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*In Loving  
Rememberance of...*



**Br. Thomas Thumpeparampil OFM Cap.**

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*Provincial Speaks.....*



## **Feast of St. Francis: A Commemoration and Celebration of our Charism**

English philosopher Alfred North Whitehead described God as the one who provides possibilities for us. At every moment we are offered a number of possibilities from which we need to pick and fix a particular possibility as the best or optimum one to make a decision at a given moment. Among the many possibilities only few have the material that can take us to greater fulfillment. These are the optimum or best possibilities in a given context. God's plan will be completed if we are able to choose the right possibility and try to realize it. For instance, we are all getting ready to celebrate the feast of our father St. Francis. We have a number of patterns of past celebrations. As we sit together to plan the feast of this year what we look to immediately is the list of last year's invitees and how it was celebrated last year etc. Sometimes we behave so much 'past-blinded'. A slight change from the past patterns of celebration becomes a thorny issue in the community. Of course we need to look into the past to know how it was done in the past years and to avoid the mistakes of yesterdays; because we grow from the past events that shape and exert a considerable influence upon our present context and progress to the future.

The past events are influential ones that lay the platform for the present, upon which we make plans to construct the future. In our context the foundational past event is the life of our Father St. Francis and the inspiring lives of the early brothers who shared the same vision of Francis and who gave up everything to realize this

vision. The Franciscan Capuchin history is built by them and built upon their holy lives. The Capuchin constitutions remind that, “It is especially appropriate to imitate our first brothers by a return to [their] original inspiration, that is, to the life and rule of our Father Francis (Const. 4.2).”

This Franciscan Capuchin platform must form the foundation of our present living, our apostolate and our common vision as a Capuchin brotherhood. Feast celebration is a moment when we need to look deeply into the original inspiration of our founder. We must have the discernment of the spirit to distinguish between the inspirational elements from the bulk of the past hundreds of years of tradition and experience. Here, I would like to highlight the importance of Bro. General’s circular letter, ‘Get up and Walk’ (GW), as a reminder in our effort to give expression to the Franciscan charism in our context. The letter rightly distinguished the structures and the core element of the charism. “We need to remember that our charism is not tied to friaries and other centuries-old structures, but rather to the persons who embody it... ( GW.17).” Often we get confused with a particular articulation and expression of a Capuchin value with the value itself. We need to unearth the primitive spirit of our Order from the bundle of history. Ongoing formation is nothing but to adapt our daily life on the pattern of the original inspiration.

Now let us try to identify the most foundational aspects of this process of ongoing formation. Ongoing formation, explains Bro Mauro, is first of all about our will to be renewed in that which lies at the heart of our choice of the consecrated life: the gift of ourselves. The basis of our gifting is a deep awareness that life is a gift from God and it needs to be seen and appreciated in all its richness. Since the life is a gift, it belongs to God who is compassion and love. Ongoing formation should help us to grow in this fundamental awareness. Feast celebration is a reminder that we are a community of men living under the umbrella of God –awareness shown by our Father St. Francis and early friars. A Capuchin brother is the one who lives his life in the presence of God consciously. But this requires an attitude of inner mobility which involves openness to

the other. This openness to the other starts with a deep sharing of our needs and wants. It is based on the vision of our Father Francis who wrote in the rule, "let each one confidently make known his need to the other, for if a mother loves and cares for her son according the flesh (Cf. 1 Thes. 2:7), how much more diligently must someone love his brother according the Spirit (Rule Ch. VI). Let the feast celebration of our communities be framed on the pattern of these two fundamental dimensions of our charism namely a deep awareness of God and openness to the other. Let us celebrate it in our communities and praise God and thank Him for having called us to share this beautiful and life giving vision of life. Let us commemorate this vision of life that took flesh and blood in the life of Francis and celebrate it joyfully. Happy Feast to all!

## From Secretary's Desk.....

**1. Br. Santhosh Karingada** has completed his doctoral studies in Theology from Munich university Germany and his doctoral thesis is published with the title *From Darkness to Light: The concept of salvation in the perspectives of Thomas Aquinas and Sankara*. He returned to the province on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and is now appointed as Guardian and vice-rector at Alverna Ashram, Sulthan Bathery.

(Mob: +918547575220)

**2. Br. Paul Kottaram** has completed his Licentiate in Biblical Theology from Angelicum University, Rome and came back to the province on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011. Br. Paul is appointed as member of Vimalagiri ashram, Pattaram, Iritty. He is also appointed as the new editor of *Shanthidooth*.

(Mob: 9496628404).

**3. Br. Joseph Chalissery** has completed his Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology from Lugano University, Switzerland and came back to the province on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. Br. Joseph is presently at Assisi Ashram, Vadapuram (Mob: 8086218891).

**4. Br. Sabu Purayidom** has returned to the province on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011, after his service in the capuchin friary at Ingoldstat, Germany. He is a member of Alverna Capuchin Ashram, Sulthan Bathery now.

**5. Br. Stephen Jayaraj** is rendering service as the parish priest at Nelliady parish in Balthagady diocese. His address is:

St. Alphonsa's Church

Nelliyadi P.O.- 574229

D.K., Karnataka (Mob: +918762524926)

**6. Br. Mathew Madathikkunnel** is appointed as the vicar of St. Daniel Comboni Parish, Abbassya, Kuwait. He is also appointed by the Bishop of Kuwait as a member of priest council of Gulf. Congratulations dear Br. Mathew! His present address is:

Fr.mathew madathikkunnel OFM Cap,

Holy family cathedral, Bishop's office

P.o box 266, 13003-Safat, Kuwait.

Mob. 00965-60061105

**7. Br. Jose Nirappel** left for Kuwait on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011. We thank him for his service in the diocese of Belthangady and his contributions as the editor of Shanthidooth and wish him all the best for the new ministry. His present address is:

Jose Nirappil (Joseph Panakkalody )

Our Lady of Arabia

26, 7th Ave. North, K. O. C.

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**8. Br. George Kuzhivila** left for Rome on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011 for higher studies. His Address is:

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C.P. 18382, Bravetta

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Tel (room): +39 0666052230, (mob) +393318123329

**9. Br. John Damascene** moved to Padre Pio Ashram, Panamaram in February. He will be there till the construction works at the Provincialate is completed.

**10.** The EMBER community has moved to Kundaithode on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and is integrated into Shanti Ashram Community.

**11.** Our Newly Constructed Parish church of Shanthi Ashram, Kundaithode in Thamarassery Diocese was blessed by Mar Remigios Inchananiyil on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**12. Br. Devanand Mullankuzhiyil** has moved to Kappiset near Pulpally, Wayanad on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011. He will be staying there in a rented house which will be functioning as a religious house under the jurisdiction of Kottayam Archdiocese. Br. Vincent Kurisummoottil who has taken a sabbatical year has joined him.

Fr. Devanand Mullankuzhiyil  
Kappiset, Sasimala P.O.,  
Pulpally, Wayanad - 673579

**13. Br. Shaju Anithottam** has left for Bangalore to do post graduate studies in Counselling Psychology. His present address is:

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Train: Swamy Vivekananda Road Metro station

**14.** When the international commission for Economic Solidarity was reconstituted by the General Definitory meeting held in April 2011, **Br. E. K. Joseph** from Pavanatma Province was appointed by General Minister as one of its Members.

**15.** Br. Sebastian Manayanickal was in the Province for holidays in the month of July.

**16.** Br. Saju Pinakkatt and Br. Mathew Madathikkunnel were in the Province for holidays in the month of September.

**17. Brothers who went abroad for short-term ministries:**

Br. Cyriac Palackudy	- Mar. 19 to April 29 (Qatar & Kuwait)
Br. Jose Thachukunnel	- April 18 to July 6 (Doha, Qatar)
Br. Vincent Kurisummoottil	- June 15 to Sept. 15 (UK)
Br. Mathew Elampachanveettil	- June 25 to sept. 24 (Mezzate, Milan, Italy)

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| Br. Scaria Kalloor      | - June 29 to Aug. 6<br>(Berlin, Germany)      |
| Br. Thomas Karingadayil | - July 23 to Sept. 30<br>(Frankfurt, Germany) |
| Br. Kurian Chirapurath  | - Aug. 18 to Sept. 30 (UK)                    |

**18.** Br. Varghese Mundakkal and Joseph Charuplakkal have participated in the Franciscan Heritage Course. On their way back to India from Italy they made a short visit to Germany too.

**19.** Hearty Condolences to Br. Prakash Kanjirathinkal who lost his father on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

**20. Appointments:**

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| Br. Thmomas Karingadayil                              | - Guardian, Alverna<br>Ashram, S. Bathery.                                      |
| Br. Mariadas Thuruthimattam<br>Ashram, Perambra       | - Member, Padua   |
| Br. Joseph Charuplakkal                               | - Managing Trustee of<br>CAPS+DASS  |
| Br. Paul Kottaram                                     | - Member, Vimalagiri<br>Ashram, Pattaram &<br>Editor of Shanthidooth            |
| Br. Mathew Poovassery                                 | - Parish Priest of St.<br>Francis Church,<br>Mele Chovva &<br>Vicar of Sevasram |
| Br. Sabu Purayidom<br>Ashram, Bathery                 | - Member, Alverna   |
| Br. Biju Kochuniravath                                | - Vocation Promoter   |
| Br. Prince Mathew                                     | - Provincial Secretary<br>and Archivist   |
| Brs. Cyriac Palakkudy & Lixon Cyriac - Higher Studies |   |

# Letter of Announcement and Convocation of the LXXXIV General Chapter 2012

(Prot. N. 00736/11)

To All Major Superiors

To the Vocals of the General Chapter

To all the Brothers of the Order

Dear Brothers,

Peace and all Goodness in the Lord!

The time has come for me to write to you, with a sense of hope and joy, to convoke the LXXXIV General Chapter of our Order. I call upon us all to entrust ourselves with confidence to the intercession of Our Lady, of Saints Francis and Clare and of all our canonised and beatified brothers: may we live the experience of this Chapter with renewed zeal and in a spirit of total docility to the Holy Spirit.

With this letter, having received the consent of the General Definitory, in accordance with our Constitutions (cf. n. 116,2) and article 47 of the *Ordo Capituli Generalis Celebrandi (OCGC)*, I officially convoke the General Chapter of 2012.

