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From the Editorial Desk ...

With joy we bring out the 26th 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, Vice 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 star that lead others to the feet of the Lord.

MESSAGE FROM SUPERIOR GENERAL



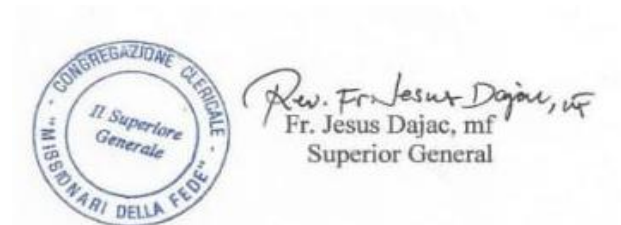
To My Dear Confreres,

Our Spirituality is an apostolically oriented one; we live the experience of being sent forth by God to witness the Gospel and to imitate the lifestyle of Jesus in His ministerial life.

It is an imperative for us Missionaries of Faith to recognise, promote and foster the collaboration of the laity in our apostolate, and give them freedom to live our spirituality and mission. (*Charism of the Institute, n.91*: "It is our duty to assist with special care (concern) those lay faithful who, individually or as association, wish to deepen and live the spirituality and mission of our Institute according to their specific vocation").

Acceptance, respect and trust must be the constant effort of everyone to build a community of faith, foster mutual understanding, create an atmosphere of peace and maintain harmony. All Missionaries of Faith must always and everywhere be men of God.

May our patroness, Mary Queen of the Confessors of Faith, help us to be always men of understanding, reconciliation, peace and faith.



NEWS from the Major organisms

PROVINCE OF ST PAUL - INDIA

- *Blessing of the new dining hall and kitchen for the boarding children at Longo Mission*

Rev. Fr. Martin Alukaputhussery, the Provincial Superior of the Province of St. Paul, India, blessed the new dining hall and kitchen for the boarding children at Longo Mission, Arunachal Pradesh and Fr. Jojo Puthussery from the Delegation of North America, inaugurated the building, on 3 June 2022. We sincerely thank the priests and people who supported and were involved for the construction.





- *Rosary Procession at the novitiate house*

The Novices conducted a Rosary Procession at Sempatti, Dindigul on 31 May 2022 under the guidance of the Novice Master, Fr. Jose Takarapallil and Rev. Dn. Kulandairaj Antony.



- *Eucharistic procession at the Novitiate House*

The members in the Novitiate House conducted Eucharistic Adoration and Procession on 19 June 2022.



- *Laying of the foundation for a new Village Chapel at Longo Mission*

On 22 June 2022 Fr. Shijo Simon, the Parish Priest of St Mary's Church, Longo, Arunachal Pradesh, laid the foundation stone for the new Chapel at Hollam village of the parish.



- *Extension of the Chapel in the Provincial House*

The extension work of the Chapel in the Provincial House of the Province of St. Paul, at Malampuzha, is in progress.



- *News from the formation house at Mananthavady, Kerala*

Celebration of the Province Day & Official inauguration of the Scholastic year 2022-23 (Photos. 1,2,3)

On the eve of the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul the Minor Seminary at Mananthavady celebrated the Province' Day of St. Paul's Province, India. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Martin Alukaputhussery, the Provincial Superior, and Fr Lukose Pallipadinjattethil gave the message. Priests, religious, seminarians, and the lay faithful, from the surrounding area, were also present at the celebration.





On the same day the Provincial Superior officially **inaugurated the Scholastic year 2022-23**. Fr. Saji Vlellarmkalayil, the Rector, welcomed the gathering. On this occasion were also felicitated the jubilarians, Fr. Roy Valiaparambil, Sr. Suma, DM, and Sr. Geetha, DM, who are the immediate neighbours of the MF Seminary community. The programme also included a cultural gala, prize distributions, and it ended up with an agape.







We are ready for
the game...



Opening of the new Library (Photos 4,5)



Recently the seminary has started to make a library by collecting books from the priests and other donors. On the feast day of our Province, Rev. Fr. Lukose Pallipadinjattethil inaugurated the library in the Presence of the Provincial Superior, the Rector, and the community.



Unveiling and blessing the icon of Divine Mercy (Photos 6,7,8)

The picture of Divine Mercy was unveiled and blessed by Rev Fr. Roy Valiaparambil, the Proto Vicar of Syro Malankara Church, in the Presence of Provincial Superior, Priests, and Religious.





