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**VISIT OF H. E. JOHN  
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### From the Editorial Desk ...

With joy we bring out the 12<sup>th</sup> issue of our *News Letter* aimed at keeping all the members informed of the various activities, undertakings and events that are happening in the various parts of the Congregation. May we kindly remind everyone, especially the Provincials, Vice-Provincials and Delegation Governance, to send us on-time the news items to be published. It is unfortunate that this time most of the Major Organisms did not send news items to be published. Let us, as one family, share among ourselves all our achievements and our endeavours. We always welcome the corrections and suggestions for the betterment. We regret also for the errors and omissions if any. May the Lord help us all that we may be "attractive, coherent and authentic models" for our brothers and sisters and that in us the Good News may be lived, witnessed to, proclaimed and may shine out.

### **Inspiring Thoughts of the Superior General ...**

#### **HOW TO COMMUNICATE OUR FAITH TO OUR YOUTH OF TODAY**

As Missionaries of Faith in service to Christ, we are here to bring the Good News to His people with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. His people include our youth. God often gave jobs of great importance to young people. Evangelising our youth must be a key part of our Mission. It is our duty to bring the joy and love of Christ our Lord into their hearts and lives.



In this month of October 2018, a Synod of Bishops will take place to look at the topic: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". The Pope wants the youth to be the centre of the Church's attention. They are in his heart and they should be in our Congregation's heart too.

## WHY?

There is a great need today for our youth to know our faith. In the beginning, God created man to be of Him and with Him. God's position hasn't changed but today we see a secular world where many think that they do not need Jesus. He is a figure from history, 2000 years ago, irrelevant to today's world. We have to teach people WHY they need Jesus in their lives as well as the what and how of scripture and Catholic protocol.

The truth of the Gospel does not change. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died as a sacrifice so that we might, by faith, be put in right relationship with God. Does this message reach the mind and heart of our youth? Does it have an impact on their relationships and make the world a better place? Christianity is not a list of do's and don'ts. It's about a relationship with Christ.

Unfortunately, our youth are exposed to the human failings within the Church and, together with many of the lay people, are turning their backs on Christianity. The negative is getting heard far more than the positive.

We need to present a credible Church which is not afraid to allow itself be seen as vulnerable. Pope Francis has clearly stated several times recently that the Church is sincere in admitting its past and present wrongs, that it is a Church made up of persons who are capable of error and misunderstanding. The Church will now condemn actions such as the mis-management of power and wealth and will continue to enforce her no-tolerance stance on sexual abuse within her institutions. This humility, will undoubtedly raise its credibility among the world's youth, but we must re-inforce this at a local level within all our parishes. If the Church acts in this way, then it will differentiate itself from other institutions and authorities which the youth, for the most part, already mistrust.

Christians and our Congregation have done, and are doing, great good in the world in the name of Jesus. Our youth need to see this and, more importantly, need to be equipped to participate in making the world better motivated by the love of Christ.

Fortunately, the heart of the Christian faith is love, forgiveness and reconciliation. It's all about relationships, first with God and then with others. The fruit of the Spirit, for example, has direct implications for our relationships with other people. When others can see love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control in our relationships it has an impact. It is our Mission to demonstrate that love. As St. Paul says, if we don't have love we're clanging gongs and clashing cymbals. The youth desperately need to see this in action and it will speak powerfully to them. Actions really do speak louder than words.

Youth is a frustrating time in life. It is that period when one is not old enough to be on his own and yet he is desperately trying to have a sense of independence. Youth are attempting to find some sense of identity whilst trying to conform with their peers.

Today's youth want the Church to spread the Good News message through modern means of communication and expression. The young have many questions about the faith but want answers that are not watered-down or which utilise pre-fabricated answers.

## ACTION

Today's young people are looking for an authentic Church that is transparent, welcoming, honest, inviting, communicative, accessible, joyful and part of an interactive community.

