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THE PEOPLE'S MISSION, KERALA, INDIA

The Popular Mission Ministry of the Southern Indian Province, animated a Popular Mission at St. Peter and Paul Church, Amaravathy - Fort Cochin Diocese of Cochin. The Amaravathy Parish, consist of 950 families is structured into 35 Basic Christian Communities (BCCs). Two months before the commencement of the mission, the team members visited the parish and gave the necessary instructions on how to prepare themselves for the popular Mission (PM): the recitation of the specified prayers in every home, identification of centers of preaching and services, and preparation of the materials like flags, slogans, Bibles etc. In consultation with the pastoral council and BCC leaders, the entire parish was divided into three centers for PM services and named them as Tabor, Gethsemane and Calvary.



On 5th January 2023, the PM commenced with a solemn concelebrated Eucharist, followed by Eucharistic adoration, blessing of oil for anointing and laying of hands on PM team and the lay collaborators. At the end of the service, the papal flag was hoisted and the members proceeded to their specified centers in procession holding the flags and proclaiming the prepared slogans. The services of commencement day were concluded with basic instructions for the following day and the final blessing.

The next day morning at 6.00 am, the members came to the centers in procession proclaiming the slogans drawn from the Word of God and holding the Papal flags. The morning services began with the Eucharistic celebration and a short preaching either during or after the Eucharistic celebration. During the first three days, the retreat team consisting of 10-12 members visited the families of notified area/BCC units, to listen to their sharing and bless their houses. On the family visit days, the family members stayed backed from works and prepared their houses by decorating the houses with words of God and dedication of the Holy Bibles in their homes as a symbolic expression of centering their lives on Word of God. In the evenings, the participants came to the respective centers in procession as in the morning and prayed the Holy Rosary at 5.30 PM as an immediate preparation for the evening services. The evening services consisted of Eucharistic celebration, proclamation of the Word of God and Eucharistic adoration with healing services.





On the 4th day everyone received the opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation. The people approached the sacrament with real repentance and earnest desire to renew their lives and strengthen their relationship with God and one another. This was clearly reflected in the Enthusiastic participation in the praise and worship services and the agape. On the 5th day of PM, provisions for spiritual counseling were arranged.

On the final day the participants gathered together at one center. The PM is concluded with a solemn Eucharistic service, laying of hands on everyone, healing service, and recommitment to live their baptismal commitment. During the Eucharistic adorations the anointing of the Spirit and a sense of spiritual renewal were strongly felt.

The whole-hearted collaboration of the pastor, co-pastor, religious sisters and lay leaders was really admirable. The coordinated efforts of pastoral council, BCC leaders, retreat team and above all the divine inspiration and guidance contributed to the success of the PM. Increasing number of participants, as the PM progressed, was an evident sign of the longing of the people for the Word of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit. May the Good Shephard inspire parishioners of Amaravathy to persevere the enlivened gifts of faith, sustain their steadfast hope and become instruments in spreading the flames of true Christian Charity.

INSTALLATION OF THE VISITOR

SOUTH INDIA





On 25th January 2023 on the feast of Conversion of St.Paul and the Feast of the Foundation of the Congregation of the Mission Rev.Dr.Anil Thomas Karackavayalil C.M. was installed the Visitor for a second term of three years. The concelebrated Holy Mass began at 6.pm at the Priests Home, Belwadi. Many of the confreres, Daughters of Charity, Priests, Sisters, Seminarians and the faithful were present on the occasion. The Holy Mass was followed by felicitation and agape.





THE GIFT OF
FAITHFULNESS;
THE JOY OF
PERSEVERANCE.



Invited by the Visitor of the Vice-Province of Cameroon, Fr. Guérolé FEUGANG, CM, Bishop Anton Stress, CM, and the Bishop Emeritus of Lubiana arrived in Cameroon on 28 January 2023. In his programme, he was to give a talk to the confreres by vocation age groups, those over 15 years old and those under 15 years old on the theme: "The gift of fidelity; the joy of perseverance. Abide in my love". Jn 15,9
The meetings took place in two stages according to age groups, on 7 and 13 February 2023, at the Provincial House.

