MARCH 2018

PASSIONIST INDIA ACTIVITIES NEWS OUTREACH

Volume 5, Issue 3

P
I
A
N
O

Parked or Moving?

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Alleluia! He is risen, Alleluia! Happy Easter from Bangalore. May you have an abundant share in the great Graces of the wonderful mysteries we celebrate in this Easter season!

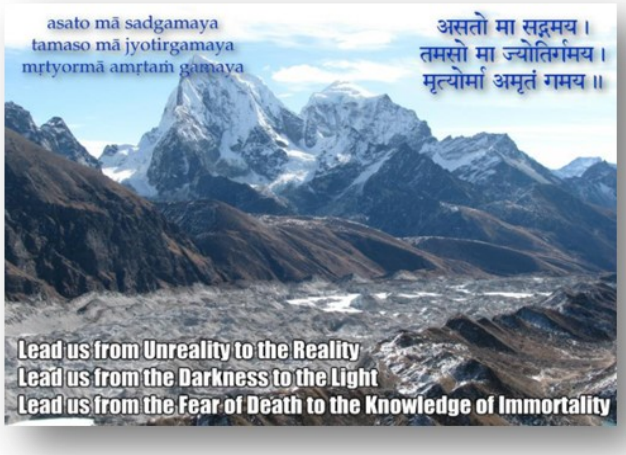
The journey that was begun forty days ago has ended. We have arrived at the Easter experience. But, this point of arrival is also a point of departure…..*go to Galilee, I will meet you there*! The resurrection experience enabled the apostles, who had locked themselves in for fear of reprisals, to go out with a sense of urgency. But the temptation is to remain locked in or be contented with doing the basic minimum. Any movement will necessarily involve taking risks, going out of our comfort zones. Going out of oneself will demand courage and a strong resolve. Initially, staying put may give a sense of well-being and contentment, like sitting in a parked car reading a book or listening to one's favorite music. But sooner than later one will have to leave the parking and drive into the confusion of the busy traffic.

Alluding to the attitude of many Christians today, Pope Francis jokingly said: "many Christians today have put their lives in parking mode." I believe, it can be true of religious as well.

In a life where human worth is measured by the number of 'likes' one succeeds to gain or the highest ratings a person is able to reach, human person is increasingly pushed more and more to turn in on oneself with the resultant danger of stagnation. In the fast-paced and hurried life where attention rarely has time to settle on any issue of importance, we are at serious risk of losing our sensitivity to the plight of the other.

Whereas, what Easter teaches us is quite the opposite. Jesus' life was a constant move from the center to the periphery. His teachings pointed always to a movement from oneself to the other. Resurrection reveals the victory of Jesus' ultimate surrender to His Father's will – *fiat voluntas tua*!

Great changes in history have happened when reality was seen not from the center but from the periphery. Only those who have taken that risk in life have managed to achieve anything. Success comes to those who are ready to move – move towards God's plan of things! Fr. Walter Kaelin, one of the pioneers of the Passionist foundation in India and its first superior, in his India Mission Report number 8 says: "It is great to have success; but it constantly creates new demands. We cannot stand still but must go on. God keeps pushing us; and we keep trying to move His way."



In the last ten months since our Congress, we have been trying to move along His way, I believe, with sufficient success. Communities are pretty much settled albeit the occasional hiccups. Three of our religious have already gone to foreign missions and one is getting ready to go. We've had two young religious ordained to priesthood and two making their final vows and ordained deacons. Soon we will have several young novices taking their first vows and move into their theological studies.

JPIC committee has been re-launched and it has published its first e-magazine already to keep us abreast with the happenings on that front.

Though still more to be done, several renovation works have been completed already. The construction of a new monastery and the Fr. Joe memorial hall in Cochin will commence shortly. We have been able to accomplish all these because all of you have been generous to move from your own comfort zones. We can achieve further if we keep moving along His way, as Fr. Walter puts it.

We are ever grateful to all our benefactors both in India and abroad who have made possible through their generosity everything we try to accomplish as Passionists. We thank the brethren in other provinces who have helped us over the years. We continue to rely on your generosity and support.

May God bless you all,

Happy Easter!