Ideas submitted for consideration by the youth in preparation for this month's Synod can also be useful for us when thinking about how to communicate our faith to them. Ideas include:

Organised Events, Some fruitful initiatives include World Youth Day, courses and programs that provide answers and formation, outreach ministries, youth catechisms, weekend retreats, Charismatic events, choirs/worship groups, pilgrimages, Christian sports leagues, parish or diocesan youth groups,

Bible study groups, university Christian groups, different faith apps and the immense variety of movements and associations within the Church. Don't forget the small groups too. They are the seeds from which the fruit will grow. How many of these are done in your apostolic activities?

The best advice is to simply pursue an atmosphere of authentic love in your ministry. Embrace your youth as friends, include them in your parish, give them responsibility, teach them the Bible.

Our service is always connected to our motto "Grace and Joy in Faith" and it's especially important that we bring this to our youth.

May the Lord through the maternal intercession of Mary Queen of the Confessors of Faith guide and protect us in our mission with the youth.



*Rev. Fr. Jesus Dajac, OFM*  
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Superior General

## **PROGRAMME OF THE GENERAL GOVERNANCE (2018-2023)**

### ***SENSE OF BELONGING AND CONGREGATIONAL AND ECCLESIAL CORESPONSIBILITY***

#### **1. SENSE OF BELONGING**

The unfolding of our lives as Missionaries of Faith takes place in the Church. We belong to Christ and His Church. The sense of belonging cultivated and nurtured by the relationship with God and with others, helps us to experience the beauty of a life donated to God and to humanity and it makes us available to serve the local and universal Church, working in harmony and co-responsibility with the legitimate authorities.

#### **2. CO-RESPONSIBILITY AND COLLABORATION (NETWORKING)**

Various working committees and offices will be established in the General Curia, with the participation of the confreres and collaborators of the entire Congregation, in order to develop well the different issues. The modern means of communication allows us to be able to rely on the help of many people, without necessarily being present in Rome or at the place where the meeting is held. We need to have a good collaboration and communication between the General Governance and the Major Superiors with their respective governing team for a good functioning of the Institute. For this reason we have planned specific meetings with the Major Superiors. In addition to these scheduled meetings, we want that the Major Superiors be constantly in touch with the General Curia.

All of us have to analyse and work on the issues that arise, in order to help the General Council to find the best solutions. They will be many themes to be considered, especially the apostolic priorities and all decisions of the last General Chapter. This requires a lot of prudence and dialogue. The General Chapter itself has asked the General Government to promote their implementation of the priorities approved. This is a course of action.

It is true that much has been done, but it is equally true that we still have a long way to go. In our

Congregation, there are many possibilities and we have a considerable baggage of knowledge and experience accumulated over the years. We have to share these for the growth and development of the Institute, so that we can carry out new projects and new actions in those places where the needs are really urgent.

### 3. GOVERNANCE AND ANIMATION

We intend the authority and animation as a service to the whole Congregation in order to carry on the lines of action that the VII General Chapter approved for the coming years. To govern and animate the Institute means *directing, listening, dialogue, and sometimes correcting*. This is a mission and a service.

The characteristic of our service of governing and animation of the Institute is teamwork and collegiality. Together with the General Council we form a real fraternal and apostolic community and a real working group, dividing and sharing the different responsibilities and tasks that we must carry on. In this way we assume the course of action of the General Chapter that asks to delegate more responsibilities to the General Councillors.

### 4. OFFICES

#### 4.1. The Office of the Procurator General for the Missions

It is a first space of collaboration that was started in the previous governance, and which we must have to promote for encouraging solidarity and cooperation, especially with the works of the Institute in developing countries. Its task will be to manage all the projects related to the Missions and International Cooperation, in coordination with the Major Organisms that will continue to maintain the activity and the collaboration already existing.

#### 4.2. The Office of the General Prefecture for Formation

To improve our charismatic identity in the missions it is necessary to pay particular attention to the initial and ongoing formation of the confreres, with due accompaniment, without leaving alone the young people in their course of formation. Community life lived with joy, a sense of belonging, responsibility, charismatic identity, high levels of passion for the mission, constitute the indispensable strength for an intense religious life and a generous and selfless zeal for the mission.

