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Angelo.com wishes the readers a Happy Christmas. May your Christmas be filled with the true miracles and meaning of this merry time. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you all through the New Year. Wishing you a season of blessings from the heaven above.



Angelo.com wishes the readers Happy 2022! May you be blessed with another year loaded up with God's blessings, happiness and fulfillment. May every day of 2022 brings you sweet surprises that fills your life with happiness. Happy New Year 2022

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 03 - First Friday
- 08 - Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
- 25 - Christmas

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Provincial's Message

My Dear Brothers in Christ!

Greetings!

We celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8th December every year. In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life.

The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity. In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." Let us celebrate the solemnity in a worthy manner and seek her intercession and her blessings on us and our ministry.

We are already in the Advent season and about to celebrate Christmas. It is good to remember that Christmas is not the mere commemoration of the historic birth of Jesus. But it is the celebration of God's greatest gift of love to us here and now. It is a season of connectedness. It celebrates the connectedness of human beings with God and with one another. The crib of Bethlehem manifests to us in a sublime way that God's incarnate love came to us in the form of a helpless little babe. Jesus was born small so that we may not seek to

dominate others. He was born poor so that we can consider him as the only wealth. He was born weak so that we may know the strength of meekness. He was born in the night so that we may believe that He can enlighten every reality. He shared our humanity so that we may share in his Divinity. Christmas reveals not only the mystery of the humankind. For this reason, we are called upon to love God in our neighbor. To go out of ourselves - to the human community - the needy, the poor and the downtrodden because God of love identifies himself with them. If we do not do this, we are in no way better than the Bethlehemites who slammed their doors to Joseph and Mary that first Christmas.

Christmas in essence is an invitation to let our differences disappear. To repair broken bridges and mend strained relationship, to heal the scars and wounds we have inflicted on each other and the world at large. Love harmonizes. Therefore, the idea of harmony is so central to the theme of Christmas. Harmony within self, with our neighbor, in nature among God's creation and ultimately harmony with God. We are currently witnessing an ever-increasing exploitation, plundering, destruction and violence. Against this bleak and dismal picture of the world, the birth of Jesus is an invitation to get rid of our darkness, to move on into the realm of light, to look deep within ourselves to find the spark of the divine. Only this spark of divine in us can discover the God of compassion of love and peace.

The humble of heart, the lowly, and people who are attentive to the inner voice of the conscience like the shepherds can hear the call of God to worship. On Christmas the angels sang "Glory to God and peace to people of goodwill". The people of good will are those who respect life, promote it and defend it wherever it is threatened. They are those who work for the common good of the human community specially that of the marginalized of the society. The peace of Christmas fills the hearts of those who live up the beatitudes of Christ and enjoys the blessedness therein.

Let us keep baby Jesus as center of our hearts, our lives, our congregation, our institutions, our cultures and our world, that we may grow in holiness, communion and compassion. May this Christmas help us to become children of light, of love, of God and then to bring the light of fraternal caring love into the lives of people overwhelmed by darkness.

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

Let us pray for our departed brothers who has gone to eternal bliss this month.

Yours Fraternally,



Br. A. Backianathan, SHJ

Provincial Superior

ANGELO NIVAS

We observed the First Friday devotion on 5th November with the Holy Mass and Adoration.

Angelo Nivas community celebrated the birthday of Br. Prem Rosan SHJ (Jr.) on 29th November with prayers and a delicious meal.

● **Br. L. Paul Raj SHJ**



ATHIPET

St. Joseph's Home for Children

We celebrated Diwali on 3rd November at our Home, Hostel students also joined in the celebration. We had cricket and volleyball competitions with the hostel students. All the children enjoyed Diwali with firecrackers and by playing games. Delicious chicken biriyani was served to all.

District Supply Officer (DSO) visited our home on 16th November and inspected our kitchen and tasted our food. He promised us that he would allot bulk permit to our Home.

Jeeva, our Home child celebrated his birthday on 19th November

A one-day orientation programme for our girl children was organized in our Home on 20th November. Bro. M. Justin, SHJ, Headmaster of St. Charles High School, Vadipatty, led the orientation and enriched our girl children.

Children's Day and the birthday of our Home Director Bro. P. Maria Packiaraj SHJ were Celebrated on 21st November. The children gave a cultural programme in his honour. Br. A. Joseph Kevin SHJ from Muthupettai and Bro. M. Justin SHJ from Vadipatty graced the occasion by their presence.

A one-day orientation programme was organized at our Home on 28th November. The boys of our Home and the girls of the hostel, in all 150 students, participated in the programme. The theme of the programme was that the increased students efficiency led to increased productivity. Rev. Bro. Stephen Arockiasamy SHJ, Provincial Superior Caussanel Province, inaugurated the orientation programme while Br. Sunil Benjamine SHJ, Br. Soosai Manickam SHJ, Br. William SHJ, and Br. Lourdu Kuzhandai SHJ enriched the children with their sharing. It was indeed thought-provoking for all the children.

