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SACRED HEART FEAST



Angelo.com wishes all the Brothers, teachers, non-teaching staff, students, benefactors and well-wishers, lay collaborators and everyone a happy Feast on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let's unite in thanksgiving for all of the wonderful consolations that the Sacred Heart of Jesus has given to us throughout this year, particularly in this time of unprecedented human suffering and predicament. Let us pray for a heart that is gentle and humble like the heart of Jesus and that his Sacred Heart touch our hearts with the fire of God's love.

Happy Feast to Everyone. God bless.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 04 - Birth Anniversary of Rev. Br. E.M.J. Angelo SHJ
- 11 - Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 13 - St. Antony of Padua
- 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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My Dear Brothers in Christ,
Greetings!

The second wave of COVID-19 has been demoralising the social, secular and religious life of people. We all witness the new forms of charity emerging around us in our country and all over the world. The pandemic has taught us more than ever the importance of social order, concern/love for others, being health conscious, living a life of simplicity and responsibility in public and private life. In these conditions of life, we learn that the new normal paves way for new hopes, innovations, opportunities and deep faith. Grounded on these new normal we shall focus our reflections on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with historical background and contextual praxis.



We find a profound respect for the Sacred Heart which gave birth to the Church and continues to nourish its members in the early Church from the following quotes: "We the Christians are the true Israel which springs from Christ, for we are carved out of His Heart as from a rock" says St. Justin Martyr (AD 165). "The Church is the fountain of the living water that flows to us from the Heart of Christ" says St. Irenaeus (AD 202). And later, St. Paulinus of Nola (AD 431) exclaims, "John, who rested blissfully on the breast of our Lord, was inebriated with the Holy Spirit, from the Heart of all

141TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



Angelo.com fondly remembers Bro. E.M.J. Angelo, SHJ, Co-founder of our religious Institute and the Patron of our Province on the occasion of his 141th birth anniversary on 4th June 2021. May he from his heavenly abode bless our Institute, Province, the Brothers and all our apostolates.

creating wisdom". These are the clear indications from our Church Fathers that the Sacred Heart devotion existed in the early Church.

The devotion continued during the Middle Ages and in 1353 Pope Innocent VI instituted a Mass, honouring the mystery of the Sacred Heart. Shortly after the devotion escalated due to the fervour surrounding the apparition of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1673-1675). The four apparitions provided the catalyst for the promotion of the devotion to the Sacred Heart.

In 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since then, his successors have exhorted the faithful to turn to the Sacred Heart and make acts of personal consecration. The

French Jesuit missionaries carried with them the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and propagated throughout the world. Our Founder, Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ, Servant of God, was faithful to this tradition of his fellow Jesuit missionaries and propagated love and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and founded our religious Institute with the foundation on the Sacred Heart.

Considering our present day, in the face of the growing individualism and secularism, we too should have immense love and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and ask Him to pour forth his graces. We must strive to make our hearts like His own for He says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8).

The Solemnity of the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on 11th June, this year, after the feast of Corpus Christi. As the body of Christ is ready to be broken for others, so the heart of Jesus is inflamed with love of others. Consequently, the heart of Jesus is sacrificial, shares everything with others. During this time of lockdown, there is a tremendous change in everyone's life because everyone has started to care for one another, share with others and praying for others. This can be further explained by means of three expressions from the scriptures;

- i. The heart is ever ready to be wounded because of love (Jer.8). No matter how unfaithful we are, His heart tirelessly embraces and infinitely forgives.
- ii. The heart is ever lasting, ever remaining in perpetual love (Ex. 3:3). Like the burning bush on mount Sinai, His heart is aglow with the love of humans generation after generation.
- iii. The heart is blessing-giving love (Jn 19:34). Amidst our infidelity, He continues to be faithful and desires to bless all of us, humans and the creation.

For us, the Sacred Heart Brothers, the loving Heart of Jesus is close to our life and mission. Let us meditate on the following options and choices of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which inflamed His heart to accomplish the will of the Father.

