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From the Editorial Desk ...

With joy we bring out the 25th 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 Provincial. Provincial and Delegation Governance, to send us on time the 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 God grant us the grace to be courageous and joyful messengers of the Good News and a shining stars that lead others to the feet of the Lord.





MESSAGE FROM SUPERIOR GENERAL

HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Confreres,

The joy of the gospel is important to our mission. We must bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those around us and to show, by our actions, the love that knowing God brings to people. We seek this joy in many different ways but most visibly we find it in relationship with God.

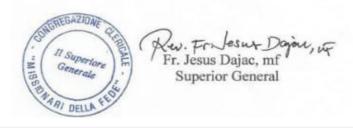
Especially at Lent, we take time to nurture this relationship; by fasting, prayer and almsgiving we take time to listen to His Word and then take action responding to what we hear. "For God so loved the world, that He sent His Only Son, so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life". (John 3:16)

As Missionaries of Faith, we are called to share the Good News by our words and our actions and share love and joy in the presence of the Risen Lord, especially at Easter.

We must continue to pray for peace throughout the whole world and do what we can to bring love and compassion to those around us.

Assuring you of my prayers for you and your families and your communities during Holy Week and as you celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour on Easter Sunday.

Rome, 08.04.2022



NEWS FROM THE MAJOR ORGANISMS

PROVINCE OF ST PAUL - INDIA

Diaconate Ordination

On 26 February 2022 there were 7 perpetual professed candidates of our province along with 2 perpetual professed candidates of the province of St Peter received the diaconate ordination. This was conferred by Most Rev. Dr. Antonysamy Peter Abir, bishop of Sultanpet in the presence of Rev. Fr. Thomas Edassery mf, secretary General, Rev. Dr. Martin Alukaputhussery mf, and Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai mf, superiors of both the provinces. The council members of both the provinces were also present along with many of the well -wishers and relatives for this great celebration. Live streaming of this program was arranged for those who could not participate.





Prayer Service for the world peace

The Missionaries of Faith minor seminary community at Mananthavadi joined with priests and the faithful of Malankara Church praying for peace in the world as Pope Francis exhorted on the day of the solemnity of annunciation of our Lord.



Blessing of the New Grotto

On 20 February 2022 a new Grotto of Our Lady of Velankanni was blessed by Rev. Fr. Rejimon Devasia mf, the parish priest at Akamalavaram, Malampuzha.



First Holy Communion

On 28 February 2022, eight children from the parish of Our Lady of Velankanni at Akamalavaram, received the First Holy Communion. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jose Michael mf. It was a solemn celebration in the parish.



Celebration of the Solemnity of St Joseph, the Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of Good Health Church at Sempatti celebrated the solemnity of St. Joseph. The devoted parishioners implored St. Joseph to bless and guide their families. There was solemn mass followed by procession with candle.



Flag Hoisting and the Solemnity of St. Joseph



On 10th of March Rev. Fr Tom mf, the parish priest hoisted the flag at the beginning of the novena to St. Joseph, the spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary at Kattakulam

After the nine days of novena to St Joseph the parish church celebrated the solemnity of St. Joseph. There

was a solemn mass concelebrated by Frs Joy Painadath, Shiron, Binu, Joseph and Justin followed by a candle light procession.



Canonical Visit of Delegate of Superior General

Rev. Fr. Thomas Edassery mf, the Secretary-General had the canonical visit to the province of St Paul, as the Delegate of Superior General,

From 27 February to 3 March 2022, Visit to the community at Malampuzha

From 19 to 23 March 2022 the minor seminary at Mananthavadi. During his stay for five days in the community, he addressed the seminarians and wished them all the best for their studies and encouraged the community members to continue their effective ministry.



On 27 February 2022, Visit to Lady of Velankanni Parish at Akamalavaram, Malampuzha. He was very happy about our pastoral work and congratulated the parishioners and pastor for their pastoral activities in the parish. He celebrated the Holy Eucharist and thereafter he was felicitated by parishioners.



On 6 March 2022, Visit to the Tribal Mission at Longo in the Diocese of Miao, North East India. The children from the school welcomed them with great enthusiasm.



He Celebrated Holy Mass in St Mary's Church at Longo. The parishioners were very happy for their lively presence.



From 12th to 14th of March 2022, Visit to the parish of Our Lady of Good Health church at Sempatti and the sub-station Infant Jesus Church at suthanagiyapuram in the diocese of Dindigul





He took pleasure to meet the from both novices the provinces of St Paul and St Peter and wished them for their upcoming event of their profession. He first also congratulated the novice master and assistant novice master for their great efforts to illumine the novices with the knowledge of charism and constitutions ofour congregation.



