Dear Brothers,

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

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors". Let us halt in wonder before the sign that God has given us. This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity. Without the fraternity that Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty. For this reason, my wish for a HAPPY CHRISTMAS is a wish for fraternity. Fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture. Fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another. Fraternity among persons of different religions. Jesus came to reveal the face of God to all those who seek him.

The face of God has been revealed in a human face. By his incarnation, the son of God tells us that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages and cultures. Yet all of us are brothers and sisters in humanity. Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness.

You are all well aware of the present scenario of our country. The rulers are completely self centred and they try to divide the people based on the religion fundamentalism. The people are not informed of the facts and they too go by their emotional and sentimental misbeliefs. May the Holy Baby of Bethlehem inspire the rulers to establish a just society where fraternity is cherished by all irrespective of caste and religion.

Let us also sincerely pray to the Holy child, the king of peace, silence the clash of arms and allow a new dawn of fraternity to rise over the entire nation by blessing the efforts and initiatives of all those who work to promote paths of reconciliation in political and social life. I pray that our Religious Communities may develop relationship of fraternity and friendship with everyone.

May all of us receive Peace and Consolation from the birth of the Saviour, and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, realize that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such.

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

The Practice of PEACE and RECONCILIATION is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions.

- Nhat Hanh
November 02; All Souls day was celebrated at the birth place of our institute. Brothers from V.K. Puram zone took part and prayed for all the departed brothers and their family members and offered their tributes especially at the tomb of Br. Xavier SHJ.

November 17; The Golden Jubilee celebration of Br. Chacko Ayathil was celebrated at his native place Chamakkala, Kottayam by the relatives and the Parishners. A Good number of brothers from our institute participated along with the Superior General and the Provincial Superior of Caussanel Province and showed our fraternal love and solidarity.

November 22; Our Christhu Raja Hr. Sec. School Students M. Mariappan and A. Vishva took part in the State Level Athletic meet held at Trichy and won Silver medals in the 800 meters run and in the shot-put event respectively.

November 14; The Canonical Visitation of the Provincial Superior of Caussanel Province took place at our institution.
November 24; The Canonical Visitation of the Provincial Superior of Caussanel Province took place to our Suhalayam community.

October 30; The Birthday of Br. Sunil was celebrated at our community in a grand manner.

November 24; The Feast day of Br. S. Jesuraj @ Jesan was specially remembered and celebrated at Suhalayam community on the eve of Christ the King. Brothers and the candidates greeted the celebrant.

November 24; Feast day of Br. S. Jesuraj, the Superior of Mukkavar was celebrated at Vincent farm Mukkavar with a Holy Mass. Nearby religious brothers and sisters and well wishers participated in it.

November 21; The plantation was began at the field of Vincent Farm, Mukkavar with the special prayer service.

November 5; An awareness programme on Dengue fever was organized by the Primary Health Center of Panagudi. Students were instructed to be aware of the symptoms of Dengue fever and the precautionary measures to be taken to avoid the spread of Dengue fever.
November 5; A group of Students from our Sacred Heart Hr.Sec. School took part in the Future Scientist Program held at Madurai

November 15; Children’s day was celebrated at our Sacred Heart Nursery & Primary School in a colorful manner.

November 23; Our Sacred Heart Hr. Sec. School students participated in the Tirunelveli district level quiz competition organized by Tamilnadu Science Forum and won the first prize in all three categories namely Super Senior (English), Senior (Tamil) and junior (Tamil& English). They are also selected to take part in the zonal level competition. The management, Staff and students appreciated the prize winners.

November 01; Bro. Provincial Superior of Caussanel Province made his Canonical Visitation to our brothers community and to our institutions along with his team.

November 06; Our school students who participated in the sports event at Anna stadium, Palayamkottai secured first, second and third places in their respective categories.

November 07; Zepronics Technology PVT. Ltd organized a quiz programme for the school students at our school premises. Some of our students took part and won many prizes.

November 24; The Feastday of Bro. Jesuraja was celebrated at our community

November 14; Children’s day was meticulously celebrated at our school
November 09; Bro. Provincial Superior of the Caussanel Province and the Education Commission members visited our schools and institutions and appreciated the teachers and the students for their active participation in teaching and learning.

November 11; St. Michael’s Primary School’s children were taken to the paddy field for the field exposure where the children enjoyed very much and benefited a lot.

November 14; On the eve of Children’s day, St. Michael’s High School and Nursery & Primary school Children were taken to Bagalamugi temple and celebrated the Children’s day in a colorful manner.