PROVINCE OF ST PETER - INDIA

News from the Province of St. Peter (IND)

- *News from the Formation House*

As the prayer is the start of a miracle in every person, the community at Nadipalli desireous that this miracle happens in each of the formee as they begin their scholastic year 2022 – 2023, the seminarians of the Major Seminary spent a day in prayer at the Sacred Heart Monastery at Eluru, seeking the graces of the Lord, for experincing God's miracle in this academic year, and to be enlightned and empowered with the wisdom and knowledge.



The solemnity of Corpus Chirsti was another blessed day for the seminarians where each brother experienced the presnece of the Lord by participating in the Holy Eucharistic Adoration and the solemn procession. The community at Nadipalli subimmitted the entire family of the Missionaries of Faith and seeked the blessings upon every confrere and seminarian.



- News from Bathili Parish

The Parish of Bathili, in the Diocese of Srikakulam, celebrated the Annual Feast of the Holy Family on 16 June 2022. The joy of the people in the parish was doubled when the children of the Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation and the first Holy Communion. Most Rev. Vijay Kumar Rayarala, the Bishop of the Diocese Srikakulam, solemnized the Eucharistic celebration for the good of the Parish and of the faithful. The priests of the Deanery and the priests from the Missionaries of Faith joined in the concelebrated Holy Eucharistic celebration. His Lordship congratulated Fr. Yesu Babu Purety, mf, the parish priest, and gave the festal greetings and blessings to the faithful. The Parish Priest thanked everyone for the cooperation and collaboration.





- *News from Dharmajigudem Parish*

The Parish of Dharmajigudem celebrated the Annual Feast of ***Kalavarigiri Nithya Sahayamatha Shrine***, at Bhogolu, on 25 May 2022. Fr. John K, the visionary of the shrine, presided over the Holy Eucharist and many other priests joined the concelebration. The Province of St. Peter acknowledged and appreciated the commitment and dedication of Fr. Anand Babu Gantedi, mf, the Parish Priest, and Fr. Vinay Kumar Kommareddy, the Assistant Parish Priest. The parish priest expressed his gratitude to all the priests present. He also thanked the parishioners for their cooperation and collaboration.





- *News from Nadipalli Parish*

The long awaited dream of the faithful of Pragathipuram in the Parish of Nadipalli, came true with the laying of the foundation stone for the construction of the new chapel on 31 May 2022, by Fr. Anand Babu Gantedi, mf, the Provincial Vicar. Rev. Fr. Arulraj Dasari, mf, the parish priest, expressed his joy for the support of the faithful in various forms for the construction. He also thanked the priests present.



The Annual Feast of the Parish was celebrated on the day of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Most. Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of the diocese of Eluru, presided over the Eucharist and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation and first Holy Communion to the children of the Parish. He also appreciated the Parish Priest for his good work. The parish priest in turn expressed his gratitude to His Lordship, to all the priests present, the sisters and also the parishioners for their cooperation and collaboration.



- *Visit to Cardinal Elect Most Rev. Anthony Poola*

The Governing Team of the Province of St. Peter was privileged to meet and congratulate Most Rev. Anthony Poola, the Archbishop of Hyderabad on his being elected as Cardinal. His Eminence elect acknowledged our presence and appreciated for the commitment of the Missionaries of Faith in various missions.



PROVINCE OF VIETNAM

- Journey of sharing love in Easter Season*

Starting from the spirit of the Year of Synodality, the Postulants of the Province along with the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of St. Rose of Lima had a trip to share love and bring joy of the Risen Lord to the brothers and the sisters who are ethnic minorities in Gia Lai - Kon Tum Province with the theme, “Encountering God in the Face of the Poor”.



The journey was led by Rev. Fr. Jos Nguyen Bao Huan Chuong, Representative of the Provincial Office of Charity, with the support of the Provincial Superior and his councilors, and the benefactors. This charity trip not only brings God's love to those in this Vietnamese Highlands region but also gives an opportunity to us to increase our desire to encounter God in the face of the poor.

- The Holy Week, Easter Triduum, and Easter Mass at the community of God's Word Institute*

As a preparation to enter into the Holy Triduum and celebrate the Easter Mass, the Community of God's Word Institute, had three days of zealous retreat and Eucharistic adoration during the first three days of the Holy Week.

The Retreat Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Paul Nguyen Quang Thanh, C.M., Vincentian Missionary Congregation, made the participants to reflect more about the mysteries of Christ, starting from the mystery of the Eucharist to the mystery of the Cross, and culminating in the Paschal mystery which nourishes the interior life of those who follow Christ on the journey of a consecrated vocation.



On Holy Thursday, April 14, the Last Supper Mass, with the Rite of Washing of the Feet, was solemnly celebrated by Fr. Jos Trinh Van Cung, the Provincial Secretary, which was followed by the Community Eucharistic Adoration. On Good Friday, the Rite of the Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord was celebrated with lot of zeal and was presided over by Fr. Peter Nguyen Hung Hai, the Local Superior.



