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## Message



**“Our Lord wishes that all the Brothers are Sweet in the Heart and Humble in the Mind”**

Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ



SERVANT OF GOD  
Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ

**Dear Brothers,**

Greetings and wishes to you in the name of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

**“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”** (Mt 16:26). We are called upon to ponder over the significance of our souls in this month of November, as we observe All Souls Day with all sincerity and faith. From our day to day life we find people in this world are blindly going after wealth, material gain, power, position, fame etc. forgetting the eternal life. Every one of us would have lost someone dear or near, swallowed by death.

The Lord has given us this day to hold prayers and sacrifices for the commemoration of those who have departed from this world and wait in faith for the promised Resurrection. Death of the loved ones is painful, leaves memories, which cannot be stolen. On this day people will flock to the cemeteries to pay respect to their dearly departed with candles, flowers, and prayers with the hope that their souls be at peace in the company of their Creator. It's an annual tradition practiced by Christians across the world. Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them.

Our sincere prayer can make a soul's life in heaven. Remembering the dead, caring for their tombs and prayers of suffrage are testimony to the confident hope, rooted in the certainty that death does not have the last word on human destiny, as humanity is destined for a life without end, that has its root and its fulfillment in God.

As we know in our own times, lakhs and lakhs of people have lost their life all over the world due to COVID 19 pandemic. One cannot predict anybody's demise. The alarm is given to all human beings to think of their souls which will live forever. Our life has a beginning, but it does not have an end. One day we will die and our

body will be laid in the ground. But our soul will last forever. We need to give importance to the souls for the eternal life. The souls, which are no longer on earth, are waiting for our prayers. Let us remember and offer our prayers for the people who rested in the Lord during this global health pandemic.

As the Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, let us remember the members from our family, friends and our pioneer Brothers who have gone into eternity. Till now 159 brothers have entered into heavenly bliss in our Institute. Let us believe that our Brothers will continually assist and bless us from Heaven. As our Founder, the Servant of God, Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ said, **“I have said Mass yesterday for the brother who passed away and I will continue to pray daily for him. From heaven he will assist you far better than he could have been doing by staying amongst you all”.**

And finally, I wish to remind the words of Pope Francis where he says that “If today we are remembering these Brothers and Sisters of ours who lived before us and are now in heaven, they are there because they were washed in the blood of Christ, that is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, He will never disappoint us”.

The Lord has given us a wonderful opportunity to live our life with Him for doing good in obedience to the Word of God. Our life, holding the Mighty Hands of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, will spontaneously be moulded for the eternal life. We cannot be waiting for a time to come. As we find in 2 Corinthians 6:2, “now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation”.

The ultimate reward of good life in this world is eternity with God in Heaven.

*Velankanni*

Bro. M. Velankanni SHJ  
Superior General

# SUPERIORS' MEET 2020



By the mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we had our Superiors' Meet-2020 on October 22 & 23, 2020 in our Generalate, Palayamkottai, with the sincere participation of the most number of Superiors from far off communities.

The first day of the meeting began with prayer invocation and Rev. Br. S. Maria Soosai Adaikalam SHJ the Asst. General led us in prayer. Rev. Br. D. Gaspar SHJ the Secretary General welcomed the participants and this was followed by our Superior General Rev. Br. M. Velankanni SHJ, delivering a thought provoking keynote address.

Rev. Fr. Xavier Terrence, Secretary, St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science & Education, Vaikalpatty, had been invited as Resource Person. He presented his talk on "Roles and Responsibilities of Religious Superiors in the time of COVID-19" which was very inspirational to follow.

On the second day, Rev. Br. S. John Joe Prabakar SHJ the Mission Superior of North Mission updated the North Mission expedition. Rev. Br. Lourdhuraju D Joy SHJ the Mission Superior of Bala Yesu Mission, elucidated our mission in Andhra & Telangana State. We praise God for His guidance in reaching the unreached areas.

FEEDS, the Agricultural Project recently was initiated for the cause of uplifting the poor agriculturists in and around Caussanelpuram and Rev. Br. A. Arockiadoss SHJ, the Project in-charge explained the on-goings and the future plans of the same.

The Joint Development Venture at Geddalahalli, another resource mobilizing project is under the Secretaryship of Rev. Br. N. S. Jesudoss SHJ and he explained the past course of action and future proposals to speed up the project for achieving the expected outcome.

