



Circular 3/2016

VINCENTIAN CONGREGATION ST. JOSEPH PROVINCE

Love, Compassion and Mercy of the Lord be with us all!

Dear Rev. Fathers and Seminarians in Jesus Christ,

Prayerful and Loving Greetings from Provincial House, Kottayam!

I am happy to write this circular letter now to share with you all the important matters concerning our Province and also inform about the transfers made.

Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

As July 3rd, the day of the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle of India, and the Father of our faith, is approaching may I wish you all a very happy Feast of St. Thomas. Following his life example let us also stand for the truth of Christ and confess it courageously. May St. Thomas the Apostle guide us in our missionary endeavors.

Agartala Mission

I am happy to share the joyful news about the Blessing of our new mission centre in Agartala diocese (in Tripura State) which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 3rd July 2016 at 06: 30 pm. The newly established Vincentian House will be blessed by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, D.D., Bishop of Agartala Diocese and inaugurated by V. Rev. Fr. George Arackal (Sr.) VC, Provincial Superior, St. Joseph Province. The blessing will be followed by Agape.

In Mariamnagar there will be the parish, the Vincentian House and the Retreat Center. On July 3rd morning, on the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle, Mariamnagar Parish will be entrusted to us officially by the Bishop. Rev. Fr. Abraham Mundackal, VC will take charge as the new Parish Priest. The existing Rectory is entrusted to us and it will be used as the Vincentian House. The Retreat Center also will start functioning shortly. Rev. Fr. Xavier Dilip Kumar will be the Superior of the House and Director of the Retreat Center. There is space for about 50-60 people to stay in for a retreat. I humbly request your prayers for this new venture. May I cordially invite you also to the blessing ceremony.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kavalakattu, VC. R.I.P

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kavalakkatt VC (72 years), a member of Mary Matha Province of the Vincentian Congregation died due to heart attack on 2nd June 2016 at 3 am in L.F. Hospital, Angamaly. R.I.P. The funeral took place at 2:30 pm on 3rd June 2016 at Angamaly. Many of us had participated in the Mass and burial ceremonies. Let us pray for his departed soul.

Fr. Jojo, as he was usually known, was a friendly person, spreading that joy to everyone who met him. He had kept up a good relationship with all the members of the congregation and also with the people of the parishes or institutions where he had worked. His mental strength was also great. In spite of his physical difficulties he was ready to go for visit to the missions where he had worked early and it did not hold him back. Let us try to imbibe his model of cheerfulness and good initiatives in our lives too.

Let us continue to pray for him. May the good Lord grant him eternal rest and happiness in the heavenly kingdom in the presence of His holy Mother Mary and the saints. As we all know **we have the obligation to offer one holy Mass for the repose of his soul in accordance with the norms of our Constitution. (Practical Norms No. 112a)**. If someone has not yet offered the Mass for him kindly offer it at the earliest.

Silver and Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Our conferrers who celebrate their Sacerdotal Golden and Silver Jubilee will be greeted and congratulated at Vincentian Minor Seminary, Pala on **11th September 2016. Hearty Congratulations, Prayers and Best Wishes to You, Dear Jubilarians!** We are all grateful to you that you have dedicated your lives for the service of God and His people as best as you could.

Let us join with them on September 11th, 2016, to thank the Lord, the Eternal Priest. Kindly set apart this date for them. Details of the programs will be informed later.

Welcome to our Benjamins

We have received 36 candidates to our minor seminary this year. Congratulations to Fr. Veliyathukunnel Tony, vocation promoter and all those who assisted him! 14 candidates have entered Minor seminary, Elavur and 22 are in Minor Seminary, Nedumkunnam. Hearty welcome to all the Benjamins.

The Newly Professed Members of the Province

Eight novices made their first profession on May 11th. **Hearty congratulations to the new members!** Five of them (Kochuchira Kuriakose, Komparanirappel James, Palamoottil James, Thottathil Abraham, Vadakkemangalathu Joseph) are going for philosophy studies and the three of them (Arayathumkara Mathew, Kalappuraparambil Joseph, Olickal John) are going for degree studies staying in Sanjos study house, Nazareth Hill.