On the Holy Saturday, April 16, the Paschal Vigil Rite and Easter Vigil Mass were solemnly celebrated at the Chapel and was presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, the Provincial Superior. On this occasion, the Community was also pleased to welcome many Catholics who were gathered in large numbers. The solemn Easter Sunday Mass also was presided over by the Provincial Superior.



A zealous celebration of the Holy Week, the Paschal Vigil Services and the Easter Mass, nourished all the members of the Community more deeply in the interior life.

- *Mass for the 8th anniversary of the death of Rev. Fr. James Duong Duc Son, M.F.*

On 16 May 2022, the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, M.F., presided over the Holy Mass on the occasion of the 8th death anniversary of Fr. James Duong Duc Son, M.F., at the chapel of the Community. All the Fathers, deacons, and brothers of the Community joined in the special prayer service for the deceased confrere.



In the homily Rev. Dn. Jos Vo Minh Tuan shared about the desire for happiness in every human being. For the Catholics, the faith in Christ assured that happiness. However, each person is invited to cooperate with God's grace to reach that perfect happiness. The Deacon also shared about his personal experiences with the faith journey of Fr. James and also invited the community to continue to offer prayers for him.

- *Funeral Services of Bro. Vincent Vu Hieu Nghia, M.F.*

On 19 May 2022, the Funeral Mass for Bro. Vincent Vu Hieu Nghia, M.F. was celebrated at the Main Chapel of the God's Word Institute, which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, M.F., the Provincial Superior. Confrere priests of the Province, other priests, religious, guests, relatives, friends, and all brothers of the Province were present at the Mass to pray in a special way for Bro. Vincent's soul.



Before the conclusion of the Holy Mass, Fr. Jos Trinh Van Cung, M.F., the Provincial Secretary, read out the condolence messages from the Superior General, other Provinces, and Vice-provinces at the sudden passing of Bro. Vincent.



On behalf of the Province, Fr. Peter Nguyen Hung Hai, M.F., expressed gratitude and thanks to the priests, religious, relatives, and faithful who came to celebrate the Holy Mass and to pray in a particular way for Bro. Vincent.

The mortal remains of Bro. Vincent were buried at the Cemetery of the Province of Viet Nam, located in Ba Tra Parish.



• *Funeral Services of Fr. Mathew Nguyen Thanh Yen, M.F.*

On 10 June 2022, the funeral Holy Mass for Fr. Mathew Nguyen Thanh Yen, M.F. was celebrated at the chapel of God's Word Community which was presided over by Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, Bishop of the Diocese Phu Cuong. H. E. Most Rev. Peter Tran Dinh Tu, the former Bishop of the Diocese, confreres, and guest priests joined the concelebration. All the brothers of the Province, as well as brothers and nuns of many congregations and groups participated in the funeral services and prayed for the deceased confrere.



After the Holy Mass, Fr. Jos Trinh Van Cung, M.F., Provincial Secretary, read out the condolence message of the Superior General.

Fr. Matthew was buried at the Cemetery of the Vietnam Province, located in Ba Tra parish.

The whole life of Fr. Matthew was led by trust and hope. He went to his eternal home in peace, in the presence and prayers of his confreres. He is good example of consecrated journey and service to others. He was a symbol of Hope, Trust and Love.



- *Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Titular of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Faith*

The community of God's Word Institute – Vietnam, together with the Universal Church, and in special communion with the Missionaries of Faith all over the world, celebrated solemnly the Holy Mass in honour of the Most Holy Trinity, titular of the Congregation. Rev. Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, the Provincial, presided over the Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Peter Nguyen Hung Hai, the Local Superior, and other confreres concelebrated with him, in the presence of the whole members of the Community.



Fr. Thomas, in the homily, shared about the lifestyle of the Missionaries of the Faith according to the model of Trinitarian love. Fraternal life in the community of the Missionaries of the Faith must be a reflection of the Trinitarian and ecclesial communion. Therefore, it is more important living this communion in each act or apostolate of the Missionaries of the Faith than the excitement or the external success.



- *Annual Spiritual Retreat of the Juniorate of the Province*

The annual retreat for the brothers of Juniorate of Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, was held from 14 to 18 June 2022, at the community of God's Word Institute with the theme: “To be one, to be holy.”

During the four-day spiritual retreat, Rev. Fr. Lawrence Hoang Ba Quoc Huy, from the Archdiocese of Saigon, aroused thoughts and guided the brothers reflect about: To be one with whom? How to be one? And to be one for what?