The Procurator General Rev. Br. S. Jayaseelan SHJ submitted the auditor's report for the financial year 2019-2020 and it was unanimously approved in order to fulfill the legal compliances. Then the minutes of the General Body meeting was presented by the Secretary General Rev. Br. D. Gaspar SHJ and it was also approved.

Finally our Superior General moderated the common session with his words of encouragement. The Provincial Superiors also shared their views and challenges. The evaluation of the events was summarized by Rev. Br. A. S. Gnanapragasam SHJ the General Councilor. Rev. Br. J. Leveil SHJ the General Councilor proposed the vote of thanks. The meeting came to an end with closing prayer.



# SUPERIORS' MEET 2020



## EXTENDED GENERAL COUNCIL - 2020

We praise the Sacred Heart of Jesus that we were able to conduct the Extended General Council-2020 as we experienced a relaxation in the lockdown restrictions due to COVID-19, and the meet was held on October 24 & 25, 2020 at Generlate in Palayamkottai.

It all began with the invocation of God's presence and hovering of Holy Spirit in all the sessions. Rev. Br. D. Gaspar SHJ, Secretary General checked the attendance and delivered the welcome address. Declaring the Extended General Council-2020 open, Rev. Br. M. Velankanni SHJ, Superior General delivered his inspiring inaugural address. He introduced the resource person of the day Rev. Fr. Dr. Innasimuthu SJ, Director of Xavier Research Foundation, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.

The Resource Person presented in an elaborate manner his topic on "Positioning Religious Leaders in Today's Socio- Political Context in Tamilnadu". In the afternoon session Rev. Br. S. Maria Soosai Adaikalam SHJ, reported the activities of Spirituality and Formation Commission. Rev. Br. T. Antony Raj SHJ, Provincial Superior of Angelo Province moderated the session.

In continuation of that Rev. Br. A. S. Gnanapragasam SHJ, General Councilor, explained in detail the updates of School Education Commission. Rev. Br. I. Arockiam SHJ, the Councilor of Caussanel Province moderated the same.

Rev. Br. D. Gaspar SHJ, Secretary General, presented the reports on Higher Education Commission. The moderator of the session was Rev. Br. J. Raymond SHJ, the Secretary of Angelo Province.

Then Rev. Br. J. Leveil SHJ, General Councilor, updated the mission of Social Action, FSH & Lay Associate Commission. Rev. Br. N. M. Michael Raj SHJ, the Councilor of Caussanel Province moderated this session.

After a solemn prayer invocation on the second day, Rev. Br. A. S. Gnanapragasam SHJ, General Councilor, elucidated the features of Finance Commission. The moderator of the session was Rev. Br. M. Williams SHJ, the Secretary of Caussanel Province. Then the



# FOUNDATION STONE LAYING AT MYDANAHALLI



A team of 25 people led by Bro. N S. Jesudoss SHJ travelled to Mydanahalli, Bangalore on 12th September, 2020 for the foundation laying ceremony of the "House for the Brothers". The staff of the Society, along with Bro. A. Divianathan SHJ, Bro. S. Christuraj SHJ and Bro. D. Irudaya Raj SHJ, participated in the event. Bro. S. Thomas Robert Edward SHJ and Bro. A. Gnanapragasam SHJ from Hindupur Community also joined us at the venue in order to pray and bless the event.

At Mydanahalli, we had a prayer invoking the blessings of the Almighty and Fr. Arul from 'Sons

of Divine Providence' shared the Holy Word. Fr spoke about the importance of the Hand of God in the construction work by sharing from Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain".

After prayer, sweets were distributed to all the people gathered. This is indeed the beginning of many more good things to come in the context of assisting the villagers to live a sustainable socio economic life.

This event was scheduled to be held much earlier, but due to the delays in getting the power supply

from the government authorities as well as the sustained lockdown owing to COVID-19, there was a slowdown and things did not occur as they were planned. Many pending applications for the supply of power for the agricultural lands owned by the nearby villagers have caused a delay in our application being attended to by the local village office. Additionally, the delay due to the COVID outbreak has deferred the commencement of the construction work due to the unavailability of the labourers since most of them are migrant workers.



# NORTH MISSION



## CONTACT VISITS OF NORTH MISSION

Rev.Br.S. John Joe Prabakar SHJ the North Mission Superior and Rev.Br. V.Susairaj SHJ the North Mission Secretary visited Bachhoda Community on 09.08.2020 and encouraged our brothers for continuing their ministry. Rev.Br.S.John Joe Prabakar SHJ the Mission Superior visited the Bishop of Patna on 09.09.2020. He visited the Biharshariff Community Brothers and ministry places.



