



The Provincial Superior wishes all the Brothers, teachers, staff and children in our schools in the Province and other institutions.

Celebrating the true essence of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our Country with you...

May you soar high in the realm of freedom!

Happy Independence Day!

### IMPORTANT DAYS

- 06 - Transfiguration of the Lord & First Friday
- 15 - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 - Queen ship of Blessed Virgin Mary



### HOME PAGE

My Dear Brothers in Christ!

Greetings!

In our culture, obedience is largely thought to be opposite of freedom – something to escape through formation, adulthood responsibility and no longer being under the authority. However, obedience is required not only of religious but also of all believers. And obedience has always been polemic in the context of a religious community. Our Constitution is extensively dealing this topic in 15 constitutions (Cons.33-47). Our Founder would say “the greatest wisdom is to obey the will of God” (Con.33). Because, by the virtue of obedience, we give ourselves totally to the Institute and imbibe its chrism (Con.35). The Charism, spirit and other exclusive traits of character are the special concern of the Superior (Con.45). Why, because one should emanate from deep faith to subject oneself to the will of God. “Religious Obedience” is the theme I wish to reflect in our home page this month.



First of all, religious obedience should be placed within the context of the search for God and the search for God’s will, a task that is proper to all religious. Therefore, religious obedience is not to be presented as the simple fulfilment of ecclesiastical laws/constitutions/norms but is viewed from the perspective of a search for God which in turn involves

### HAPPY FEAST DAY

#### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Provincial Superior wishes all the Brothers a happy Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven and her Queenship.

May Mary’s powerful intercession protect us from the Corona Virus and bring blessings on our country. We implore her assistance and guidance for all of us and for all our people, especially our leaders so that they may work for the upliftment of the poor and underprivileged and promote justice and peace in our nation.

Holy Mother of God! Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

listening to God's word and becoming aware of God's loving plan.

When we relate authority and obedience there arises a spontaneous connection with 'power'. Authority imposes the will of the one exercising such authority on those who are called to respond through obedience. Consequently, the word authority implicitly implies power. The word 'authority' immediately evokes in us the feeling of exclusion of freedom. Thus, every transformative group has challenged the very idea of authority.

Competent authority is exercised by those who place themselves in a position of service to others: the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve (Mk 10:45). In this sense all authority in the Church is a participation in the liberating and enlightening mission of Jesus. Jesus himself has indicated the manner in which authority should be exercised in the Church and not in an authoritarian manner but in the form of service.

John expresses the same idea in his gospel: You call me "teacher" and "master", and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. (Jn 13:13-15). So, we see that Jesus has a very precise concept of authority as service and he expresses this service by washing the feet of his disciples. Jesus does not want to impose this specific action on us (washing feet), but he does want us to follow his example (service). Those exercising authority are called to live as obedient servants before proposing or imposing their authority on others.

This highlights the fact that obedience in religious life will, at times, involve difficulty and situations of suffering in which it will be necessary to refer and to reflect upon the par excellence obedience of Jesus Christ. In the same line of thought, a unique value can be found in Jesus' obedience, namely, that

to obey the Father means that we love the Father.

Consecrated men and women are called to follow Christ, share in Christ's life and find in Christ the strength to fulfil the will of God and respond with the obedience that which is requested. For every believer, to obey the Father means that they recognize themselves as sons and daughters in the Son. Obedience is a distinctive sign of sonship and is an expression of experiencing ourselves as beloved children of God. Thus, obedience is connected with love.

The following guidelines can create a proper environment in every religious community, an environment that fosters constructive work:

- The purpose of authority and obedience in religious life is to build up the community.
- Look for the means to recreate the conditions that allow the religious to carry out the Charism of the congregation and discover vocation of each one of its members in the context of the Charism.
- The ability to contribute to the edification of religious life and insert oneself into Institute's mission which is broader than the mission of the individual.
- Willingness to engage in an open exchange of partnership through constructive dialogue and sincere search for the will of God.