The Retreat Spiritual Director Laurence reminded the brothers that during the Juniorate period, the best thing to please God is a life of being laborious in prayer and study. May each brother of the Province always have the joy of living in the present moment to do most things that please God.



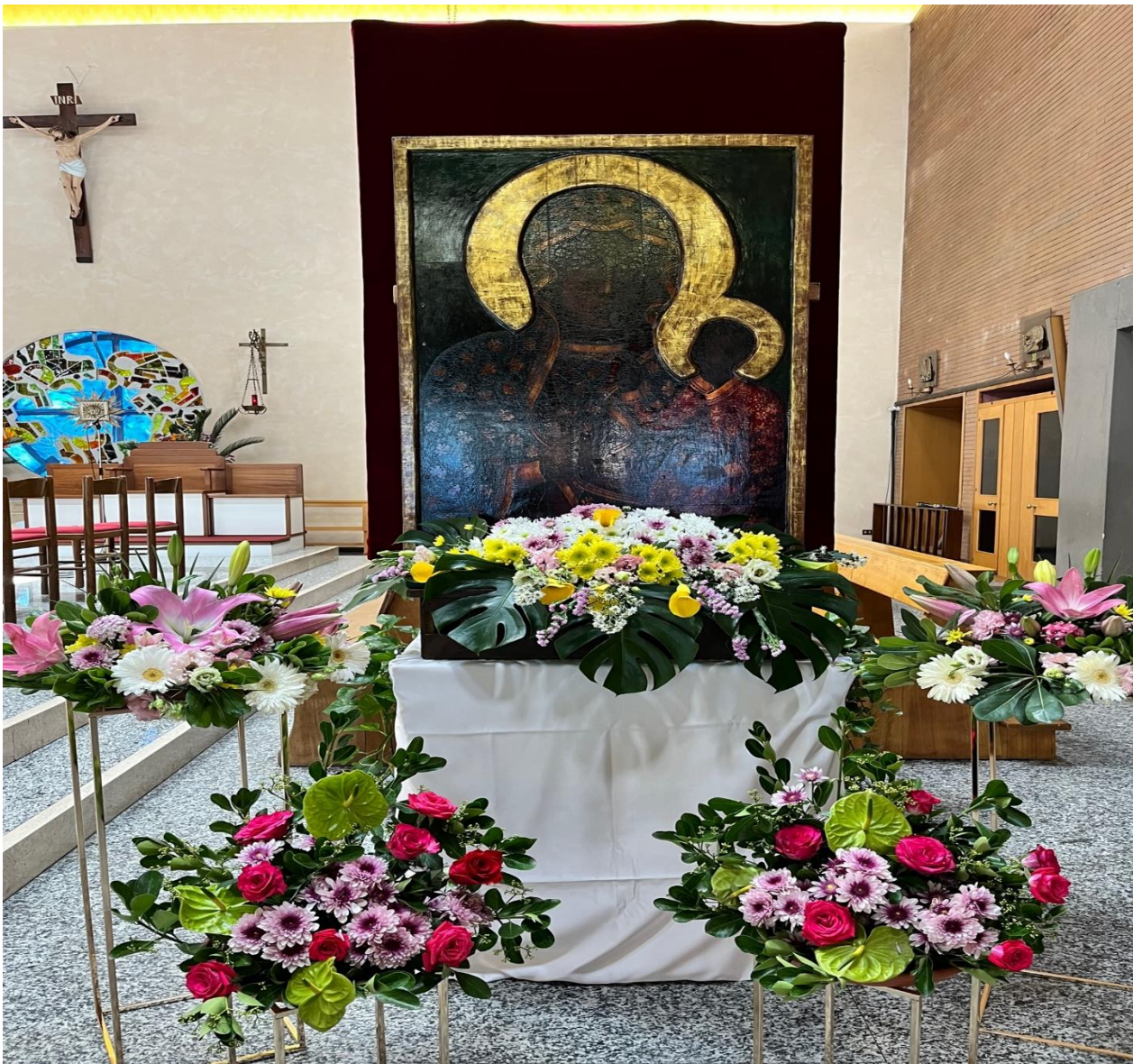
VICE PROVINCE OF ITALY

News from the Vice Province of Italy

Parish of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Rustica (RM)

- *60th anniversary of the canonical erection of the parish*

12 June 2022 is a very special day for the parish as it is the diamond year of the canonical erection of the parish of *Nostra Signora di Czestochowa* (Our Lady of Czestochowa). On this joyful occasion Fr. Stefano Tang Gun, the parish priest, invited all the faithful of the parish to join together to thank the Lord, as 60 years of the existence of the parish is a visible sign of God's gift to this community. On 11 June 2022, Very Rev. Jesus Dajac, mf, the Superior General, presided over the Eucharistic celebration and accompanied the procession in the main streets of Rustica. Many other priests also joined the concelebrated Eucharistic celebration.