PROVINCE OF ST. PETER – INDIA

Diaconate Ordination

The Province of St. Peter rejoices and thank God, for the blessing of the perpetually professed members **Bro. Sanathan Malabisoi mf**, and **Bro. John Vankayala mf**, who are ordained Deacons. The ordination to the Diaconate was conferred by Most Rev. Dr. Peter Abir Anthonyswamy, the Bishop of Sulthanpet, on 26 February 2022, at Malampuzha, the Provincial House of the province of St. Paul. This celebration joined by the twin Provinces of India witnessed the belongingness and oneness. Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai mf, the Provincial Superior of the Province of St. Peter and his council expressed their gratitude to the Province of St. Paul for their hospitality and needed arrangements.



The Annual feast of Allipalli – 2022 (Kanuka Matha – Our Lady of Presentation)



The feast of Kanuka Matha was celebrated grandly at Allipalli, with the Protocol and precautions of Covid -19. The people gathered and paid homage to God and intercede Blessed Mother for the life in ensuing days. Very Rev. Fr. Bala P, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Eluru had solemnized the celebration. The priests from near and far have concelebrated in

the Holy Eucharist. Very Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai mf, the Provincial Superior have thanked all who have worked for the graceful celebration of the feast.



Commencement of Lent and Spiritual Nourishment for the faithful

The season of Grace unveiled at Allipalli, with the Holy Eucharist solemnized by Very Rev. Fr. Maria Joji RAI MF, along with Fr. Uday Kuamr Garikimukula (Parish Priest) and Fr. Pushparao Vara (Administrator). As the part of the Lenten observances, prayer services (way of the Cross, Adoration and Holy Mass) are being held in the Parish and the substations for which several priests are invited to lead the faithful specially to renew and rebuild their relation with God and neighbour.



Meeting on Synodality

The Holy Family Church at Bathili in the Diocese of Srikakulam is beautified with the paintings.





On 7 March 2022 the Diocesan synodal committee visited the parish of Bathili and conducted the meeting to enlighten the faithful about the synodality.

Foundation stone for the new parish church and a village chapel

On 11 February 2022, the solemnity of our Lady of Lourdes in the history of the catholic Church, so also it is a great and unforgettable day for the people of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at Dharmajigudem Parish and the Perpetual Help of Mary Church at Thochelaka



Rayudu Palem, a substation of the parish. On this gracious day, Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera D.D., Bishop of Eluru has laid the foundation stone for the construction of new churches in Dharmajigudem and Thochelaka Rayudu Palem, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai mf, the Provincial and Rev. Fr. Adam Songa. It is a great dream of the faithful for past so many years. The construction of new church at Dharmajiguem is going to be

fulfilled by the help of generous donors from Germany through Rev. Fr. Adam Songa. The

construction of the new church at Thochelaka is going to be fulfilled by the generous contribution of Mrs Monica Balzar and her family from Germany. His Lordship thanked all the Donors from Germany, and also appreciated Rev. Fr. Adam for his initiative, and the MF fathers for their service in the parish. Fr. Anand Babu Gantedi mf, thanked Most. Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera D.D., Bishop of Eluru and Very Rev. Fr. Maria Joji RAI mf, the Provincial Superior. He also thanked the priests present. In a special way he expressed his gratitude to the donors and the faithful.



The feast of Lourdhu Giri Shrine

On 20 January 2022 the feast of Lourdhu Giri Shrine is celebrated at parish. Marriveedu Most. Rev. Prakash Mallavarapu D.D.. the Archbishop of Visakhapatanam the Eucharist presided over Solemnized the celebration. The priests from the Denary concelebrated in the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Fr. Maria



Joji Rai mf, the Provincial Superior together with his council and priest from local denary concelebrated. Most. Rev. Prakash Mallavarapu D.D., the Archbishop of Visakhapatanam wished the festal greetings with his blessings to the faithful gathered for the celebration. He also appreciated Rev. Fr. Jojibabu B mf, the Parish Priest for his commitment and dedication in his mission. Rev. Fr. Jojibabu B mf expressed his words of gratitude to His grace, to the Provincial Superior and all the priests present. He also thanked the parishioners for their cooperation and collaboration.



The Construction of the New Chapel

At Kristhunapeta village in the Nadipalli Parish the construction of the Chapel is on the progress. The faithful from the village contribute their part in this noble work. Rev. Fr. Arulraj Dasari mf, the Parish Priest expresses his joy for the way the faithful support in various forms for the construction.