During the meeting, which covered 21 points, the Bishop invited the confreres to flee from the culture of the temporal, which is at the origin of many identity crises, both individual and communal; to work on the sense of creative fidelity in relation to time and space. He reminded the confreres that our life in the CM is meaningless without faith. Community life remains a powerful support to overcome crises; however, it should not be expected to provide a total solution. That is why it is important that each confrere knows how to take on loneliness, but not an empty loneliness, but a loneliness inhabited by God. It is a path of conversion that each one must follow in order to resolve the crises. But in order to do so, one must know how to persevere. Persevering means taking on the memory of the past and the hope of the future".

In conclusion, the Bishop exhorted his young confreres never to forget that the path of consecrated life has bright moments (Tabor, the beginning of missionary life) and dark moments (Gethsemane, Good Friday). Keeping this in mind helps to form the conscience for the good and, above all, to remain centred on God.

P. Laurent Georges ZIBI, CM

Head of Communication Vice-Province of Cameroon



MISEVI MISSION 2023: "GO AND DO LIKEWISE" LK 10:37



Under the biblical passage of Luke, where the parable of the Good Samaritan is reflected, the first MISEVI Mission experience in Argentina was lived. The place designated for this mission was the province of San Juan, Argentina. There we were able to announce the word of God and the joy of the God who loves us all equally for a period of one week. The mission took place within the framework of the meeting, in the house of the Vincentian Sisters (who no longer reside there). It is worth mentioning that divine providence has given rise to this meeting-mission. The 32 people, including one family, lived together in an atmosphere of spirituality, docility and companionship. This short report can be divided into two parts:





The meeting that makes us brothers and sisters...

After the time of the pandemic, the human being had the need to be able to meet again and to meet again in faith. What was different about the mission was the sharing of talks, workshops and group work. The talks took place in the afternoon, at siesta time, due to the high temperatures, so we could only go out to meet and visit the neighbourhoods in the morning until midday and then in the afternoon when the sun had gone down a little. The talks focused on spiritual help: prayer with the word, prayer in the daily life of the missionary and the networks, new fields of evangelisation. After supper and through a more active dynamism we experienced two workshops: missionary joy and the purpose of life through faith.

He saw it and was moved with compassion...

The parable of the Good Samaritan was experienced through action, which was carried out by visiting each of the families, listening to the stories and experiences of the families in the four neighbourhoods visited: B° Las Tierritas, B° Cuesta del Viento, B° Angualasto and Villa Alba. The families were very open, as the first ones to receive the missionaries are always the children. In each of the afternoons shared in the square, a common place, meetings were held for children, young people and adults. The shared mate, juice and biscuits and the joy at every game, song and shared prayer could not be missing.

In each of the missionary neighbourhoods, different gestures were carried out: Marian procession, rosaries in the streets. Celebration of mass, sacrament of Baptism. In each of the activities, the missionaries hope that the seed will germinate in each of the families visited.

The first mission of MISEVI teaches us the testimony of the simple, the people of God who observe the walk of the missionaries, the warmth of humility and humanity that leads us to recognise Jesus Christ himself in the other. We join in the prayers of the entire Vincentian family to continue to grow in the proclamation of the compassionate and merciful God with his people.

Rolando A. Vera CM





VISIT TO PAKISTAN



On the 14th February 2023 Monday the beautiful morning with the raising of the Sun the General Superior of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul Fr. Tomaz Mavric CM and Fr. Francis avier Ly Nguyen Thanh CM, Visitor of the Province of Vietnam, landed in Pakistan. The Regional Superior Sr. Rifat Arya and Sr. Anam Saleem welcomed them at the airport and proceed towards the Regional House where they were greeted by Sr. Maryanne Mallia and postulants with garland, according to our culture. It was really great joy for the Sisters of charity of St. Jeanne Antide Thouret to meet these two priests of the Congregation of St. Vincent de Paul.