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- *Football match in the parish*

An exciting football match between the Missionaries of Faith seminarians and Oratory of Our Lady of Czestochowa on 29 April 2022. The match attracted many spectators. The match was very thrilling and full of excitement. The members of both the teams gave their best and displayed excellent skills and performance. This match helped the seminaries to integrated in the parish community.

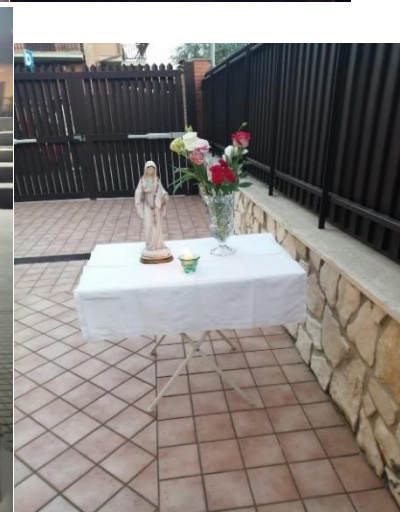


- *Month of the Holy Rosary*

The month of May is the favourite month for all the devotees of Bl. Mother Mary. The blooming of spring flowers makes it the most beautiful, while the happy occasions of first Holy Communions, May Crowning's, and patron saints celebrations make it the most joyful. It is fitting, then, that the most beautiful and joyful month of the year be dedicated to her who is God's most beautiful creation and who is the "Cause of our Joy".



It was a great opportunity for the priests of the community to visit number of families during this month of rosary. The parish priest had organized a beautiful programme in a way that many families and people could come together and pray for each other. The whole month was a time of joy and blessing. The community was available every day at 20, 30 hrs. at the assigned grottos, families and on the streets for reciting the Holy Rosary.





On 31 of May we concluded the holy Rosary by praying for peace according to the intentions of the Holy Father.

- *Winning of 2021-2022 Under-16, Oratory Cup*

The *Centro Sportivo Italiano* (Italian Sports Centre) promotes sports in order to reconstruct the community. As part of it on 21 and 22 May 2022, football matches were held for different age categories, in Heaven Sporting Club at Torraccia, Rome. It was a remarkable day for the Czestochowa parish as it won the under 16 champions trophy. After the match Fr. Bonifacio Lopez, the ecclesiastical assistant of the Italian Sports Centre, handed over the trophy and the medals to the winning teams.



On the following Sunday, all the winning team members, together with their parents, coaches, and friends and well-wishers presented the trophy to the Parish priest, Fr. Stefano Tang Gun, mf.



VICE PROVINCE OF OCEANIA

- Importance of Youth Ministry in Today's Church - St. Joseph Parish in Grey Lynn***

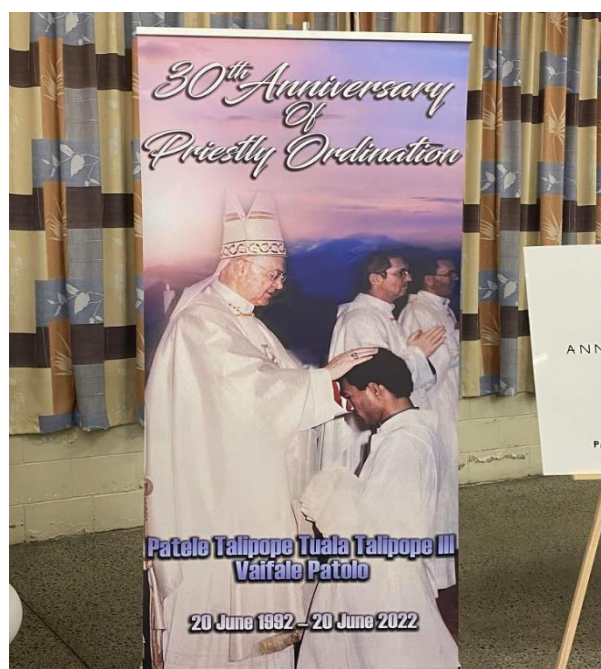
Using our Charism and investing in today's youth is necessary in growing the Body of Christ. Teaching young people in the Church to grow in their relationship with the Lord prepares them to serve Christ in all they do. As a result, this nurtures the Congregation and allows the Church to flourish. Serving young people not only prepares them to become future leaders, but also allows them to contribute to the good of the Church. This is seen many times in the Bible, as God often used young people to do great things.