The following are worthwhile attitudes to have as religious:

- Willingness to recognize in each person the ability to accept the truth.
- Ability to recognize the ideas of another as better than one's own ideas.
- Freedom from prejudice and from an excessive attachment to one's own ideas.
- The courage to present one's ideas and positions and the courage to open oneself to a new perspective

and to modify one's point of view.

- To share responsibility and to be respectful of the autonomy of each person.
- To highlight the interdependence of the members of the community.
- The possibility of acting co-responsibly and the possibility of offering one's own unique contribution.
- To be mindful of the fact that the plurality of perspectives promotes a deeper reflection on issues and therefore a conflict of ideas should never become a conflict of persons.

Our Founder and Co-founder lived authority and obedience in a creative and dynamic spirit which was rooted in faith and obedience to God's plan. They never exercised their authority as a privilege but considered as service in mission, as doing God's will. Let us keep them as our model in our exercise of authority and obedience.

We celebrate the feast of St. John Maria Vianney, the patron of parish priests, this month. Let us remember and pray for all the parish priests in our mission. Parish priests need our prayer support for often they live alone in the parishes. We owe them our sincere prayers. On 6th August we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, Christ manifesting His divine glory. On 15<sup>th</sup> August we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and our nation's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. These festivals remind all of us to become authentic citizens and faithful religious in obedience.

I wish all the Brothers who celebrate their birthday and feast day this month.

With kind regards

Yours Fraternaly,



**Br. A. Backianathan, SHJ**  
Provincial Superior

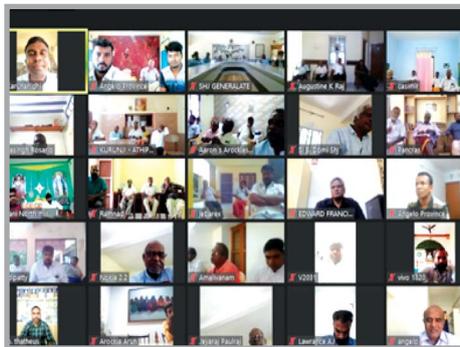
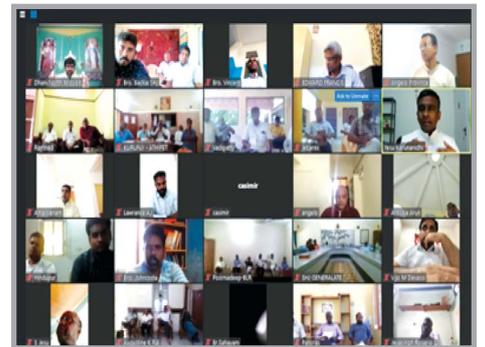
## ANGELO NIVAS

A farewell function was held in honour of Br. D. Antony Stanis SHJ on 9<sup>th</sup> July. The Brothers of Angelo Nivas community felicitated him and wished him all the best in his assignment in his new community.



## ANNUAL RETREAT

Angelo Province held the annual retreat online for the Brothers of the Province from 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 through ZOOM. All the Brothers participated meaningfully and benefited spiritually. The online retreat was preached by Fr. Yesu Karunanithi, the Executive Secretary of Bible Commission of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), Bangalore. The retreat was Bible oriented with excerpts from the Church's and Papal documents and was very much contextualized.



## ATHIPET

### St. Joseph's Home for Children

The admission of all the children of our Home was completed on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Subject wise classes are taken in the Home by the teachers.

Our girl children went to Micheal Bhavanam Agri. Farm on 7<sup>th</sup> July. for a day of outing They themselves cooked the food and played in the garden enjoyed themselves.

Farewell was given too Br. D.Benadict SHJ on 15<sup>th</sup> July in our Home. Our children gave a short cultural

programme in his honour on behalf of the Home. Our Director Br. P. Maria Packiaraj SHJ gave the farewell speech. given farewell gift Br.Benadict.