It was historical for both Congregations because before St. Jeanne Antide was welcome to the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul before she started her own Congregation and now it was their time to be welcomed by Sisters of Charity in Pakistan. Nothing happened by accident but everything is planned by God who calls us all over the world.

In the six days of their stay in Pakistan they had visited many places and have met different persons. During their stay in Pakistan they visited different mission of the sisters like in Yohanabad –Lahore dar-ul-Karishma home for the destitute with 95 persons men and women, Shahdara-Lahore St. Jeanne Antide Bible girls High School with 700 children. Then they have visited the Cathedral of Lahore and have opportunity to greet the arch-bishop Sabestain Francis Shaw, who has shared the mission with them about his diocese.

On the 15th a Major Superiors meeting was organized at the Jesuit house, where they have met the Major Superiors of 25 Congregations that serve all over Pakistan.





On the 16th there was really great chance to meet His Excellency Christophe Z. El.Kassis Apostolic Nunzio to Pakistan. It was really enriching that he also shared his experience about the needs of the mission in Pakistan.

On the 17th at 10am had the meeting with his Grace Doctor Bishop Joseph Arshad of Rawalpindi-Islamabad Diocese. His Grace explained to them about the needs of his Diocese and has invited them to go to visit one of the village of Sorghada Parish. Fr. David John accompanies them to that parish where they met Fr. Rizwan the parish priest who shared with them about the life and parish activities.

On the 18th fr. Tomaz was asked to give a talk to all the religious at the meeting for ongoing formation in Lahore and the theme was, the theology of the Vow of poverty according to the teaching of St. Vincent the Paul. Present were around 70 sisters. It was also great opportunity to meet all the different Congregations some of whom have the same spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul like: Sister of Charity of St. Jeanne Antide Thouret , Brothers of Charity and Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary.

We are happy and grateful to Ft. Tomaz and Fr. Francis for the days they spent among us. For us to was the reunion of two families of the same Vincentian spirituality. We wish and have great hope to see them soon in Pakistan for the establishment of the new mission.





DIACONATE ORDINATION
ORLANDO ARIEL
CHAVARRÍA
GUTIÉRREZ, C.M



On Saturday 11 February, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Eastern Province and the Region of Panama celebrated the ordination to the diaconate of the seminarian Orlando Ariel Chavarría Gutiérrez, C.M., by Monsignor Rafael Valdivieso Miranda, bishop of the Diocese of Chitré and president of the Episcopal Conference of Panama, by Monsignor Rafael Valdivieso Miranda, bishop of the Diocese of Chitré and president of the Episcopal Conference of Panama and in the presence of Fr. Steven M. Grozio, CM, Provincial Visitor, Fr. Joseph Fitzgerald, CM, Superior of the Region of Panama, Priests of the Congregation working in the Region of Panama and ordained companions with whom he studied at the San José Major Seminary, brothers, sisters, relatives, friends from various parts of the country and several members of the Vincentian Family of Panama.



The ordination mass took place at Saint Mary's Parish, Balboa, Panama City and there he received the ministry of the word, liturgy and charity that he will put into practice in his respective community. The celebration began punctually at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 11:30 a.m. where the emotion and joy was present in every attendee.

At the end of the mass all the attendees had the opportunity to share a lunch where they happily had the opportunity to greet and congratulate the new deacon and offer them their affection and promise to keep him in their prayers.



13 HOUSES PROJECT

VINCENT'S HOMES PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA



As part of the international FamVin Homeless Alliance, our 13 Houses project in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, is moving forward steadily. We have now purchased 27 houses. We renovate them and lease them at affordable rates to families living on the edge of homelessness. Most of our tenants are single, working mothers with 1-3 children.

We collaborate closely with other agencies, like Nurse-Family Partnership, Congreso de Latinos, and Face-to-Face to provide other essential holistic services, like healthcare, legal assistance, food supplements, and daycare. With the help of generous donors, Vincent's Homes has invested over \$4.1 million dollars in the East Germantown neighborhood and in greater Northwest Philadelphia.



CIF



Centre International
de Formation
Saint Vincent de Paul.

Dear confreres:

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with us!

