Dear Brothers,

Prayerful greetings to you all in the sweet name of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

For Christians in India, August 15 marks two important celebrations. The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven and Independence of India. These twin celebrations, but remind us of one great truth of liberation. India’s soul has been craving for liberation from falsehood to reality, from darkness to light, from death to everlasting life. All these became feasible and real for every human being with the resurrection of Jesus, who is the way, the truth and life. And Mary, the mother of Jesus, was privileged to be the first human being to enter into the promised glory with Jesus. Mary is crowned the queen of heaven and earth, a shining star of true liberation.

India became a nation on August 15, 1947. The glorious past of India as the greatest nation in the world politically, religiously and economically was obliterated by 200 years of British occupation. However, the spirit of the nation was incarnate in the man called Mahatma Gandhi, who restored the pride of mother India through the path of non-violence and self-sacrifice. This great man drew inspiration from the Gospel. Every Indian Christian has a reason to be proud of Mother Mary and Mother India.

The Feast of Assumption of our Lady commemorates two events - the departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven. Pope Pius XII, in 1950, defined that Mary “after the completion of her earthly life...was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven.” Her body wasn’t allowed to corrupt nor was it allowed to remain in a tomb. We Christians believe that Mother of Jesus was free from sin and that death is the fruit of sin. She was sinless, Immaculate and therefore rightfully taken into Heaven. She is already there where we all must go someday. Having accepted our Mother Mary as a role model for our life and mission, let us all earnestly seek her intercession to bless us all with a heart filled with purity and humility.

As we celebrate the independence day of our nation, let us get imbued with the spirit of freedom and fondly acknowledge the dedication and selfless service of our forefathers who have lost their breath to give birth to our liberated nation. As a committed religious we have got so much of responsibilities in shaping the young minds, the so-called future citizens of the country. It is obviously true that it is our bounded duty to extend our service to the nation in one way or other as a citizen of this great nation.

Let us wish and appreciate all the Brothers who are celebrating their Birthdays and Feast days in this month.

May I also request you to remember all the brothers who had rested in the Lord in this month in your daily prayers.

Bro. J. Casmir, SHJ
Provincial Superior

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**IMPORTANT DAYS / EVENTS**

**AUGUST 2019**

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| 04    | PROVINCIALATE  
FN New Building Blessing & Province Level Monthly Recollection  
AN Province Consult |
| 05-08 | PROVINCIALATE |
| 09-10 | KANTHALORE  
Contact Visit |
| 11    | MADURAI |
| 12-13 | PROVINCIALATE |
| 14-15 | CRI, BANGALORE  
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| 18    | SUHALAYAM  
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**NEW BUILDING BLESSING & PROVINCE LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTION**

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**AN ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR ASST. DIRECTORS OF HOSTELS AND BOARDINGS**

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**FREEDOM means the OPPORTUNITY to be what we never thought we would be.** - Daniel J. Boorstin
The Education Commission of the Caussanel Province organized two days Seminar on ‘CAPACITY BUILDING’ for the English medium classes handling teachers who are working in our Nursery & Primary and Matriculation Schools on 20th and 21st July, 2019 at Christuraja Higher Secondary School, Palayamkottai. Mr. Eronimus, the Director of a Research centre for children’s education, Trichy was a resource person. There were around 95 teachers took part in the seminar very actively. They are from St. Mary’s Nursery and Primary School, Tuticorin; St. Micheal’s Nursery and Primary School, Singampatti; Sacred Heart Nursery and Primary School, Panagudi; St. Mary’s Matriculation School, Vickramasingapuram and Christuraja Hr. Sec. School Palayamkottai.
Who is dear to me?

The man who has a good will for all, who is friendly and has compassion; who has no thoughts of ‘I’ or ‘mine’ whose peace is the same in pleasures and sorrows, and who is forgiving; whose soul is in harmony and whose determination is strong; whose mind and inner vision are set on me – this man loves me, and he is dear to me.

He who is free from vain expectations, who is pure, who is wise and knows what to do, who in inner peace watches both sides, who shakes not, who works for God and not for himself - this man loves me, and he is dear to me.

The man whose love is the same for his enemies or his friends, whose soul is the same in honor or disgrace, who is beyond heat or cold or pleasure or pain, who is free from the chains of attachments; who is balanced in blame and praise, whose soul is silent, who is happy with whatever he has, whose home is not on material – this man loves me, and he is dear to me.

