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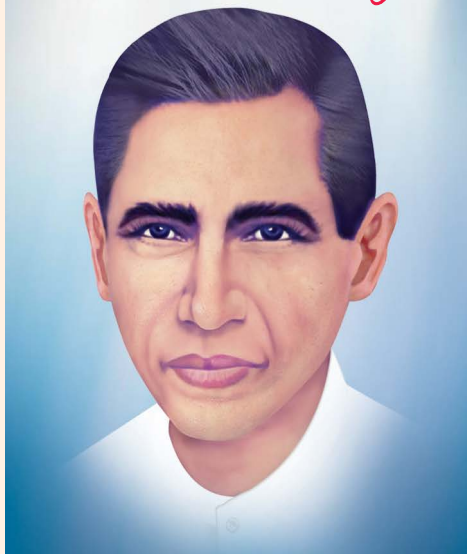


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Death Anniversary



We fondly remember Rev. Br. E.M.J. Angelo SHJ, our Co-founder of the Institute and Patron of our Angelo Province, on 18th October 2021 on his 53rd death anniversary. May he intercede for us from his heavenly abode and bless us and our apostolate.

Provincial's Message



My Dear Brothers in Christ!

Greetings!

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on every 4th October which we also celebrate as the Universal Brotherhood Day. Assisi was the acclaimed Catholic friar, philosopher, mystic, and teacher. During the mendicant era, he was one of the most influential persons. He adopted a life of poverty for his life. The Franciscan spirituality influenced the 12th century religious life and stood out as a radical dimension of the apostolic life. According to him, Word of God is addressed primarily to persons as brothers and sisters and calls them to deeper brotherhood and sisterhood. Francis' eco-spirituality contemplates the wisdom of God, His power and goodness in the creatures. The purpose of Franciscan movement was to give praise to God, to exalt Him by our deeds, and to give witness to Him. Through his life he made an indelible impact in Catholic Church and society.

When Pope Francis was asked why he particularly adopted the name of St. Francis even though there are illustrious saints in the Catholic Church, he said that when he was about to be elect as the Pope, his friend Cardinal Hummes "hugged me, kissed me and said, "Don't forget the poor". Pope Francis told thousands of journalists that he took to his heart the words of his friend and chose to be called after St. Francis of Assisi,

HAPPY BROTHERHOOD DAY



angelo.com wishes its readers a happy and meaningful celebration of Brotherhood Day and all the joys of living the vocation to the Religious Brotherhood.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 01 - First Friday,
St. Theresa of Child Jesus
- 03 - Monthly Recollection
- 04 - St. Francis of Assisi,
Brotherhood Day
- 07 - Our Lady of the Rosary
- 18 - Death Anniversary
Rev. Br. E.M.J. Angelo SHJ



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“the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation,” the same created world “with which we don’t have such a good relationship.” St. Francis of Assisi who was known as “il poverello” the little poor man resonated with him, Pope Francis said. “How I would like a church of the poor, for the poor.” He told the more than 5,000 media representatives who came from around the world to cover the conclave and his election. He still inspires everyone through his way of life and message.

Similarly, as consecrated men we must also reflect on our vocation to Brotherhood more radically. In today’s context, consecrated life perhaps needs a new language and new ways of seeing things and a new style of functioning so that it would be more intelligible, practical, integral and wholesome. “Witness of Joy” the Apostolic letter issued by Pope Francis on the occasion of the opening of the consecrated Life calls us to “Look the past with gratitude ... to live the present with passion and to embrace the future with hope. These three attitudes can motivate us and help us identify the characteristics of Christian consecration stemming from the existential challenges that the religious face today in the Indian context and worldover.

Religious life realized as a triple movement: a spiritual movement, prophetic movement, and a missionary movement. All the communities of consecrated life originate from a quest for spiritual life, a communion with Jesus, and a yearning to share the same experience with the larger community. Now, many communities of consecrated life in India seem to be under the spell of increasing institutionalization and the message of the Gospel and the person of Jesus seem to be gradually losing their sheen. Once our focus on Jesus and his Gospel is lost, certainly our communities lose their Christian relevance as they can neither be mystical in existence nor prophetic and missionary in approach.

