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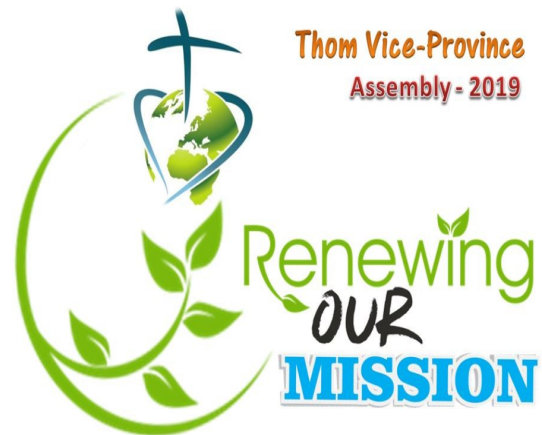
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ODear Sisters and Brothers,  
Greetings!

## Vice Province Assembly

8-10, May 2019

In about six weeks from the time you get this issue of PIANO, the Vice Province of THOM will be gathering in Carmelaram for its biennial Assembly. The Preparatory Committee has rightfully chosen the theme: **“Renewing our Mission: Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope”**! I say ‘rightfully’ because the Congregation, after its 47<sup>th</sup> General Chapter, has asked every entity to have this theme at the forefront of its programs and planning. Since our mission, “*to proclaim the Gospel of the Passion by our life and apostolate*” (Const # 2), flows directly from our Charism of the *Memoria Passionis*, I believe that our “*mission still retains all its force and*

*authenticity*” (Const #2). Hence, we can or should never tire of reflecting or repeating



this theme, especially when we gather together in Assemblies or Chapters.

### Vision Statement – Congress 2017

We, the Passionists in India, are a living community of brothers. We find our identity in our life together and in mission to the Crucified of today. We find the Crucified both within India and beyond. “We seek to be ingenious in finding ways to preach the Word of the Cross wherever we find ourselves.” With our wider Passionist Family we share both this life and mission.

Authentic Passionist Community life and Mission requires of us financial stability, which is the mark of the poverty our Holy Founder called us to. In this manner we seek to continue our journey to full incorporation into the Congregation of the Passion as a Province.

As a Vice Province in general and as individual religious in particular, we are engaged in a number of ministries both in India and abroad. But every so often I wonder whether we, as an entity, have a *coordinated vision* concerning our mission as Passionists. At times it looks like we are happy just to be engaged in something. I see nothing wrong with that. But at the same time, there is the question of dissipation of energy and our valuable resource - our youthfulness in personnel. Coupled with this experience, I also feel that at times individual preferences take over the common vision. However, as Fr. Joachim mentioned to me recently, THOM has become “*a contemporary forerunner in providing missionaries and responding*

*to the call of solidarity in personnel to other parts of the Congregation*". So, I believe it is something about which we can all be proud of and I sincerely thank all those who have shown great generosity and availability in reaching out to the various entities within our Congregation.

As we prepare for this important assembly, I invite each one of us to be conscious that "**Renewing of our Mission**" requires from each of us a "**Renewing of ourselves**". Because, since our "mission flows from 'who we are', we must be constantly open to **self-renewal** which is our response and openness to what God is doing in us..." (Superior General's Report to the 47<sup>th</sup> General Chapter). Hence, "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your minds**, so that you may discern what is the Will of God – what is good, acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

The Preparatory Committee has come up with various topics for our discussion such as: *Community Life, Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults &*

*Professional Standards in our ministries, follow up on the School ministry, Philosophy Program in Bhopal and alternative solutions, Foreign Mission Policies, Financial matters, etc.* As you can see, there is plenty on our plate. Therefore, I request you to

### **Mission Statement – Congress 2013**

We the Passionist family of priests, brothers and laity reach out with compassion to the crucified of today; keeping with our commitment to the primal call to keep alive the memory of the Passion through community life, prayer, ministry of Word and Sacraments, enlightening young minds, care for creation and service to the needy. We seek to heal and be healed by the power of the Cross.

collaborate with the Preparatory Committee and come prepared to actively participate in the assembly.

Wish you all a continued and joyful journey of Lent!

Paul Cherukoduth, C.P.  
Vice Provincial

*A day out for Passionist Minor Seminarians, Cochin*







**Antony John C P. made his Perpetual Profession on the 17th of March 2019 at Jeevadama (Passionist Theologate), Bangalore. And he was ordained a Deacon on the 19th of March at Kristu Jyothi College by Most Rev. Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bangalore.**



**Passionist Religious with the help of Passionist theology students preaching a Lenten mission in the Diocese of Salem, Tamil Nadu.**



### As part of Milking Cow Project in Randham, Cows were distributed to ten needy families



### ST. Gemma School Annual day celebrations, Randham, Tamil Nadu.



## APRIL

### BIRTHDAYS

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

### FEAST DAYS

### ORDINATIONS

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

BL. ISIDORE 18

GOOD FRIDAY 19

EASTER 21

## Feast of St. Gabriel celebrations at Ashram JXP, Cochin



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**Verba volant, scripta manent!**

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