Our boys children went to Michael Bhavanam Agri. Farm on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Like the girl children, they also cooked their own food. The new Director of the farm Br. Christopher SHJ presided over the volleyball Match and the Kabbadi Match. The Brothers, staff and the children thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The work on laying the path connecting the blocks in the boys wing started on



17<sup>th</sup> July with the prayers said by Bro. V. Albert Joseph SHJ in the presence of Br. Maria Packiaraj SHJ. This project is very helpful for the children to access the blocks easily.

**House:**

July 16: The birthday of Br. T. Antony Raj and Br. A. John SHJ was celebrated in the Brothers House. The Brothers of the community wished and prayed for them. They were given birthday gifts.

**School**

We the staff commemorated the birth anniversary of Karmaveerar Kamaraj, the former chief Minister of Tamilnadu, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

We celebrated the birthday of Br. T. Antony raj SHJ, the Headmaster at our school on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

- Br. P. Maria Packiaraj SHJ



**BUDAPADI**

**KALANCHIAM**

Br. D. Benedict SHJ, the Superior of the Kalanchiam Community, reached on 18th July. As a token of love Br. I. Victor SHJ welcomed him with a shawl. Besides, he welcomed Br. Arockia Arun SHJ and Br. Johnpaul SHJ. On the same day we had the monthly dialogue in the evening.

Fr. A. Sagaya Danis, the Parish Priest of Budapadi, visited our community on 19<sup>th</sup> July. That day being his birthday, we celebrated the same. Br. I. Victor SHJ introduced him to the community Brothers. We had a fruitful sharing with each other for the betterment of our ministry in the

parish. In the evening we visited Arul Nilayam, the convent of Assisi Sisters in the neighbourhood. Br. Benedict SHJ, the Superior, was welcomed by the Superior of the Convent. We shared our fraternal love and joy with them. They were happy about our visit. We also visited the newly built hospital.

We had the Holy Mass in the community on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Soon after the Mass, we had high tea for the religious and the parishioners. In the evening we had a special Mass that was organized by the CRI Anthiyur zone as a tribute to Fr. Pascal Jegan Raj. Br. Arun SHJ and Br. Johnpaul SHJ represented the community.

The annual retreat was held from 26<sup>th</sup>

to 31<sup>st</sup> July online. All the brothers actively participated.

**SINAPS**

Staff meeting was held in SINAPS



on 19<sup>th</sup> of July. Br. I. Victor SHJ introduced the Correspondent and the Principal to the staff members. Br. Arockia Arun SHJ, the Principal evaluated the last year academic activities. Br. Benedict SHJ encouraged the staff members to work for the growth of the Institution. All the staff members shared their views and opinion about the school. This meeting helped the Brothers to refocus on the academic excellence.

Parents meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> of July. There were thirty-eight parents

who attended meeting. Br. Benedict SHJ, the Correspondent and Br. Arun SHJ, the Principal of SINAPS, explained the mode of online classes and the fee structure. We showed a demo video to parents regarding online teaching. Br. Johnpaul SHJ

shared about the purpose of online classes. Br. I. Victor SHJ motivated the parents to provide extra care and concern towards the growth and health of their children during this time of pandemic.

● Br. A. Johnpaul SHJ



## PARAMAKUDI

On 01<sup>st</sup> of July, rice and groceries were distributed to the families of mentally disabled children and 30 deserving families as Covid-19 relief package.

First Friday devotion was observed on 02<sup>nd</sup> July with holy mass and adoration. Monthly recollection was also held facilitated by brother Kulandai Yesu. On the same day chickens were distributed to 60 families at A.R. Mangalam as part of income generation and livelihood intervention program for the disadvantaged communities.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July farewell was given to Brother Simpson and the new Superior and Correspondent Brother Thomas Kurian was welcomed in the community and the school.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July Br. Simpson SHJ left for Mayiladuthurai and Br. Mariadass SHJ joined Arulchandru Nilayam community.



