



**VINCENTIAN CONGREGATION  
ST. JOSEPH PROVINCE**

Dear Rev. Fathers and Seminarians in Jesus Christ,

*Prayerful and Loving Greetings from Provincial House, Kottayam!*

I am happy to share with you some of the news about our community and its various activities.

**The Renewal Program**

As you had been already informed by the Provincial Councilor Fr. Ebin Neeruvellil the renewal program in connection with the Year of the Religious we have planned a 2 day renewal program for the members of the province. The program is scheduled in 2 batches for the convenience of the members. The two-day program is visualized with input sessions and discussions. The input sessions are conducted by Rev. Dr. George Manalel, VC and Rev. Dr. Tomy Tharayil, the Director of Denahalaya Institute, Punnappa, Alappuzha.

All our members in India shall attend one of these two programs according to the given schedule. If any change in the date is needed kindly inform Rev. Fr. Anish Ponneduthakallel VC, the secretary. The Fathers abroad who are coming home in these months are requested to participate in one of these according to their convenience. The program will help us to strengthen and deepen our religious life and commitment and will also help us to live a life of commitment with success and fidelity in today's world of manifold challenges.

I invite you to take full benefit of this program. We will begin the program on the first day morning by 9.00 am and the program will be over by next day by 4.00 pm. The venue will be **Provincial House, Kottayam** and dates of the Renewal program are as follows:

**1st Batch: July 23-24 (Thursday 9.00 am to Friday 4.00 pm), 2015**

**2nd Batch: August 22-23 (Saturday 9.00 am to Sunday 4.00 pm), 2015**

Those members who would like to participate in the annual Retreat in August (23 rd onwards) in the Vincentian Generalate, will be given conveyance to Reach Edappally after the renewal program in August.

All our members are most cordially invited to participate in the program. Please remember to participate in this renewal program without fail. Kindly make the necessary arrangements accordingly. Let the members of the House see that all can participate in one of the programs.

Here below is given the list of participants for the program for both batches.

**July 23-24, 2015 (Thursday-Friday)**

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| 1. Fr. Adappoor Jose             | 29. Fr. Mundekkatt Augustine          |
| 2. Fr. Ambattukuzhiyil Thomas    | 30. Fr. Muzhuthett Varghese           |
| 3. Fr. Anthonyrajan Y.           | 31. Fr. Naduvilpurayidathil Augustine |
| 4. Fr. Arackal George (Sr.)      | 32. Fr. Neeruvellil Abraham           |
| 5. Fr. Arackathottam Mathew      | 33. Fr. Nellinilkumthadathil Vincent  |
| 6. Fr. Arayathinal Chacko        | 34. Fr. Olickal Mathew                |
| 7. Fr. Athickal Jacob            | 35. Fr. Orathel Abraham               |
| 8. Fr. Chelapurath Francis       | 36. Fr. Ottalankal Mathew             |
| 9. Fr. Chirackal Antony          | 37. Fr. Padinjarekkutt Sebastian      |
| 10. Fr. Chooranolickal Sebastian | 38. Fr. Palakkattu Thomas             |
| 11. Fr. Choorapuzha Varghese     | 39. Fr. Paliyakunnel Emmanuel         |
| 12. Fr. Eayalayil Mathew         | 40. Fr. Panachickal Michael           |
| 13. Fr. Edattu Zachariah         | 41. Fr. Panthackal Joseph             |
| 14. Fr. Indikuzhiyil Mathew      | 42. Fr. Parayil John                  |
| 15. Fr. Kalappurayil Chandy      | 43. Fr. Parekkattil Varghese          |
| 16. Fr. Kanathukadu Samuel       | 44. Fr. Poneduthakallel Mathew        |
| 17. Fr. Kariamadam Paul          | 45. Fr. Pulikkunnel Cherian           |
| 18. Fr. Karikilamattathil Antony | 46. Fr. Pullattu Mathew               |
| 19. Fr. Kodakkathanathu Joseph   | 47. Fr. Puthumana John                |
| 20. Fr. Kodamullil Cyriac        | 48. Fr. Thalanany Joseph              |
| 21. Fr. Kulathoor Varghese       | 49. Fr. Thoyalil Thomas               |
| 22. Fr. Maliackal John           | 50. Fr. Vallathu Joseph               |
| 23. Fr. Mangalath Thomas         | 51. Fr. Vazhakkottathil Antony        |
| 24. Fr. Matheickal Jose          | 52. Fr. Vazhavelikkakathu Thomas      |
| 25. Fr. Mecherimannil Antony     | 53. Fr. Veliyathukunnel Mathew        |
| 26. Fr. Menokariyil Augustine    | 54. Fr. Vettaparambil George          |
| 27. Fr. Moonnupeedikackal Antony | 55. Fr. Vettiyanikal Jose             |
| 28. Fr. Mundackal Abraham        | 56. Fr. Thakarapillil Varghese        |

**August 22-23, 2015 (Saturday-Sunday)**

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| 1. Fr. Arackal George (Jr.)   | 14. Fr. Kanjookaran Sebastian       |
| 2. Fr. Arukalil Thomas        | 15. Fr. Karikulam Sebastian         |
| 3. Fr. Asariparambil George   | 16. Fr. Karottukizhakkal George     |
| 4. Fr. Chavarananickal Robert | 17. Fr. Kizhakkethottam Joseph      |
| 5. Fr. Chettoor Jose          | 18. Fr. Kodakkallil Thomas          |
| 6. Fr. Chungakarottu Joseph   | 19. Fr. Kolangayil Stephen          |
| 7. Fr. Edwardraj A            | 20. Fr. Koonamplackil Abraham       |
| 8. Fr. Kaippadakunnel Joseph  | 21. Fr. Kuncherakkattu John         |
| 9. Fr. Kakkattupillil Mathew  | 22. Fr. Kunnakkattu Sebastian       |
| 10. Fr. Kalapura Jose         | 23. Fr. Kuruppentharamukalel Joseph |
| 11. Fr. Kalasserry George     | 24. Fr. Kuruvanthanam Mathew        |
| 12. Fr. Kalayil Joseph        | 25. Fr. Madathinal Thomas           |
| 13. Fr. Kanjirakonam Abraham  | 26. Fr. Maliackal Thomas            |