Transfers and Appointments 2016

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| 1. | Fr. Ambattukuzhiyil Thomas | Spiritual Father and Professor of the Vincentian Minor Seminary, Myladi, Nedumkunnam |
| 2. | Fr. Arackal Joseph | Mission Procurator and Asst. Finance officer of V.H. Bensenville, Chicago. |
| 3. | Fr. Asariparambil George | Relieved from present offices in Minto park and assigned temporarily for pastoral ministry abroad |
| 4. | Fr. Cherunilath Johnus | Superior and Finance officer of the V.H. Bensenville, Chicago |
| 5. | Fr. Chirackal Antony | Superior, Finance officer and Parish priest, VH Denkanikotta |
| 6. | Fr. Choorapuzha Varghese | Assistant Popular Mission Director, VH Adichira |
| 7. | Fr. Chungakarottu Joseph | Superior and Asst. Finance officer, VH, Pungavadi |
| 8. | Fr. Edwardraj A. | Director of Retreat Centre, VH Trichy |
| 9. | Fr. Indikuzhiyil Mathew | Director of Jnanodaya retreat centre, VH Hubli |
| 10. | Fr. Kalayil Joy | M.Th. Studies, Pune |
| 11. | Fr. Kanjookaran Joji | Asst. Parish Priest of St. Joseph Parish, Ramamurthinagar, Bangalore |
| 12. | Fr. Karikilamattam Antony | Service under Generalate (Finance officer, De Paul Institute, Bangalore) |
| 13. | Fr. Karottukizhakkal George | Service under Generalate (Associate Director, SSSMile Vettikuzhy) |
| 14. | Fr. Kizhakkethottam Joseph | Superior of VH and Principal of De Paul Academy, Ron |
| 15. | Fr. Kodakkallil Clement | Finance officer of VH; Bursar and Vice Principal of De Paul Academy, Ron |
| 16. | Fr. Kolangayil Stephen | Superior of VH, Parish priest of Divine Mercy Parish, Ambattur |
| 17. | Fr. Kollakkottil John (Lijo) | Finance officer of V.H. Thodupuzha and Director of the school retreats |
| 18. | Fr. Koonamplackil Abraham | Asst. Administrator of Logos Retreat Centre, Asst. Finance officer of VH, Babusahibpalaya, Bengaluru |
| 19. | Fr. Kulathoor Varghese | Relieved from Priest-in charge of St. Antony's Church, Myladi |
| 20. | Fr. Kuncherakattu John | German Studies in Thiruvananthapuram |
| 21. | Fr. Kuruppentharamugalel Joseph | Principal of De Paul H.S.S., Nazareth Hill |
| 22. | Fr. Kuttikattu Cherian | Superior of VH, Principal of St. Johns Polytechnic Hubli |
| 23. | Fr. M. Pushparaj | Director of Boys' Home, Asst. Finance officer of VH, Adaikalapuram |
| 24. | Fr. Maliyekal John | Member, VH Nazareth Hill |
| 25. | Fr. Mangalath Thomas | Parish Priest of St. Joseph Parish, VH Babusahibpalaya, Bengaluru |

