



Sit finis libri, non finis quarendi!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings! I trust that this will find you all keeping well and, as always, happily engaged in lots of good work in your areas of ministry.

Here, for the last several weeks, I had been engaged in conducting canonical visitation of the communities in the Vice Province. All the communities have been visited except one which will be done in September. To give a particular focus for the visitation, I have been using the document “***Call to Action: Reflections and Orientations from the 47th General Chapter***” sent by the General Council.

In each community we discussed Part 1 (***Passionist Mission in the Church and the World Today***) and Part 2 (***Passionist Community Life***) from the document. All participated actively in the discussions and, in every community, we were able to come up with some **elements for Passionist mission** in that particular community, be it a ministerial community or a formation community. In each community, a **community covenant** was drawn up to guide the community living.

But, as can be expected in meetings like these, one encounters also some mild forms of skepticism and boredom. It is true that every time we meet, especially in a formal way, there is always the topics of Community Life and Mission. Sometimes, it can lead to a spirit of complacency and acquiescence saying that ‘*we have already talked about these before*’. What is new about these things? This is where I was reminded of Thomas Merton’s line from his autobiography *The Seven Storey Mountain*, ***Sit finis libri, non finis quarendi***, i.e., “Here finishes the book but not the searching”! His search for meaning and fulfillment led him to the Trappist monastery in Gethsemane, Kentucky. It is where he penned the autobiography and, as he finished telling his life’s story, he realized that his search had only just begun!

I feel that this should be the same attitude that we all must have as we continue to explore the meaning of our life and mission as Passionists. Just when we think that we have arrived at the meaning of community life and our mission, we realize that there is more to it than meets the eye. Hence the search continues! It is like with any profession. For example, you have doctors, good doctors and bad doctors. In order to become a good doctor, one has to continue explore new paths of discovery, new understanding of diseases, new methods to treat them and so on. In the same way, we have communities, good communities and bad communities. To become a good community, we have to continue to explore new ways of being brothers and sisters to one another, to understand the new challenges facing community living and discover new ways to tackle those challenges. So, it is my wish that, as we try to live out our Passionist religious vocation, we may continue to evaluate regularly our community living and our engagements in mission. ***Sit finis libri, non finis quarendi***

Blessings!

Paul Cherukoduth, C.P.
Vice Provincial

THOM Vice Province Patron St. Thomas the Apostle's feast celebrations on 3 July



Beginning of the academic year on the 3rd of July at St. Gabriel minor seminary, Cochin.

BHOPAL



(Left) First year Philosophy students begin their college.

(Right) Beginning of the academic year on the feast of St. Thomas. Parish priest graced the occasion.



Four of our brothers received ministries of Acolyte and Lector during the feast of St. Thomas, patron of our Vice Province on 3rd of July at Jeevadhama, Passionist Theologate, Bangalore.

PALLIPORT

The Passionist Lay Association visits the sick and the elderly of our parish in Palliport.



Fisher men from our parish in Palliport, Kerala are preparing to go fishing after two months of annual trawling ban with the special prayers and blessings.



St. Augustine Students Forum Meet at Palliport



AUGUST**Birthdays**

Titus	02
Jerson	03
Einstein	06
Prem	06
Thomas	11
Saji	22
Christudas	25
Antony Thomas	28

Feast Days

Transfiguration	06
Assumption & Independence day	15

Fathers Wilson CP and Titus CP attended a course on
“Safeguarding Minors” at Sanyasa Institute, Bangalore.



(Jubilee Year)

ORDINATION**XAVIER USA**

24th August

CONGRATULATIONS**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Fr. Jose CP
completed
his Masters
in Social
work from
the Universi-
ty of Mel-
bourne, AUS-
TRALIA.*



Fr. Bruno CP
completed his
Masters De-
gree in Pasto-
ral Theology
from Loyola
Marymount
University,
Los Angeles,
California

*Fr Wilson
attended the
Meeting of
Major Semi-
nary Rectors
in Bangalore.*



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