In whatever work he does such a man in truth has peace: he expects nothing, he relies on nothing, and ever has fullness of joy. He has no vain hopes, he is the master of his soul, and he surrenders all he has, only his body works: he is free from sin – this man loves me, and he is dear to me.

He is glad with whatever God gives him, and he has risen beyond the two contraries here below; he is without jealously, and in success or in failure he is one: his works bind him not. He has attained liberation: he is free from all bonds, his mind has found peace in wisdom, and his work is a holy sacrifice. The work of such a man is pure– this man loves me, and he is dear to me.

He who is free from fear, purity of heart, constancy in sacred learning and contemplation, generosity, self-harmony, adoration, study of the scriptures, austerity, righteousness, non-violence, truth, freedom from anger, renunciation, serenity, aversion to fault-fighting, sympathy for all beings, peace from greedy cravings, gentleness, modesty, steadiness, energy, forgiveness, fortitude, purity, a good will, freedom from pride – this man loves me, and he is dear to me.

The man who sees himself in the heart of all beings and he sees all beings in his heart. And when he sees me in all and he sees all in me, then I never leave him and he never leaves me. He who in this oneness of love, loves me in whatever he sees, wherever this man may live, in truth this man lives in me. When the pleasure and pain of others is his own pleasure and pain– this man loves me, and he is dear to me.

But even dearer to me are those who have faith and love, and who have me as their End Supreme: those who hear my words of Truth, and who come to the waters of Everlasting life.

Bro. Puruslin
Kurichy, July 03; The feast of St. Thomas, our institutions patron was celebrated at our institution in a grand manner. All the staff and students from both Primary and High school participated and offered holy mass for the betterment of the institutions.

July 03; A Foundation stone was laid for the new building of St. Thomas Home for children on the feast day of our institution’s Patron Saint Thomas. Our Parish Priest blessed the event. Our brothers, staff and students also took part in it.

July 25; On the feast day of Bro. Chacko Ayathil, we specially remembered and thanked the Lord for the 50 years of religious life of Bro. Chacko. The staff, students and the brothers greeted him with gifts.

Singampatti, July 15; The birthday of our great leader Mr. Kamaraj, the former Chief Minister of our State was specially remembered and celebrated as ‘Kalvi Valarchi Naal’ at St. Michael’s Nursery and Primary School and High Schools.

July 22; A group of students from St. Michael’s High School took part in a Taekwondo competition at Ambai and won Gold and Silver medals. Ambai DSP presented the medals to our students.
VICKRAMASINGAPURAM

Vickramasingapuram, July 15; Kalvi Valarchi Naal was gracefully remembered at our St. Joseph’s Primary School and St. Mary’s Hr. Sec. School. Bro. Alexis Antony P.G. Tamil teacher was a special speaker to St. Joseph’s Primary School, who shared some of the remarkable contributions of Mr. Kamarajar, our former Chief Minister of the State. Sub Judge of Ambasamuthram Justice Selvi. Kavitha was a Chief Guest for the celebration at St. Mary’s Hr. Sec. School.

July 21; The birthday of Bro. Joe Antony was celebrated at our community and Higher Secondary School.

July 21; Mrs. Rajakumari, Inspector of police, vickramasingapuram presided over the school assembly and delivered a motivational speech to the students. She also distributed the prizes to the Winners in different competitions.

NARANAMMALPURAM

Naranammalpuram, July 15; Kalvi Valarchi Naal was celebrated at St. Joseph’s Primary and High Schools

July 16; We had our Tirunelveli District Educational Officer’s inspection to St. Joseph’s High School. All our committed services were very much appreciated by the team and few guidelines were also suggested for the improvements.
Palayamkottai

July 10; We organized an exhibition to display our traditional arts and craft materials to emphasis the importance and values of such products.

July 27; Our students, Muhammad Bilal and Mantly had participated in the International Skating and Silambam events and secured the First prize. The management of St. Mary’s honored them in the school assembly.

CAUSSANELPURAM

July 27; We the St. Mary’s Brothers’ community celebrated the birthday of Bro. Rosario Jeyasingh.

July 24; Green day was celebrated at Christhujothi primary school.

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Thoothukudi

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We all grow: grow old. One inevitable thing in life is to grow old. Growing old gives sign of wisdom. It makes us question how rich we have become in our being old. Are we rich in being wise? Are we rich in being responsible? Are we rich in being kind? Are we rich in being caring? Are we rich in being lovely at the sight of God? Or, have we become sullen? Do we neglect duty? Do I indicate age as a reason? We must understand aging is not being old. In the old stock, the new wine is poured. From the old wine comes the bubbling foam. Hidden under the earth for years, we get diamonds. In the aging life, how can we find our youthful wings be revived everyday is what the prime observation of this write-up.