On 17<sup>th</sup> July, first community dialogue of the new community was held.

retreat organized by Angelo Province from 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Brothers attended online annual

● Br. K. Thomas Kurian SHJ



## BIRTHDAY

- 05 - Br. C.L Chinnappan SHJ
- 09 - Br. S. Irudayam SHJ
- 13 - Br. M. Maria Simpson SHJ
- 13 - Br. S. Michael SHJ (Jr.)
- 14 - Br. X. Babu SHJ
- 14 - Br. A. Periyamayagam SHJ
- 16 - Br. A. Savarimuthu SHJ
- 16 - Br. P. Arockia Selvam SHJ
- 24 - Br. P.L. Showreelu SHJ
- 26 - Br. A.S. Gnanapragasam SHJ



## EAST DAY

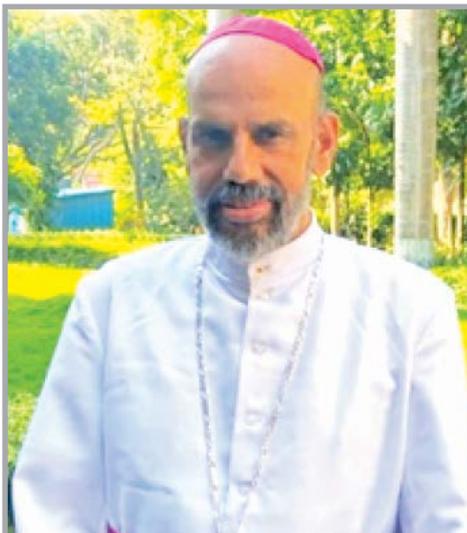
- 09 - Br. I. Jerald SHJ
- 10 - Br. X. Babu SHJ
- 10 - Br. A. Lawrence SHJ
- 15 - Br. M. Maria Simpson SHJ
- 15 - Br. C. Mariadas SHJ
- 15 - Br. P. Maria Packiaraj SHJ
- 15 - Br. A. Periyamayagam SHJ
- 25 - Br. P.V. Louis SHJ
- 28 - Br. S. Augustine K. Raj SHJ



## NECROLOGY

- 01 - Br. R. Varghese SHJ
- 02 - Br. A. Lawrence SHJ
- 04 - Br. M. Gnanasamy SHJ
- 08 - Br. S. Berchmans SHJ
- 12 - Br. P.M. Asirvatham SHJ
- 14 - Br. A.M. Masilamani SHJ
- 14 - Br. T. Gabriel SHJ
- 16 - Br. M. Antony Adimai SHJ
- 18 - Br. Y. Devasagam SHJ
- 20 - Br. K. Zacharias SHJ
- 21 - Br. A. Maria Irudayam SHJ
- 22 - Br. G. John Stanislaus SHJ
- 23 - Br. A. Gnana Athisayam SHJ
- 25 - Br. G. Gerome SHJ
- 31 - Br. A. Gnanathickam SHJ

## Bishop of Salem



Most Rev. Arulselvam Rayappan will be consecrated the new Bishop of Salem on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021. He holds Doctorate in Canon Law from Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome. He has served as the teaching faculty of St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, Vice Rector and President of the same, President of Canon Law Society of Tamil Nadu, Canon Law Society of India and Executive Secretary of Canon Law Commission, CCBI.

Angelo Province heartily congratulates him and offers its prayerful best wishes for his Episcopal ministry and wishes all the priests, religious and the laity of diocese of Salem on this happy occasion. May the diocese grow from strength to strength in all respects under his episcopacy.

## Bishop of Trichy



Most Rev. Savarimuthu Arokiaraj will be consecrated the new Bishop of Tiruchirappalli on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. He obtained a Doctorate in Liturgy from the Institute Catholique de Paris, France. He served as parish priest of various parishes, Secretary of the Liturgy Commission of Tamil Nadu Bishops' Council, Professor of Liturgy at St. Paul's Seminary, Tiruchirappalli and Rector of the same.

Angelo Province heartily congratulates him and offers its prayerful best wishes for his Episcopal ministry and wishes all the priests, religious and the laity of the diocese of Tiruchirappalli on this happy occasion. May the diocese grow from strength to strength in all respects under his episcopacy.

## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The Church : Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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