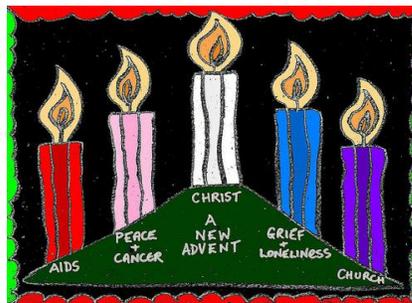




**PROVINCIAL'S CIRCULAR NO. – 22**

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Dear Brothers in Christ,

Fraternal Greetings to you all.

Soon we will be entering the season of Holy Advent. Most of us have gone through many such Advents and celebrated Christmas over and again. In this 'Year of Faith' when the Church is leading us on a New Evangelization process, our observance of the Holy season of Advent and the celebration of the 'Christ event' are opportunities to deepen our Faith. For many of us, Advent is only a period of external vegetative preparations which includes posting and receiving Christmas cards and letters, get-togethers, parties, exchange of gifts and visits to friends and relatives. During 'Adventus', meaning 'coming', the Church exhorts us to have a two-pronged 'expectant waiting' – waiting for the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and waiting for 'Parousia', longing for the Messiah. In the case of our waiting for His birth, we must realize that it is not a mere commemoration of an event that took place some 20 centuries ago, but it is really happening again here and now! The Church invites us to open wide our inner eyes of 'faith' so that we may actually see Him born again amidst us. The prime objective of the "Year of Faith" is to deepen our fragile belief often infected with doubts and logics so that we can see Him born again and living

among us as 'real life' itself. And when this happens it is the beginning of the 'new evangelization'!

On the first Sunday of Advent itself, the Church alerts us to be vigilant focusing on the futility of worldly possessions, the end of the world and His second coming. Throughout this season of Advent, she reminds us time and again the need for repentance and conversion. Repentance should begin in our hearts and must be accompanied by a change of our old ways of lives. Only our 'faith' in Him can trigger us towards true 'Conversion' and sustain us with positive action. "No one can please God without Faith" – **Heb. 11/16**. Maybe the best way to wait for His two-fold coming is to deepen our 'Faith' in Him and call out continuously, "O come, O come Emmanuel", we are awaiting for you, Be born in us...!

I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Special Christmas wherein you will really see His birth with an inner vision of his Second coming. Let us turn around and take a different path like the Magi in the New Year 2013.

#### **Sixth Provincial Chapter:**

The Sixth Provincial Chapter was yet another grace filled event in the history of our Province. The theme of the Chapter was guided by the principle, 'Starting Afresh from Christ', so that we may **Lead like Christ** and **Live like Christ!** The Chapter reflections provided the right ambience for the capitulants to examine their 'rootedness in Christ' as individuals and also collectively as a Province! In all its deliberations the Chapter called upon the individuals to be converted so that our communities and the Province as a whole will be rooted in Christ. The seriousness of the Chapter proceedings and the positive outcome is a testimony to the ever guiding presence of the Spirit all through the Chapter. The Chapter bulletin sent to you soon after the Chapter has already given you its salient features in detail. The reflections, directives and the decisions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter will reach you as soon as it is approved by the Superior General in Council.

#### **St. Thomas School, Lautoka:**

The much awaited Green signal regarding St. Thomas, Lautoka has come from his Grace, Petero Mataca, the Archbishop of Suva (Fiji). We are invited to take over the School from January 2013. Bro. Sahayaraj will be the Principal of the School,

discharging his responsibilities as a member of the Xavier College, Ba, Community. Further details will be worked out in consultation with Bro Francis, the District Superior and Bro. Sahayaraj. We are grateful to the Archbishop, the Parish Priest of Lautoka and Mr. Remesio, the Director of Catholic Education, Fiji. Let us thank God and ask for His blessings for the success of this new mission in SPD.

**Bro. Jim Thekkan:**

Bro. Jim Thekkan has completed his doctoral studies successfully (Business Administration) with the final defense. Our sincere congratulations to Bro. Jim Thekkan. He will complete his remaining assignments and return to India during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2013.

**Synergy - 2013:**

‘Synergy 2013’, will be organized at Montfort A I Hr. Sec. School, Yercaud on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

As in the previous years, each institution will present their cultural programmes as per the guidelines given below:

- 1) A Tableau – from St. Montfort’s life showing his deep Faith and trust in God – (Maximum 7 Mts – in English or medium of their instruction).
- 2) A Tableau on Biodiversity and Ecological concerns and the Montfortian response to it – depicting practical means and ways for our Students, Teachers and Brothers to contribute to this problem positively. (Maximum 7 Mts – in English or medium of their instruction).
- 3) A song written and composed by the School/Students on Blessed Virgin Mary (3 Mts - in English or medium of their instruction)

**Total time allotted – 17 Mts. (Maximum)**

1. Total Number of Students per Institution: 20 or less only.
2. Total Number of Staff members for each Institution, 4 or less.
3. Maximum numbers of Brothers from communities are welcome.