Our Constitutions state that the General Chapter is “an eminent sign of the unity and solidarity of the entire Fraternity gathered together in the persons of its representatives” (*Const.* n. 116, 1). Similarly, we are aware that the Chapter is an opportune time to deal with matters pertaining to “the preservation and renewal of our life as well as the development of apostolic activity” (*Const.* n. 119, 1).

In the light of the above, observing art. 49 of *OCGC*, I now wish to inform you of the decisions taken with the consent of the General Definitory.

## **1. Time and place of the Chapter**

The General Chapter will begin on the morning of August 19,

2012 and will conclude on September 23. It will be held in Rome, at our International College of St. Lawrence of Brindisi. The Chapter is scheduled to last for five weeks because of the need to devote sufficient time to work on the Constitutions and the Complementary Code.

The Capitulars are asked to arrive at the College no later than the evening of August 18. For logistical reasons, access to the Chapter venue will not be possible before August 15. However, if any Capitular needs to arrive before August 15, he should inform the College Rector. To enable the immediate preparatory work of the Chapter to be completed on time, those brothers who are appointed as auxiliary officials of the Chapter will need to arrive at the College sooner, depending on the date indicated in their letter of appointment. 2

## **2. Outline program for the Chapter**

The Preparatory Commission for the General Chapter was appointed by the General Minister in November 2010 after consultation with the Conference Presidents (cf. *OCGC*, art. 51). In addition, the whole Order was consulted about possible items to be discussed at the Chapter. After meeting the Conference Presidents, a possible outline structure of the Chapter is being prepared, which we estimate will be ready by May 2012. Here are some indications of its “key moments”:

- 1) Presentation and study of the General Minister’s Report;
- 2) Election of the General Minister and his Definitory;
- 3) Treatment of particular topics, chief among which will be: “The Constitutions and the Complementary Code” and “Solidarity of Personnel”.

However, we remind you that it is for the Chapter itself to decide which topics it wishes to discuss. (cf. *Const.* n. 119,3).

## **3. Participants at the General Chapter**

In accordance with our Constitutions (cf. n. 116) and the Ordinances of the General Chapter (cf. *Ord.* 8/7), the capitular brothers are:

- the General Minister;
- the General Definitors;

- the former General Minister from the sexennium immediately preceding;
- the provincial and vice-provincial Ministers
- the General Secretary;
- the General Procurator;
- the Delegates of Provinces (cf. *Const.* n. 116,4) having at least one hundred professed brothers, either perpetually or temporarily (cf. *Ord.* 8/7,1);
- the Delegates of Custodies (cf. *Const.* n. 116,4) having at least thirty professed brothers, either perpetually or temporarily (cf. *Ord.* 8/7,4);
- those brothers appointed by the General Minister and his Definitory in accordance with the Constitutions (cf. n. 116,4) and Ordinances (cf. *Ord.* 8/6).

Therefore, by this letter I summon those brothers who, in accordance with the Constitutions, have the right and duty (cf. *OCGC*, art. 3) to participate in the General Chapter.

#### **4. The election of Delegates**

- The election of the Delegates of the Provinces must be conducted in accordance with the provisions given in the Ordinances (cf. *Ord.* 8/7, 3-4).

- The number of professed brothers in each Province and Custody is reckoned at 31 December, 2011. 3

- Brothers assigned to Vice-provinces, and other brothers who are in another circumscription for reasons of service, for the purpose of electing the Delegates of the Province, are not counted among the brothers of the Province, but among those of the circumscription where they exercise voting rights and in which they actually are (cf. *Const.* n. 113,5).

- brothers assigned to Custodies with fewer than 30 professed brothers are, for the election of Delegates to the General Chapter, included in the number of the brothers of the Province on which they depend (cf. *Ord.* 8/7,4).

The election of Delegates and of their substitutes, in accordance with our proper law (cf. *Ord.* 8/7) is to be conducted at the start of

2012, on the basis of statistics published on 31 December 2011. Once the election is over, the results are to be notified to the General Minister in good time, giving the name, family name and where possible the email address of those elected. These names must reach the General Curia by no later than May 25, 2012.

The Delegates, as soon as they are elected and in virtue of their election, may consider themselves *ipso facto* summoned to attend the Chapter, without the need for a personal invitation (OCGC 48, 2).

### **5. Brothers who are appointed as Capitulars**

In accordance with n. 116,4 of the Constitutions and with Ordinance 8/6, the General Minister with his Definitory has decided to appoint as Capitulars 10 lay brothers to represent the approximately 1200 perpetually-professed lay brothers in the Order (the number was arrived at by including brothers with more than 6 years in perpetual profession). Following the principle of proportionality and taking into account the number of brothers in each continent, these Capitulars will be appointed as follows: 1 brother from Africa (CONCAO and EACC Conferences), 1 brother from Asia (ASMEN, CCMSI and PACC Conferences), 1 brother from North America (NAPCC Conference), 2 brothers from Latin America (CCA, CCB and CONCAM Conferences) and 5 brothers from Europe: 2 representing CIMPCap and 3 from the other Conferences (CECOC, CENOC and CIC).

Each Conference will be asked to nominate one or more perpetually professed lay brothers belonging to the same Conference (one for every 100 or fraction of 100), chosen from the perpetually professed brothers of the Conference itself. It must indicate:

- 1 nomination from each of the Conferences: CONCAO and EACC (in Africa), CCA and CONCAM (in America), ASMEN, CCMSI and PACC (in Asia-Oceania);
- 2 nominations each from: CCB and NAPCC (in America), CECOC and CIC (in Europe);
- 3 nominations each from: CENOC and CIMPCap (in Europe);

Each name should be accompanied by a short *curriculum vitae* of the brother being nominated. Each Conference will cover the expenses of its own appointed delegate.

The above nominations must reach the General Curia no later than March 5, 2012. The General Definitory will proceed to the appointment of the 10 capitular brothers at its March meeting. 4

#### **6. Provincial and Vice-provincial chapters**

I remind you of what I wrote in my letter of November 23 2010: "... those Provinces and Vice-provinces whose terms of office expire in 2012 must plan to hold their chapter on such a date that it concludes by May 15th, 2012. It is also possible to hold the chapter as from October 30th, 2012..."

Dear Brothers, I invite you to live this time of preparation for the General Chapter with prayer and thanksgiving to God. Let us prepare ourselves by being spiritually open and docile at heart, so that we are instruments of His grace. I invite you to make this prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi your own:

*God Almighty, Most Holy, sublime and supreme, you alone are good, all goodness, the highest good, the fullness of good may we give all praise, glory, thanks and honour, every blessing and every good, to You.*

*So be it! So be it! Amen*

Let us call on the Spirit of the Lord to guide us, to inspire and move us, with all our strength, to fan once more the flame of our charism into a living fire.

Rome, from the General Curia, October 4, 2011.

Solemnity of our Seraphic Father Saint Francis of Assisi

Fraternally.



*Br. Sidney Damasio Machado*

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General Secretary OFM Cap.

*Br. Mauro Jöhri*

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General Minister OFM Cap.

## **BR. THOMAS THUMPEPARAMPIL OFM CAP: AN OBITUARY**

Br. Thomas Thumpeparampil who authored the Malayalam translation of "Little Flowers of St. Francis," himself was a sweet scented little flower that bloomed in the garden of Franciscan Capuchin Order. Br. Thomas had personal insight into Franciscan brotherhood, simplicity and joy. He lived these values with authenticity and fidelity and transmitted it to others.

Br. Thomas was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1944 at Athirampuzha in Kottayam district, Kerala. Son of pious parents Mr. Joseph T M & Mrs. Mariamma Thumpeparampil, the young Thomas got rooted in Christian life. With a firm determination to be a follower of St. Francis of Assisi he joined the Order at Bharananganam in 1961 and made his first profession at Monte Mariana, Farangipet on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1965 and final profession at Kottagiri on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1971. He was ordained a priest at Kunnoth on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1973.

In the course of 41 years of the prayerful and graceful religious life Br. Thomas Thumpeparampil was a source of consolation for many. He was a man whose heart throbbed to help others, especially, his students in difficult situations. Most of his life was





devoted for teaching in the seminaries. He has taught thousands of priestly students all over India and abroad. Besides his teaching ministry he was

a good preacher and animator of SFO. As an effective pastor his services in the parishes of Vadakkanadu and Kenichira of Manathavady Diocese and Chunkapara in Changanassery diocese were well appreciated. He was an affluent writer who continually wrote articles in Assisi Magazine besides many books in theology. He was a member of the editorial board of POC Bible.

The Ashrams he served in various capacities are Monte Mariano, Calvary Ashram(Trichur), The Friary (Kottagiri), Assisi Ashram (Bharananganam), Portiuncula Ashram (Kattappana), Alverna Ashram (Bathery), Kenichira (Mananthavady Diocese), Rome, Oxford, Gathsemany Ashram (Changanassery), Kavalam, Paurasthya Vidyapitham (Vadavathoor), Church of the Sacred Heart (New York), Arimanal, Mount Tabor Ashram (Pathanamthitta), Capuchin Vidyabhavan (Thellakom) Capuchin Franciscan Institute of Philosophy and Theology (Ethiopia), St. Francis College (Janampet, AP), Brindisi Bhavan (Janampet), Padua Ashram (Perambra) and Sevasram (Kannur).

When Br. Thomas was visited by sister sickness he was put in severe pain and affliction. First he was operated for piles, but later it was diagnosed to be Rectum Cancer already in the third stage. Then he was taken to Caritas Hospital, Kottayam. We gratefully acknowledge the loving tender care given by his family members, especially Biju, his nephew. On the sick bed he showed tremen



dous faith in God and received consciously the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In the midst of pain, but with firm faith in God he breathed his last on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011. His death was as serene as his life was!