## INAUGURATION OF ACADEMIC YEAR OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE OF ART AND SCIENCE

On 15.10.2020 the academic year of Sacred Heart College of Art and Science –Dhani was inaugurated. We had Holy Mass in the College. The Chief Guests of the inauguration were Rev.Br. S. Maria Soosai Adaikalam SHJ the Asst. General of our Congregation and Rev.Fr. Cherien the Parish Priest of Dhani. Rev.Br. A.Arockiadass SHJ the Secretary of the College welcomed the gathering. Rev.Br.S.John Joe Prabakar SHJ thanked everyone for their presence.

# NORTH MISSION



## ENTRANCE CEREMONY OF OUR POSTULANTS

The postulants program started on 20.09.2020. Our postulants had preparatory retreat by Rev.Br. S.Maria Soosai Adaikalam SHJ the Asst. General from 13.10.2020 to 16.10.2020. Seven of our aspirants entered into Postulancy on 16.10.2020, presided over by Rev.Br.S. Maria Soosai Adaikalam SHJ the Asst. General in the presence of all our Dhani Brothers.



## VISIT OF BISHOP TO DHANI

On 02.09.2020 the Bishop of Indore Rev. Dr. Chacho Thodamarical SVD visited our Brothers community, College and organic farming land.

## SACRED HEART FEAST

All the communities (Dhani, Bachhoda and Biharsharif) in North Mission celebrated the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in a simple and meaningful way on 19.06.2020. All the Brothers renewed their vows during the feast day Holy mass.

## ONLINE ANNUAL RETREAT

Online Annual Retreat was organized for the North Mission communities by North Mission administrative team from 03.08.2020 to 08.08.2020. The retreat preacher was Rev.Fr. Willson SVD. The theme of the retreat was "The Mission of Christ continued in our Life"

## ORIENTATION ON VISION AND MISSION OF NORTH MISSION

We had online Orientation Conference on 22.08.2020 for our North Mission Brothers. The resource persons were Rev. Br. A. Victordass SHJ and Mr. Ambrose Christy. They helped our Brothers to find Mission, Vision and Objectives of our communities.



# CURE ILLAM

Great things happen when God mixes with us. Yes dear Brothers I am very glad to share with you about the birthday celebration of our Founder Rev.Fr.Adrian Caussanel SJ.

The day dawned with the chirping of birds in the sky and with the ringing of bells in the church, as we have started CURE ILLAM for mentally ill women (MI) and mentally retarded men (MR) homes at Mekkalur in Tiruvannamalai District. This home is named after our Holy Founder Rev. Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ and as we are completing one year of our mission here, it is the best time for us to celebrate and thank God.

This is my pleasure to say that the day has come with its beauty and blessing to celebrate, as we had the celebration on 30th September 2020. On this day we were blessed to have very important persons amidst us namely, **Very Rev. Msgr. I. John Robert the Diocesan Administrator of Vellore Diocese, Very Rev. Fr. Gnana Jothi the VF and the Parish Priest of Tiruvannamalai, Very Rev.Br. M. Velankanni SHJ the Superior General of Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rev. Br. S.Benjamine SHJ the Superior of Amali nagar Community and Rev. Fr. Antony Raj the Parish Priest of Mekkalur Parish.** The presence of our loving Brothers from our own communities added more joy to us. Not only that we also had the invited guests of religious Sisters and many of the Diocesan Priests from neighboring Parishes. The parishers of Mekkalur parish joined us on this day.

We started the celebration by welcoming the Guest of Honour of the day by sparing flowers and clapping hands at the main

gate. Then there was the opening of the Memorial Stone which was laid at the entrance of the building. This stone was blessed by Very Rev. Msgr. I. John Robert the Diocesan Administrator of Vellore Diocese and the screen was opened by Very Rev. Br. M. Velankanni SHJ, Superior General of Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There after the cutting of ribbon was done by Rev. Br. M. Velankanni SHJ, Superior General of Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Then main door of the house was opened with a key by Rev.Br. S. Benjamine SHJ the Superior of Amali nagar Community.

After a tea-break, they proceeded to the Altar for Holy Mass. Here the invited guests of the day were honored by gifting them with shawl and towel. Rev.Br. J. Leveil SHJ the Director of CURE Illam gave a brief introduction about the importance of the celebration and the Holy Mass followed.

After the Holy Communion the Holy Eucharist was carried by Rev. Br. M.Velankanni SHJ the Superior General of Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the chapel and it is placed in the tabernacle by Rev.Fr. Antony Raj the Parish Priest of Mekkalur parish. Followed by delicious lunch the day's celebrations came to an end.