Paul Cherukoduth, CP
Vice Provincial

こんにちは – KONNICHIWA - HELLO

PASPAC Leaders Meeting

Osaka-Japan

The Leaders of PASPAC Configuration, Fr. Gwen Barde (President/PASS), Fr. Tom McDonough (Vice President/SPIR), Fr. Edwin Flor (PASS), Fr. Francis Yamauchi (MAIAP), Fr. Jefferies Foale (SPIR/LAVANG) Fr. Nikodemus Jimbun (REPAC), Fr. Paul Cherukoduth (THOM), Fr. Sugun Kang (MACOR) and Fr. Yusef Pedhu (REPAC) as translator for Fr. Nikodemus met in Osaka, Japan from the 13th to 15th March, 2018.

Memorandum of Understanding on inter-entity sharing of personnel

Following the general sharing by the leaders concerning the life and mission and the challenges faced by the respective entities, the meeting took up several issues on the agenda.

Memorandum of Understanding on inter-entity sharing of personnel

Following the recommendation from the PASPAC Assembly in November 2017 held in Melbourne, a contract template prepared by Fr. Tom for inter-entity sharing of personnel was discussed. With some minor changes and allowing greater freedom to adapt as per the exigencies of the contracting entities, the template was accepted to be used in the PASPAC Configuration.

Pre-General Chapter gathering in Rome

The PASPAC delegates will meet in Rome prior to the beginning of the General Chapter in October 2018. This meeting will work out a collective PASPAC approach and expectations around the Chapter.

Communications Team

A Communications Team for PASPAC was next on the agenda. Fr. John Pearce, the Executive Secretary, reported about the Facebook page he has set up entitled: **The Passionists: Asia-Pacific Configuration**. Although the challenges of language remain, this initiative will provide a platform for sharing news and views across the Configuration. One religious from each entity will be named as a collaborator with Fr. John Pearce who will be the administrator of the page. The subtitle of the page is: WeArePaspac.

Myanmar Mission

Further to the discussions at the last PASPAC Assembly concerning the establishment of the Passionist Congregation in Myanmar, the leaders continued to elaborate on the details concerning this mission, namely the members who will constitute the pioneering band, the nature of the mission, the finances involved, a time-frame for the implementation of the plan and so on. More concretely at this time, the place we are looking at for the foundation is the diocese of Pathein. However, the conversation will continue before a more realistic proposal is chalked out.

Next PASPAC Assembly

The next PASPAC Assembly will be held in South Korea from 7-11 November 2019. The precise venue will be communicated later.

ありがとうございました = arigatou gozaimasu = Thank you very much!

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

VIMAL	04
SHAJI	05
MUTHAPPAN	08
ROY	13
JITHIN	29
JUNESH	30

ORDINATIONS

XAVIER V T	06	ROY	18	PAUL	24	MEJO	25
JOHNSON	08	THOMAS	18	BIJU	24	EINSTEIN	25
JIFFIN	08	BINU	18	SEBASTIAN K X	25	DENNIS	26
JOSE	11	SUGUN	21	PASCHAL	25	TOMY	27
ANTONY A V	13	ANTONY C	22	JOHN V	25	JUNESH	27
BENSON	15	SHAJI	22			LOUIS	28

Jerald C P and Muthappan C P professed their final vows at Jeeevadhama on the 18th of March and ordained Deacons by the Archbishop of Bangalore, Bernard Moras at Kristu Jyothi College on the 19th of March .

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT PASSIONIST COMMUNITIES

Palliport

Randham

Randham

Palliport

Jamaica

JPIC India

Women's day celebration was conducted under the leadership of Fr. Vimal CP at our parish, Randham on 17 th March. It included classes and other activities by the resource persons...

An exhibition against Abortion was conducted by our Minor Seminary Students as part of JPIC outreach on 11 th March

Don, Alphin and Christudhas entered the Pre-novitiate program at Jnana Nilaya, Bhopal on the 6th of March .

Prize distributions during Pre-Annual day celebration at St. Gemma school Randham, Tamil Nadu on the 7th of March. Frs Antony X (Consultor) Jenish (Secretary) were present on the occasion

St Thomas the Apostle, Vice Province, (THOM)
Congregation of the Passion,
Passionist Jyotir Bhavan,
Carmelaram, P.O. Bangalore - 560035.
Karnataka, India. Mob: +91-8129195929
Email ID:thomviceprovince@gmail.com,
clpaulcp1@gmail.com
Verba volant, scripta manent!