When his mortal remains were kept in mobile mortuary at Capuchin Vidyabhavan, Thellakom a very large number of priests, religious including Major Archbishop Mar. George Alanchery, Archbishop Mar. Joseph Perunthottam, Mar. Joseph Kallarangatt and Mar. Joseph

Pavvathil visited and prayed for him. Then his body was carried to Pavanatma Capuchin Provincialate, Kannur. Holy Mass was celebrated by the





community members along with the parishners. Rt. Rev. Bp. Varghese Chackalakkal paid homage to him. Then his mortal remains were taken to Vimalagiry Ashram Pattaram. There was a large crowd of people comprising of priests, religious, relatives and friends of Fr. Thomas including Archbishop Mar George Valiamattam who gathered to pray and bid farewell to him. Bishop Mar Paul Chittilappilly officiated the funeral Mass concelebrated by Br. Kurian Chirapurath (vicar provincial of Pavanatma Province), Br. David Francis (vicar provincial of St. Thomas Province), Br. Cherian Scaria (vicar provincial of St. Joseph Province) and around seventy other priests. The funeral oration was given by Br. George Valiapadam. After the liturgical service in the chapel his body was laid to rest in the cemetery.

It is an undeniable fact that Fr. Thomas will live forever in the collective memory of the brothers. Our faith tells us that he can never cease to show love and concern for us, but of course it will take the form of intercession before God.

***Pavanatma Capuchin Provincilate, Kannur***

# NEWS

## from the Houses

### **SEVASRAM, KANNUR**

#### **Provincial's Diary**

#### **February 28 to March 30: Visit to UK Ireland and USA**

The year 2011, seems to be a year of progress and growth for the province and we thank the Lord for his abundant blessings upon the province. As part of visiting the brothers at the places where they live and work, I travelled to Kuwait from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to visit Bro. Mathew Madathikunnel. Bishop Camillo is highly impressed by the simplicity of Bro. Mathew and he spoke quite high about him. The first major event of the year was the silver jubilee of Capuchin Vidyabhavan Thellakom, Kottayam on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011. From the 30<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> February I was at Vijnananilayam Eluru, to teach Christology for the theologians.

Next major trip was to England to preach retreat at four centers in and around London for the Syro Malabar community from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> March. Further I proceeded to USA to give retreats in the United States and I could also meet the New York provincial during this visit.

#### **Visit to Germany-29<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

The VC fathers are running an excellent retreat centre in Berlin (Germany) for the European community. It is a flourishing center where a lot of renewal takes place. It was a golden opportunity to preach four weeks retreat at this centre from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011. It was also a time to meet brothers Jose Vettikattu and Bro. Biju Madhavath in Germany and bros Anil Mangattu and Joseph Chalissery in Lugano Switzerland. Since the province has signed the agreement of personal solidarity with the Swiss Province I had



gone to Luzern to meet Bro Ephrem Bucher and Bro Linus of Swiss province. On the way back I had a break in Dubai to meet bro Varghese Chemboli the Vice Provincial of Gulf. I thank the Lord and all those who have helped

me and offered collaboration one way or other during these trips.

### **The Provincialate Reaching its Completion**

As per the original plan the provincialate is to have a ground floor, first floor and a second floor. Due to other urgent works we could not undertake this work for the past many years. As the province is growing in numbers shortage of living space was an acute problem especially in summer as the students come from the study houses. Now there will be enough space in the Provincialate with the addition of seven rooms, a conference hall and a dormitory. The work is nearing completion. Thanks to the good efforts of Brs. Scaria Kallor, Shaju Anithottam, Mathew Poovassery who are directly involved in the work, and other members of the community for coping with all sorts of disturbances due to construction and for their valuable suggestions and wholehearted collaboration. The province is indebted to the economic solidarity of the Order for its financial support for this project.

### **Sharing the Responsibility**

On 20<sup>th</sup> May during the community meeting different duties were assigned to the members of the newly formed community. The responsibility of day today running of different institutions under CAPS+DASS Trust too is shared by the members of the community while Br. Joseph Charuplackal functions as coordinator in the capacity of Managing Trustee. Bro. Mathew Poovassery is in charge

of prathasa Bhavan, Bro Vinod Mangattil will handle the responsibility of Amala Bhavan and Bro Prince Mathew will be taking care of the Balahavan

### **Go into All the World...**

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mk. 14:15). Well, our friars had been on constant move to proclaim and witness God’s message. Bro. Cyriac Palakudy was invited to give retreats to the keralite community in Doha, Qatar and in Kuwait. Br. Provincial made a month long visit to Europe in July. He was invited to give a retreat in Berlin, Germany. Despite his various engagements he finds time to make constant visits to

the fraternities in the province. Bro. Vinod Mangattu served at Cheparampu parish at the request of the Bishop as the parish priest for two months. He proved himself to be a successful parish priest within this short period of time! In August Br. Joseph Charuplackal was away in Italy participating in the Franciscan Heritage Program. He made a short trip to Germany as well. Br. Biju Kochuniravath, the provincial vocation promoter is constantly on



move to find young men for the Order. We thank the Lord for the wonders He does for the people through the various ministries of our brothers.

## **Farewell for Eternal Reward**

The community bid farewell to Bro. Thomas Thumpeparampil, a precious gift from the Lord and a caring member of our community for his eternal reward on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011. He left the community on 3<sup>rd</sup> May for treatment to Kottayam but it was God's plan that he should return to his eternal happiness on 18<sup>th</sup> July at Carithas Hospital Kottayam. His mortal remains were placed in our chapel on 19<sup>th</sup> morning. Rt. Rev. Bp. Varghese Chackalackal along with the members of the community and parishners paid homage to Br. Thomas. We extend our condolence to his bereaving relatives and friends. The community observed seven days of abstinence and special prayers were offered for our dear elder brother Thomas.

## **Celebrations**

On 11<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated the feast of the province. Fr. Provincial officiated the Holy Mass which was followed by festal meal. We were delighted by both the sumptuous meal as well as the gracious presence of a good number of friars and the sisters who are working in our institutions for the destitute. Then we had the birthday celebration of Br. Shaju Anithottam on 8<sup>th</sup> June. His praiseworthy services as parish priest and vicar of the house were gratefully acknowledged. Again on 18<sup>th</sup> June it was a happy occasion to celebrate Birthday of Br. Vinod Mangattil. His vibrant presence in the community and the great service he is rendering as provincial procurator were applauded. On 9<sup>th</sup> August the birthday of Br. Prince Mathew was celebrated.

## **Few departures and arrivals**

When the construction work of the second floor of the Provincialate began in February Br. John Damascene found it difficult to bear with the dust and the cracking sounds. So he has temporally moved to Padre Pio Ashram, Panamaram. Indeed we miss his jovial and paternal presence in the community. We await his immediate return to the community after the completion of the work.

Br. Jose Nirappel was with us for a couple of months during the interim period of awaiting to fly to Gulf. He had been under

treatment too. His gentle and intellectual interactions in the community was really inspiring. He left for Gulf on 29<sup>th</sup> May. We wish him all the best in his ministry.

Again on 8<sup>th</sup> August Br. Shaju Anithottam left us for Bangalore to pursue his post graduate studies in Counselling Psychology. He had been animating the community as vicar of the house so well for the last two years despite his engagements in the parish as the parish priest. We wish him everything best in his studies at Montfort College, Bangalore.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May Sevasram got a facelift with the arrival of young and charming Br. Biju Kochuniravath. He keeps himself on move in search of new vocations while he fulfills the commitments to the community so well.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May Br. Prince Mathew joined the community. He has taken up the office of the provincial secretary.

### **Our Guests:**

We were privileged to extend our hospitality to many guests from different provinces. Br. Jose Vettikkatt was in the Province in the month of January for holidays. It was a great desire of Br. George Makkara to visit Malabar. He was taken to Shanthi Ashram Kundaithode, Alverna, Bathery, Padre Pio Panamaram, Vimalagiri Pattaram, Amalagiri Payyannur, Sevasram Kannur and Assisi Vadapuram. He was found to be extremely happy to see the places and to be with the brothers. He also visited few of his relatives. On 16<sup>th</sup> February he returned to Bharananganam. This visit was made possible by the goodwill of Br. Thomas Jacob, Provincial of St. Joseph Province and Br. Jose Vettikkatt, guardian of Assisi Ashram Bharananganam.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May Swiss Provincial Ephrem Buher and Mr. Daniel Hug the director of missions of Swiss Province reached our provincialate. They were with us for a week. This visit was part of our personnel solidarity with the Swiss Province.

Br. Jose Edattukaran was with us for a week and he was engaged in preaching retreat to the MSMI sisters. Brs. Xavier

Kochurumpil, Philip karimala, Felix Podimattam, Liju, Johnsosn Puthenpurayil, Christy Vattakkuzhiyil, Mathew Parintherickal, D. James, Baiju Chalackan and a number of friars from our own province visited us. Brs. Sebastian Manayaniyil, Mathew Madathikkunnel and Saju pinakkatt were in the province for holidays. We really enjoyed the fresh dates and sweets brought by them. Two medical students from Germany, Teresa Fanny, have come as the guests of the province. Teresa's parents Hebert and Margaret are our benefactors and close friends of many Capuchins.

### **Parish Diary**

Br. Shaju Anithottam and Br. Lixon Cyriac had been animating the St. Francis parish community in a praiseworthy manner for the last two years. This year in the month of May there was a change in the in the leadership with Br. Mathew Poovassery taking charge as the parish priest. The parish community expressed their deep felt gratitude towards their beloved pastors Fr. Shaju and Fr. Lixon. Br. Mathew Poovassery, the new parish priest puts his soul and heart in animating the the parish community in the best way possible. May the Lord Jesus the Good Shepherd shower his blessings on the pastor and the flock.

The feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated in a befitting manner on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Nine days of Novena was celebrated as part of the feast.

### **Toiling in the Soil**

It was a great achievement for the province to get the land at Mundayad sorting out all issues concerning the property. Br. Mathew Poovassery, our agriculture minister, took a lot of pain and struggle to fence the boundaries due to strong opposition from the neighbours. He has turned the land into a and agricultural guardern with plaitain trees and other cultivations. May your toil yield hundred fold fruits, dear Br. Mathew.

# AMALAGIRI ASHRAM PAYYANNUR

Greetings and fraternal regards to all. We wish you all a Happy Feast of our Holy Father St. Francis of Assisi.

