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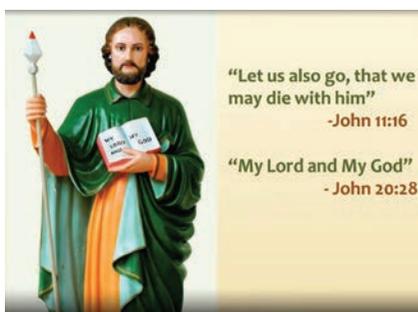
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## Provincial's Programme

JULY 2021

- 01 PROVINCIALATE
- 02 PANAGUDY
- 03 KURICHY  
Building Inauguration
- 04-06 KANTHALORE
- 07-14 PROVINCIALATE
- 15 THOOTHUKUDI
- 16-23 PROVINCIALATE
- 24 PROVINCIALATE  
Province Consult Meeting
- 27-28 MADURAI
- 30 PARAMAKUDI
- 31 PROVINCIALATE



## IMPORTANT DAYS / EVENTS

JULY 2021

- 03 FEAST OF ST. THOMAS
- 04 MONTHLY RECOLLECTION
- 31 FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS



Dear Brothers,

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

In the month of July, we with the great joy remember and celebrate the Great patron of India he is none other than St. Thomas who was called the Twin.

After the departure of Jesus from Israel and the empowerment bestowed on his apostles at Pentecost, it was decided that they would separate and go throughout the Mediterranean regions teaching those who sought the revelation of their own Christhood (which is what "Christianity" literally means). Accordingly, eleven of the twelve apostles and many of the seventy (Luke 10:1) determined through divination where they should go and preach the Good News of Christ. One Among them is St. Thomas, who has selected in Asia to come and witnessed the values of Jesus Christ and died and buried in India. His shrine in Madras is adored and venerated by many of our faithful and even many from different religions.

There are many stories about him, especially in Kerala and Tamilnadu. Whatever may be he reflected the faith of an ordinary man in his life, comforting his friends that until he sees Jesus won't believe... this is our faith and he represented us in the disciple group of Jesus. After encountering with Christ, he has professed his faith "MY LORD and MY GOD". We too proclaim our faith when our worries and needs completely fulfil by God we say Thanks Lord.

He obeyed the command of Jesus and Jesus raised him that all humankind may honour him. In our religious life, we must respect and obey each other in the community. So that God May honour us. In Abraham life God does not constitute injustice on HIS part when he reclaims the son which he himself gave to Abraham. He obeyed Gods command and God Glorified him in the presence of his enemies.

This month we may release a transfer to our province. While you receive a new assignment or you may remain the same responsibility, let your heart say that "I will do what God asks me to do" and you have to equated your own will with the presumed will of God and proclaim as "May His will be done.

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen"*

- Ephesians 4:29

By our profession, we commit to live and witness the values of Christ, for that only he has blessed during this pandemic without a loss. So, let us together praise God and continue to witness His values in our life and Mission.

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. A. Stephen Arockiasamy SHJ**  
Provincial Superior

Thought

"Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive good things and good people will be drawn to you."

- Mary Lou Retton Gymnast

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**Vickramasingapuram**

**11<sup>th</sup> June**; Birthday of Br. Arulgnanaprakasam was celebrated in a simple manner at Brothers' House, Vickramasingapuram.



**Tuticorin**

**10<sup>th</sup> June**; Celebrated birthdays of Bro. Savariar, Bro. Sahaya Lourdhuraj and Bro. Joe Arulraj at St. Mary's Brothers House, Tuticorin.



**Kanthalore**

**5<sup>th</sup> June**; Birthday celebration of Br. Sagayaraj was a joyful moment at Brothers House at Kanthalore .



**Panagudy**

**5<sup>th</sup> June**; Tree Plantation took place at Sacred Heart CBSE School, Panagudy during World Environmental Day.



**Kurichy**

**8<sup>th</sup> June**; Birthday of Bro. Irudayam Fernandez and Bro. Sahaya Jeyakumar was specially celebrated with the holy mass.



**Caussanelpuram**

**29<sup>th</sup> June**; Bro. John Karimpanil's 40<sup>th</sup> day of heavenly birth was remembered at Jeevalyothi, Caussanelpuram.

# Feast of the Sacred Heart



June 11<sup>th</sup>, The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated in a simple manner in the communities. Brothers renewed their vows on this occasion.



# Social Action Commission



The Social Action Commission distributed Covid-19 dry food kits and also food to 150 marginalised people on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 at Caussanel Provincialate. Understanding the difficult situation of these people during the Covid-19 pandemic, the commission came forward to support these people. This support gave life to poor during this pandemic and it was very timely support for them. Congratulations to the organizers and thanks to the donors.



June 3<sup>rd</sup>; The Social Action Commission organized a Zoom meet for the brothers who are volunteer in the field of social work and discussed about collecting the data from all the communities. The incharge brothers were given the data format to collect the sufficient data to extend our ministry by social action commission.

# A living memorial for the Church's awareness



7. The first ministry that Brothers develop in the Church as religious is "to remind the baptized of the fundamental values of the Gospel" and "the need to respond with holiness of life to the love of God poured into their hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5)"<sup>20</sup>. All other services and ministries offered by the various forms of consecrated life make sense only when rooted in this first ministry.