As such 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 shines as a golden thread in the history of CURE ILLAM.

Thanking you,

In Christ  
Br. J. Leveil SHJ  
Director



**Inviting the Guests**



**Building Inauguration**



**Holy Mass**



**Honouring Guests**

# OPENING - COR NIVAS



On the auspicious dawn of Thursday, 19th March 2020, the Sacred Heart College campus at Dindigul was exuberating with the mode of celebrating the inauguration of "COR NIVAS" with invited dignitaries, distinguished guests, the Management and the staff of our esteemed institution. Rev. Bro. S. Innasimuthu SHJ, the Principal and Secretary of our College accoladed all the invited Guests and welcomed all for the event.

The Most Rev. Dr. P. Thomas Paulsamy D.D, Bishop of Dindigul was the Chief Guest

who blessed the new Brothers' Residence and the Guest of Honour, Very Rev. Bro. M. Velankanni SHJ, Superior General, inaugurated the same along with the Priests and Sisters from the nearby Communities and Staff of our college.

The celebration continued with the Solemn Holy Mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop and the Priests with the invited guests of the event. Rev. Bro. S. Lourduraj SHJ, the Campus Counsellor honored all the Priests and Sisters with a shawl and a memento. There was a cultural program by the

students of our college followed by honoring the construction workers with compliments and gifts. Rev. Bro. S. Arockiaraj SHJ, the Vice Principal proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the program.

The whole program was systematically organized and executed by our staff under the guidance of Rev. Bro. Vice Principal. Rev. Sr. Josephine, Girls hostel warden of our college, had made arrangements for Holy mass with the help of the students. The celebration came to an end with a delicious meal to all present.



# A Tribute To...

## REV. BR. M. MARIANNA DASARI SHJ

## REV. BR. V. JAMES ELANGO MUTHAIAH SHJ



Rev. Br. M. Marianna Dasari SHJ, a faithful devotee of Mother Mary as we find Maria in his name itself, had an ambition when he was young that one of his family members should wear Cassock to serve the Universal Church of Christ. His compassionate and devoted parents Mr. Dasari Mathiyas and Mrs Desari Salomi lived a humble life at

Nekkallu in Andhra Pradesh. His father passed away when he was just four years old. His elder brother Mariadas took the role of a parent and supported Rev. Br. M. Marianna Dasari SHJ until Mr. Mariadass got married. By then Rev. Br. M. Marianna Dasari SHJ was in the Junior College.

God chose him during his days of Junior College to join St. Joseph's Brothers Congregation where he served for thirteen years. When St. Joseph's Congregation was suspended, on the invitation of Rev. Br. M. Antony Cruz SHJ and by the will of God, he joined our Brothers of the Sacred Heart Congregation. He joined our Congregation as a Postulant in 1992, professed his First Vows in 1994 and Perpetual Vows in 2001. He was the Silver Jubilarian to praise the Sacred Heart in 2018. From the day one of his joining our Congregation, he was an ardent prayer warrior, staunch Vocation Promoter and an advocate for the uplift of poor student, until his least breath on September 10, 2020.

Special mention must be made about his vibrant efforts in promoting vocation. We can call him the champion of Vocation Promotion. He lived the charism of our Congregation. He mingled freely with all sorts of people, especially he was moved by the love of the poor and the marginalised. In spite of his physical ailment, he was always enthusiastic, joyful, friendly to children and youth, having the sole objective of promoting Vocation. He stands as a role model to our Brothers in these aspects.

If we live, we live for the Lord and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. - Romans 14:8



Born in a big family of seven children, Rev. Br. V. James Elango Muthaiah SHJ was the sixth one and they all were blessed to live in their residential house just behind the St. Xavier's Cathedral, Palayamkottai. As such, the church bell as well as the services was so audible that they were drawn to the church regularly on time. This itself gave a strong foundation to our Rev. Br. V. James Elango SHJ to live a spiritual life when he was a school boy, leading to his initial stage of Formation as Aspirant. He did his Secondary and Higher Secondary schooling at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Vickramasingapuram.

During his Formation as Novice and Tertian, he practiced extraordinary qualities of calmness, quietness, serenity and patience, becoming a role model to his fellow formees. He had the talent to play musical instruments. He became a trained teacher from Christhu Raja Teacher Training Institute and took up his teaching ministry in our Congregation. During his tenure as teacher in Soosainagar, he used to visit our school for the Visually Impaired at Amali Nagar. God utilised his musical talents to teach music to the visually impaired children and Rev. V. Br. James Elango SHJ took efforts to start a Music Troop, which later became one of the best music groups on the banner, Amalarakkini Orchestra of the Blind.