## **Sapthathi and Birth Day**

Br. Martinain entered in the 'Sevneties Club'. We had a modest and fraternal celebration of the Sapthathy of Br. Martinian. We celebrated his Sapthathi together with the birthday of Br. Jose Kariganda on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Our community is very much enriched with these to brothers who are genuine Franciscans. In the morning we had solemn Eucharistic celebration officiated by Br. Jose Karingada. All the community members joined him in thanking and praising the Lord. The day was coloured with special adoration, cultural program, volley ball match and a grant supper with the neighbouring religious communities. During the dinner Br. Guardian spoke a few words of appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the community. Thank you dear brothers for all that you are and what you are doing to the Order and to the humanity.

## **Intensive English Coaching**

In order to improve the English language we arranged an intensive English coaching for the brothers who are promoted to Bathery. An expert in English took the classes. Brothers could really profit from it and from then onwards their thinking and dreaming are in English and even their smiling is in English.

## **Send off to the Brothers**

Nineteen brothers who completed their formation in Amalagiry were promoted to Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad. Two of them who had already completed the plus two at home were promoted to Pre-

novitiate Kattappana. After a year of formation here they have really grown in many areas. We bid adieu to them and Br. Rector thanked them for their service here and gave them a send off and wished them everything best in their future endeavour.

### **Vocation Camp**

A vocation camp was held in our Seminary from 2-6 May under the leadership of Br. Mathew Poovassey, our vocation Promoter. There were 38 students who participated the camp and after the evaluation we selected 25 of them to the Capuchin Order. Br. Provincial, Br. Siby Mattathil, the Regency Brothers and the community members were involved in the selection process. Thanks to all who contributed to the vocation promotion.

### **Academic Year 2011-12**

When we have given ourselves in to the hands of God, He multiplies our fruits. This year Amalagiry is glad to have 27 new candidates. The newcomers reached here on 6<sup>th</sup> June and the new academic year was inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> June by our Provincial Br. Scaria Kalloor. In his inaugural address he congratulated the brothers for their desire to take the challenges for the Lord. This year we



have 22 students from Thalassery Diocese, 2 from Thamarassery, 2 from Mananthavady and 1 from Belthangady.

### **Retreat: Days of Renewal**

To ignite the mind of the young brothers, we arranged 5 days of retreat. It was animated by Fr. Jomon Asamparambil, the guardian of Gathsamany Ashram, Changanassery. His talks and simple life style inspired us all. Thank you dear father.

### **Feast of the Sacred Heart**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July we celebrated the feast of the most sacred Heart of Jesus. In the evening we arranged a prayer session before the picture of the Sacred Heart and held a procession. Br. Bobin gave a beautiful message of the day.

### **Independence Day**

On 15<sup>th</sup> of August, we celebrated our Independence day. Br. Martinian hosted the flag. After hosting of the flag Br. Ebin gave a beautiful patriotic message inviting everyone to work for the welfare of the nation.

### **Green Revolution**

Amalagiry is becoming greener and greener day by day due to the strenuous effort of our gardener, Br. Martinian. Now our campus is filled with vegetables, fruits, nuts etc. Our cultivation near the N H becomes the role model for the *Haritha Yoram* project of the Kunjhimangalam Panchayath. Thanks to Br. Martinian for his hard work and commitment.

### **Onam Celebration**

We anticipated the Onam and it was celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We prepared a floral carpet (pookkalam) and grand vegetable Onasadya (onam meals) under the leadership of Brs. Geogy and Jose Karingada. We conducted some competitions for the brothers and they really enjoyed it. After the Onam celebration the brothers went for the holidays.

## **Counselling Course**

Br. Jose Karingadayil attended a counselling course in Dindigal in the month of September. It was an enriching course and after the course he is with full of vigour and spirit and speaking often in psychological terms and the other friars find at times difficult to catch the point. Wish him everything best.

## **Our Guests**

We were privileged to have so many guests during these days. Br. Ephrem Buher, the Provincial of Switzerland paid us a fraternal visit. Br. Scaria Kalloor our Provincial, Brs. Valiyapadath, Paul Kottaram, Mathew Madathikunnel etc... made fraternal visits. Thanks to all.

## **Feast of Our Holy Father St. Francis**

October 4 was a joyous day for all of us. In preparation for the feast we conducted 9 days of Novena. On each day a particular theme was taken and according to the theme one Brother was giving a short message during the Novena. We also arranged prayer sessions and Transitus. The Festal Celebration was begun with the Eucharist which was officiated by Very. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kalarickal, the forane Vicar of Kanjhangad. After the Holy Mass we arranged a dinner for the priests, religious and the neighbours in our auditorium. May St. Francis intercede for us.

*Above all the grace and the gifts That Christ gives to his beloved is That of overcoming self.*

*(St. Francis Assisi)*

## **ASSISI ASHRAM VADAPURAM**

The members of Assisi Ashram Vadapuram is proud and happy to let you all know that we could offer our preaching talents for the spiritual renewal of many parishes during the last summer. Our priestly life finds its fulfilment only when we engage ourselves in the works of spreading the gospel of Christ. The generosity of Br. Biju Elampachamveettil to spare his precious two months in the Diocese of Belthangady substituting Br. Jose Nirappil also shows his pastoral zeal and commitment. He was back at Vadapuram by the end of January 2011.

A Franciscan community rejoices when a new brother joins it. Br. Sabu Purayidam multiplied our joy on his arrival from Germany on 16<sup>th</sup> of March. His ever willingness to do any sort of ministry was very encouraging and his presence in the community was an enriching one. Br. Sabu left for Alverna Ashram Bathery on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### **Spiritual Renewals**

Assisi Ashram Vadapuram had the privilege of hosting two recollections. The priests of Nilampur Forane chose Assisi Ahshram for the gathering and spend a day in prayer on the occasion of monthly recollection on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Br. Jiji from Arimanal Ashram animated the day's proceedings. The priests gathered here extolled our hospitality and the prayerful atmosphere of our Ashram. Again, after a couple of weeks, we had another opportunity to receive our own Capuchin friars from the neighbouring communities. They reached on the eve of 22<sup>nd</sup> July and parted on 23<sup>rd</sup> noon after a fruitful spiritual reflection given by Fr. Varghese VC from Vincentian

Ashram, Nilampur. This gathering of friars gifted memorable days to our community.

### **Our Guests**

It is our pleasure to cherish the arrival of guests to our Ashram, especially that of a capuchin friar. We esteem the valuable and frequent visits of our Provincial, Br. Scaria Kalloor. He, along with the Swiss Provincial Br. Ephrem, visited us on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. Thanks to Br. Stephan Vammiyalil who served at the Ashram while we were attending the provincial retreat at Pattaram. The presence of Br. Shaju Anithottathil from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August caused to widen the Franciscan fraternal horizons. Br. Sebsatian Manayanil and Br. Paul Koolipura expressed their fraternal feelings by visiting us during their vacation in Kerala.

### **The Two Infants**

Vadapuram ecclesial community witnessed the birth of 2 Franciscan children on the lap of our ashram chapel. The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO), and Youth Franciscan Association namely 'Youfra', found a platform to stand as the result of long thought and efforts of Br. Biju Elampachamveetil. The dream and hard works of many were realized when SFO and 'Youfra' were officially inaugurated by Br. George Valiyapadath, our provincial councillor, during the function held at our Ashram immediately after the Holy Mass on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Br. Chacko Ellickal, our guardian, presided over the meeting. Br. Shaju Anithottathil delivered a felicitation note and inaugurated the official website of 'Youfra' ([www.youfra.com](http://www.youfra.com)). Mrs. Elsamma Jose Mannadan released the logo of 'Youfra' and Mr. Jose Mannadan thanked the dignitaries for their generosity and cooperation. At the end of the function, all enjoyed a delicious 'payasam' prepared by the members of SFO and 'Youfra'.

### **Onam Celebration**

Vadapuram ecclesial community celebrated 'Onam' on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011 with all its enthusiasm organised by SFO and Youfra. Our joy was doubled since we had Br. Scaria Kalloor as

our 'chief guest'. The celebrations began with a Solemn Eucharistic celebration in the morning. In the afternoon, Br. Scaria inaugurated the competitions marked by profound participation. Youfra had arranged some precious gifts for some lucky ones. Br. Scaria gave away the prizes. The celebrations came to an end with 'Adapradhaman'.

Br. Joseph Chalisseri returned from Switzerland and joined our community on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011. He will be a member of this community until his visa to Switzerland is obtained.



# ALVERNA ASHRAM SULTAN BATHERY

Frataernal greetings from Alverna, Sultan Bathery!

## **Retreat for the brothers**

God's providence brings all our endeavors to fruition. Trusting in this faith, we began the new academic year with three days of retreat from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June, a time for reflection and being with God alone. We express our sincere thanks to Br. Chacko who animated the retreat for helping us to have a fresh start of the year.

## **The day of re-opening**

The inauguration of the academic year 2011-2012 was on 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2011. The day was blessed with concelebrated Holy Mass officiated by Br. Shaji Chirappurath, our vicar Proivncial. In his



message Br. Shaji stressed the need for getting oriented towards and motivated by the person of Jesus Christ. After the Mass we gathered together for the 'Lectio Brevis' that was presided over by Br. Shaji himself. Dean of studies, Br. Jinson, introduced the various subjects for the year. Our guardian Br. Santhosh Karingada, Rector Br. E.K. Joseph and Br. Sabu wished the students a fruitful year.

### **Batch Gathering**

The batch mates of Br. Jinson had a get-together here at Alverna to share their experiences and to evaluate their pastoral life since ordination. It was a pleasant experience also for the rest of the community to have them with us under our roof and we gladly welcomed them into our midst. Their fraternal sharing left warm memories of brotherly concern and acceptance.

### **Feast day celebrations**

we celebrated the feast of our dear guardian Br. Thomas Karingada, on 3rd July, on the feast day of St. Thomas the apostle. The celebrations began with colourful cultural programmes performed by the brothers in the previous night. Br. Thomas officiated the con-celebrated festal mass on the day. During the grand meal at noon, Br. E. K. Joseph felicitated and thanked him for his presence and services. Brs. Shaji and Johns from our neighboring community at Panamaram and a few relatives of Br. Thomas were also present to share our joy. The Volley ball match in the evening, between the friars and the students elevated the celebrations to its zenith.