Any consecrated community can be generated and sustained through the presence of all members at the following key movements on a daily basis: Divine Table, Dining Table, and Dialogue Table. According to the Vita Consecrata, Consecrated men and women shall “commit themselves to strengthening their fraternal life, following the example of the first Christian in Jerusalem who were assiduous in accepting the teaching of the Apostles in common prayer in celebrating the Eucharist and in sharing whatever goods of nature grace they had (VC 45)

Based on our own unique charisma, it is essential for every community to identify our own apostolic engagement for the common good of the people of God and the larger society. Consecrated life is not a way of self-realization through isolation and withdrawal but a call to live in communion with others and so build communities of freedom, fellowship and justice.

Pope Francis says “Journeying together always brings enrichment, and can open new paths to relationship between people”. Therefore, we, instead of being mere service providers like the corporates, institution run by us must be capable of instilling a Gospel based value consciousness among the stakeholders, associates and beneficiaries. Truly, consecrated communities are not meant for business but a life of Christian witness rooted in the principle of self-sacrifice and unconditional life giving. Let us resolve to imbibe the same spirit what St Francis of Assisi what he had in his life.

Since it is also the month of Vocation, as all of us aware, today world over the number of vocations to religious life and priesthood is on the decrease. Therefore, I request all the Brothers to adopt an open and proactive approach towards the younger generation so that we may get worthy vocations to our Congregation.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Let us make sure the recitation of Rosary in our communities during this month.

We commemorate the 53rd heavenly birth of our Co-founder and our Province's Patron Br. E.M.J Angelo SHJ, on 18th of this month. Let us seek his heavenly intercession on our Institute, Province, its apostolates and ourselves.

I wish all the Brothers who are celebrating their birthday and feast day this month. God bless.

Yours Fraternally,



Br. A. Backianathan, SHJ

Provincial Superior

BUDAPADI

The Birthday of Br. Arokia Arun SHJ, the Principal of SINAPS, was joyfully celebrated on 4th September at our community. A special Mass was offered and the neighboring Sisters and the Parish Priest of Budapadi graced the occasion by their presence and shared in our joy and happiness.

Rev.Br. A. Backianathan SHJ, the Provincial Superior of Angelo Province, made the contact visit on 13th September. He reviewed the up-to-date issues in the community. His presence made the day happy and meaningful.

Br. Benedict SHJ, the Superior of the community, attended the Parish Council Meeting on 16th September. He made valuable suggestions for the development of the Parish.

Br. A. John Paul SHJ started making his 30-day Ignatius retreat at Thozhalamai Illam, Kanniyakumari from 1st September onwards.

Br. Benedict SHJ and Br. Arockia Arun SHJ met Most Rev Amalraj D.D, the Bishop of Ooty on 27th September and honored him with shawl.

• Br. A. John Paul SHJ



PARAMAKUDI

Arul Amuthu, the semi vigil, was held on 1st September at our center. More than 55 lay evangelists attended. On the same day, Fr. Peter Daniel, SJ distributed foldable wheelchairs to two of our former inmates of Angelo Home sponsored by CCF.

First Friday devotion was observed on 3rd September with the Holy Mass and adoration. On the same day monthly recollection was also held and was facilitated by Br. Augustine SHJ.

Br. Augustine SHJ preached the retreat for Muthupettai zonal lay evangelists on 5th September.

Extended Core Group meeting for the lay evangelists was held on 12th September at our center and was attended by more than 60 lay leaders.

Rev. Br. A. Backianathan SHJ, Provincial Superior, made the contact to our community and institutions on 18th September. He met the Brothers and staff. On the same day Teachers' Day was celebrated at our Special School presided over by Provincial Superior and Fr. Anthonysamy was the guest of honor.

Online annual retreat was conducted for all the lay evangelists from 20th to 25th September.

