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Message



Dear Brothers,

I would like to share a couple of thoughts with you on the events which take place during this month particularly.

(i) World day of Consecrated Day

There is a rapid transformation in every walk of life; we find the changing scenario in the world. We are called to find new goals, new perspectives and new relationship with people of the world. **For this the Consecrated Life is to be strengthened and revived with the total commitment and conviction.** The religious commit themselves in escalating their intelligence and conscience in incorporating their feelings, emotions, sensibilities, effectiveness and their will. Above all they must love their life of commitment. In spite of crises, challenges and obstacles they may encounter, the religious should strive to achieve the desired goals of their call. As we find in Luke 9:62 *"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God"*. The religious should face and overcome the challenges of the world, with conviction and commitment. We are consecrated and being sent to fulfill the will of God in our field of mission. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many"*(Mk: 10:45).

(ii) Foundation Day

The Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has gracefully completed 118 years of meritorious service to the marginalized through evangelization, education and empowerment programmes in multiple dimensions. Our prime duty,

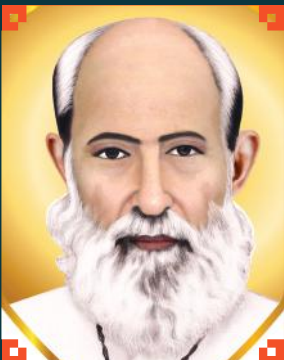
however, is to spread the good news to the poor, in the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus through our being and doing with the marginalized. **We need to re-discover the meaning and significance in an in-depth manner of our Vocation to Brotherhood.** The more we take the cross of Christ, the more we experience the Love of Christ. *We have to be the grains of wheat destined to die in order to give life to others (Jn12:24).* Let us thank the Lord for the gift of our Founder and the pioneers who stand as strong pillars for the growth of the Institute.

(iii) Holy Season of LENT

The Season of Lent emphatically invites us to speak out the truth, justice and honesty of our lives; we are called to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Integrating both segments is artistic and let us be convinced of the segments as well. We have been hearing about the suicide of farmers in the dailies for a long time now and the wake of 2021 is unfolding one of the largest people's struggles happening in the capital city of New Delhi-The Farmers' Protest which is demonstrated in a peaceful and democratic manner. We need to understand that this protest is not associated only with the farmers but how from each corner of the country this law would impact on others. However the government is trying to suppress their voices by using the power in unconstitutional and autocratic tones. **Let us pray, fast to support** the farmers during the Holy Season of Lent in a special way to obtain the benefits for a tranquil life.

"Complete adherence to the good pleasure of God is the summit of perfection"

- Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ



SERVANT OF GOD
Fr. Adrian Caussanel SJ

(iv) World Day of Social Justice

Social justice and social development are integral and indispensable components for the acquisition and maintenance of peace and security within and among the people. Persons working for peace, security and empowerment of the marginalized were put behind the bars today. Human rights and fundamental freedom are not respected rather violated in an intensive fashion which is an alarming situation to all. Today we face serious challenges in and around the world, including financial crises, insecurity, poverty, exclusion and inequality within and among societies. **As our Founder, stood for the social justice and brought equality within the church by demolishing the wall that divided the people, let us uphold his far-sighted vision as an exemplary tool in the field of mission, ensuring a sustained guidance as torch-bearers to the people whom we are entrusted.** He prepared the way for building the foundation of faith of the people that we are one in Christ. Let us have the courage, confidence and strength in the faith aspect in Christ himself in order to establish social justice, walking in the foot prints of the Founder.

Pope Francis invites us **TO DREAM AND TO HOPE** (FT8). There is a place for each person in God's table. Each person brings his own gifts, talents, knowledge, expertise, experiences and self to the world. Let us resolve our differences and with one mind and one heart impart the richness of our talents and potentialities in the process of diversifying our gifts to the sphere of humanity. It would be quite befitting to celebrating our God-given talents in sharing and caring with the frail and the vulnerable society.

Finally may our **Consecrated Life** be rooted in the Word of God, **Spreading** the good news to the poor in the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by **Listening** to the cry of the poor to build Newer World and thereby **Building** their own future for their uplift at all scenario where all can **Lead a Life** with **Peace, Harmony and Solidarity.**

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"(Romans 15:13).

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Bro. M. Velankanni SHJ
Superior General

BIHARSHARIF-BASE

Praise God, that the Archdiocese of Patna is blessed with a New Bishop and it is an honour, that on behalf of the Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rev.Br.S.John Joe Prabakar SHJ, the Mission Superior, Rev.Br.Savari Raj SHJ, the Superior of St. Joseph Nivas and Rev.Br.Akash SHJ, participated in the ceremony of the Installation of His Excellency Most Rev. Sebastian Kallupura D.D., as the Archbishop of Patna on 29th December 2020. It was a graceful occasion when we honoured the incoming Archbishop with shawl.