Blessing of Lourthumatha Grotto and First Holy Communion

On 11 January 2022, Lourdhumatha Grotto was blessed and inaugurated by Most Rev. Maipan Paul D.D., Bishop of Khammam Diocese, at Chinnakorukondi village in the Peddakorukondi Parish.



On the same day 23 children from Chinnakorukondi village have received First Holy Communion. His Lordship has appreciated Rev. Fr. Karunakar JALADI mf, the Parish Priest for his commitment, the faithful for their steadfastness in following the Christ and the Christian virtues.



The visit of Secretary General to the Province of St. Peter

The fraternal visit of Very Rev. Fr. Thomas EDASSERY mf, the Secretary General have brought joy and happiness to the province. His short visit to the province has given encouragement to the governing team through his valuable guidelines and suggestions. The Provincial Superior and his council express their gratitude for giving his valuable time.



PROVINCE OF VIETNAM

Year-end thanksgiving Mass 2021 at the God's Word Institute

On 31 December 2021 in a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving, The Provincial Superior Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc presided over the year-end thanksgiving Mass at the God's Word Institute. The Mass was in the presence of priests, deacons, and brothers in the community. This is an opportunity for all members of the Province to give thanks to God for His graces and to the Muoi Men (Salt and Yeast) Group, the Gao (Rice) Group as well as all benefactors who have assisted and helped the Province in many different ways over the past year.

All brothers of the Province are always remembering and grateful for the benefactors' dedication and generosity to the Province. Therefore, the Province always lives in the spirit of gratitude through prayers and Masses every day.





The feast of Saint Paul the Apostle - Patron Saint of the Province of Vietnam and New Year's Eve

On 22 January 2022 Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, Bishop of the Diocese of Phu Cuong, presided at the Mass of Feast of Saint Paul the Apostle - the Patron Saint of the Province of Vietnam. All the priests in The God's Word Institute Community, the superiors of local communities, the priests in the neighboring communities, along with all brothers, joined together through the Mass in a spirit of brotherhood and joy on the last days of the year of Buffalo.



Before that, on the evening of the same day, all the fathers and brothers in The God's Word Institute Community gathered at the Provincial Chapel, to celebrate Night Prayer, and spend this special time giving the best wishes to each other.

At the end of the Mass, Rev. Fr. Peter Nguyen Hung Hai, Superior of The God's Word



Institute Community, on behalf of the priests and all brothers in the Province, expressed gratitude for the care and support of Most Rev. Bishop Joseph for the Province in the past year as well as give the best wishes to him on the occasion of the new year coming.



The Mass for New Pastor Announcement of Rev. Fr. Thomas Do Van Lam, M.F. at the Parish of Thuy Loi, Diocese of Thai Binh

On 25 January 2022 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, who is also the patron saint of the Province of Vietnam. Joining the joyful atmosphere of celebrating the Patron Saint of the Province, as the Mission Community, Thuy Loi parish held the Mass for New Pastor Announcement of Rev. Fr. Thomas Do Van Lam, M.F.





With the priestly motto: "Remain in my love" (Jn 15:9b), it is hoped that the presence of the Rev. Fr. Thomas along with his practical pastoral activities in the coming years will help the parishioners of Thuy Loi to be united, loving and growing and advancing as God's desires.



4. Visiting Bishops and Diocese Offices where the MF members of the province of Vietnam are serving.

On the occasion of New Lunar Year of Tiger, the Governance of the province of Vietnam visited Bishops and Diocese Offices where the MF members of the province of Vietnam are presenting and serving. By this manners, we showed our gratitude and communion to these bishops in our vocation and ministry.













Thanksgiving Mass – the 23rd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Michael Hoang Do Doc, M.F.

On 5 February 2022 at the Parish of Ba Tra, Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated for the 23rd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Michael Hoang Do Doc, M.F. as pastor of the Parish of Ba Tra, presided over by Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, Bishop of Phu Cuong Diocese, it took place in an atmosphere filled with the joy of the first days of the new year and with an atmosphere filled with spring colors.





After the reception of the holy priesthood, Rev. Fr. Michael spent 23 years as a priest with 19 years of pastoral care at Ba Tra Parish, and 4 years as Provincial Superior, the Province of Vietnam.

At the end of the Thanksgiving Mass, The President of the Parish Pastoral Council of Ba Tra Parish as the representative, had good wishes at the beginning of the new year to the Bishop and everyone and special greetings to Father Michael, along with the determined promise to make a Synodal Parish of Ba Tra: Communion, Participation, and Mission in the spirit of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops Process 2021 - 2023.