Growing old gives Abraham the hope and God has deemed Abraham’s hope His justice. What we hope for in life, enables us to dream high. For Abraham, it was his hope that lightened his whole path. For Job, it was the same as well. What about our state in terms of hope? Do we really hope that enables us dream big? Chinua Achebe is a Nigerian writer. During his days in England, he wrote his first novel and sent it for publication. He never got any response from the publishing company. By accident, he was walking across the company, where he found his manuscript in the bin. He must have been shattered but he took heart. The time, he gathered all himself in courage, he was able to publish it with other company and Achebe achieved world fame as a poet, novelist, essayist and prolific writer. This is what, being old really means. It helps us take heart even in the most devastating situations and enables us hope.

Seeking the best but not achieving it. Being old enables us to seek the best in everything but in the meantime, arriving at a wisdom that we can never produce the best in our lives. Continuing to produce the best, we achieve a process towards perfection. We here have to remember that perfection can never be achieved in anything we do. That is why, St. Paul says that in our weakness is His grace, filled. We must always grow that conviction, the best is yet to be. The same feeling is profusely reflected between the words of Robert Browning’s poem Rabbi Ben Ezra. The poem reflects the transition of age. Browning argues that age is replaced by wisdom, insight and appreciation of practicality in life. It is the realisation of it that makes our life worthwhile.

Desirously striding to procure life makes our soul so full of energy. It was when America was completely ridden with polio. Over a lakhs of people was affected by polio virus. The whole scientists were immersed in the work to invent the medicine for it. Eventually, the medicine was invented by Jonas Salk. When the crew of journalists asked him about the patent rights of the medicine, Salk simply replied that it is the people who must be given the patent rights. It is this gesture of being so generous that our soul grows never old. We must understand that there is a difference between aging and growing old. Aging, we can never have a say about. It is natural. Growing old is in our hands. We must make sure that every step we take, makes us grow rich when we grow old – rich in understanding, rich in wisdom, rich in generosity, rich in kindness, rich in love, care and concern, rich in responsibility, rich in life as we ascertain that the best is yet to be.

- Bro. Chaini
August 2019

Birthday

01 Bro. I. Joseph
02 Bro. I. Pancras
11 Bro. S. Lawrance
20 Bro. A. Arockiam Abinash
26 Bro. V. Aakash Albert Sulya
28 Bro. M.D. Sebastian
28 Bro. M.V. Cherian Manikathan
31 Bro. K.J. John Karimpanil

Feast Day

Happy Feastday

10 Bro. S. Lawrence
15 Bro. A. Mariadas
15 Bro. S. Rajan
15 Bro. A. Maria Selvam
28 Bro. Akkash Jamra

Departed

01 Bro. Varghees
02 Bro. A. Lawrence
04 Bro. M. Gnanasamy
12 Bro. P.M. Asirvatham
14 Bro. A.M. Masilamani
14 Bro. T. Gabriel
16 Bro. M. Antony Adimai
18 Bro. Y. Devasagayam
20 Bro. K. Zacarias
21 Bro. Maria Irudaayam
22 Bro. G. John Stanislaus
23 Bro. A. Gana Athisayam
25 Bro. G. Gerome
31 Bro. A. Gnanathickam

Prayer to our Lady, Assumed into Heaven

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we offer you our devotion and love. We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs, and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection. We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Mrs. Mary aged 70, the elder sister of Bro. Cherian Manikathan rested in the Lord on July 23, 2019. May God in His eternal mercy grant her soul peace and rest.

Book of the Month

Author: Yuval Noah Harari
Publisher: Vintage, Penguin Random House
ISBN: 978-1-784-70393-6
Price: Rs.499/-
Pages: 454

“Homo Deus will shock you. It entertain you. Above all, it will make you think in ways you had not thought before.” – Daniel Kahneman

“It is thrilling to watch such a talented author trample so freely across so many disciplines... Harari’s skill lies in the way he tilts the prism in all these fields and looks at the world in different ways, providing fresh angles on what we thought we knew... the result is scintillating.” – Financial Times

“Spellbinding .... A very intelligent book full of sharp insights and mordant wit .... It is quirky and cool book, with a silver of ice at its heart.... It is hard to imagine anyone could read this book without getting an occasional vertiginous thrill.” – Guardian

Home Deus
A Brief History of Tomorrow

The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention

Evangelization – Families
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human growth”.

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