The administrative role of Rev. Br. V. James Elango Muthaiah SHJ deserves to be recorded in golden letters in our Congregation. Be it the responsibility of Headmaster of school, Superior of Community, Director of Hostel/Home and Procurator General of Province, Rev. V. Br. James Elango SHJ stood as a star to start new initiatives. The English Medium School at Ramnad, stands as a stunning example for this. He took vibrant efforts in getting recognition from the Government Department for our English medium institutions.

Rev. V. Br. James Elango Muthaiah SHJ was admired for his unique qualities of Simplicity and Sweetness all through his life as he used to call his fellow men, "BOSS". In return he was also called "BOSS". His companionship was enjoyed by everyone, especially by all the Brothers. Without giving burden to anyone, he breathed his last on September 29, 2020. He will always be remembered as a devoted Brother, passionate administrator and humility & sweetness personified.



## CHILDREN'S DAY

As we all know, Children's Day is a commemorative date celebrated annually in honour of children on November 14, in order to highlight the Rights, Care and Education of children, on the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawharlal Nehru, who considered Children as the real strength of a nation and foundation of society.

We, as Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are bound to celebrate the day as we are entrusted with children in our education ministry, Speaking on the Rights of the children, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for such belongs the Kingdom of God" (mark 10:14).

It is our bounden duty to protect their right to come to the Lord and shepherding them in paths of righteousness is our prime responsibility. Nowadays we come across the news media focussing more about the various forms of abuses encountered by children of our Country. Let us on this day make an assertion to ensure protected and joyful childhood life to all the children.

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King is celebrated on November 22, to proclaim the supreme and absolute dominion of the Almighty over all the things created.

As we find in 1 Corinthians 6:20, "For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's".

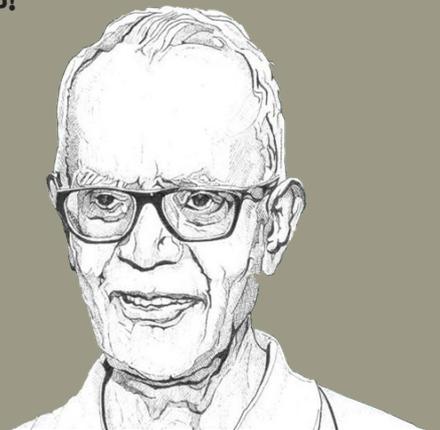
Let us celebrate the day with solemnity and piety and inherit the blessings of the Lord.



## அருட்தந்தை ஸ்டீவ் சுலா: சைலாட் சக்களின் சௌகர்

காவேரியில் வளர்ந்து, ராஞ்சியில் மலர்ந்து மும்பை சிறையில் வாடும் குறிஞ்சி மலரே!  
அர்ப்பண வாழ்வை ஆதிவாசி மக்களுக்காக அர்ப்பணித்த உண்மை துறவியே!  
ஆதிக்க சக்திகளை, அநீதிகளைக் கேள்வியால் வேள்வி செய்த தீப்பந்தமே!  
துயருறும் உயிர்களின் துன்பத்தை துடைக்க கடவுள் அனுப்பிய காவல் தூதரே!  
ஓய்வு எடுக்கும் வயதில் ஓயாது உழைக்கும் பகலவரே!  
மண்ணையும் மக்களையும் காக்க வந்த நவீன மோயீசரே!  
எளிய மனிதர்களை அன்பு செய்த மனித உரிமை வேங்கையே!  
வறண்ட காடுகளில் கனிவை பொழிந்த ஜார்கண்ட் சேசு சபை கார்மேகமே!  
சமூக நீதியை தன் முதுகில் தூக்கி சுமக்கும் பெரியாரே!  
இறைவனின் அதிமிகு மகிமைக்காக நீதிக்காகத் துன்புறும்  
இன்னொரு ஆஸ்கார் ரோமேராவே!  
பழங்குடி மக்களின் மனசாட்சி முரசொலியே  
சிறையிலிருந்து மீண்டு வாருங்கள்!  
நம் மூத்த சகோதரரை காக்க மின்னல் முழக்கமிடுவோம்!  
ஓர் தாய் பிள்ளையாய் ஒருங்கிணைவோம்!!

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