Youth needs guidance and support as they navigate through the most challenging part of their development and seeks to grow in their journey with Christ. Christ-like leaders are needed to serve young members of the Congregation and help them to reach their full potential.

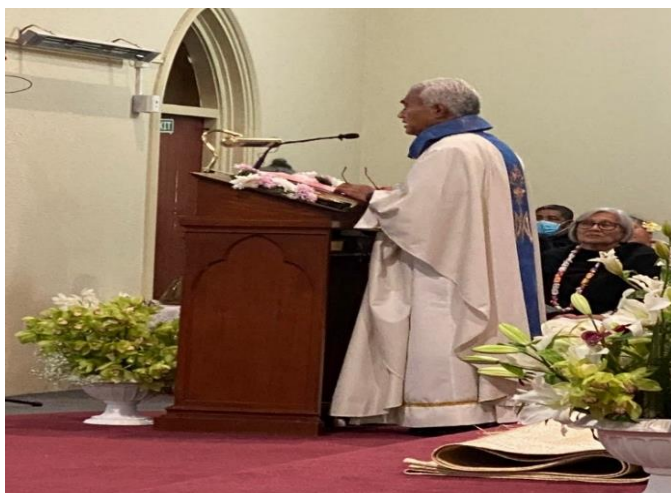


- 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Fr. Talipope Vaifale***

Fr. Talipope Vaifale was ordained priest 30 years ago on 22 June 1992, by His Eminence Virgilio Card. Noe, in the Basilica of St Peter in Rome. The celebration of his 30th Priestly Ordination Anniversary was held at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Onehunga. He was surrounded by his brothers and sisters and family members, his parishioners as well as his confreres. During his homily, Fr Talipope reminded us that we have been called very directly and personally by Jesus, and he urges us all never to lose sight of that sense of call, and never to forget it. Let's go back to it again and again, explore it more and more deeply through our life, allow its power to grow in us. We will also have "to reproduce the pattern of the Lord's death", to show forth the Paschal Mystery in our life, allowing our weakness to become strength, our defeats to become triumphs. The Vice Province of Oceania

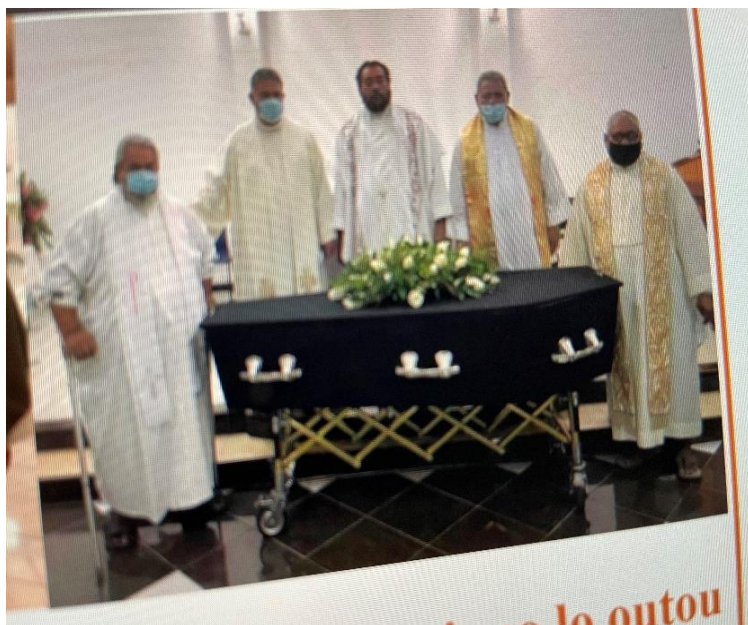


would like to acknowledge the service of Fr. Talipope to the Church and to the Congregation during his 30 years of Priesthood. Thank you, Fr Talipope Vaifale for your faithfulness and love for Jesus and His Church. Thank you also for being a strong and faithful Missionary of Faith. Continue to keep the spirit of our Charism alive. We all love you Fr. Popito, may God Bless you always.



- ***Final salute to Fr. Filipino Petelo Fila, mf - 18/12/69- 22/5/2022***

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through the waves of that blessed heart we bid last salute to our confrere Fr. Filipino Fila with the Requiem Mass celebration at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral of Apia, Samoa. His Lordship, Archbishop Alapati Mataeliga with the Samoan Clergy and the people of God of Apia raised their prayers to heaven for our young tubby mate from Tufulele. The Malie Parish Choir really gave the solemnity to the sad occasion. During the feast of *Corpus Christi*, the Parish of Vaitele sang a vivid tune, but the next early morning Malie truly sang the sombre tune, the old Gregorian chants in a clear but piano softness that makes the heart and mind float in the mist of ages, thinking about the life of this stubborn brothers of ours.



