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DISTINGUISHING NATURE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Christian love distinguishes believers from the rest of the world. Likewise, the perfect love that the religious are called to practise would distinguish them among the Christian disciples. This distinguishing mark seen both in the Christians in general and the religious in particular, is of paramount importance in the missions. "By this [love] people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). It is worth noting that Jesus did not say that people will know that you are my disciples if you build an empire small or vast of any kind, rather if you love one another. The watching world will be persuaded only by love. The kingdom of God is not born when *we promote* the Kingdom values but when they are *incarnated* in us and becomes alive in us. The vivacious virtue of love distinguishes the Christian, the religious.

God forms a people that reflects his nature - Love. We are God's billboards to a watching society showing them how individuals could best belong to that society. Love extended will only and always be the best apologetic that Christians have.

When Reverend Ira E. Gillet, educational and industrial missionary of the Methodist Church in Mozambique returned home to report on his activities overseas, he related a curious story. Repeatedly, Gillet had noticed how groups of natives, especially the women folk, would walk past the government hospital and travel extra miles to receive medical treatment at the small hospital in the missionary compound, which he was part of. Fascinated, he finally asked a particular group of people when they visited the hospital, why they walked the extra distance when the same treatments were available at the government hospital they passed by. The reply that he received was: "The medicines may be the same but the hands are different." The people are our score boards, when they are attracted to us as they recognize that we have a different pair hands, that is when we know that love is incarnated in us.

Love makes a difference in the hands that people carry. These hands are not marred by the money they handle. They are not tainted by the arrogance generated by the pseudo authority that one has for a few years. They are not restrained by nepotism and favouritism. They are free to extend to all the needy and not to one or a few that the eyes take delight in. They are extended in friendship to all. Like the drag-net of Jesus, they embrace all kinds. Those hands do snap in slap but also caress in care.

Running around actively reenergizing and sitting still in deep contemplation, Teresa of Avila realized the replacement of the divine hands and taught: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are his ambassadors, representing him to the world. And when we love as he has loved us, it will make the difference. People will notice. Christian love is contagious.

Going by the standard of the early Christians seen in the Acts of the Apostles, no missionary gimmick pays off; the unadulterated love of Jesus alone can win disciples for him. "With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47). Where there is love, there is accord, there is gathering in prayer, hospitality *for everyone*, sharing what we have, sincerity, joy, which in turn, win the favour of all around us.

- Fr. Benny Thettayil CMI
Provincial Superior

Ordinations/Profession



New Priest Fr. Rinu Vayaliparampil CMI



Deacon Bro. Joyal Vezhaparamban CMI



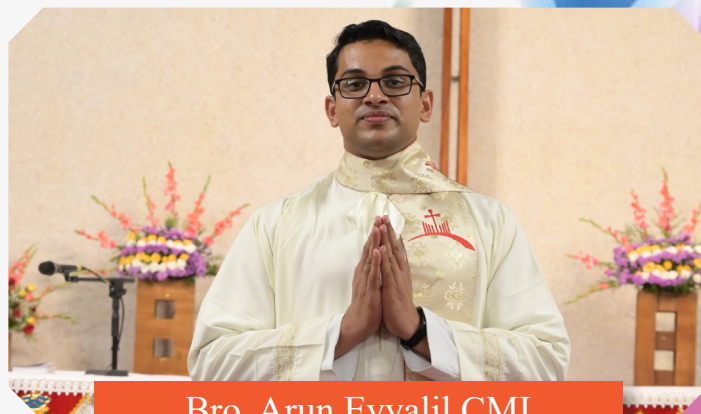
Deacon Bro. Lijo Manjoor CMI

Sub-deacons



Bro. Amal Mannusseril CMI

Finally Professed (Would be)



Bro. Arun Eyyalil CMI

First Profession



Bro. Josemon Thakadiyil CMI

Novices



Bro. Majo K. Joseph CMI

1st year at Meerut (2022-24)



Bro. Albin Anto Vembil & Bro. Antony Thomas Kuttiyanikkal



Left to right: Seby Martin, Joel Martin, Alex Francis, Joyal Joshy

1st year at Najibabad (2022-23)



Left to right: Jonathan Santhosh, Alan Antony, Deionisius Synnah, Fr. Raju Puthussery CMI, Bro. Nibin Veshnal CMI, Ribalson Mawrie, Antony Thomas, Shone Shaju, Sonal Wilson Francis, Joyal Joshy

Our Guests in the Provincial House



Sr. Daisy FHGS, Superior General and Sr. Lissy FHGS, Councillor, visited the Provincial House on 5 March 2023.



Fr. Jestin Punnassery from Germany visited the Provincial House with his friends Mr. Christian, Bro. Nicholas Hahn CFA and his brother Mr. Jain on 11 March 2023.



