



Together We Go far

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Greetings! It is my sincere prayer and hope that all of you are doing fine and safe.

It has been a special month commemorating the gift of Paul of the Cross in this Jubilee Year. I am sure you all had a fruitful celebration of the feast of our father and founder.

As we move towards the conclusion of the third centenary celebrations, albeit with much limitation due to the pandemic, it has been a time of grace for us who continue our journey together as Passionists. In this context, it is good for us to reflect on the idea of synodality as proposed by Pope Francis. The XVI Ordinary General Synod to be held in Rome in October 2023 will reflect on the theme: “*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.*” 2023 might look like a long way from now. But the journey proposed for the next two years can be exciting if we all undertake this journey together. The two years are divided into three phases: diocesan, continental and universal. The diocesan phase will run from October 2021 till April 2022, the continental phase will take place between September 2022 and March 2023 and the last phase will culminate with the Synod of October 2023.



It is important to note that the diocesan phase will coincide somewhat with the preparations for our own Congress of April 2022. So hopefully, the topic of synodality can be taken up in the coming months in our respective communities. This journeying together must be, first and foremost, a spiritual journey and not just mechanical data-gathering exercise or a series of meetings and debates. Authentic listening and discernment must be at the heart of this process with the aim “*to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands*” (Pope Francis at the opening of the Synod on Youth in 2018). The subtopics of communion, participation, mission will guide us in this journey. We will need to constantly ask ourselves, “how is this journeying together happening in our local Church and, by extension, in our Congregation?”

Communion: Various levels of relationships in this pluralistic and multi-cultural world. It stems our conviction that we have all come from the same divine source.

Participation: Everyone has a role to play in this journey, everyone listening to the Spirit and contributing to the process of communal discernment. To borrow the famous phrase of Antonio Machado: “*Wayfarer, the path is not there, it is to be made by walking*”.

Mission: Ultimately, as people called and sent, we can go forth from our comfort zones to listen, to learn and to love others. Together we can go far.

I conclude this reflection with a quote from a Luo (one of the major tribes in Kenya) Proverb: “*Alone a youth runs fast, with an elder slow, but together they go far*”. May we all have a fruitful synodal journey.

Wish you all a happy solemnity of All saints!

Fraternally,

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UPDATES

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Tomy -03

Moncy -14

Ordination

Jenish -20

Profession

Jackson -10

Jithin -10

Feast Days

Bl. Pio Campedeli 03

Bl. Eugene Bosilkov 13

Bl. Grimaldo Santa Maria 18

Christ the King 21



Feast of our founder is celebrated at Jeevadhama. Communities of Bangalore came together and joined by Philosophy students and neighbours. (Above & Left) Nilambur community celebrates the feast with special invited guests. (Below)





Most. Rev. Leo Corneleo, Archbishop Emeritus of Bophal, presided over the Feast celebration of the our founder at Gyananliya Community; joined by the neighbouring communities and invited guests.



Feast of Our Lady of Rosary is celebrated at Kochi Community. (Below)





Fr. Paul blessed the newly built compound wall at Ladapady in Randham Mission joined by Fr. Vimal CP (Left)



Fr. Dennis presided over the ceremony as three of our Philosophy students entered into their time of Pre-Novitiate Program at Gyanannilaya, Bophal.





Feast of St. Paul of the Cross was celebrated at Kochi Community. Passionist Communities around Kochi came together, joined by the Passionists Sisters. (Left)



Frs, Sebastian, Paschal & Antony John celebrated the feast at the Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Velankanni. (Above) Tuition centre reopened for the first time after the lockdown in Randham Mission. (Below)



Rosary month celebration in the Family Units at Randham mission (Above)



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