Fr Filippo Fila was born in the village of Tufulele. He was brought by his grandparents and was a cradle catholic that was formed up in the two spiritualities of the culture and religion. He had an academic upbringing with the Marist Sisters and later on at Chanel College with the Fathers.

His journey with the Missionaries of Faith started in August 1991, when the first 13 Samoans priests came back home. Eight of them stayed back in the Pacific, while 5 went back to Rome for other destinations. According to Filippo, he was attracted to the black flowing soutane of the first lot that stayed. Fr Iosefo Timu was the Parish Priest at Leulumoea at the time. Together with some of their youth group he was opting to try their vocation at Moamoa, but the deeper spiritual prompting was directing him to Lotofaga where Fr Giuseppe Maccalli was with the MF Seminary. He got his blessings from his Family and off he went without looking back. In 1993 from Lotofaga, Samoa, he ended up at Cortona, Italia, as an aspirant and he followed through the religious formation and was ordained Priest in 2001 at Sora, Italy. He served there for three years, and then he spent 2 years as a missionary at St. Vincent in the Antilles of South America.

In 2005, he was shifted to Samoa and in New Zealand he served in the establishment of the community at Panmure, Onehunga and Grey

Lynn. In 2017, he got into medical complications and could not continue to work in the active apostolate. He was pensioned and became the first resident of our St. Joseph's Hospice at Vaitele where he stayed till his passing away. He was always faithful to the word granted to God as a Priest and is blessed to be the first Missionary of Faith to be laid to rest at our Centre at Vaitele.

"You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek." You are a priest forever, with you I have placed my only son. "Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rest in Peace Fr. Filippo, until we meet again.