- ❖ Desired to empty himself by taking the human form
- ❖ Chose Mary, away from the Holy City, to be His mother
- ❖ Preferred to be born in a manger
- ❖ First announced the good news to the shepherds
- ❖ Faced life-threat at His very birth
- ❖ No place to accommodate Him, wandered without a shelter
- ❖ Chose to live in a remote village near Galilee
- ❖ Selected only the illiterates to be with him
- ❖ Put the poor on the top, challenging the hierarchical system of Jewish society
- ❖ Often spent time with those who live on the fringes of the society
- ❖ United with God the Father in prayer
- ❖ Poor became His option and sinners became His friends
- ❖ Faced death for the sack of others' salvation
- ❖ Reserved nothing for himself, shed his last drop of blood for others
- ❖ Interceded for the disciples who were in despair
- ❖ Strengthened the Apostles after the resurrection
- ❖ Promised the Paraclete to accompany them in mission
- ❖ Promised to be with us till the end of the ages

Brothers, we do not know when the public life of local communities would come to normalcy. But we are aware

of the responsibility entrusted to us to refine the difference between our choices and options. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to bless our mission, institutions, collaborators, benefactors, beneficiaries and the Brothers with the immense power of His love that we become the disciples of His Heart.

We celebrate the birth anniversary of our Co-founder Bro. E.M.J. Angelo SHJ and the Patron of our Province, on 4th June 2021. He proved to be a great gift to the world, Church and our religious Institute by his exemplary life and ardent service. We have sufficiently reflected on the great legacy left by him for us to imitate in our life and mission during the celebration of 'Angelo Aikiam' during 2019. It will be worthwhile to recall them to our mind and ponder on them. Let his life of simplicity, erudite, prayer, deep faith in God, love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, zeal for the mission and hard work become a model for us. It is also an occasion to seek his heavenly intercession as we commemorate his birth anniversary for our Institute, our Province, the Brothers and mission. He will surely heed to our prayers from heaven as we are truly his Brothers in the congregation.

We celebrate the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga who died as a scholastic in the Jesuit order in 1591 at the young age of 22 or so. He was a model of religious life even as a scholastic. Through his life, he exemplified perfectly the evangelical counsels (religious vows) and all other noble human qualities. He is a proof of a life well lived in a short span of life. He is declared as the Patron saint of the Scholastics/Juniors in religious life. It is all the more relevant today because of the many genuine challenges and difficulties the Junior religious face in the much-changed world of today. They need all the grace of God to persevere in their call to religious life and lead a happy and fulfilling life as full-fledged religious now and later on. We all join

in our prayers to St. Aloysius Gonzaga to give that grace to our young Junior Brothers and bless them.

I also wish all the brothers who are celebrating their birthdays and feast day

during this month of June.

Wish you all a Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

With kind regards

Yours Fraternally,

● *A. Backianathan*

Br. A. Backianathan, SHJ
Provincial Superior

CONGRATULATION

Junior Brothers Br. L. Ashok Paulraj SHJ (Jr.) and Br. L. Steephan Raj SHJ (Jr.) renewed their Vows at Angelo Nivas and the rest of the Junior Brothers renewed their vows in their respective communities on 30th May 2021.



OLIYAMANGALAM

Initially the Sacred Heart mission at Oliamangalam has started to impart the training programmes in door mate making with 3 machines to provide vocational skill training and create income generation opportunities for the physically challenged youths, school dropouts, first generation literates (both boys and girls). Members of women self-help groups, particularly widows with a family to support.