Since 13th September, our Special School staff have been assisting DDAWO in collection of application and data entry pertaining to Unique Disability Identity (UDID) issued by the Government of India.

• **Br. K. Thomas Kurian SHJ**



MUTHUPETTAI

A one day awareness program on child marriage was conducted for the students of 11th and 12th girls at St. Joseph's higher secondary school, Muthupettai on 17th September. The same was conducted for boys on 24th of the same month. Br. Ganapragasam SHJ, Sr. Arockiamary and staff served as resource persons. The students were enlightened by the awareness program.

Rev. Br. A. Backianathan SHJ, provincial superior, made the contact visit to the community and institutions on 17th September and met all brothers and encouraged them in their ministries.

We, the community of Muthupettai meaningfully celebrated the 172nd birth anniversary of our founder and servant of God, Rev. Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ on 27th September.

• Br. Kevin SHJ



BE THE CHANGE BROTHER!

Br. A. JohnPaul SHJ

Religious life is a unique gift from God through which the Catholic Church in the service of humanity. It affirms that the consecrated life is at the very heart of the Church as a significant element for her mission. The Perfectae Caritatis article number second says that the adaptation and renewal of the religious life includes both the constant return to the sources of all Christian life and to the original spirit of the Institutes and their adaptation to the changed conditions of our time. This renewal, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Church, must be advanced.



Religious life is an adventure, alive with the joy of Christ, meant to be lived to the fullest. If we are to breathe new life into those we serve, we must first breathe new life into ourselves and into our own religious family. In order to have a new form of Religious life we must return to our original charism and relook our way of life so that we can create a new form of Religious life. Normally, Brotherhood is a family of the doers of the will of God (Mk 3: 31-35). But, in the course of years, an account of the lop-sided development of liturgy, clericalism the ideal of brotherhood was not maintained.

We are called to follow Jesus Christ with undivided heart. We must keep Christ as our Centre and allow him to be the center of our life and action. Being with the Lord is the clarion call of every consecrated person. When we keep the Bible as our source of Inspiration, God will inspire us. Our life should give public witness to God the Father especially fidelity to humanity and fidelity to Christ and the Gospel and fidelity to the Church to its mission in the world and fidelity to religious life and to the charism of one's own institute.

In this 21st century call to brotherhood life is something unknown to the world which means many don't understand our Brotherhood life properly within the Church or outside the Church. It is a big threat to Religious vocation. I heard many brothers say that Brothers are beyond boundaries. But in the reality it is not seen and experienced. Unless our way of life, way of approach and way of ministries failed to designate us, then we will be one among an ordinary people. In order to have a better understanding, we must have uniqueness in our way of life.

Nowadays our houses and Institutions are constructed in a way that the poor people cannot enter in. To be frank, we are slowly going away from the poor and needy. Our Mission becomes ineffective day by day. If we are not living for the poorest, our vocation becomes meaningless. Many times our own system and rules and regulations did not allow us to be with the poor. We are good at in justifying ourselves but poor in action. If the Religious neglect the voiceless, then who will come to serve them. Therefore, our life should bring some light in the lives of the poor people like how our pioneering brothers had served. Our time table, prayer life and apostolate must motivate us to walk.

WE ARE KEEPERS AND MAKERS OF OUR BROTHERS

Br. L. Ashok Paulraj SHJ

The oxford dictionary gives a definition for the word 'Keeper' as this "A person who manages or looks after something or someone" and for Maker "A person makes or produces something". In way both words are productive. It is our unbounded responsibility to care for own brothers. We are very much responsible for our brothers. As God asked Cain similarly he will encounter us with the same question.

We are here to reflect on Am I a keeper and maker of my brother? Where this question does emerges from? We see in the book of Genesis 1:9 Am I a keeper of my brother? Asked Cain. We know

the event why Cain murdered the Abel. God accepted the offerings of Abel not Cain's, due to jealousy Cain killed the Abel. Both are brothers of same parents. Instead of getting jealous on own his brother, he would have called Abel and asked how did you do your offerings? Tell me so that when we offer next time I will do much better. The problem would have solved then and there and would have enjoyed the gift of life to the core. But what happened? Murder took place. We could see here, there is no love bond relation between Cain and Abel in the event.