Our guardian Br. Thomas had gone to Germany on 23<sup>rd</sup> of July for pastoral work and came back on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Birthday Celebrations**

The month of August is very dear to us. It is not only because of the independence day and the assumption of Our Lady, but also because Br. Jinson and Br. Sabu celebrate their birthdays on 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August respectively. On Br. Jinson's birthday, Br. E.K. Joseph thanked him for his active presence and hard work in the community. Br. Shaji Chirapurath and Br. Johns pulparambil were

present for the celebrations. The day became more cheerful and lively with variety of entertainments put up by the brothers.

The next colourful event in the month of August was the birthday of Br. Sabu. We prayed for him during the festal mass in the morning. At noon during the meals, Br. E. K. Joseph appreciated and thanked him for his commitment to the community and faithfulness in his vocation. Fr. Sineesh, asst. parish priest of Assumption forane church was also present. The taste of the 'Biryani' served on the table and the colorful performances of the brothers further solemnized the occasion.

### **Provincial's Visit**

Br. Scaria kalloor, our provincial minister, made his fraternal visit on 12th August 2011. He celebrated the holy Eucharist with the brothers. His visit was sweetened with the sweets he brought for us. He also found time to spend with the younger brothers. Dear Br. Provincial we thank you for your brotherly concern and love.

We also had the visits of many other friars who came over here to enrich the brotherhood. Some of the friars who were ready to spend sometime with us were Br. Sebastian Manayani, Br. Mathew Madathikkunnel, Br. Cyriac Palackudy, Br. Joseph Chalissery and Br. Saju Pinakkattu.

We are also very happy to welcome and have Br. Lixon who joined with us from the first week of August. At present he is animating a spoken English course for our younger brothers. He is ready also to render his help in the pastoral activities of the community. We pray and hope that he will be with us until he leaves for his higher studies.

By Br. Sebastian Mathew Manakkattu.

# PADRE PIO ASHRAM PANAMARAM

**Dear Brothers,**

Peace and Joy from **Padre Pio Ashram**, Panamaram. First of all we wish you a very happy feast of our father Francis. May the celebration of this feast give us the grace to lead a perfect religious life.

Padre Pio Ashram was privileged to have most of the friars of Pavanatma here for friendly visits. We thank you brothers for your concern and love that you shared with us, Hearty welcome...Visit again...

## **Our Ministries**

Our Guardian Br. Kurian Chirapurath went to UK for pastoral ministry for two Months. He will be back on 1<sup>st</sup> of October. We are proud and happy to have Vallyachan (Fr. John Damascene) the senior most member of our province amidst us. He is very happy and joyful. We thank God for his (Vallyachan's) prayerful presence in the community. Fr. Johns Pulparambil is busy with his retreats and seminars.

## **Birthday Celebration**

On 13<sup>th</sup> of August we celebrated the birthday of our guardian Br. Kurian Chirapurath. Br. Provincial and the definitors were present on the occassion. In the evening we had a prayer session and birthday meal. Br. Provincial thanked Br. Kurian for his selfless service to the province as the vicar provincial.

In the month of August we had a unique experience of flood coming up and going down. It was not terrifying but gently touching our compound. We got the timely help and care of our neighbors irrespective of cast and religion.

The feast of St. Padre Pio is to be celebrated from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. The preparations are on. It will be a modest way of celebration but colourful and beautiful. All are welcome on feast days.

The beautiful bird sanctuary near our land is now teemed with migrant birds. By the end of this month they will be moving to their home land. Many tourists are coming to see them these days.

Padre Pio Ashram is the venue for many meetings of the diocese and our Province. The joy of being together is great. We remain with gratitude to those who selected this locality for their friendly visits and sharing.

### **The Miraculous relics of St. Padre Pio**



We praise the Lord for the miracles God performs through the intercession of St. Padre Pio. We the friars and the neighbouring people witnessed a miraculous intervention of God's power. The front glass of the relic was broken in our handling, but it became intact during the feast celebration. As the relic is sealed with Italian seal, nobody could repair it manually. We thank and praise God for the many miracles happening at Panamaram through the intercession of St. Padre Pio.

Wish you all a very happy feast of St. Francis...

## PADUA ASHRAM PERAMBRA

Greetings from Padua Ashram. We are happy to be on the pages of shanthidooth, sharing our life here at Perambra.

### **Hearty welcome..**

Br. Mriadas Thurithimattam has joined our community as the new economo. As he is trained from Luguano University, Switzerland he enriches the people with his retreats and seminars.

### **Best wishes**

Br. Prince Mathew the economo of the friary and the assistant Parish Priest of St. Francis Church attached to our Ashram got a transfer to the provincilate as the Provincial secretary. Thank you dear brother for the valuable service you rendered to our community for the past one year.

### **We have a new Grotto**

June 14th was a joyful day for our friary and parish community. The newly built Grotto and the entrance gate were blessed by the Provincial Br. Scaria Kalloor. We appreciate Br. Prakash for organizing and completing the work with the collaboration of the parish community within a short period of time.



### **The sad demise.**

The community was sad when we heard the news about the demise of the father of Br. Prakash our guardian and the Parish Priest. Many Parishioners participated in the funeral ceremony. We pray that his soul rest in peace.

### **Celebration day of the brothers.**

Both the parish community and the friars joined together to celebrate the birthday of Br. Prakash on May 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a small prayer session and birthday meal in which sisters from both the convents and representatives from the parish participated. On 20<sup>th</sup> September we had a joined celebration of the feast day of Br. Mariadas and birthday of Br. Roy.

### **Celebrations in the parish**

We had so many celebrations in the parish. On 13<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated the feast of St. Antony of Padua. We began the novena in preparation for the feast of St. Alphonsa on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July and on 31<sup>st</sup> was the main feast. Br. Jose Thachukunnel the guardian of St. Joseph friary Vellarikkundu, was the main celebrant on the feast day. Br. Cyriac Palekkudy joined us on 8<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate the feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you dear brothers for your valuable presence.

Br. Roy Joseph

*“Start by doing what’s necessary;  
Then do what’s possible;  
And suddenly you are doing the impossible.”  
(St. Francis Assisi)*

# VIMALAGIRI ASHRAM IRRITTY

## **A Treat for the Volunteers of Pattaram Renewal Center**

On 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 14 of the Volunteers (Preshithars) went to Ootty to see the flower show led by the Director Br. Varghese Mundackal and Asst. Director Br. Biju Kalathur and came back truly refreshed and enlightened.

## **Br.Adolf's feast**

Br.Adolf's feast was anticipated and celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> July considering Br.Vincent's departure on 19<sup>th</sup> to England for pastoral ministry there.

## **Annual Retreat**

The annual retreat of our province was conducted at Pattaram from June 20-24. About 40 friars attended the retreat preached by Br.George Karintholil, the former General of the MCBS Fathers. It was really a feast of the Word of God which is the food for the souls.

## **New Cemetery**

A beautiful cemetery is built within the premises of Pattaram Ashram covering the tomb of Br.Armond Madhavath. The structure was designed by Br.

Jovinus. The mortal remains of Br.Gerson is shifted to the vault of the cemetery where there is place for sixty more. It was blessed on 24<sup>th</sup> June by the Provincial Br. Scaria Kalloor.



## **Reception to Br.Felix Podimattam**

At the close of the Province retreat at Pattaram on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a colourful function was organized to felicitate Dr. Felix Podimattam on the occasion of the release of his 100<sup>th</sup> book. Bishop Dr. Varghese Chakkalackal presided over the function and



Br.Johnson Puthenpurackal, professor of Philosophy at our Eluru Seminary, A. P. and the author of the Christian Encyclopedia introduced Br.Felix Podimattam. The function was attended by the professors and students of Good Shepherd major Seminary, Kunnoth.

## **AFFI Meeting at Dindigal**

In the absence of Br. Provincial, Br. Adolph attended the All India Franciscan Family Meeting held at Dindigal from June 27-30. The topic of discussion was Ecology and St. Francis. It was suggested that as sons and daughters of St. Francis we must promote ecological awareness and create a pollution free world beginning from our own houses and institutions. We must get rid off plastic from our houses and institutions as the first step.

### **Br.Thomas Thumpeparambil's death and burial**

Our beloved Br. Thomas Thumpeparambil after fighting with sister death for few months ended up in her embrace at Caritas Hopsital, Thellakom on 18<sup>th</sup> July. His mortal remains were brought to Pattaram and buried in the newly built cemetery on 19<sup>th</sup> July, officiated by Bishop Paul Chittilappally, the Bishop Emeritus of Thamarassery. Several Capuchin major superiors and confreres from all over Kerala and Andhra and several priests, sisters and laity attended the funeral service since he was well-known as a Professor of Eastern Liturgy and Systematic Theology and taught in several Seminaries in India and abroad. The 7<sup>th</sup> memorial day of his death was observed at Pattaram and the Vicar Provincial Br. Shaji Chirapurath officiated the liturgy. The 41<sup>st</sup> memorial day was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> August at Pattaram and the Provincial Br. Scaria Kalloor was the main celebrant for the Holy Mass attended by several relatives of Br. Thumpeparampil.

### **Sister Sickness**

Sister sickness frequently visits Br. Sebastian Kunnumpurath and often he is admitted in the hospital.

### **Renovation**

Lot of modification and renovation works are done in the retreat centre to offer better facilities for the participants in retreats.

### **Br.Vincent Kurisummoottil enters into Sabbatical Year**

Br. Vincent Kurisummoottil after three months of ministry in England came back on 8<sup>th</sup> September to Pattaram Ashram. He had a wonderful time and a fruitful ministry there. Soon he will be moving to Pulppally for a sabbatical year.

Br. Vincent had spent several years holding very responsible positions in the Order like Rector at Bharananganam (1978-84), Guardian at Bharananganam (84-87), Rector at Calvary Philosophical college, Trissur (88-91), Guardian of Loreto Ashram, Muvattupuzha (91-94), director of the renewal centre Bharananganam (94-2001) and director of the renewal centre at Pattaram after the death of its founder Br.Armond Madhavath (2001-2010). Br. Vincent puts his heart and soul in all that he does. He is fully dedicated in his work. Hence after several years of very serious

and dedicated work he is going for sabbatical year to spend one year in a small prayer house at Pulppally with Br. Devanand.