At present, Sacred Heart Mission has 6 service units at Illuppur (2), Manganur (1), Payall (1), Maravapatti (1) and Pudur(1). These are functioning under the able

guidance of Br. A. Xavier, SHJ, the Director. 14 door mate making machines are placed at the disposal of these units. Many families are benefitting from this initiative by way of employment opportunities. The beneficiaries are immensely grateful to the Sacred Heart Mission for creating employment opportunities and helping them to earn regular income to sustain their families during this pandemic period. On hearing the employment opportunities, it provides, so many members are approaching the extension centres. It is planned to open more service units by getting sufficient machines purchased. ● **Bro. A. Xavier SHJ**





BIRTHDAY

- 01 - Br. S. Arul Gnanapragasam SHJ
- 02 - Br. M. Michael Thangaraj SHJ
- 03 - Br. G. Konduru Rubin SHJ (Jr.)
- 04 - Br. J. Prakash SHJ
- 07 - Br. A. J. Michael SHJ
- 08 - Br. A. David Kumar SHJ (Jr.)
- 10 - Br. S. Balasamy SHJ
- 11 - Br. S. Jesudoss SHJ (Jr.)
- 12 - Br. A. Divyanathan SHJ
- 14 - Br. M. Justin Diraviam SHJ
- 17 - Br. S. Justin Antony Raj SHJ
- 21 - Br. P. Ravi Kumar SHJ (Jr.)
- 22 - Br. D. Boniface SHJ
- 24 - Br. M. Soosai Raj SHJ
- 24 - Br. D. Dennis Michael SHJ
- 29 - Br. S. Royappan SHJ
- 30 - Br. S. Irudayaraj SHJ



FEAST DAY

- 05 - Br. D. Boniface SHJ
- 06 - Br. S. Arul Gnanapragasam SHJ
- 11 - Br. F. Barnabas SHJ
- 13 - Br. S. Justin Antony Raj SHJ
- 13 - Br. M. Justin Diraviam SHJ
- 13 - Br. L. Antony Jomics SHJ
- 19 - Br. J. Elias SHJ
- 19 - Br. S. Irudayam SHJ
- 19 - Br. S. Irudayaraj SHJ
- 21 - Br. A. S. Gnanapragasam SHJ
- 21 - Br. J. Prakash SHJ
- 24 - Br. T. John SHJ
- 29 - Br. S. Royappan SHJ
- 29 - Br. C. L. Chinnappan SHJ
- 29 - Br. A. Samuel Paulraj SHJ
- 29 - Br. L. Ashok Paulraj SHJ (Jr.)



NECROLOGY

- 07 - Br. Y. Savarimuthu SHJ
- 07 - Br. S. Soosai Arockiam SHJ
- 09 - Br. S. Balthasar SHJ
- 11 - Br. S. Ignasi SHJ
- 11 - Br. S. Michael Marcel SHJ
- 15 - Br. G. Mariadas SHJ
- 16 - Br. V. D. Ambrose SHJ
- 16 - Br. R. Viagappan SHJ
- 18 - Br. V. M. Savaridas SHJ
- 21 - Br. S. Ferdinand SHJ
- 21 - Br. S. Peter Celestine SHJ
- 27 - Br. K. Joseph Antony SHJ

OBITUARY

Angelo Province pays a great homage to the saintly soul of our beloved Brother John Karimpanil SHJ who rested in the Lord on the 20th May 2021.

Mr. G. Arockiam, aged 88, father of Br. A. John SHJ, passed away on 15th May 2021.

Mr. S. Velankanni, aged 83, elder brother of Br. S. Royappan SHJ, passed away on 17th May 2021.

Mr. Maria John Joseph, aged 57, elder brother of Br. I. Mathalaimuthu SHJ, passed away on 25th May 2021.

Anglo Province deeply mourns the sudden demise of Rev. Fr.

APOSTLES⁺HIP OF PRAYER

Intention for evangelization - The beauty of marriage
Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

WISHES



Angelo.Com wishes our Juniors on their Feast day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Patron of Scholastics, Junior religious. May his life inspire all the Junior Brothers and all of us.



Packianathan, Administrator of Sivagangai Diocese on 27th May 2021.

Mrs. Maria Alangara Santhi, aged 50, sister-in-law of Br. A. John SHJ, passed away on 29th May 2021.

Eternal rest grants to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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