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| 26. | Fr. Manjooran Prince | without prejudice to other present assignments, appointed Finance Officer of the Vincentian House and Seminary, Pala |
| 27. | Fr. Maramattathil Thomas | Superior of the House and Retreat center, VH Kattappana |
| 28. | Fr. Moolecherry Joseph | Relieved from the office of the finance officer, V.H. Thodupuzha; appointed internal auditor of the province |
| 29. | Fr. Moonnupedikayil Antony | Superior of the House and Rector of the Minor Seminary, VH Pala |
| 30. | Fr. Mundackal Abraham | Finance officer of Proposed V.H., Parish Priest of Mariamnagar Parish, Agartala |
| 31. | Fr. Mundackattu Augustine | Superior and Director of the Emmaus Retreat center, VH Minto Park, Kolkota |
| 32. | Fr. Orathel Abraham | Asst. Finance Officer of VH, Padamugham |
| 33. | Fr. Padinjarekuttu Sebastian | Without prejudice to other offices, appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of St. Joseph Parish, VH Babusahibpalaya, Bengaluru |
| 34. | Fr. Palakattu Thomas | Without prejudice to other offices, appointed as Finance officer of VH, Pungavadi |
| 35. | Fr. Parayil John | Member, V.P.H. Kottayam |
| 36. | Fr. Parekkattil Varghese | Director of Divine Mercy Retreat Centre, Elavur |
| 37. | Fr. Poonattu George | Without prejudice to other offices, appointed Superior of the VH, Elavur |
| 38. | Fr. Pulickakandathil Albin | Asst. Finance Officer of Vincentian House And Retreat Center, Jalalkhali |
| 39. | Fr. Pullattu Mathew | Principal of De Paul H.S.S. Thodupuzha |
| 40. | Fr. Punnolil John | Relieved from the office of the Internal Auditor of the Province |
| 41. | Fr. Puthentharayil Innocent | Finance officer of VH and Administrator of Logos Retreat centre, Babusahibpalaya, Bengaluru |
| 42. | Fr. Thakarappillil Varghese | Asst. Finance officer of VH, Asst. Director of Divine mercy Retreat centre, Vice Rector of Vincentian Minor seminary, Elavur |
| 43. | Fr. Thoyalil Thomas | Finance Officer of VH and Prayer center; Parish priest, VH Chembur, Mumbai |
| 44. | Fr. Thundathikunnel Sebastian | Superior and Novice Master of Vincentian Novitiate House, Padamugham and Manager of De Paul Public School, Rajamudy |
| 45. | Fr. Vazhavelickakath Thomas | Without prejudice to other present assignments, appointed priest-in-charge of St. Antony's Church, Myladi |
| 46. | Fr. Veliyathukunnel Mathew | Relieved from Finance Officer of Vincentian House, Pala without prejudice to other appointments, and appointed to help in school- ministry and to help in popular mission |
| 47. | Fr. Vettickal Joseph | Director of Krupalaya Retreat Center, VH Kattappana |
| 48. | Fr. Xavier Dilip Kumar | Superior of V.H. Agarthala and Director of the proposed retreat centre |

Annual Retreat

The annual retreats organized by the Vincentian Generalate are scheduled for the coming months as given below. Let us please find time for the retreat in the community and plan our personal programs and the programs of the community accordingly. Let us please remember that it is mandatory to take part in the retreats in the community. Let us also remember that a retreat attended in some retreat centers is not a substitute for the retreat with the community. If you want to make any changes regarding the date please inform Rev. Fr. Jojo Marippattu in Generalate. The dates of the retreat are the following:

Aug 21-26 : Generalate, Edappally: Fr Shaji Dominic OFM Cap

Sept 11-16 : DRC, Muringoor: Fr. Augustine Vallooran Jr.

Oct 02-07 : Jamshedpur: Fr. Anil Dev IMS

Nov 13-18 : Generalate, Edappally: Fr. Mathew Assariparambil

Dec 04-09 : Generalate, Edappally: Fr. Jacob Manjaly

Kindly bring the personal Mass register when you come for the retreat. The Mass Register of the House shall be brought by the House superior or someone from the House.

Health corner

May I request Special prayers for Rev. Fr. Jerish Kunnackattu, VC

As you all know Rev. Fr. Jerish is suffering from lung cancer and is in the advanced stage. He is admitted now in S.H. Medical Center Kottayam for care and treatment. Let us all ardently pray to the Lord for his healing and recovery as he is going through a difficult time of pain and suffering. We know indeed that prayer is the best medicine for him now. May I humbly request all our members to devote an hour of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament as a community exercise or individually when there is no community, for Fr. Jerish that the will of God may be fulfilled in him and that his pain etc. may be reduced and also for his total healing. Let us also pray for him in our Holy Masses and ask the people who participate in our Masses and prayers to pray for him in a special way.

Our Senior Members

I am happy to say that all our senior members in different Ashrams are keeping fine. Please continue to pray for them and visit them once in a while. Fr. Parayil John is taking rest in the Provincial House after the surgery to replace the hip ball.

Once again wishing you all the blessings of the Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle,

Yours lovingly in St. Vincent de Paul,

Kottayam
June 20, 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Arackal".

Fr. George Arackal (Sr.) VC
Provincial Superior