All the Participants should reach Montfort School, Yercaud on the previous day evening (28.1.2013) latest by 7.30 PM. Participants can leave station on 30<sup>th</sup>

January 2013, anytime after 4.30 P M. Kindly reserve your train/bus tickets in advance. Further instructions will follow later.

**Junior Brothers Seminar:**

All the Junior Brothers (except Bro. Justin Selvakumar who is in Tura) will have two days of 'Spiritual renewal programme as part of their continued formation programme on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2012 at Montfort College, Bangalore. Bro. George Padikara, the PFD will organize this programme.

**Bro. M P John:**

Bro. M P John left India on 3.11.12 and reached Ba on 4.11.12. After a few days in Ba, he has reached Savusavu and is doing well. We wish him well in his mission at Savusavu.

**Bro Cruz Mesias Sebastian:**

In continuation of my circular No. 20 dated 19.07.12, Bro. Cruz Mesias Sebastian finally left for Fiji en-route Tonga on 26.11.12. The members of the Provincial administration after a day long meeting, gathered around Bro. Cruz along with Bro. Arul, the Provincial Superior of Trichy, Bro. Thiruthuvam, Provincial Councilor and a number of Brothers from our communities in Yercaud. Bro. Cruz was sent forth symbolically during a prayer meeting organized at St. Louis Villa Chapel. This was followed by a dinner wherein both the Provincials appreciated Bro. Cruz for his availability and the missionary dynamism. Bro. Cruz also expressed his happiness in venturing into a challenging mission.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank and appreciate Bro Cruz Mesias Sebastian, Bro. Arul, the Provincial Superior of Trichy and his team of councilors for the gift of Bro. Cruz for the SPD mission.

**Brothers under medical treatment:**

**Bro. Oliver Ericatt** after a course of chemotherapy is presently undergoing 'Radiation therapy' at Apollo Cancer. Similarly **Bro. Paul Kachapilly** is under going 'Radiation therapy' for malignancy of the prostate in the same hospital along with Bro. Oliver. They are staying at St. Thomas Mount community and the present course of treatment will last for 5 weeks.

**Bro. Thomas Montfort** has not been keeping too well for quite some time. Recently he had a blackout after a biopsy for suspected malignancy of the prostate. He also has some cardiac problem. Presently he is in St. Thomas Mount undergoing further investigation and treatment. Kindly pray for these Brothers in a special way so that they have the courage to face their illness and recover completely at the earliest.

**Consultation for the appointment of the Provincial Superior:**

The ballot papers along with other details for consultation of the appointment of the Provincial Superior has already been dispatched to you. As per the instructions given in my circular attached to it, kindly discharge your responsibility responding to the promptings of the Spirit. The ballot papers should be dispatched to the Secretary General latest by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 (Brothers in India) and by 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Brothers in SPD, Manila, Thailand & U K).

**D A Revision:**

The Provincial Administration has decided to increase the present D.A from 10% to 15%. This must be implemented with retrospective effect from October 2012.

- ❖ Please note that when you are working out the salaries, the 'Weightage' is given only whenever there is a revision of the pay scale by the Province and not every year!

**Golden Jubilee of St. Mary's Agraharam(1962-2012):**

The Golden Jubilee of St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School was celebrated during this academic year. They had a number of celebrations for the event. I appreciate Bro. Susai Alangaram, Brothers of the community, Staff and Students for taking up the initiative and making the celebrations memorable. Whenever there are major events in our institutions such as Jubilees, they are province events and hence all Brothers and past collaborators must participate in them.

**My visit to St. Anselm:**

I will be making a short visit to St. Anselm Kent, U K from 07.12.12 to 15.12.12. Bro. George Padikara will be the Provincial in-charge during my absence.

**Permissions:**

- 1) **Montfort School Chinnakanal:** To build eleven more classrooms.
- 2) **Montfort School Yercaud:**
  - (a) To purchase a two wheeler for the community.
  - (b) To purchase 13.5 cents of land for community school to dig a 'well'.
  - (c) **Deshayes Mount:** To cover the roof of the left wing with galvalume sheets and convert the area for 9 classrooms.
- 3) **Anakkara:** To expand the play ground, to fence our land near St. Augustine's boarding and to install a new UPS system for the computer lab.
- 4) **St. Thomas Mount:** To purchase a Scooter and to paint the Brothers' Quarters along with the new addition on the top.
- 5) **Montfort College Bangalore:** To have an ATM by the South Indian Bank inside the Campus and to put up a 500 litres Solar water heater for the hostel.

**Obituary:**

We deeply mourn the demise of:

- (1) Mrs. Mary 93, elder sister of Bro. Anselm and mother of Bro. Kuriakose Chettiath
- (2) Mr. Arockiayasamy, father of Bros Paulraj, Assist General & John Britto A
- (3) Mrs. Sesumary, 67, elder Sister of Bro. Susai Alangaram
- (4) Mr. Philip, 70, Brother-in-law of Bro. Abraham A M
- (5) Mr. K J Joseph, 82, Brother-in-law of Bro. T J John

May their souls rest in peace.

Yours affectionately in Christ,



Bro George Kalangod  
Provincial Superior

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