The 21st Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Peter Phan Danh Uy, the Former Director of the God Word's Institute.

On 26 February 2022 Rev. Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, M.F., Provincial Superior, presided over the Mass for the 21st death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Peter Phan Danh Uy, the former Director of the God Word's Institute at the Provincial chapel. And that day was also the death anniversary of Anna Nguyen Thi Lan, Mother of Rev. Fr. Anton Nguyen Tien Hien, M.F. The priests in the community, some of the priests in the neighboring communities, together with brothers, joined in a special celebration for the repose of their souls.





Biography of Rev. Fr. Peter Phan Danh Uy, the first Director of the God Word's Institute

Feast Day: Peter (June 29th)

Date of Birth: February 13th, 1943

Place of Birth: Hoi Am, Hai Phong

The Origin of Birth: Hai Phong

Priestly Ordination: June 20th, 1970

Priestly motto: Out of love for God, I dedicate myself to serving the suffering.

RIP: February 26th, 2001



7. The Ash Wednesday Mass

On 2 March 2022 at the Provincial chapel of the Community of God's Word Institute, that Rev. Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, M.F., Provincial Superior, and the priests of the Community celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass.

With the celebration of Mass, the Community is in communion with the Church entering Lent. Particularly for the Community, this is a time of spiritual practice, renewal, and struggle in the activities of the Congregation.

The homily was followed by the rite of blessing and anointing of ashes. The anointing of ashes reminds everyone to recognize the fragility of the human condition so that they can always convert their lives, humbly entrust everything to the Providence of God's love.





8. The Postulancy Retreat in February: Fraternity in Community Life

From 26 February 2022 evening till 27 February 2022 afternoon, the Postulancy of the Province of Vietnam had a monthly retreat at the Community of God's Word Institute.





The retreat began with praying to our Lady of the Holy Rosary. After night prayer, the postulants have time to recollect and receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

On 27 February 2022 morning, Rev. Fr. Dominic Nguyen Van Lam - a priest of Bui Chu diocese, shared with the postulants on the topic: Fraternity in Community Life. He made three suggestions: (1) The sheep contemplate the life of the Most Holy Trinity; (2) I and others in the community; (3) I will live what I have said and heard.

After that, the postulants had time for the Holy Hour Eucharistic. Finally, at 10:30 a.m., Fr. Dominic celebrated at Mass for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C.

HOLY MASS FOR TEMPORARY AND PERPETUAL VOWS OF BROTHERS IN JAPAN MISSION.

On 5 March 2022, at 14:00 (Japan time), at Ninomiya church, the Holy Mass of repeating of temporary vows and the professing of Perpetual Vows was celebrated.





The Holy Mass was presided by Rev. Fr. John Baptist Mai Tam, M.F., Delegation of Provincial Superior of Vietnam Province in Japan Mission, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Paul Ha Minh Tu, M.F., Rev. Fr. Francis Pham Dinh Son, Sisters from The Congregation of The Lovers of the Holy Cross of Cai Nhum, sponsors, and congregation of Fujisawa parish. The number of participants was limited because of the pandemic. However, the Holy Mass was celebrated in the holy atmosphere of spring time in Japan, home of peach blossoms.



FIRST LENTEN SUNDAY HOLY MASS OF THE EUCHARISTIC YOUTH MOVEMENT OF BA LUA PARISH.

On 5 March 2022 the First Sunday of Lent, the Eucharistic Youth Movement of Ba Lua parish saluted the EYM flag. Many young people attended the Holy Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Peter Nguyen Ngoc Trung, M.F. to say goodbye to him for his long time and to pray for women in the parish on March 8th - the International Women's Day.

This was also a special occasion for the youth of the parish to thank Rev. Fr. Peter for his caring for the Eucharistic Youth Movement of Ba Lua parish through past years. May we pray for him in his new mission. May Our Lord and Our Lady accompany and bless him with His grace, peace, and strength.





HAPPY EASTER

VICE PROVINCE OF OCEANIA

MF ministry at Auckland Hospital (ADHB)

Operating during Lockdown at Auckland hospital, maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, visiting Catholic patients on list. Visiting most wards, (with charge

nurse's consent). ADHB is using their own traffic light system, red/orange/green, i.e. high risk, med risk, low risk. We don't visit high risk rooms (which are always under control by the hospital security. We don't visit the infectious disease wards, or intensive care areas unless requested. If we do then we would use full PPE.