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| 27. Fr. Maramattathil Thomas   | 42. Fr. Thekkemury Thomas          |
| 28. Fr. Nediyaikalayil Joseph  | 43. Fr. Thundathikkunnel Sebastian |
| 29. Fr. Ottalathu James        | 44. Fr. Uthimattathil Mathew       |
| 30. Fr. P. William John Bosco  | 45. Fr. Valliamthadathil Alex      |
| 31. Fr. Painappillil Sebastian | 46. Fr. Vallomkunnel John          |
| 32. Fr. Pananal Thomas         | 47. Fr. Vattamthottiyil Mathew     |
| 33. Fr. Plathottathil Jose     | 48. Fr. Vettickal Shinto           |
| 34. Fr. Plathottathil Mathew   | 49. Fr. Xavier Anthonysamy         |
| 35. Fr. Poonattu George        | 50. Fr. Xavier S.                  |
| 36. Fr. Pulickathadathil Paul  | 51. Fr. Kadiyamkuttiyil Xavier     |
| 37. Fr. Pulicken Varghese      | 52. Fr. Kalapurackal Xavier        |
| 38. Fr. Pullattu Francis       | 53. Fr. Kuthoor Raphael            |
| 39. Fr. Punnolil John          | 54. Fr. Kuttikkatt Cherian         |
| 40. Fr. Thachethukudy Antony   | 55. Fr. Nambiaparambil Luke        |
| 41. Fr. Thattarkudiyil Joseph  | 56. Fr. Xavier Dilip Kumar         |

### **Blessing of the New House at Elanthur**

I am happy to share the glad news that the newly built Building for the Silver Jubilee memorial Vincentian House cum Administrative Block for the social institution at Elanthur near Kozhancherry in the Diocese of Kanjirappally will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2015. The House will be blessed by V. Rev. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy VC the Assistant Superior General at 3.30 pm followed by Holy Mass. May I invite you all to participate in the blessing ceremony and pray for the new center.

### **Minor Seminarians 2015**

I am happy to say that this year we have received about 40 candidates in the minor seminary. I wholeheartedly thank the former vocation promoter Rev. Fr. Sam Koonamplackil and the present vocation promoter Rev. Fr. Mathew Veliyathukunnel and all those who have collaborated with them to find out good candidates for our community. They have already come to the Minor seminary at Myladi, Nedumkunnam.

### **Minor Seminary for St. Xavier's Region – A New Venture**

We have been thinking of beginning a minor seminary for the Region for a couple of years now. Only now it is getting materialized. We have decided to open the minor seminary for the Region in Elavur. Vincentian Minor Seminary at Elavur, near Chennai will be officially blessed and opened on June 24, 2015. There will be 16 students in the first batch. Rev. Fr. George Poonattu is appointed as the Rector and Rev. Fr. Edwardraj is appointed as the Vice Rector.

### **Vincentian Seminary (Study House) at Nazareth Hill**

From last academic year onwards some of our Brothers (half number of the total strength) who had completed the novitiate were sent for Degree studies. (In accordance with the decision of KCBC and the directive of the last General Chapter the seminarians are to do the graduation before Philosophy). Accordingly, this year we are starting a study house for such students at N. Hill. The orphanage at N.

Hill has been terminated and the students were shifted to Kaloor. The same building is now being used as the Study House for the seminarians who do the Degree studies.

### **Silver Jubilee of our Province**

The Silver Jubilee of the formation of our Province will be celebrated with various programs on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2015. Kindly take note of the date and keep the day free without other engagements. The details of the program will be communicated later.

### **Annual Retreat**

It is time of the annual retreats, as we all know. May I remind you that it is obligatory to participate in any of the community retreat as reminded by V. Rev. Fr. Superior General in his Circular. Let us please find time for the retreat in the community and plan our personal programs and the programs of the community accordingly. Kindly remember to bring your personal Mass register and the Mass Register of the House shall be brought by the House superior or someone from the House for verification and countersignature of the provincial.

### **About Our Sick and Senior Members**

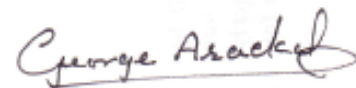
Rev. Fr. Abraham Orathel had undergone a major surgery for his pancreas (a part of pancreas is removed) in PVS hospital, Kaloor, Ernakulam. He is slowly recovering. Kindly remember him in your prayers. Let us wish him a speedy recovery with the healing touch of the Lord.

I am happy to say that all our senior members in different Ashrams are keeping fine. Our senior Fathers in Adichira Rev. Frs. Kadiyamkuttiyil Xavier, Kariamadam Paul, Nambiaparambil Luke, and Paliyakunnel Emmanuel are all fine. Fr. Karikulam Sebastian is also keeping fine in Pala minor seminary.

Please continue to visit them once in a while as you get time. I would like to thank all of you on their behalf for your kind visits and valuable prayers for them.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Feast of St. Thomas our Apostle and also of Sts. Peter and Paul,

Yours lovingly in St. Vincent de Paul,



Kottayam  
June 20, 2015

Fr. George Arackal (Sr.) VC  
Provincial Superior