Br. Vicent is an ideal priest, religious and a true Capuchin. He is known as a preacher, always preaching retreats to Priests, Bishops, Sisters and the laity and he is very much appreciated by all. As a man of prayer one can see the fruits of the spirit in him and the people compare him with the compassionate Jesus in his behaviour. He was identified with Pattaram renewal centre and his absence will be really felt. The vacuum he creates by his absence cannot be easily filled. We thank him for all his services and wish him all the best in his new life.

### **Heritage Programme**

Br. Varghese Mundackal, our guardian went to Rome on 19<sup>th</sup> August for participating in the Franciscan Heritage Programme and came back very happily with full of Franciscan spirit and rich experience on 7<sup>th</sup> September.



## ST. JOSEPH ASHRAM, VELLARIKUNDU.

Greetings of Peace and Joy from Kooramkundu!

We are glad to meet you through these few lines.

### **Fraternal life and ministry**

Though our community consists only of two members, we try to live capuchin fraternal life as best as possible. With regard to ministry we are enthusiastically welcomed in many parishes. As per our charism, we try to make ourselves available to the people. Even though our church is not a parish, it has a vibrant Christian community which co-operates and participates in all the liturgical functions of the church. We help in mission retreats and occasionally preach retreats individually as well.

### **Farewell**

Having successfully completed three and half years at this ashram Br. Johnson Arasseril was appointed to serve as pastor of the Syro-malabar faithful in Qatar. The ashram community and the faithful of the locality gave him a grand send off on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Everybody wished him God's blessings in the new pastoral field and prayed for him.

### **Hearty Welcome**

After a long period of pastoral service in Qatar Br. Jose Thachukunnel came to this community as guardian. Fr. Jobi Vattamala extended him a cordial welcome during the Holy Mass.

### **SFO**

SFO is getting rooted in the soil of Vallarikundu area. We could start few units in different parishes. Parish priests are very co-operative. We hope that we can establish SFO units in all the parishes in the region within few months.

## **Vocation**

Vellarikundu area is fertile with regard to vocation. We give adequate attention in this regard. Unlike the previous years we need to work hard to get good vocations. We are happy to say that this year we got seven candidates from this region.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

We rendered our priestly service in many parishes during the holy week. On Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday we had services in our church. On Easter day the liturgical celebration began at 5.15 a.m. The church was decorated by the altar boys and a few elderly people.

## **Feast days**

As a preparation for the solemnity of St. Joseph novena devotion was held. On 19<sup>th</sup> March, lot of people came to the church for the Holy Mass. Br. Jose Thachukunnel and Br. Jobi Vattamala celebrated their feast on the occasion. After the Holy mass, *nercha* was served to the faithful. The feast of St. Alphonsa was also celebrated in a moderate way. People devotedly participated in the liturgical services including novena. On the feast day *nercha* was brought by the people and distributed to the community after the liturgical service.

## **Jesus Youth**

The members of the Jesus Youth fraternity of Kasaragod Zone gather in our ashram on every second Saturday of the month. We welcome them and cater to their spiritual needs according to their request and need.

## **Christeen Programme**

We conduct Christeen retreat for the children on every second Saturday. Around fifty children on a regular basis participate in this retreat. We hope that the number will increase in the coming months.

## **Outing for the Altarboys**

We arranged a one day outing for our altar boys. The picnic spot was Kannur. It was an enjoyable tour. Boys could enjoy well.

# CAPUCHIN VIDYABHAVAN, THELLAKOM

Fraternal greetings from Capuchin Vidyabhavan...

## **New Beginning**

The new scholastic year began on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 and once again Vidyabhavan became alive and vibrant after two months of holidays.

Our community is proud that Br. Mathew Paikada and Br. Xavier Kochurumpil, our professors were elected as the provincial minister and the provincial definator respectively, of St. Joseph Province. Now we are blessed to have with us eminent professors and preachers like Br. Mathew Vallipalam (vice-Rector), Jacob Kurisinkal, Chacko Manicheril, and Georgekutti Thottuvayil. This year we have 27 first year brothers, including five brothers from C.S.T. congregation. We are eagerly expecting them to be back after their introductory courses at Vijnananilayam, Eluru.

## **Vidyarambham**

We began our new scholastic year invoking the God of wisdom and knowledge and surrendering all our talents and efforts to Him. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Br Mathew Paikada, Provincial of St. Joseph Province, along with Br Sacria Kalloor and Br. Raphie Paliakara, Provincials of Pavanatma and St. Thomas Provinces respectively. Lectio brevis began at 11 am. Students and staff under the guidance of Br. Xavier Kochurumpil selected Sir. 6:32 as the motto of the year: "My son, if you are willing you can be disciplined, and if you apply your self you will become clever".

### **Br. Felix Felicitated**

The glory of Vidyabhavan is indeed raised higher by the 100<sup>th</sup> book from Br. Felix Podimattam. It is a land mark achievement for him and the entire Capuchin Order. He was honored by the community and presented with a '*Ponnada*'. Congratulations, dear Br. Felix, for your great contribution to the humanity at large.

### **Sister Death**

Br. Thomas Thumpeparampil was under treatment in Caritas Hospital for a long time. Our community served him with gratitude and fraternal sentiments. Casting a gloom in our minds, came the news that he has been taken up to the eternal home. His body was brought to our Chapel. Major Archbishop Mar George Alanchery, Archbishop Mar Joseph Perumthotam, Bp. Mar Joseph Kallarangat and Bp. Mar Joseph Powathil visited and prayed for him. Members of Vadavathur Apostolic Seminary, friars from the Capuchin Provinces of St. Joseph, St. Thomas and St. Francis and many religious and lay people also were present for the Office of the Dead. Good number of friars accompanied his mortal remains to Vimalagiri Ashram, Iritty.

### **Assumption and Independence Day**

On the auspicious occasion of the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day, we had first the solemn liturgical celebration. Afterwards the national flag was hoisted by Br. Aegedius and an elevating speech was delivered by Br. John Edattu.

### **FAAC**

'Friend of Aids Affected Children'(FACC) has extended its helping hand to a few more children and thereby adding up to a total of 100 beneficiaries. A picnic was organized for them to "Dream world", Chalakudy as part of the Onam celebrations.

### **Onam, Ponnonam**

We had a fantastic Onam celebration. All the members of the community were divided in to three groups *Parasu*, *Vamana* and

*Maveli* and we had a week long competition. On *thiruvonam* day our Chapel was decorated with a beautiful floral carpet (*athapookalam*) which won the attraction of all. Onam celebrations concluded with festal meal (*onasadya*) with varieties of delicious dishes. After enjoying the sumptuous meal the creativity of brothers came out in the form of traditional dance of *thiruvathira* and singing of folklores (*onapattu*)

**Testing Times (*Pareekshakalam*)**

Once again Capuchin Vidyabhavan is heated up by the examination schedule, and already our deacons have successfully completed their super Universam exam on Canon Law. Examinations will begin on 15<sup>th</sup> September and will end on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

We wish you all a very Happy Feast of our Heavenly patron St. Francis, our Father ...!

# CALVARY ASHRAM THRISSUR

Dear brothers,

Greetings to everyone from Calvary!

The month of June augmented the joy of Calvary Philosophical College with the arrival of newly professed brothers. They are 29 in number and they are well integrated to Calvary life. As a preparation for the inauguration of the new academic year we had a spiritual recollection by Bro. Paul Dayanand.

## **Celebrations**

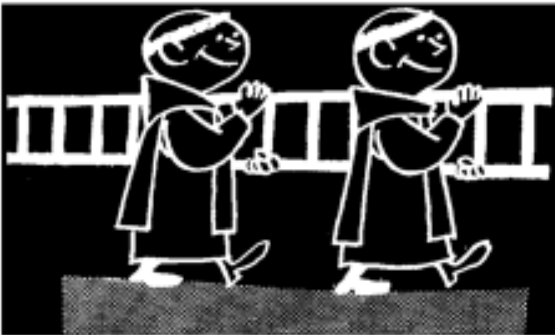
We have celebrated the feasts and birthdays of our senior brothers. Bro. Paul Dayanand, Bro. Thomas Puthur, Bro. Antony Thekkiniyath, Bro. Davis Vithayathil, Bro. Mathew Choodiyanikal and Bro. David Francis . Other celebrations were Feasts of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Assumption of Bl. Virgin Mary together with Independence Day, Feast of St. Alponsa and St. Clare, Onam and The Triumph of the Cross. On 20<sup>th</sup> July we remembered St. Lawrence of Brindisi, the great scholar and a missionary. We had a Malayalam seminar on ecology and a cultural evening in honor of St. Lawrence of Brindisi. The Triumph of the Holy Cross was celebrated solemnly. We had 'Novena' at the grotto in preparation for the Feast of Calvary. On the day of feast there were rosary procession, fireworks and Cultural program performed by different Family units.

## **Sickness**

This year sister sickness visited us twice in the form of viral fever, during monsoon and post monsoon season. Majority of the brothers suffered from viral fever especially after Onam. Br. Thomas Puthur had undergone a minor surgery.

## **Classes, Exams, Seminars and Debates**

As part of the academic program, the brothers had a debate on 26<sup>th</sup> of August in honor of Fr. Auralian Maakkatt who taught Philosophy at Calvary for many long years. The first semester examinations were conducted from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> September. Besides these, each professor had conducted class tests and mid-semester exams during the semester. Br. Antony Kalathil and Br. Raphie Paliekakara were with us for two weeks to take class for us. Fr. Douglas Cheruvathur and Mrs. Radha Gopi from Thrissur come here regularly for taking classes on music and Sanskrit. We had our extension lectures on Franciscanism and pro-life by Bro. E. K. Joseph and Mr. Abraham Puthukulam from Changansessry. Br. Scaria Kallor, the Provincial Minister paid a flying visit. We thank him for his fraternal visit.



## LORETO ASHRAM MUVATTUPUZHA

We are glad to share with you our joys and manifold blessings.