Welcome Fr. Dr. Dev Akkara OFM Cap

Citius, Altius, Fortius “To our Doctors’ Fold”



Fr. Denny Dominic completed PhD in Computer Science and Engineering from Christ University, Bangalore, on the topic ***“A Multi Parameteized Modified Local Binary Pattern for Lung Cancer Prediction Using Deep Learning Methods”***.



Fr. Sunny Kunnathuparambil completed PhD from Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology Management, on the topic ***“Employee Empowerment and Organizational Commitment of Private School Teachers”***.



Fr. Anoop Pynadath defended his PhD thesis on 22.09.2022 at Santosh Deemed University, Ghaziabad in the area of Clinical Psychology, on the topic ***“The Effect of Mindfulness based Cognitive Therapy on Anxiety and Resilience of the School-going Early Adolescent”***.



Fr. Jimmy Kallupalathinkal completed PhD from Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (U.P.) State University on the topic ***“The Role and Contribution of the Christian Missionary Educational Institutions towards Employers Development”***.

Department of Education



The General Body Meeting of the Department of Education

The Annual General Body meeting of the Department of Education was held on 23 November 2022 at St. John's Provincial House, Najibabad. Rev. Fr. Maria Charles Antonysamy SDB, National Secretary of CBCI Office for Education and Culture was the resource person of the day. Fr. Saji, Secretary for Education accorded a warm welcome to the resource person and the members. In his talk, Fr. Maria Charles focused on the vision and mission of the Apostolate of education from the perspective of Church, quoting the words of Pope Francis concerning the formation of children in our educational institutions. He pointed out the need of the movement from mere administrators to transformational leaders and spiritual animators. He discussed the main thrust of the NEP and its implications. The change in the pedagogical structure and teaching learning process is the area everyone has to put attention. He also emphasized the collective collaboration and leadership in our religious communities and it is the most essential means of the success of the mission we are entrusted with.

Fr. Provincial headed the business meeting along with Fr. Saji, Secretary of Education. In his message, Fr. Benny emphasized that our life must be in accordance with the mission we are entrusted with. He pointed out the need of team work and cohesion with the different aspects of our mission mainly the education, financial management and social connectivity. He also invited all to think collectively to put our energy together to toil for the mission, tolerating individual differences in accordance with the spirit of religious life.

Department of Finance

Workshop on Accounting Procedures

In the light of the new financial policy and the annual auditing made by the chartered accountants, the auditors have pointed out the necessity of awareness of certain accounting procedures. In order to conscientize the members, the Department of Finance of St. John's Province organized a one-day workshop on the topic "The Accounting Practices and Procedures in the Changing Scenario" on 4 March 2023 at St. John's Provincial House, Najibabad.

Mr. Balachandran, the auditor and his team were present to animate the session. About 35 of our members from our houses attended the workshop. The Workshop ended by 4 pm.

The finance department thanked everyone who attended the program.

Department of Social Apostolate



CSS (Chavara Seva Samaj) celebrated Women's day at Nathewali on 10 March 2023, Nagina on 11 March 2023 and at Chavara Seva Samaj on 16 March 2023. On this occasion tailoring students were awarded with certificates and 370 sewing machines were distributed.



CSS conducted a one-day training program on the production of detergent power for SHG group of Daudpur, Najibabad on 13 December 2022. More than 40 women were present for the training.



Blessing and laying of foundation Stone for the new wing of CSS by Bishop Gratian Mundadan on 2 December 2022.

चावरा सेवा समाज ने लगाया स्वास्थ्य शिविर

नजीबाबाद (प्रयाग)। गांधी जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में चावरा सेवा समाज द्वारा आयोजित मेडिकल कैम्प में लगभग 200 मरीजों का स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण कर उनको निशुल्क दवाइयां वितरित की गई। शिविर का शुभारम्भ जलालाबाद चैयरपर्सन पति लियाक़त अंसारी एवं चौकपुरी के प्रधान स्वत्वाधिकारी, प्रकाशक व मुद्रक रूपेश अग्रवाल द्वारा अमर प्रिंटिंग प्रेस, मोहल्ला कड़ुच्छ, ज्वालापुर हरिद्वार से मुद्रित एवं 538, श्रीनाथ नगर कालोनी निकट सेंटमरी स्कूल, ज्वालापुर हरिद्वार से प्रकाशित सम्पादक अवनीश अग्रवाल (टाण्डे वाले) आरएनआई नं. UTTHIN/2006/21618 E-mail: bijnorprayan@gmail.com Website: www.dainikprayan.com



डिंक सिंह, गवदर बेनी, गवदर भाँगस द्वारा दीप प्रज्वालित कर किया गया। फादर बेनी ने लोगों को शिविर से लाभ लेने पर जोर दिया। शिविर कोर्डीनेटर हरदर सिंह की देख रेख में डा.फादर जोस पांडियाटी, डा. एन बानी, डा.शाकिर खान ने मरीजों का स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण कर उन्हें उचित सलाह देते हुए दवाइयां वितरित की। शिविर में भोला सिंह, भगत सिंह, अनीता, करुणा, पुष्पा, सिस्टर सेलिन आदि का सहयोग रहा।

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a Free Medical Camp was organized by CSS. Free Checkup and free medicines were given to 200 people.