At this juncture we must make special mention about His Excellency Most Rev. William D'Souza SJ, D.D. the outgoing Archbishop who was very closely associated with the mission of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in the Patna Archdiocese. His guidance, support and encouragement in all our new mission initiatives at Patna Archdiocese deserve to be recorded in bold letters in the history of our Ministry in Patna. We heartily appreciated him and expressed our gratitude by honouring Most.Rev. William D'Souza SJ. D.D. with shawl by way of giving him a grand send-off.



GEDDALAHALLI-BIRDS

Inter Faith Dialogue for peace building programme was held on January 12, 2021 at BIRDS centre in Geddalahalli. This unique event was meant exclusively for Youth Peace Group, CSST Sisters and other NGO staff-members. Five Religious Leaders had been invited as Resource Persons and they shared their views on different stages of peace building. About 70 members participated enthusiastically. As today's youth are shattered by social stigmas, this programme served as a motivational factor for the young minds. The agenda ended up with supper.



Pongal, the acclaimed harvest festival was celebrated by the BIRDS with the villagers at Balapuram in Karnataka State on January 15, 2021. Around 60 people from the village passionately participated in the Pongal Celebration. Games were conducted for them and prizes were distributed. Sweet pongal was served and the people gladly appreciated the initiatives of the BIRDS in the village.



DINDIGUL -COR NIVAS

Most Rev.P.Thomas Paulsamy DD, the Bishop of Dindigul installed the Blessed Sacrament in Cor Nivas Community, Dindigul on January 15, 2021 at the closing of the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. This ceremony was graced by our Superior General Rev.Br.M.Velankanni SHJ by his enthusiastic participation. Rev.Br.J.Casmir SHJ, Provincial Superior of Caussanel Province, many Brothers from various Communities, Priests, Religious Sisters from

nearby congregation and the members of the staff made the occasion memorable by their benign presence.

This event was followed by the laying of Foundation Stone for the new Auditorium cum Prayer Hall in the campus. Our Superior General Rev.Br.M.Velankanni SHJ laid the Foundation Stone, with a prayerful passion.



PALAYAMKOTTAI-GENERALATE

An Orientation Programme was arranged at the Generalate by our Superior General Rev.Br.M.Velankanni SHJ, exclusively for the members of the administrative teams of both the Provinces and that of the Generalate on January 16, 2021.

The theme of the meeting was 'Mission for Emerging Future-Canons, Constitutions and Statutes'. Rev. Fr.Swaminathan, the Canon Law expert from Archdiocese of Pondicherry was the Resource Person. The participants were enlightened with all the salient features of the Chapter, which really was valuable for the members of administrative teams.



OUR FOUNDER'S DAY

We commemorated the 91st Heavenly Birth of our Founder Rev.Fr.Adrian Caussanel SJ the Servant of God, on January 25, 2021 with all solemnity and fervour. There was a candle light procession from the mausoleum of our Founder at 6.15am, leading to the Chapel followed by special Eucharistic Celebration. The short introductory note about our Founder was given by Rev. Br.S.Jayaseelan SHJ(CP). Brothers from neighbouring communities and the lay people participated devotedly. Rev.Br.D.Gaspar SHJ, the Secretary General coordinated the liturgical service and had made the arrangements in an orderly manner



CHENNAI-PLANET WINGS

National Girl Child Day, exalting the importance of female children was celebrated at Planet Wings by the members of the staff along with the participation of children from neighbouring homes, on January 24, 2021. The programme became a

clarion-call to the society to protect the girl children from abuses and negligence. The highlight of the day was the inauguration of computer classes, exclusively for poor students in view of excelling them in Millennium Generation Technology.



MUTHUPETTAI - PATRON'S DAY CELEBRATION

Caussanel College of Arts & Science, Muthupettai celebrated their Patron's Day on January 23, 2021, in the College premises with pomp and piety.

The programme began with an invocation for the presence of God, by Asst. Professor Mrs. D.Jenitta followed by the welcome address of Dr.A.Baskara Boopathy, HoD, Bio-Chemistry.

Ms. Nayagi Kipsi, a student spoke on the Educational and Social Ministry of Rev.Fr.Adrian Caussanel SJ, our Patron. The Principal Dr. K. Hemalatha, in her short speech, highlighted the importance of the Patron's Day. The Secretary of our College Rev.Br.S.Maria Soosai Adaikalam SHJ, delivered his Presidential address, emphasising the services of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart for the cause of Education to the rural children and youth.

The Chief Guest of the Day Rev.Dr.S.Jerald Jesu SHJ, Superior of the Community distributed prizes to winners of the competitions like elocution, verse-writing, rangoli, dance and drama conducted specially for the celebration and addressed the gathering.