### **We are marching**

In our lives 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 will remain a memorable day since it was the day that we breathed the air of novitiate for the first time. We the present batch of novices are thirty two in number. The group consists of seven each from St. Joseph and St. Thomas provinces, four from Nirmala custody and we fourteen brothers from Pavanatma Province. The atmosphere here is calm and serene and very conducive for prayer and reflection. In short we are fresh as Lilly and fit as Fiddle. During the time of the chapter of St. Joseph Province we had classes by Fr. Devanand.

### **Best wishes dear brothers**

We bade farewell to seniors to make their first profession in their respective provinces. From 7<sup>th</sup> onwards we had a retreat animated by Sr. Ancena F.C.C. which was refreshing us to grow in Franciscan way of life. Before the retreat sister sickness had come to our fraternity to visit Bro. Anil with Pneumonia.

### **Moments of saying 'Yes' to Jesus**

On 14<sup>th</sup> of May we the 32 Brothers canonically entered into the novitiate by receiving 'Kurthas'. The profession of our senior brothers was on 15<sup>th</sup> May. It was a time of great gladness and happiness and we prayed for those who professed their vows. Sixteen brothers, including six from Nirmala custody, made their profession. Br. Mathew Paikkada, the provincial of St. Joseph province, was the main celebrant. We fraternally wish those newly professed brothers all the best for their future life.

## **We are pilgrims and strangers in the world**

Our vice master Br. Georgekutty Thottuva was transferred to the Theologate at Thellakom, Kottayam. Br. Julius Poomaram was transferred to Mundakayam. The community was delighted to extend a hearty welcome to our new guardian Br. Thomas Thalukulam, vice master Br. Dominic Cheradil and other staff members Br. Joseph Mathew and Thomas Palelil.

## **Fraternal visits**

We were fortunate to have so many rare and distinguished guests with us during these past months. Some of them were veteran missionaries who really made us mission oriented and have imparted to us an awareness of the need of religious presence in the missions. Here are the names of some of the brothers who visited us from the missions. Br. Sijo Pynadath from Malawi, Br. Renny from Megalaya, Br. Paul Koolipurakal from Assam and Br. Prasanth Madackal from Namibia. We were also visited by Br. Antony Mangiyil, Br. George Thurithipallil, Br. Vincent Kurishumoottil, Br. Shaji Chirappurath, Br. E.K Joseph, Br. Scaria Kalloor, Br. Cheriyan Scaria and Br. Antony Kalathil.

## **Celebration day of the brothers**

On the occasion of the feast of St. Thomas the apostle we were also delighted and thrilled to celebrate the feast of two of our friars Br. Thomas Thalakkulam and Br. Thomas Palelil. It was joyfully celebrated with cultural program put up by the brothers. On 8<sup>th</sup> August we were also privileged to celebrate the feast of Br. Dominic Cheradil.

## **Red letter days**

For the Franciscan family 28<sup>th</sup> of July and 11<sup>th</sup> of August were great days. We celebrated solemnly the feast of St. Alphonsa and St. Clare. Fathers gave festal greetings to the nearby F.C.C sisters. On 15<sup>th</sup> August the Loreto community together with the neighboring people celebrated feast of Bl. Virgin Mary combined with the Independence Day. And a wonderful speech was delivered by Br. Jojo. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we had Solemn Mass and sung rosary

with the faithful and we conducted a night vigil with S.F.O members. We celebrated Onam too in a grand manner with fifteen items for the festal meal.

As we are approaching the feast of our Father Francis we extend to each one of you, his blessings and festal greetings.

We gratefully thank and pray for all who visited us and encouraged us during the last semester.



## POST NOVITIATE

Hi brothers, we the post novitiate brothers wish all of you very hearty greetings of the feast of our holy father St. Francis.

There are many novelties for the mode and manner of regency programme from this year on. To begin with, the erstwhile regency programme shall further be known as one year post novitiate.

There is a shift in the office charge of this programme from St. Thomas province to St. Joseph province. On this occasion we specially thank St. Thomas province on the whole and particularly Br. Jose Edattukaran and team for the responsible organization of the programme for the past few years. We also extend a warm welcome to Fr. Shaiju Mannumattathil and team who willingly came forward to take up the responsibility of the programme for the next term.

Coming back to the post novitiate brothers, we are, at present, 15 in number. Among these, Br. Sebastian Manakkattu is serving at Alverna Ashram Bathery and two others namely Brs. Vineeth and Febin are staying at Aluva preparing to leave for Malawi mission. The remaining 12 brothers are directly involved in the exposure-immersion post novitiate programme. Prior to the post novitiate year our batch was 20 in strength. 5 brothers got promotion to Theology and we became 15 in number.

### **IN THE BEGINNING**

We began our post novitiate year on third June 2011 at a place named Kallukunnu in the Vellayamkudy parish near Kattappana . It was a hill top beholding panoramic beauty of mountain ranges pervading distances that the eyes cannot hold. Within a short time we got acclimatized with the situation and the people around us.

We used to go for daily labour with the people in our vicinity. It was limited to two or three days.

## **VISITS**

We were visited by our brothers in charge of the programme and the friars from the neighboring friary Portiuncula. Our neighbours and parishioners including the parish priest were kind enough to pay visit to us. Br. Provincial of St. Thomas province also had come to visit us. We had a meeting in the month of June with the brothers in charge of the programme and had a short evaluation of the days past and brief planning for the immediate future.

## **OUR LIFE**

Having been provided with a new vista for community life, we spent our life in Kallukunnu engaging ourselves in manual labour, house hold works, community prayer, personal prayer, discussions, recreations etc. We used to have discussions on the social teachings of the church.

## **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Since we were part of the Vellayamkudy parish we had been attentively involving ourselves in the programmes of the parish. We used to participate in some youth meetings and discussions. The parish priest had asked us to animate the Mission league on Saturday mornings. We were also going for Ward Prayers. Visiting the families in the parish was yet another experience for us. We were not restricting ourselves to Christian families at least in our vicinity. We had gone to help construct a house in the parish as part of our service for the needy.

## **COURSES**

We had a few days of course on Group Dynamism by Mr Saji Narikuzhy, a resourceful social activist. There was a sharing on the present day influence of media and advertisement by Mr Mathew Paul who had done the well known advertisement of Poppy kuda. One of us had gone to partake in an ecological awareness programme called *Mazha nadatham* (rain walk).

## **SISTER SICKNESS**

Although the captivating beauty of the high ranges was thrilling, we had to fight tooth and nail with the roughness of the climate. Sister sickness gave a savage embrace to some of the brothers; as a result they were infected with viral fever and pneumonia. Consequently we had to bid farewell to Kallukunnu for good.

## **TO NEW PASTURES**

We reached our new regency house at Madakkathanam near Thodupuzha. Though it is very difficult to find a living here, the people around are very kind to us. Slowly we are getting used to the situations. Both the groups had a month long service in Navajeevan. The ministry in the Kottayam Medical College was really enriching. One of the groups had gone to render service at Snehashramam near Vettukadu.

At present, we all are engaged in street drama practice. Mr Ramesh kunninpurathu from Kudamaloor is our master. We hope to have our debut at Bharanganam on third October.

Wishing once again a happy feast of our blessed father and imploring your prayers, we remain.

# REPORTS

## Capuchin Mission Band

I am very happy to share about our mission retreats. First of all, a big thanks to all dear brothers for your generous co-operation in making mission retreats in the past year very fruit full. Last year we could reach out to twenty three parishes through mission retreats. Our preaching, other ministries and our very presence were all well appreciated by the parishioners and parish priests.

### Preachers gathering

Thanks to the good efforts of Br. Roy Puthenpura a gathering of all the preachers of Pavanatma Capuchin Province was held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2011 at Perambra. There were eighteen participants in the meeting. On 10<sup>th</sup> morning the proceedings began



with the inaugural address by Br. Scaria Kalloor, the provincial minister followed by evaluation of the mission retreat as a whole animated by Rev. Fr. Mani Attel, Vicar of Paisakkiri parish church. In the afternoon there were two input sessions by Rev. Fr. Benny Mundanatt and Mr. Johnson Poovathinkal on Holy Eucharist and *Verbum Domini* respectively. On the next day after the concelebrated Mass and breakfast the evaluation session was begun and continued up to noon. In the afternoon there was an input session by Br. Suresh Maroor. The meeting was concluded with thanksgiving. All were actively involved throughout the seminar. There was time for serious discussion on the areas where we should focus our attention to make this ministry more meaningful and fruitful. As a result, a number of creative suggestions were evolved. These suggestions are to be the guidelines for the Capuchin Mission Retreat hereafter.

### **Meeting to prepare the schema**

A team of five friars were formed to prepare a schema for different topics for mission retreat. The team consisted of brs. Roy Joseph, Mariadas, Chacko Illickal, Johns, and Geogy. We gathered on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September at Padre Pio Ashram, Panamaram in the valuable presence of our provincial Br. Scaria Kalloor. The schema that we have prepared will be sent to all the friars for their suggestions. After receiving the positive proposals a final schema will be prepared and made available for all the preachers in the province. Hope this will be helpful to prepare talks better.

Once again thanks to all my brothers in advance for your generosity to help in the retreats we have already taken up.

Br. Roy Joseph Puthenpurayil

## **Superiors & Economos Meet**

A meeting of the economos and superiors of all the fraternities in our province was held at the Provincialate, Kannur on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2011. The proceedings of the day began with the inaugural session in which Br. Scaria Kalloor, the Provincial and Br. Vinod Mangattil, the provincial procurator explained the financial affairs of the province. Br. Scaria informed that in the wake of unprecedented difficulties we had sought the service of new auditors, namely, RSM Associates, Bangalore. Br. Vinod explained the difficulties faced in auditing and stressed the need to maintain proper and systematic accounting procedures. Then Br. Vinod introduced Mr. Binu, the resource person from RSM and Associates, Bangalore.

The sessions were really useful and informative. Mr. Binu explained proper ways of maintaining accounts. New vouchers and receipts are to be printed in every community in accordance with the directives from the auditors. Br. Vinod appealed to everyone gathered to follow the proper methods of accounting. He thanked all the participants and the program came to an end by 4 p.m. with tea.

