

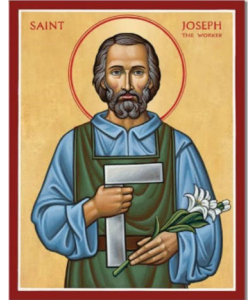


Volume-08, Issue-04

P
I
A
N
O

"No One is Safe until Everyone is Safe"

Dear Brothers Sisters and Friends of the Passionist Family,
Greetings!



I am writing this with a special prayer of Easter hope that you all keep well and safe from the pandemic.

As I pen these few lines for the current issue of the PIANO, here in India, we are reeling under the immense pain and sorrow and a sense of desperation inflicted by the relentless surge of the corona virus. People are desperately running from one hospital to another looking for beds with the essential supply of oxygen and ventilators, but only to be turned down because either no beds are available, or the supply of oxygen and other essential medicines have depleted. It is heart rending to watch people waiting in line to cremate their loved ones who had succumbed to COVID and, in some cases, burying or cremating in open grounds with so many pyres burning at the same time. India paints at this time a collage of death and despair.



As people go through this terrible time, there is a kind of senseless blame game that is going on between the various State Governments and the Central Government. It is absurd, to say the least! People who have been elected by the people to take care of their needs have abdicated their responsibility to score political mileages. By saying this I do not want to fall into the same blame game.

However, when we self-distance and look the present situation of the unbearable and heartbreaking sufferings of our country men and women, it is easy for us to see that what has befallen us in this second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is the result of our collective negligence in not following the COVID appropriate behaviour as well as the callousness and the lack of preparedness of the governments. Hence, this collective problem requires a collective response because **"no one is safe until everyone is safe"**!

Sometimes I have noticed an attitude among our own brethren, a kind of disregard for COVID-appropriate behaviour tacitly saying: *"well, it is not our problem; it is all out there"*! Well, all that has changed now with several of our communities having had to self-isolate themselves. When it hits closer home, we realize that all of us must be more conscious and live with a sense of responsibility towards ourselves and others.



So, at this time, what should be our attitude. Are we going to be like the stoics who would want to tough it out because *"if the bullet's got your name on it, so be it"*! Or are we like the modern West which says, just self-isolate yourself and be comfortable with Amazon Prime Video or Netflix because *"this too will pass"* or again, are we like some Christians who would say that this isn't the worst that can happen. Our home is not here but heading to another place, the world that is to come. So, as I mentioned sometime back, the question should not be "why" but "what". What can we, as Christians and consecrated men and women, do to assuage the situation?

Well, to begin with, let us pledge to abide by the protocols related to COVID-appropriate behaviour and reach out in ways possible to those in need. Let us not give into despair but be harbingers of hope, peace and joy of Easter.

Let us be united in prayer and continue to live out our Passionist vocation and be strengthened by the Crucified love to experience the joy of Easter and share the same with others in our ministry.


May Our Lady of Sorrows, the Patroness of our Congregation and St. Paul of the Cross, our Founder continue to intercede for us as we go through these trying times.

Fraternally,

Paul Cherukoduth, C.P.

Vice Provincial



MAY		UPDATES	
Birthdays			<p>If you really want to love Jesus, first learn to suffer, because suffering teaches you to love.</p> <p>— Gemma Galgani —</p> <p>AZ QUOTES</p>
Welfen	02		
Antony C	10		
Johnson	10		
George	12		
Joseph	13		
Feast days			
St. Gemma	16		

Ordinations									
Vimal	03	James	06	Saji	08	Francis	12	Ajesh	13
Titus	04	Nelson	07	Joseph	10	Welfen	12	Rajan	17
Nambikai	04	Wilson	07	Febin	10				

Professions									
Antony J	15	Dennis	17	Rajan	17	Antony AV	23	Joseph	28
Antony T	15	Shaji	17	Titus	17	Benson	23	Paschal	28
Einstein	16	Vimal	17	Muthappan	18	Bruno	28		
John	16	Sugun	17	Welfen	17	Jerson	24	Jenish	28
Mejo	16	Febin	17	Paul	18	Biju	24	Antony X	31
Francis	17	Johnson	17	Sebastian	18	Nelson	28	Siby	31
Wilson	17	Nambikai	17	Jerald	18	James	28	Saji	31

UPDATES



Welcome home Fr. Dennis CP!
Fr. Dennis, successfully completed his Licentiate in Philosophy at the Gregorian University, Rome.



Easter
Celebration
At
Kochi
Community



Dn. Devaraj CP
begins his
Diaconate Ministry
in the
parish at Uvari,
Diocese of Tuticorin





Fr. Paul had Visited Shrine Basilica of Velanakanni. (Left)
Bro. Monecy CP begins his Pastoral Year Ministry in the Archdiocese of Imphal (Right)



Bro. Mahendra CP Commences his Pastoral year Ministry in the Archdiocese of Imphal (above)
St. Gabriel's youth render their free labour for the New Church construction at Randham Mission. (Below)





Fr. Jerald CP attends Formators Classes at AVP, Bangalore. (above) St. Gabriel's Youth enacted the Station of the Cross on Good Friday & Easter vigil celebration at Randham Mission. (Below)



Bro. Abiyouthraj CP conducts VBS classes for the Randham Children. (Left)

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
Website: www.indiapassionists.org.
Verba volant, scripta manent!