We must become aware of the need for proper selection and training of the formators, and that all the confreres, especially the superiors, should accompany them in their mission.

We also need to analyse the main shortcomings of our vocational pastoral services: insufficient accompaniment of candidates, lack of motivation of the confreres due to poor results, improvisation of the responsibilities for this service, confusion in the recruitment of vocations.

Despite the difficulties, there are some essential key points to promote new vocations that arise to the extent that we live fraternal charity, prayer for vocations, a style of life that is sober, simple and welcoming, an intense atmosphere of spiritual life and, ultimately, a joyful way of living the vocation.

#### 4.3. The Office of the General Prefecture for Spirituality

The spiritual life, that is, life in the Spirit of God, is the source in which we absorb and that makes us renew our lives, where we find light and rest, compassion and energy. The daily personal prayer, community prayer and the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, are the sources that give the lifeline to the roots of our consecration and of our personal, community and apostolic life.

#### 4.4. The Office of the General Prefecture of the Apostolate

To improve our charismatic identity, it is necessary to pay special attention to the apostolic activities of the Congregation. We have to follow the apostolic priorities approved by the VII General Chapter.



#### 4.5. The Office of the General Finance Officer

The temporal goods of the Congregation are ecclesiastical goods. The economic governance must be in accordance with our charism and mission. The charismatic economic plan shall be the fruit of a shared journey and communion.

Councils for economic affairs are to be set up in all the Major Organisms in order to foster collaboration and transparency. Besides this, it is also necessary to establish forms of internal verification in order to check the budgets, financial reports in a way that the Major Superiors, with their councils, can monitor the functioning of the economy of the whole Institute.

Every initiative is to be encouraged for the sharing of goods. It is necessary to have a programme approved by the General Governance that conforms to the economic dimension of all the members. This office takes care and organizes the formation of the finance officers of the Congregation.

#### 4.6. The Office of the General Secretariat and the Office of Communication

The General Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Major Organisms manage a series of services for the benefit respectively of the entire Congregation and the Major Organisms. These offices are headed by the Secretary. Among these services it is worth mentioning:

1) The care and preservation of records, documents and anything else concerning the confreres and the Major Organisms. The diligence in fulfilling of this work is highly recommended and the modern electronic media certainly makes it easier. We need to have guidelines that must be respected by all the secretaries so that there will be uniformity.

2) Protocol. This is also a task of the Secretary and must be managed with special care. All incoming and outgoing documents must go through the protocol. It is a register, which can now also be computerized (however, always having the paper one) with two corresponding pages, facing one another, in which they are respectively marked documents arriving and departing.

3) Despatching. Normally are despatched materials of proper production, books, newsletters, and magazines. Also in this field the supervision of the Secretary is important, especially to make sure that the material is actually sent to all the confreres concerned, in compliance with the precision of present addresses, (especially after the annual changes). It is also the task of the secretary to make sure that the what has been despatched has reached its destination. There should be, according to the need, an adequately equipped office for the job. Obviously today we can send many of the materials which we usually send by post, through Internet, in a faster and certainly cheaper manner. But it is necessary that the Secretary, in agreement with the Council, encourage the communities to equip themselves in an adequate way.

4) The translations. This work must be conducted by the general secretary, but nothing forbids that in the future the secretariats of the Major Organisms also have a "translation office". However, the official texts of the Congregation (Constitutions, Regulations, Directory of the Chapters, Acts of the General Chapter and of the Council, *the Ratio Formationis*, circulars of the Superior General, ...) are to be translated and printed by the Secretary General. Possible translation of any of these official texts, made for particular reasons in the Major Organisms, needs the approval of the General Governance. We must seek the cooperation of the confreres and persons who are competent in the different languages, so that the official texts of the Congregation observe, in the various translations, the highest conformity.