Br. Vinod Mangattil

# Capuchin Kala Samithi

## The purpose

Capuchin Kala Samithi is an undertaking of Pavanatma Province, Kannur, which aims at promoting *Kala* (art). St. Francis could be the only saint who appreciated and marveled at the great art work of the Supreme Designer *Viswa Kalakaran*. The main purpose of this new venture of our province is to illumine the imagination of brothers and sisters who are under formation in different religious communities. We have declared an Award titled **Trinity**

**Award**, in memory of Bro. Armond Madhavathil OFM Cap of happy memory. Fr. Armond was the pioneer of Charismatic movement in Kerala. Brs.



JoseThachukunnel,

Roy Joseph Puthenpurackal, Justin Johns Nellikunnel and Geogy Perumpattikunnel form the team of Kalasamithy.

## ....and the Award goes to.

This year the award was for lyrics and music composition of Christian devotional songs. The competitions were held in six different categories. There were very positive responses from formation houses of both men and women. We got 150 entries for the competition. From among them 50 entries were sorted out and was given to the jury for the final evaluation. The Trinity award is to

give to the institute which gets maximum points. Finally the award went to Mary Matha Major Seminary Trichur. The award consists of cash prize worth Rs.20001 and trophy. The winners of each category were also given individual awards.

**The Award distribution and the releasing of CD  
the Trinity II .**



From among the entries received for the competition every year we make a Christian Malayalam devotional album titled TRINITY. The Trinity I was released last year with the help of well-known musician K.G. Peter. This year with the help of Fr. Lui Mariadas we could bring out Trinity II which includes hymns from the selected entries of this year. The CD was released on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Vimalagiry Renewal Center,Pattaram. On the day of award distribution the Album was released by Fr. Joseph Karinattu handing over the CD to Peter Cheranalloor. There was a Christian devotional orchestra lead by Peter Cheranalloor and team on the day. We thank all the friars who encouraged and supported us in various ways in this new venture.

Br. Roy Joseph

# SFO in Malabar

## **Origin and growth of SFO in Malabar:**

SFO was started in Malabar area mainly after conducting Capuchin Mission retreats in the parishes. The forerunners of SFO in Malabar were Br. Leo Keeprath, Br. Thomas Moore, Br. Julius Poomaram, Br. Francis Borgia and Fr. Adolf Kannadippara, Br. Sebastian Thottunkal, Br. Stephen Jairaj, Br. Martininan and Br. Sebastian Kunnumpurath. When Br. Adolf took charge of SFO in Malabar in 2003 there were 27 units of which only 9 were active units. He tried his level best to revive the old and inactive units, but could not succeed much since he was alone for a long time and also involved in preaching retreats at Pattaram renewal center. Later a few friars were appointed as regional spiritual assistants.

## **Present state of SFO**

Now there are 37 units and they are divided into four regions.

### **I. Pattaram Region**

1. Angadikkadav
2. Karikkottakkari
3. Kunnoth
4. Kiliyanthara
5. Manikkadav
6. Manikkadav
7. Nellikkampoyil
8. Velimanam

### **II. Chemperi Region**

1. Chemperi
2. Chempanthotti
3. Chanthanakkamprara
4. Kudianmala
5. Paisakkiri

6. Pottenplave
7. Pulikkurumpa
8. Marigiri

### **III. Kasergode Region**

1. Adukkalakandam
2. Malome
3. Parappa
4. Vellarikkund
5. Chullikkara
6. Kallar
7. Rajapuram
8. Panathady
9. Malakkall
10. Panathoor

### **IV. Alakkode Region**

1. Alakkode
2. Vellad
3. Karuvanchal
4. Vayattuparampa
5. Vilakkannur

### **In the diocese of Thamarassery:**

1. Kundaithode
2. Perambra
3. Vadapuram

### **Regional Spiritual Assistants**

Br. Joby Vattamala	- Kasergode
Br. Biju Elampachanveetil	- Nilampur
Br. Johns Pulparampil	- Wayanad
Br. Mariadas Thuruthimattam	- Perambra
Br. Thomas Kolangayil	- Thamarassery
Br. Jiji Puliyamthottiyil	- Arimanal

## CAPS+DASS Trust

All the inmates, beneficiaries and service personnel of CAPS+DASS Trust wish you all a very HAPPY FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER ST. FRANCIS!

### **Well Done, Br. Cyriac!**

CAPS+DASS Trust is very much indebted to Br. CyriacPalakudy who had been serving the Trust as the Managing Trustee for the past three years. He had taken up the office when the Trust was facing lot of challenges and difficulties. His dynamic leadership, farsightedness, hard work mixed with love and concern for the poor and the needy have taken the Trust to new heights of growth and development. All the inmates in the different poor homes of the Trust and all the stakeholders of the different activities and services of CAPS+DASS Trust acknowledge their heartfelt gratitude and love to you, dear Br. Cyriac! Br. Joseph Charuplakkal has taken charge as the new Managing Trustee of the Trust.

### **Prathyasa Bhavan**

PrathyasaBhavan hosted the Distric Level Orphans' Day celebration on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011. It was jointly organized by the Social



Welfare Department of the Government of Kerala, Orphanage Control Board, Association of Orphanages and Charitable institutions, Kerala and Prathyasa Bhavan. Government of Kerala has decided to celebrate the birthday of Mother Theresa as 'Orphans' Day' in the State. The Director of Social Welfare Department ordered that the day be celebrated with the inmates and representatives from all the orphanages and destitute homes, people's representatives of the area and the government officials from the concerned departments.

Prof. K.A. Sarala, President, District Panchayat, Kannur, presided over the public meeting and Sri A. P. Abdullakutty, M. L. A., inaugurated the function. Br. Scaria Kalloor, our Provincial, made the key note address. The meeting was made colourful by the inmates of various orphanages and destitute homes with their cultural show. The program was well appreciated by the participants. Congratulations to Br. Mathew Poovassery and the Franciscan Clarist Sisters who took the pain to organize the program.

### **Onam Celebrations**

On 9th September all the institutions under the CAPS+DASS Trust celebrated 'Onam', the national festival of Kerala. There were



floral carpets which is customary in Kerala for Onam celebration. All the homes had delicious 'Onasadya' (special meal with traditional dishes). Two families in our parish sponsored the Onam Meal for Amala Bhavan and Bala Bhavan and they themselves prepared the meals at Amala Bhavan and served to the inmates. The Provincialate community also took part in it. The inmates enjoyed the day by singing and dancing.

Children at St. Francis Home for Children (Balabhavan) celebrated Onam by making a big floral carpet and Onam meals with Friars, the girls in the hostel attached to Bala Bhavan and Nazareth sisters who look after the Special School for the Mentally Retarded. Onam was a special occasion to renew the friendships, re-establish the togetherness and to share happiness.

St. Francis School celebrated Onam with great pomp and pride. There was competition for laying floral carpets and the selected ones were awarded with prizes. Onam was made tasty with the 'payasam' - a traditional sweet dish- prepared in the school and served to all the students, staff and all other participants in the celebration. There was also a public meeting and cultural show organized by the students. Br. Mathew Poovassery gave the Onam message. Our teachers had a special Onam Meal by bringing the special dishes they prepared at home.

### **St. Francis English Medium School, Kannur Theatre Skill Training**

The students of 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> standard had a special occasion to bring out their latent talents in art, theatre and leadership skills on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August. The two-day theatre-skill workshop was animated by a team of social workers under the leadership of Ms. Anju Murali. They helped the students to explore within themselves the inbuilt talents.

### **Clean School**

St. Francis E.M. School had a combined celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and the conclusion of the weeklong celebrations of Gandhi Jayanti (Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi) on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The theme for the combined celebrations was 'Cleanliness = Health'.



The most clean and orderly classes were awarded prizes. A painting competition on the theme was conducted for the students and the selected artists were given an opportunity to make their painting on a forty-metre long canvas on the same theme. There was a 40 metre long stall and 40 metre long canvas for the artists to do painting. The painting was inaugurated by Mr. Varghese Kalathil, a famous artist in Kerala. It was not the finished paintings that were exhibited, rather there was a live painting exhibition in which each artist had a spokesperson to explain his/her theme and message to the viewers. It was a very good opportunity for the students to cultivate and exhibit their talents. There was also a public meeting in which students, parents and teachers participated. The school campus was beautified by the students by spending an hour under the banner "an hour for my school". There was a 'food fest' on class basis in which the students in each class shared their meals and dishes with other members in their classes underlining the fact that they all belong to one family, i.e., 'St. Francis School Family'.

The school had also organized a number of training programs for the students and teachers. The administration of the school has been re-organized this year by dividing the entire school into K.G.,

L.P., U.P. and H.S. sections and each section functions under the leadership of a Coordinator. They plan out activities for the entire academic year and implement them. Log frame Approach was introduced to the teachers for preparing their Academic Plan. The LFA provides the frame for a goal oriented realistic and objective planning. The approach is good for monitoring and evaluating of the implementation of the plan.

### **CAPS Special School**

Caps special school for the disabled children celebrated Onam with floral carpet, Onam meal and a cultural show prepared by the students. There are 56 students in the school at present. The school has helped one student to appear for the SSLC exams of the Kerala State Exam Board and the student scored a first class. It is the first time that we present a student for SSLC exam. The teachers did a great job in preparing her for the exams. The student was assisted by a scribe to write for her during the exam.

A paper-plate making unit was commissioned in the special school with the help of government aid for vocational training of the students as well to fetch some income for the trainees.

CAPS+DASS Trust extends our gratitude and love to you for the love and support you give. Wish you all a very HAPPY FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER ST. FRANCIS!



**Congratulations to Br. Jiby Jose Purathoor who made Perpetual Commitment and the newly professed brothers:**

**Br. Jimmy George Souriyamthottiyil, Br. Vipin V.J. Vallyanirappil, Br. Sanu E. T. Elampurayidathil, Br. Bijo T. B. Thonamackal, Br. Bibin Joseph Manakuzhiyil, Br. Srudhin Devasia Kalapurackal, Br. Manoj V. S. Vallattu, Br. Lijo T. C. Thadathil, Br. Suneesh Thundathil, Br. Deepu Jose Palamalaputhanpurayil, Br. Michael Thomas Kottanal**



**The Newly blessed St. Antony's Church  
Kundraithode, Kozhikode**