VI CIF FOR THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY. Sunday July 2 to Wednesday July 26. Paris. This year we will give some talks related to Communications within the Vincentian Family. Certificate of Participation will be delivered. To register and pay for the course I ask you to write to me at andresmotto@gmail.com Cost 1950 euros.

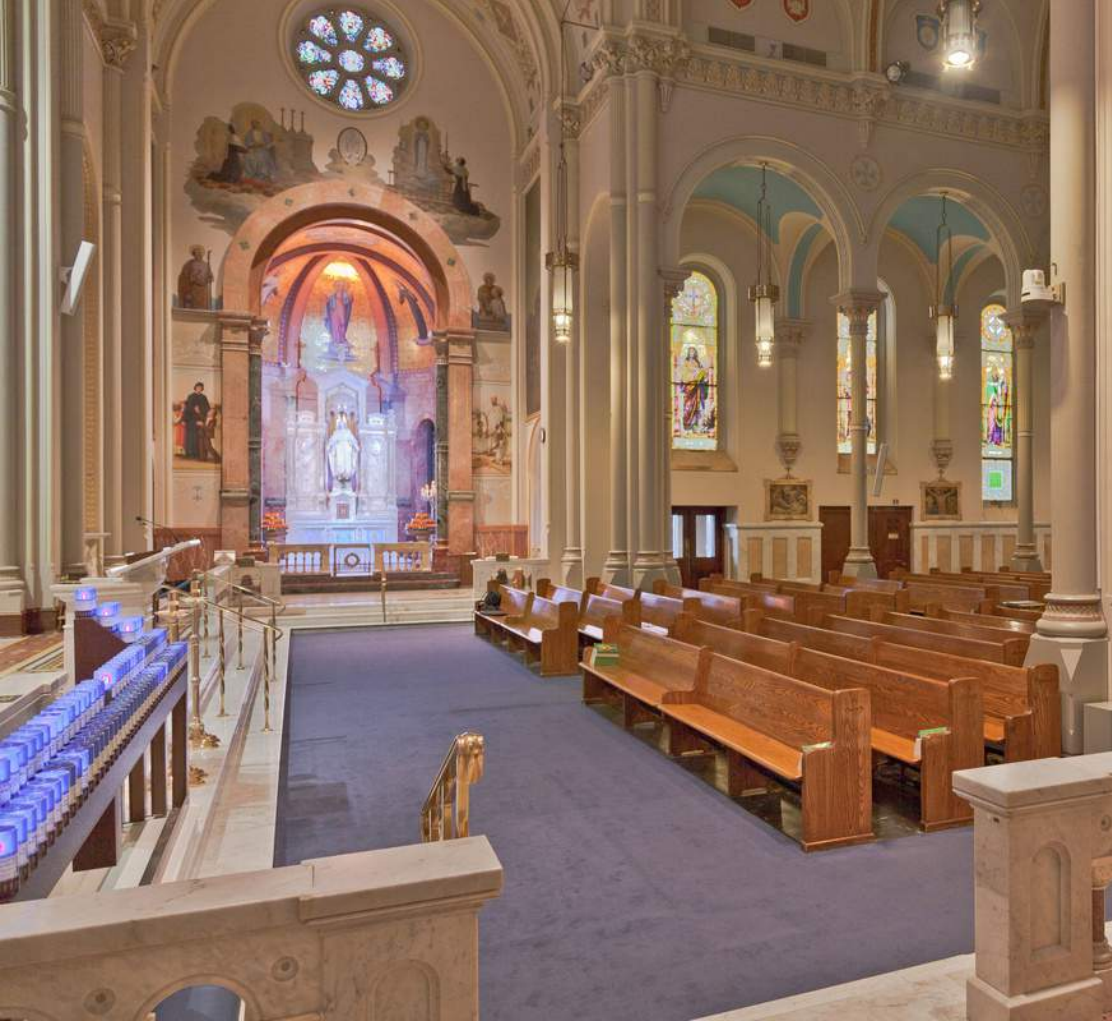
III CIF FOR MISSIONARIES AD GENTES. Sunday, November 5 to Sunday, November 26, 2023. Paris. To register I ask you to write to me at andresmotto@gmail.com Cost 1050 euros.