House:

The feast of Br. V. Albert Joseph was celebrated on 15th November at Kurinchi Illam.

The birthday of Br. S. Arulsamy SHJ was celebrated at Kurinchi Illam on 24th November. All the Brothers wished him and prayed for him



The death anniversary of Br. Thomas SHJ, founder of our institutions at Athipet, was observed on 25th November.

● Br. J. Prakash SHJ



BUDAPADI

The Kalanchiam community Brothers in collaboration with Aravind Eye Hospital Coimbatore, Assisi Hospital and Star Foundation organized a free eye camp for the people of the area on 12th November. Many people participated and benefitted.

Br. I. Victor went to Suhalayam to give a one-day orientation to all commission members of the Caussanel Province.

Fr Sahaya Dania, the parish priest of Budapadi arranged a fraternal meal for the Religious on occasion of the feast of St Cecilia. It was the joyful movement to strengthen our relationship with one another.

SINAPS

we painted three class rooms, staircase and children's park. And we stickered subject related images, inspirational quotes, Alphabets in Hindi, English, numbers, Scientific terms and Mathematical shapes. It was initiated by Community brothers.

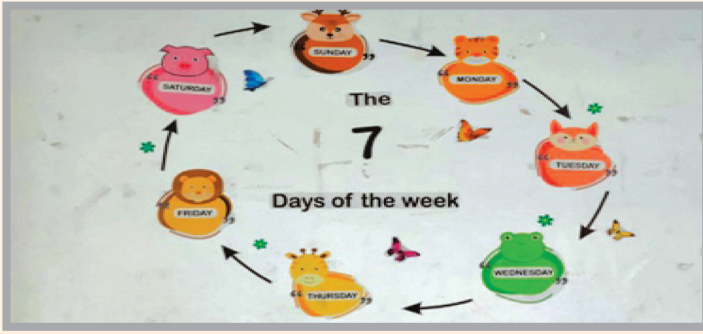
Br. Benedict SHJ sponsored a Home Theatre for the smart class room.

Br. Chinnappan FSP visited our place and taught many action songs to our Children.

We celebrated the Children's day on 30th November. We conducted many competitions and distributed prizes for the winners. We sincerely express our thanks to Br. Arockia Raj SHJ and Br. James SHJ from Bangalore who sponsored prizes for the Children's day celebration.

● Br. A. John Paul SHJ





PARAMAKUDI

Arul Amuthu semi vigil was held at our centre on 3rd November and was attended by more than 50 lay evangelizers.

First Friday devotion was observed on 5th November with the Holy Mass and adoration. On the same day monthly recollection was also held and was facilitated by Brother Divianathan from Mullipatty.

Doctors from BMT- Trust visited our school on 23rd November and distributed vitamin tablets and immunity boosters to our special children.

An evaluation meeting for lay evangelizers was held at our centre on 27th November. On the same day a RO water purification unit was inaugurated.

Brother Augustine K. Raj SHJ preached the zonal level retreat for the lay evangelizers of Pamban and Kalayarkoil zones on 13th and 28th November.

Bibles were distributed to more than 250 families in the parishes of Keelakarai on 6th November, of Kurimilangudi on 13th November and of Sayalkudi on 21st November.

Bro. Divianathan SHJ from Mullipatti commenced his golden jubilee preparatory retreat on 25th November.

Two of our special children are appearing for the SSLC examinations through NIOS at Gandhigram. Our special thanks to students of Sacred Heart College, Dindigul and St. Charles School, Vadipatti.

• Br. K. Thomas Kurian SHJ



ROYAPPANPATTY

St. Aloysius Hr. Sec. School celebrated the Children's Day on 16th November. Children presented various programmes. It was a happy occasion for all the children and parents.

The management of St. Aloysius Hr. Sec. School celebrated the Silver Jubilee of four of its teaching staff on 20th November. Br. Ubari Antony SHJ was elected as a local CRI President on 21st November. The celebrants are Mr. Lukas, Mr. Charles, Mr. Peter and Mr. Raj Kumar. On the same day Mr. Don Bosco, a teacher of



our school, retired from the service was held.

The birthday of Br. A. Amirtham SHJ was celebrated on 26th November at St. Aloysius Hostel. The staff and students gave various programmes in his honour.

• Br. Gnanapragasam SHJ



VADIPATTY

St. Charles Primary & Nursary School

We had a welcoming ceremony organized for our students on 1st November. We welcomed them with flowers and distributed sweets. As part of the welcome and to make them to feel at home, fun activities and dances were organized. On the same day, the students had a seminar on the theme "Precaution During the Pandemic Period."

The new toilet block was inaugurated by Rev. Bro. A. Backianathan SHJ Provincial Superior and Rev. Bro. S. Jeyaseelan SHJ Procurator General and Rev. Bro. A. Xavier SHJ Vice Provincial Superior on 5th November at St. Charles Nursery And Primary School. Fr. Arockiadass SVD, the parish priest blessed it in the presence of community Brothers, local religious, staff, parents and other guests.