To mark the occasion, saplings were planted in the College premises. Dr.Rajalakshmi HoD, Tamil proposed vote of thanks. L.Abinaya and M.Subasri, anchored the programme and made it lively.



DHANI-SACRED HEART COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

An Orientation Programme was organized for the students of this college with a view to boosting their morale. There were a variety of activities like painting and poster crafting to make the programme more enthusiastic and vibrant. The Mission Superior, Rev. Br.S.John Joe Prabakar SHJ, was the Chief Guest of the day and he distributed prizes to the winners of the competitions. The Administrator of the college Rev.Br.V.Soojai Raj SHJ, proposed the vote of thanks.

The members of the staff along with the Brothers had done all the arrangements meticulously. The 72nd Republic Day was celebrated in the college on January 26, 2021 with gaiety and fanfare. The tri-color flag was unfurled and the Principal Dr.B.L.Chouhan Ph.D., presented an inspiring address, rekindling a patriotism among the participants. It was really a brilliant occasion in the annals of the College.



LINGARAJAPURAM-INFANT JESUS EVENING COLLEGE

The Graduation Day of Infant Jesus Evening College, Lingarajapuram was held on 30th January 2021 at 5.00pm with gusto and pride in a splendid and exuberant order. All the graduates neatly dressed in their graduation robe, received the light of knowledge from the Guests, Secretary, Principal and teachers and passing the light of knowledge was a dazzling sight to admire and applaud.

Rev.Br.JJJ.Dhiraviam SHJ was the distinguished Chief Guest. Rev.Brothers Albert Xaviour SHJ, Vijo SHJ, Irudhayaraj SHJ and Christu Raj SHJ graced the function as Guests of Honour and added shine to the Graduation Day.

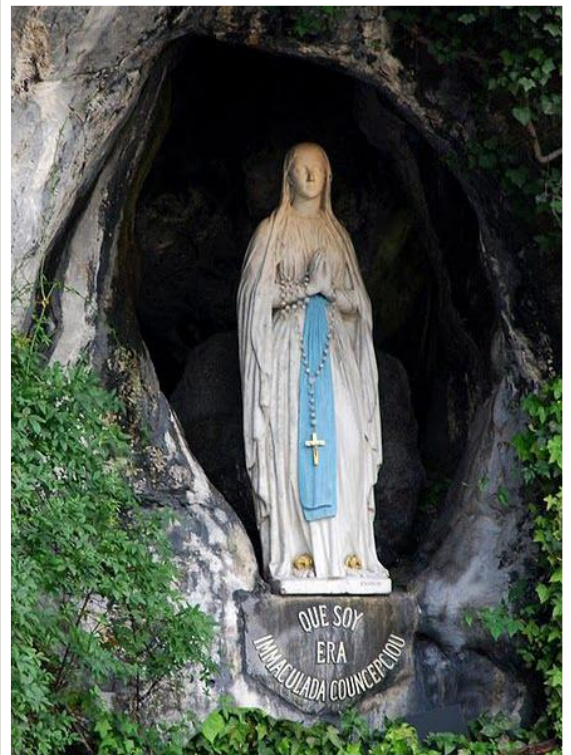


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Please find the details of donations.

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1	St. Mary's Boys Hr.Sec School, Tuticorin	5,000
2	St. Mary's Home, Tuticorin	5,000
3	Arputha Yorthan, Caussanelpuram	1,000
4	Superior, St. Mary's Institutions, Tuticorin	3,000
5	St. Mary's Nursery & Primary School, Tuticorin	2,000
6	Brother's House, Caussanelpuram	1,000
7	St. Mary's House, VK Puram	5,000
8	St. Mary's Primary & Nursery School, VK Puram	5,000
9	St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, VK Puram	5,000
10	St. Mary's Hostel, VK Puram	5,000
11	St. Joseph's Primary School, VK Puram	5,000
12	RC School, Vadamalaisamudram	1,000
13	Brother's House, Singampatti	2,000
14	St. Michael's High School, Singampatti	1,000
15	St. Michael's Primary School, Singampatti	1,000
16	St. Michael's Agri Farm, Singampatti	1,000
17	Vincent Farm, Mukkavar	2,000
18	Vincent Home for Children, Singampatti	3,000
19	Brother's House, Panagudi	3,000
20	Sacred Heart Primary School, Panagudi	5,000
21	Sacred Heart Public School, Panagudi	3,000
22	Sacred Heart Nursery & Primary School, Panagudi	2,000
23	Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Panagudi	5,000
24	Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Panagudi	5,000
25	Brother's House, Suhalayam	3,000
	TOTAL	79,000

Rev.Br.S.Jayaseelan SHJ - Procurator General



Our Lady of Lourdes
be our comfort,
hope, strength
and consolation. Amen.

Wish you all a Happy Foundation Day of Our Institute

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