Some practical tips. 1.- As the Mother House in Paris has almost all the rooms reserved, we ask participants to arrive the same day or the day before, but not earlier. The same request will be demanded when leaving, since these rooms have already been booked for someone else. They know this House works like this. 2.- The price of the meeting includes. all expenses. The best way of payment is paying cash. Or by depositing the money a few weeks before in the French CIF account.

3. Remember that many countries need a visa to enter France! This process is usually longer and complex than you imagine. We must do it well in advance to present the documents that the French government requires of us. To start the process, the French government asks us for the following documents: Photocopy of Passport; date of entry and exit from France; Photocopy of the Travel Medical Insurance (not the photocopy of your country's health insurance). For those who don't need a visa it is simpler. They just must complete the registration we send them and take out Travel Medical Insurance. 4. I ask you to collaborate with us in the dissemination of these CIF courses. Please use your personal or community social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) to spread them. It would make me very happy if you did and I thank you with all my heart.

Blessings,

Pbre ThD. Andrés MOTTO, CM
CIF Director



BASILICA SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL PHILADELPHIA

As members of Mary's Miraculous Medal Family, I am pleased to share some exciting news: Pope Francis, has elevated our Miraculous Medal Shrine to Basilica status. The idea of pursuing basilica status began several years ago as we discussed the historical significance of the Shrine in Philadelphia, the importance of our relationship to St. Catherine Labouré and the role the Shrine has played in the liturgical and pastoral actions within the Philadelphia Archdiocese. The time seemed right to pursue basilica status.



The 18-month process included compiling a 157-page document consisting of more than 100 detailed questions from the Vatican. Upon completion, the application was presented to Archbishop Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who approved it. Joyfully, we got papal confirmation of our elevated status of The Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on January 3, 2023.

While the Shrine's status has changed, its mission remains the same. Our Perpetual Novena will continue on Mondays, just as it has since Fr. Joseph Skelly, CM, introduced it in 1930. We will still celebrate our special Marian masses, and celebrations of St. Catherine Labouré.

Our new status affords us certain privileges and responsibilities. We will add to our liturgical calendar certain feasts, principally the celebration of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter; the solemnity of the Holy Apostles, Peter, and Paul; and the anniversary of the pope's election into pastoral ministry. Additionally, since the designation denotes a special bond of communion with the residing pope, the Basilica Shrine can remove all temporal consequences of sin to individuals, which remain even after the person's sin has been forgiven (plenary indulgence).

We are thrilled that Pope Francis has bestowed this great honor upon us. We are grateful for our faithful devotees, who are an integral part of this monumental growth for the Shrine.



NOMINATIONES

MUTABAZI Alexis	22/02/2023	Director DC Central Africa
NGUYEN QUANG Peter Tien	22/02/2023	Director DC Vietnam
VALENGA Simão	27/02/2023 (Star 28/03/2023)	Visitor Curitiba

ORDINATIONES

ANOOP A.V.	Sac	INM	30/11/2022
FERREIRA Allan Júnio	Sac	FLU	04/02/2023
LI Paul Cang Jian	Sac	SIN	11/02/2023
MEDEIROS DA SILVA Túlio	Sac	FLU	11/02/2023
BLUCHA CALDERÓN René	Sac	SVP	18/02/2023

NECROLOGIUM

Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
ELÍA BALLIRIÁIN Victor	Sac	04/02/2023	CAE	92	73
HERMANN* Richard A.	Fra	04/02/2023	OCC	87	64
OSPINA NARANJO José Luis	Sac	09/02/2023	COL	61	31
CAMPOS DE OLIVEIRA Luiz	Sac	24/02/2023	FLU	91	74
DIEZ LLAMAZARES Eberlino	Sac	28/02/2023	SVP	79	62

ERRATA

Fr. José Carlos Olivindo - Province of Fortaleza has been appointed Director - DC of the Province of Amazonas and not of the Province of Fortaleza of the Daughters of Charity.

MOVEMENTS

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