No Holy Communion is allowed during this time of pandemic. We offer prayers, Spiritual Communion and spiritual support. I'm ministering on most days from Sunday to Thursday, quite busy with



Anointing and Reconciliation. Patients are very pleased with our presence as many areas are still only allowing patients to have one visitor each day. The staff are very encouraging of our visits and they are very happy of our presence in the hospital.



The beauty of our Ministry at the Hospital, is not only for the patients and their families our relationship also with Ecumenical Team. Sharing our ministries and also our Services. During Lockdown, we stop Celebrating Mass on Sundays and Looking Wednesday. forward to our Eucharistic Celebration and Ecumenical Celebration when New Zealand moves to the Orange Light System next month. (April)

The hard work of our On Call Priests, Fr. Iosefo Timu, Fr. Joseph Thirumala and

Fr. Consedine Toleafoa during nights and weekends with their presence when they are called. Their collaboration is very much appreciated by the Staff and family members.

Thanks to you all for your prayers and support and especially allowing our members of MF Congregation to do their Ministry in the Hospital.

Fr. Talipope Vaifale mf

Chaplain Leader on behalf of the Missionaries of Faith

Ecumenical Youth Gathering

Youths belonging to various Christian denominations in Auckland New Zealand affirmed their faith in God and discussed life-related issues at a youth gathering organised and led by Fr. Iosefo Timu Mf and other ministers from the Congregational Christian Church, Methodist and Anglican. About 300 youths from different denominations attended the gathering on 12 February 2022. The day began with a discussion on the theme "What Would Jesus Do?"



DELEGATION OF NORTH AMERICA

Priestly Ordination on 12 January 2022

There is no denying that the excitement to Deacon Hai's ordination was leveled up. There has been a long wait to this day as it made the heart grow fonder. As soon as the date of ordination has been pencilled on our calendar, every one of us received the joyful news and Deacon Hai's face of sheer contentment is so visible and his smile was undeniable.

Deacon Hai was ordained as a deacon in his motherland, Vietnam, five years ago. Close to his second year as a deacon, his parents migrated to Orlando, Florida in the United States and he decided to accompany them and take care of his ill father. Shortly after his adjustment to the American culture, a relative contacted Fr. Benjie in Waco, TX and related Hai's desire to be back to our community. Fr. Benjie informed the DNA superior, Fr. Celso, who facilitated his reentry to the community.

Hai offered his diaconal services to both Bremond and Franklin parishes. Moreover, he was introduced to all of the MF Delegation of Northern America confreres whom he comes to know gradually and personally from our gatherings.

Eight of us flew over to Orlando, FL for the ordination. Frs. Celso Yu, Richard Dee Du, Benjie, Judah Pigon, Robert Chinappan, Robert Ni



Ni, Joel Jores and Joy Kumarthuseril concelebrated with the ordaining auxiliary Bishop Thanh of the Orange Diocese and Bishop Noonan of the Orlando Diocese. Other diocesan and religious priests also concelebrated. Bishop Thahn key messages to Deacon



Hai and to everyone present were the gift of priesthood, the companionship in ministry, the pastoral charity and self-sacrifice - to serve the people of God with the spirit of joy in priestly life.

This meaningful ordination was the first of many. The first ordination for the DNA delegation; the first ordination for Bishop Thahn of a Vietnamese; the first ordination at St. Philip Phan Van Parish. The parish, mostly Vietnamese contingent, did a phenomenal job with the leadership of

Fr. Chau Nguyen, the pastor. The liturgy was solemn indulged with the beautiful music. The reception following ordination was under the tent with acquaintances' brief remarks and gift giving to now Fr. Hai.



The following day

was Fr. Hai's Mass of Thanksgiving. This one had more of a family celebration with relatives and friends. Fr. Hai's parents, Quynh and Huong and immediate family members were bursting with joy. There were moments of intense raw emotion and tears flowing down the cheeks as I, too, was moved by it. To express this joy and gratitude, the festivity continued in the rented hall well garnished with white accent lashes hanging down the ceiling, and delicious Asian dishes. Speeches, Singing, Instrumentalist and dancing in the end adorned the banquet.

Fr. Hai spent some time with his family afterwards and he came back to Texas with his parents to celebrate his Thanksgiving masses in Bremond and Franklin. Both parishes had a reception and threw a bountiful refreshment for all.

The Missionaries of Faith Fathers thanked Fr. Hai's family, relatives and friends for their support and contribution to make this first ever Presbyteral ordination an indelible celebration.

-Fr. Benjie mf

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