This purpose, of being a sign, recognized by the Second Vatican Council<sup>21</sup> and repeatedly underlined in the Apostolic Exhortation *Vita Consecrata*<sup>22</sup> is essential to consecrated life and determines its orientation: it does not exist "for itself", but as a part of the ecclesial community.

Religious consecration itself, which presents life as a witness to the absoluteness of God<sup>23</sup>, and also as a process of openness to God and people in the light of the Gospel, is a call to all the faithful, an invitation to each person to orient his or her own life along a radical path, in different situations and states of life, open to the gifts and invitations of the Spirit<sup>24</sup>.

The fraternity of Religious Brothers is an encouragement for the whole Church, because it makes present the Gospel value of fraternal relationships of equality in the face of the temptation to dominate, to search for the best place or to exercise authority as power: "You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, for you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father who is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ" (Mt 23:8-10).

Communion is proposed today in the Church as a particularly pressing challenge in the new millennium, so that it may be transformed into the home and

school of communion<sup>25</sup>. Brothers are active inhabitants in this home and are both students and teachers in this school; that is why they make their own the urgency that the Church proposes for itself, to live and promote a spirituality of communion<sup>26</sup>.

## Rediscovering the common treasure

8. Relationships in the Church-Communion are established from what unites rather than what divides. Today we are becoming conscious once again of our common heritage. It is a great treasure that makes us all fundamentally equal, in common dignity and in common rights and duties. All of us are born in faith and we join the Church as baptized people. In this common framework we are called to perform certain duties in the service of the ecclesial community, to live in a significant or prophetic way certain characteristics that belong to the common heritage, and to serve the common mission through concrete charisms and ministries.

This fundamental dimension never abandons us: lay Christians live it in an explicitly lay way of life. For those called to the priesthood or consecrated life, the laity are a constant point of reference that reminds them for whom they are signs of consecration and with whom they exercise their ministry.

The Religious Brother, when rooted among the Christian people, receives the witness and support of other vocations. He is called to live in an integral and prophetic way the mystery of Christ and the Church within consecrated life, as a service to the entire People of God<sup>27</sup>.

## A renewed project

9. Consecrated life, predominantly lay in its beginnings, proposes as a fundamental objective, the cultivation of the collective Christian treasure, which is contained and given to all the faithful in the sacraments of initiation. Certainly it accomplishes this in a special way, seeking to imitate Christ in his way of living: chaste, poor and obedient<sup>28</sup>.

Over the centuries, this goal, so essential to consecrated life, has run the risk of taking second place in male religious life, in favour of priestly functions. In order to restore it to its own proper place, throughout history the Spirit has raised up founders who placed emphasis on the lay character of their foundations. It happened in the monastic life of St. Benedict, whose brother monks were the evangelizers of Europe; also in the way of life proposed by St. Francis, whose Friars Minor were born as a mixed Order, formed by lay people and priests.

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- Editorial Team

JULY 2021

## Birthday



- 01 Bro. Rakesh Peter Sapliya
- 06 Bro. LourduRaju. D. Joy
- 06 Bro. I. LourduKulandai
- 14 Bro. A. Joseph Sunder Raj
- 21 Bro. R. Joe Antony
- 25 Bro. I. SoosaiManickam
- 30 Bro. S. ArockiaSamy



- 03 Bro. S. Thomas Robert Edward
- 25 Bro. A.P. ChackoAyathil
- 25 Bro. A. James Antony
- 31 Bro. S. Innaci Muthu
- 31 Bro. A. Innasi Inigo
- 31 Bro. V. Innasi

## Departed



- 03 Bro. A. Pathrose
- 03 Bro. M. Nicholas
- 05 Bro. R.S. Irudayaraj
- 12 Bro. M. Davamani Xavier
- 14 Bro. S. Maria Gnanapragasam
- 26 Bro. D. Michael Samy
- 26 Bro. T. Antony William
- 28 Bro. G. Maria Viagappan
- 30 Bro. A.M Thomas

## SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Dear Saint Thomas, you were once slow in believing that Christ had gloriously risen; but later, because you had seen him, you exclaimed : "My Lord and my God!" According to an ancient story, you rendered most powerful assistance for constructing a church in a place where pagan priests opposed it. Please bless architects, builders and carpenters that through them the Lord may be honored.



Amen.



### Touching the wounds of Jesus

The Pope reflected on the disciples differing reactions "when Jesus made himself visible after the Resurrection". Some rejoiced, others were filled with doubt. Lord granted Thomas eight days, and he wanted the wounds still to be visible on his body, although they were "clean, very beautiful, filled with light", because the Apostle had said he would not believe unless he put his finger in them. Thomas placed his fingers in the Lord's wounds. But he did not say: "it's true, the Lord is risen". He went further; he said: "My Lord and my God". Starting with his disbelief the Lord led him to profess not only his belief in the Resurrection, but above all, his belief in the divinity of the Lord. "How can I find the wounds of Jesus today? I cannot see them as Thomas saw them. I find them in doing works of mercy, in giving to the body — to the body and to the soul, but I stress the body — of your injured brethren, for they are hungry, thirsty, naked, humiliated, slaves, in prison, in hospital. These are the wounds of Jesus in our day".



- Mr. Valanarasu aged 47, elder Brother of Bro. A. Albert rested in the Lord on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 .
- Mr. Gerogeaged 57, nephew of Bro. S. Lawrence, rested in the Lord on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

May God in His eternal mercy grant their souls peace and rest.



### THE POPE'S Monthly Prayer Intention

#### Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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



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