5) With regard to the communication and information the Secretary, at all levels, has also the important duty of circulating the communication and information throughout the Institute, and particularly in the Major Organisms. First of all he is responsible for the official communication: communication given on behalf of the respective Superior and Council, decrees, rescripts and all official acts concerning the governance. The publication of the acts and the Congregation official bulletins of the Congregation (for example, MF News Bulletin - information, etc ...), is the duty of the Secretary, helped by his collaborators. The Secretary also, even though other persons may be directly responsible, has to supervise the various

bulletins or news. At the general level it is up to the Secretary to make sure that the news, especially those concerning confreres, houses and activities are accurate and in accordance with our norms. Lastly, beside the official communications, there is also another field - that of mutual information - (between the General Curia and the Major Organisms - at times even of marginal issues, but that makes us feel one family. For achieving it the Secretary is a precious agent). He has to collect, transmit and circulate the information with all the means that modern technology makes available (telephone, fax, email, website ...).

#### **Programmes to be fixed:**

- ⇒ Presenting within 2019 all the documentation for the Pontifical Recognition of the Institute.
- ⇒ Celebration of Provincial Chapters and Assemblies of other Organisms that are not Provinces.
  - \* Provincial Chapter of Viet Nam: 01 – 08 October 2019.
- ⇒ Canonical visits
- ⇒ Meetings of the Major Superiors
- ⇒ Courses for the formators
- ⇒ Meetings of the finance officers
- ⇒ Congregational meetings for charismatic spirituality

## **NEWS FROM GENERAL CURIA**

### **VISIT OF H. E. JOHN Card. ATCHERLEY DEW & SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**



His Eminence John Card. ATCHERLEY DEW, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Wellington (NZ), visited the General Curia in Rome on 24 September 2018. On this occasion a Memorandum of Understanding between the Archdiocese of Wellington and the Clerical Congregation of the Missionaries of Faith was signed. There will be three priests in the community, and they will be available for parish duties and will also be

involved in hospital chaplaincy and support for the Samoan Chaplaincy. While he addressing the MF community at Generalate, he appreciated the pastoral care and the Mission works of MF Samoan Province. We wish and pray that this collaboration between the Archdiocese and our Congregation can bring about abundant fruits for the Congregation and the Archdiocese as well.





## NEWS FROM MAJOR ORGANISMS

### Province of St. Paul (IND)

#### Parish of Our Lady of Velankanni, Malampuzha

Fr. Rejimon Devasia mf, the Parish Priests, speaks of the severest flood of the century that his parish suffered from. Various parts of Kerala, including this parish, witnessed heavy rains, massive landslides & floods, severely affecting the life of the people. Though some of the families lost their livelihood such as cattle, poultry farm and farm equipment, some house were partially or fully damaged, fortunately no life was lost. The parish is very grateful to God for this. The life in the parish is slowly coming back to normalcy. The parish priests and the parishioners express their sincere gratitude to the Province, confreres and all others for the rescue & relief programme and also those who helped them in one way or other and ask for the continued prayer support.



### Province of St. Peter (IND)

#### Installation Ceremony of the Provincial and his Council



Hearty Congratulations to the new governing team of the Province of St. Peter (IND): Rev. Fr. Maria joji Rai, Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Rajendra Prasad Madda, Provincial Vicar, Rev. Fr. Sarveshwara Rao Guda, Finance Officer, Rev. Fr. Ramesh Eachu, Provincial Secretary and Rev. Fr. Santhosh Kumar Pandika, Councilor.

The Installation ceremony was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in the Presence of Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, bishop of the diocese of Eluru. On this occasion confreres of the Province were present to congratulate the new Government and to thank the out-going Government, Rev. Fr. Prabhakar Vangala and his council.

#### Blessing and Inauguration of the Grotto of Immaculate Conception Mary at Peddakorukondi



The Grotto of Immaculate Conception of Mary was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai, Provincial Superior, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018. We congratulate Rev Fr. Rajendra Prasad Madda for his wonderful effort to build a grotto at the Parish of Peddakorukondi. We thank all the benefactors who helped for this great work in the mission.





### **A welcome to the Provincial and his council at Vishwashapuri Dhyanakendram (Eluru)**



A grand welcome was given to the new Provincial and his councillors at **Vishwashapuri Dhyanakendram** by Rev. Fr. Xavier Dagani, the priest in-charge of the retreat centre. We do appreciate this mission for the wonderful works of Charity to YSR Colony, Eluru.



