spiritual at-one-ness. History has some of the heterosexual love relationships that appear to be a spiritual intimacy. Francis and Clare, Benedict and Scholastica, John of the Cross and Teresa of Avilla. These saintly people are good example for spiritual intimacy.

It is good for all of us to examine what type of intimacy we have with our friends and vice versa.

• Br. J. Elias SHJ

## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**Social Friendship** - We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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