- *News from Holy Family Parish, Porirua East, Wellington*

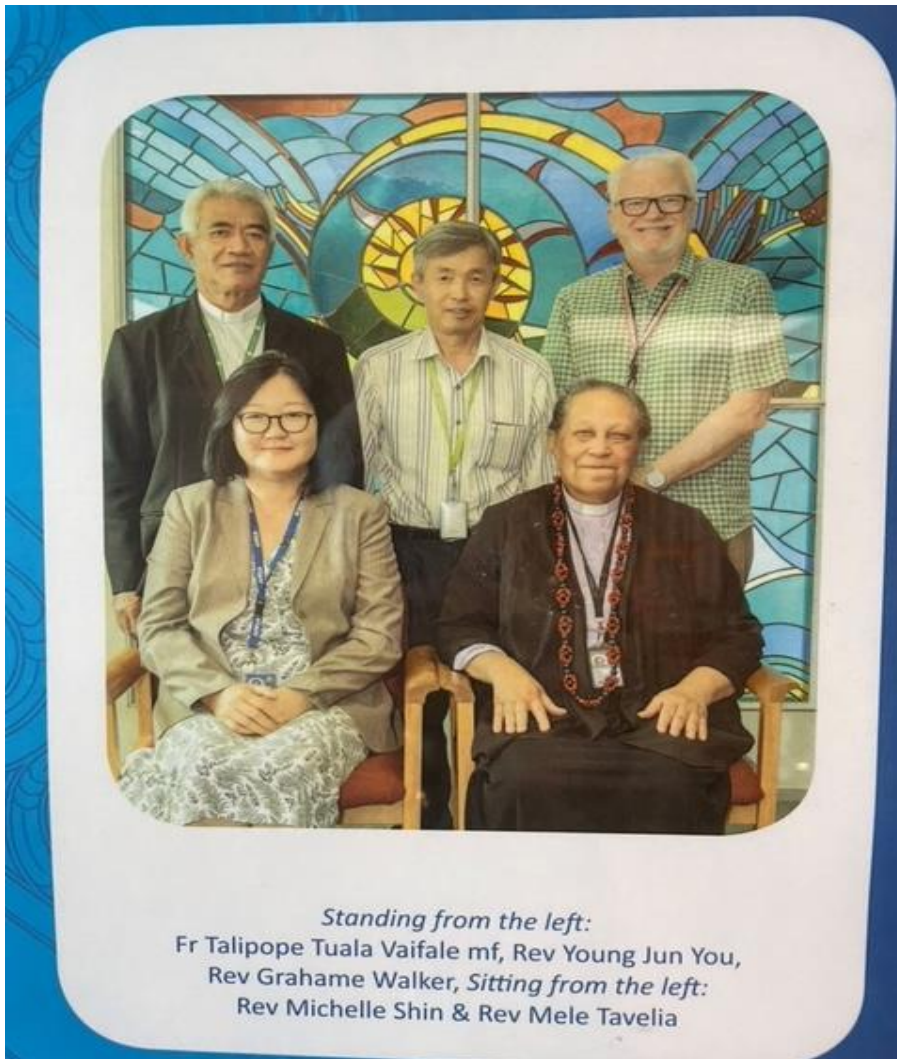


Holy Family Parish, Porirua East, is under the pastoral care of Fr. Andrew Atonio, mf, Parish Priest, and Fr. Isaac Ramesh Songa, mf, and Fr. Peter Timoteo, mf, as assistants. The parish is quite unique in the richness of the diversity of different cultures, and the depth of the faith of the parishioners. This was most recently seen at the Confirmation and First Holy Communion ceremonies held in the month of May. In spite of being interrupted by Covid, the dedicated team of Missionary of Charity nuns and lay members of the parish prepared over 40 young people to receive these sacraments. H. E. John Card. Dew, just back from his trip to Rome, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to these young people on 15

May 2022. Cardinal Dew asked the sponsors and parishioners to pray during the ceremony for those receiving the Sacrament. The prayerful atmosphere was very noticeable and added dignity to the occasion. On Sunday, 22 May, the young people were back to receive their first Holy Communion, with one young man being confirmed as he was sick on the Sunday before. The young people had been well-trained, knew what an amazing gift they were receiving that day and were reverent throughout. Their smart white dresses and suits also added colour to the occasion. May this be the first of many Holy Communions for each of them, and may they be richly blessed in their lives.



- *Auckland City Hospital Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team*



Auckland City Hospital (ACH) is a public hospital and one of the biggest in New Zealand. It has more than 1,300 beds and more than 10,000 staff. ACH offers health care services in almost all sectors such as transplantations, mental health care, adult care, and specialised children's care. ACH covers the whole of New Zealand. ACH also covers most of the Pacific Island countries as the nearest acute and advanced hospital in the region. More than 50% of the patients come from outside of Auckland. Patients even come from the South Island of New Zealand, the Pacific Islands such as Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, and other islands, and some patients come from cruise ships and fishing vessels too. ACH offers an air ambulance service to bring patients from outside of Auckland and other Pacific countries.

ACH not only provides physical care but also holistic care such as

spiritual care and emotional care for all people in the hospital. The ACH chaplaincy team takes spiritual care for patients, their families, as well as staff. Chaplaincy at ACH has three teams: Amorangi (Maori – indigenous people), Catholic, and Ecumenical. The Amorangi team provides pastoral care for Maori, the Catholic team takes care of Catholics and the Ecumenical team looks after all people regardless of their faith or no faith. We cover the whole hospital 24 hrs. per day for the whole week and for 365 days of the year, including public holidays. We work together as a team. On every Sunday we conduct Ecumenical prayer service, and Holy Mass for Catholics. The Catholic team offers mid-week services and Holy Mass. We also provide Holy Sacraments every day. The Catholic team especially manages this service well. We offer other services or ceremonies for people such as weddings, funerals, memorial services, commissioning services, etc. From time to time, we all get together to take part in the events. Recently we had the commissioning service for our Ecumenical Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants. All team members participated in the service. All members of our team also attended the celebration for the 30th year of Fr Talipope Vaifale's priestly Anniversary Eucharistic Celebration at Our Lady of Assumption Church at Onehunga in Auckland. The Catholic team has one full-time chaplain priest and three part-time lay chaplains, Fr. Talipope Tuala Vaifale, and a couple of on-call priests, of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Faith, Fr. Iosefo Timu, Fr. Joseph Thirumala and Fr. Tino Consedine Toleafoa. The Amorangi team has one ordained priest and a couple of assistant chaplains.

The Ecumenical team has four ordained ministers and fifteen Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants and a few locum chaplains. We have regular team meetings and we constantly learn from each other.

I am impressed by the Catholic team as they provide pastoral care for their patients in the hospital. Under the leadership of Fr. Talipope, mf, the Catholic team, has been offering comprehensive pastoral care. They visit their patients regularly every day including public holidays. The Ecumenical, Amorangi, and Catholic teams exchange referrals with each other if any patients, families, or staff want a visit by their own church priest. The Catholic team always responds promptly to referrals even for midnight call-outs.

I am honoured to share with you what pastoral care our chaplaincy team offers for people unwell physically, emotionally, and spiritually at our hospital, especially our good relationship and sharing of our ministry as Catholics and Ecumenical.

May God bless and keep you all.

Young-Jun You, The Lead Chaplain at Auckland City Hospital.

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