### **Installation ceremony of the Rector of the Holy Trinity Major Seminary**



Rev. Fr. Paul Palipe is appointed as the Rector of Holy Trinity Major Seminary at Nadipalli on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The new Rector took charge of his office in the Presence of Rev Fr. Rajendra Prasad Madda, Provincial Vicar. We Congratulate and wish all the best to the Rector.

### **Visit of Italian benefactors to the province of St. Peter**

A group of Italian benefactors visited the Province of St. Peter and expressed their joy to be with the conferrers of the Province. We do appreciate their love and concern towards the Province and wish all the best for our mission in India, especial to the Province of St. Peter. A special thanks to Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai, Provincial Superior, for bringing them to the Province.



### **New missionary in Austria**

Rev. Fr. Joseph Madanu (Jr) mf left to Austria on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sankt Pölten for the mission work. We wish him all the success in all his mission endeavours.

### **A special Prayer of Thailabhishekham (anointing with oil) at Vishwashapuri Dhyanakendram (Retreat Centre)**



A Day of special prayer was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Thousands of devotees attended the programme from the surrounding villages and they really experienced the blessings of God. Special prayers were offered for all the needy and sickly. A special blessing with the *thailam* (oil) was given by Rev. Fr. Xavier Dagani.





## Province of Viet nam

### Health Care Ministry



Brothers working in hospitals and the retirement house to help old priests

## Vice-Province of Italy

### Annual feast of the Patroness of the parish of Ponte Galeria

The parish of Ponte Galeria celebrated the annual feast of the patroness, **Mary, Mother of Divine Grace**, on Sunday 9 September 2018. The solemn Holy Eucharist was presided over by His Excellency, Msgr. Gino Reali, the bishop of the diocese. Fr. Domenico Borge and other priests of the Congregation were also present for this celebration. At the end of the Holy Mass there was the procession carrying the statue of Our Lady of Divine Grace, along the streets of the parish. A good number of nuns and faithful of the parish participated in this procession. At the end of the celebration Fr. Manuele Solofa and Fr. Nolberto Nunez, the parish priest and the assistant respectively, offered the dinner.





## Vice-Province of Myanmar

### Ordination to Priesthood



The Vice-province of Myanmar is happy to inform every member of the Congregation that **Fr. Stephen Aye Min Thu** was ordained Priest on 22 August 2018 (Feast of Maria Regina Confessorum Fidei) in Dounmyalay Parish in the Diocese of Loikaw, Myanmar. Two Bishops, 80 Priests, 300 religious Brothers & Sisters and 4000 lay faithful participated in the solemn celebration.

### *Heartly Congratulations*

The Editorial team wishes Fr. Stephen and all the best for the future ministry in the vineyard of the Lord.



### Admission to Lectorate

The Vice-province is happy to inform that **Bro. Giovanni Saw** and **Bro. Mathusalem're** received the Ministry of Lectorate from the hands of Most Rev. Msgr. Stephen Tje Phe, the Bishop of Loikaw.

### New Aspirants

The Vice-province is very happy to say that in this new academic year God has blessed our Congregation in Myanmar with four new vocations. Right now, they are doing an Intensive English course in order to enter the Major Seminary for starting their Philosophical studies.



### Annual Retreat for the Priests

The priests of the Vice-province participated the annual retreat, along with the clergy of the Diocese of Loikaw, from 17 to 24 September 2018 at the Pastoral Centre of Loikaw. The retreat was guided by Rev. Fr. Livio (PIME).



### Keep Praying ...

**Fr. John La Sam** who is suffering from a kidney disease is waiting for the kidney transplantation. It may take place in the month of May in India. The Vice-province requests the other members of the Congregation for their prayers and whatever help possible.

### Thanksgiving ...

The Vice-province is happy to inform every one that, by the Grace of God, **Fr. Roberto Tin Aung** is recovering step by step. The MF priests in Myanmar thanks all the confreres for their prayers and request for continued prayers that he soon recover fully his health and that he can continue his ministry in the garden of the Lord.

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