Children's' Day was celebrated on 16th November



St. Charles Nursery And Primary School. Bro. Delphine SHJ, the Correspondent, served as the Chief Guest for the occasion. On the same day morning the Charlians had fun activities and games. In the afternoon we had a cultural program presented by our staff and children. It was a joyous day for the children.

St. Charles High School

11th November School post day was held at St. Charles high school.

14th November children's day was celebrated in our school.

Alumni meet is a life time experience for the former students of any institution. We, the St. Charles High School family, Vadipatti, decided to gather the old students of the School. We took initiative and invited the former students of the school. The 2010 batch students happily accepted our invitation and gathered on 18th November at our school campus. It was a happy reunion to everyone of them. The 2010 Batch Alumni have assured that they will continue their relationship with school in the future and extend financial support to the school to meet some of its requirements. At the end of the meeting, they have planted saplings in the school campus.

28th November parents meeting was held at our school. Many parents eagerly participated and gave valuable suggestions for the growth of their children. It was indeed a blissful day to our school.

• Br. I. Jerald SHJ



VOCATION SHORT REPORT OF VOCATION PROMOTION

by Bros A. Johnpaul SHJ and L. Ashok Paul Raj SHJ

By the direction of the Provincial Superior, Rev. Br. Backianathan SHJ, we had gone for the Vocation Promotion in Sivagangai diocese from 14th November to 19th November 2021. We visited many high schools and higher secondary schools run by the religious and diocese.

We reached Paramakudi on 14th evening. We stayed there for three days and visited couple of schools at Surinam, Sekkakudi, Pallithammam, R.S. Mangalam, Sengudi, Devakottai, Paramakudi, and Thiru-varangam. Many students expressed their willingness to join the congregation.

While we were coming back to Paramakudi we visited Oriyur Church. We prayed for our Congregation through the



BIRTHDAY

- 03 - Br. S. Pancras SHJ
- 05 - Br. I. Stephen Savariraj SHJ
- 12 - Br. S. Augustine K. Raj SHJ
- 14 - Br. L. Ashok Paulraj SHJ (Jr.)
- 19 - Br. P.V. Louis SHJ
- 21 - Br. L. Soosai Nathan SHJ
- 24 - Br. S. Divyanathan SHJ
- 25 - Br. N.S. Jesudoss SHJ
- 26 - Br. J. Leveil SHJ
- 29 - Br. R. Kulandai Arul SHJ



FEAST DAY

- 03 - Br. A. Savarimuthu SHJ
- 03 - Br. A. Edward Francis SHJ
- 03 - Br. P.L. Showreelu SHJ
- 03 - Br. A. Xavier SHJ
- 03 - Br. S. Xavier Jeba Rex SHJ
- 03 - Br. A. Savariraj SHJ
- 07 - Br. A. Backianathan SHJ
- 07 - Br. A. Amirtham SHJ
- 25 - Br. S. Divyanathan SHJ
- 25 - Br. R. Kulandai Arul SHJ
- 25 - Br. A. Divyanathan SHJ
- 25 - Br. R. Manuel Raj SHJ
- 25 - Br. S. Balasamy SHJ
- 25 - Br. S. Jesudoss SHJ (Jr.)
- 26 - Br. I. Stephen Savariraj SHJ
- 26 - Br. L. Steephon Raj SHJ (Jr.)
- 27 - Br. M. John Kennedy SHJ
- 27 - Br. A. John SHJ
- 27 - Br. S. John Joe Prabhakar SHJ
- 27 - Br. M. Arulappan SHJ



NECROLOGY

- 01 - Br. M. Savariappan SHJ
- 01 - Br. S. Rajanayagam SHJ
- 01 - Br. M.D. Domnic SHJ
- 05 - Br. A. Antony Samy SHJ
- 11 - Br. D. Xavier SHJ
- 11 - Br. S. George SHJ
- 13 - Br. K.S. Amirtham SHJ

intersession of St John De Britto. We prayed especially for the increase of vocations to our Congregation.

We went to Ramand on 18th November. We stayed there for a day. We visited schools in the seashore areas. We visited schools in Verkodu, Akkalmadam and Thangasimadam. There was not much positive response to vocation to Brotherhood.

Altogether seventeen students expressed their aspiration. Let us remember them in our prayers. A special thanks to the community Brothers of Paramakudi and Ramnad who helped us in all the way possible. We enjoyed their hospitality and enriched our fraternity.



OBITUARY

Mr. T.M Arokiam, father of Br. Mooveenthan SHJ, aged 88, passed away on 18th November 2021.

Mr. S. John peter, elder brother of Br. Benjamine SHJ, aged 68, passed away on 26th November.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

APOSTLES OF PRAYER Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God. May they be its witnesses with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- 15 - Br. A. Amirthasamy SHJ
- 17 - Br. J. Mathavadian SHJ
- 19 - Br. A. Irudayam SHJ

- 22 - Br. J. Lazar Silva SHJ
- 22 - Br. S. Alphonse SHJ
- 22 - Br. S. Xavier SHJ

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