We have a prominent example from Old Testament Genesis chapter 45, which will be dealing with love bond relation between Joseph and his brothers. We are through with the story. Joseph was sold out to Egyptians by his own Brothers because Jacob their father loved Joseph so much. Here also the envy takes place. But God's hand was always with Joseph and thus He became the Governor of Egypt. Due to heavy famine and drought in Jerusalem his brothers are coming to Egypt to get some food for their family. Joseph identified his brothers and when he revealed himself to his brothers they were stunned. They thought that we would be imprisoned. Genesis 45:7&8 are eye capturing verses. He says don't feel bad or guilt about me. It is not you who send me but God. He sent me before you to keep you and



*We are not only our
brother's keeper; in
countless large and small
ways, we are our brother's
maker.*



BIRTHDAY

- 05 - Br. S. Uvari Antony SHJ
- 07 - Br. S. Antony Sagayaraj SHJ
- 07 - Br. S. Xavier Jeba Rex SHJ
- 08 - Br. F. Baranabas SHJ
- 13 - Br. L.F.M Delphine shj
- 16 - Br. V. Lourdu SHJ
- 19 - Br. S. Mathalai Muthu SHJ
- 20 - Br. T.David Raj SHJ
- 21 - Br. I. Vincent Amalraj SHJ(Jr)
- 25 - Br. A. Charles SHJ
- 27 - Br. G. Ignatius Victor SHJ
- 28 - Br. S. Thettaravu SHJ



FEAST DAY

- 04 - Br. L.F.M. Delphine SHJ
- 07 - Br. K. Rosario Jeyasingh SHJ
- 09 - Br. D. Dennis Michael SHJ
- 28 - Br. C. Thatheus SHJ



NECROLOGY

- 03 - Br. M. Rajendran SHJ
- 07 - Br. N. Irudaya Sathyaraj SHJ
- 07 - Br. D. Belevendran SHJ
- 09 - Br. R.M Stanislaus SHJ
- 09 - Br. M. James SHJ

all people safe and secure from the famine, So Go and tell our father Jacob that I am alive and bring all your belongings because the famine will last for five more years. As soon as seeing his brothers Joseph would have tortured and punished his brothers but not. It is the love and affection bond between Joseph and his Brothers. Here we see Joseph as a keeper and maker of his Brothers and his Father Jacob.

The above narrated events are from the Holy bible. We could sense that problems are inseparable at families, society and even in our congregations. Even though they all belong to one family yet they have lot problems, inferiority complex and superiority complex in their families. Though we don't belong to one family as brothers but we come under one umbrella called Sacred Heart family that is Sacred Heart Brothers. We have a lot joyful events, sweet memories, strength and colorful events and also misunderstandings and weaknesses at our community life yet we have to accept our brothers as they are like Joseph accepted his brothers, So that our consecrated life will be more meaningful and more colorful. As we live in the community as brothers let us encourage, confront, console and appreciate them so that we will be keepers and makers of our brothers during all sorts of their life span and needy time. We are not merely called to be brothers but effective transformers of the society.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

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| 13 - Br. I. Raphael SHJ | 25 - Br. K. Siluvai Arulappan SHJ |
| 18 - Br. E.M.J Angelo SHJ | 26 - Br. G. Francis Xavier SHJ |
| 18 - Br. D. Periyamayagam SHJ | 27 - Br. J.R. Jebamalai SHJ |
| 19 - Br. S.M Arul Samy SHJ | 23 - Br. A. Augustine Ponnusamy SHJ |
| 19 - Br. A. Arul Pragasam SHJ | 25 - Br. F. Manuel E. Fernandez SHJ |
| 23 - Br. P. Maria Joseph SHJ | 26 - Br. A. Maria Soosai SHJ |
| 24 - Br. D. Singarayan SHJ | 27 - Br. V. James Elango SHJ |

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