November 17; The inmates of Vincent home for children who are studying at St. Michael’s High school took part in the Teakeondo and Carrom competition and have secured first and second places.
The Family of St. Mary’s Boys Higher Secondary School, Tuticorin, has solemnly commemorated 50 Years of marvelous service in the field of Education on 14 & 15, November, 2019. The program was successful with the help of teaching and non-teaching faculties and student community. Utmost gratitude to all of them. The inauguration ceremony was started by Bro. Superior General followed by concelebrated mass with Most Rev. Dr. Stephen, DD as the chief celebrant. The program was further bedecked with the auspicious presence of Mr. Sandeep, IAS, Ms. Gowri, Ms. Vasantha, Educational Officers, Dr. Jeyaseelan, IAS, Mr. Arun, IPS. Throughout the function, Rev. Dr. Felix, SJ, the Vice Chancellor of St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata, the alumni of the school, stayed with us and motivated the students. The celebration was fabulously beautified with the talents of Mr. Senthil Ganesh and Ms. Raja Lakshmi and Mr. Madurai Muthu. The community brothers and management thank the General Superior and Provincial for their blessings.
Christ in the manger is the most popular image that we all relish as Christians. We are always engrossed with Christ being born in a manger among the debris, trash and wreckages. This image of Christ allows the Christian to endure every situation we undergo. Do we endure? Do we hope? Are we patient in all the trials and tribulations? Do we really allow Christ to be born in our hearts?

Sidhutai was married when she was thirteen years old. She had three children when she was 16 and was pregnant. Her husband was so involved in local mafia, fulfilling no responsibility of a husband. In the fit of altercation with the higher authority in the village, the village authority abused Sindhutai for having illicit affair with so many and told him that the child, she was bearing, was the result of his affair with her. Becoming furious, the husband came back home, thrashed her and repeatedly booted her in her stomach and threw her among the herd of cows so that the death may be justified. A cow stood by protecting her, giving her defense even from the people who tried to approach her. She regained consciousness, gave birth to a girl child. It was the day; Sindhutai became assured that what had happened to her must never happen to anybody else.

Aftermath, knowing not where to seek resort, Sindhutai spent days and months in the graveyard where she fed herself from the leftovers of food, used to do the last rites. She was not devastated. She had hope, lingering within her heart. She started making money, singing. She fed herself and the baby. She also fed other beggars who had no food like her. Ensuring protection for the baby, Sidhutai settled her in an orphanage where she frequented to visit her baby and others kids with her. She fed all of them. After years of work, she started her own orphanage and rescued children. She became the mother of many orphans who had now become farmers, lawyers, doctors, engineers. Sindhuta’s dedication was stupendous.

One fine day, her husband came near her orphanage completely torn and totally unrecognizable. Sindhutai recognized him instantly and asked him if he was able to identify her. The husband became so ashamed and realized the mistake once he had committed. He felt devastated. He also felt relieved. Sindhutai accepted her with a condition that he stayed there as her elder son. She happily introduced to others that he was her elder son. The girl, she gave birth, is now a practicing physician. She always wears a beaming smile upon her face.

Life is not easy. Life is full of difficulties and oddities. It is in pain and suffering that Christ wants to reveal himself in us. Christ has completely shown us the example that it is in suffering the great joy. Christian life must reflect that. We suffer but we are not broken. We are in pain but we never complain. We are dejected but we are not destroyed. This is the attitude which must radiate in us throughout this Christmas season and this is the way of Christmas that Christ himself wants us to celebrate. Feliz navidad!

Bro. Chaini
DECEMBER 2019

Birthday

01  Bro. M.J. Jesu Arulanandam
20  Bro. S. Jesuraj @Jesan
20  Bro. V. Kannis Peter
22  Bro. K. Antony Christopher
27  Bro. A.P. Chacko Ayathil

Feast Day

03  Bro. M. Savariar
03  Bro. A. Albert Xaviour
08  Bro. S. Amalraj
21  Bro. V. Kannis Peter
26  Bro. A. Stephen Arockiasamy
27  Bro. K.J. John Karimpanil
27  Bro. S. John Peter

Departed

01  Bro. M. Savariappan
01  Bro. S. Rajanayagam
01  Bro. M.D. Dominic
05  Bro. A. Antony Samy
11  Bro. D. Xavier
11  Bro. S. George
13  Bro. K.S. Amirtham
15  Bro. A. Amirthasamy
17  Bro. J. Mathavadian
19  Bro. A. Irudayam
22  Bro. J. Lazer Silva
22  Bro. S. Alphones

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers! The Annual Retreat for the second batch of brothers will be held from 26th to 31st December 2019 at SVD Retreat Centre, Vadipatty. All those who haven’t take part in the first batch at Pillar, Madurai are asked to take part without fail.

Bro. Province Secretary

OBITUARY NOTICES

• Mr. Adaikalaraj aged 46, the Uncle of Bro. Solomonraja rested in the Lord on November 12, 2019. May God in His eternal mercy grant his soul peace and rest.

THE POPE’S Monthly Prayer Intention

Universal – The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

You are requested to send your house and institutional news with photos to Caussanel Province e-mail ID on or before 25th of every month.

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