News Update from Stations

CMI Carmel School, CarmelKrom, Bechem



Silver Jubilee of Fr. Shibu Mandaly



The Pioneer Batch of CMI Carmel School

It is a great year of thanksgiving for the diocese of Goaso in Ghana where the CMI Center is located, because the diocese is celebrating its Silver Jubilee of its erection and the episcopal ordination of the bishop. There is the whole year long celebration, which was launched in the month of November 2022. As part of the Jubilee Year, the bishop is concentrating on the completion of the senior secondary school closer to the CMI Center, Bechem. CMIs in Ghana also are in a jubilant mood as Fr. Shibu Mandaly our coordinator is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his religious profession. We had a celebration in the parish close to our center. A few of our fathers and sisters along with the parishnors joined for the celebration at the parish.

CMI Carmel School is extremely delighted as it is enjoying the fruit of its hard work over the past years as the first batch of BECE came out flying colors. Out of 19 students who appeared for the exam, 5 of them got single digit aggregate. All these students got placed at different schools for their higher studies.

CMI Marriet School, Kwamang, Ghana



The school closed its academic year on 16 December 2022 with 107 students. It was a successful year. We opened the academic year 2023 on 10 January with a parents meeting at which we introduced the new staff to the parents. The number of students increased to 140 this academic year.

Mary Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, Ablekuman Accra

Archbishop John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSP, paid a pastoral visit to Mary Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church on 31 October 2022. It was an outstation of St. Stephen Catholic Church, Darkuman, in the Archdiocese of Accra and was made a Rectorate and Fr. Jomat John CMI was appointed Priest-in-Charge. This year, a total number of forty three candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The church climaxed its weeklong celebrations of the Holy Childhood Week on Sunday, 12 February 2023, with a Holy Mass.



As part of the week's celebrations, a special talk was organized on Monday, 6 February 2023 on "Children have a Preferential Place". Mr. Bernard Ansong, who gave the talk encouraged the children on how they can get closer to God. On Thursday, 9 February 2023, Mrs. Catherine Vordzorgbe- Ayedzi, the catechist encouraged the children on the theme "Children are the Treasure of the Society and that of the Church". Fr. John Jomat CMI the Priest-in-Charge emphasized the importance of the children in the Church.

Sacred Heart School, Laharpur



Sod Cutting by Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil on 2 February 2023.



Blessing and laying of the foundation stone by Archbishop Gerald John Mathias on 2 February 2023.

Nepal Mission



Christmas Celebration with youth was conducted in the church at Punarbas on 26 December 2022. Various competitions were conducted and at the end of the day they had meals and shared their joy.

Women's day celebration was held in the church on 4 March 2023. Around 30 women were part of the celebration. It was associated with Holy Mass and followed by a quiz and various other competitions. At the end there was prize distribution and the day was concluded with a cup of tea.

Sr. Grace SD, Provincial Superior along with Sr. Anugraha SD, Sr. Sicilia SD and Sr. Latha SD visited the mission on 21 March 2023.

Carmel School, Chamba



Inter School Culutral Meet: Carmel School participated in the Inter School Cultural Meet at Ghaziabad on 21 October 2022 and bagged the Runners'-up Trophy.



Annual Day & Send-off : We had the combined celebrations of the Annual Day, Send-off to the 12th Class students & the Christmas with a variety of programs on 22 December 2022. We were blessed with the presence of Rev. Fr. Benny Thettayil CMI, Provincial as the Chief Guest of the day. Fr. Jose Chittuparambil CMI was the Guest of Honour. Frs. Mathew Thadathil CMI, Fr. Biju Ponthempally and Fr. Robbin were also present.



Inauguration: The Inauguration and blessing of the new CARMEL KINDERGARTEN building at chamba on 28 February 2023.



DST Sisters: Rev. Sr. Salomy DST, Mother General and Sr. Riny DST, General Councilor for Finance, visited Carmel School on 26 September 2022.

Basketball Tournament: Carmel School Basketball team won Fr. Cassius Memorial Inter School Basketball Tournament at All Saints' Convent School, New Tehri on 27 October 2022. Congratulations!

Pilgrimage: The Catholic community of Chamba made a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana, Meerut on 11 December 2022.

Annual Day: We had the Annual Day and the Christmas celebrations for the parents of students from nursery to class seven on 21 December 2022. Mr. Kishore Upadhyay, MLA, New Tehri, was the Chief Guest of the day.



Fr. Thomas Thelekkadan: We observed the 40th day commemoration of Rev. Fr. Thomas Thelekkadan CMI with a solemn requiem Holy Mass and office for the departed on 11 February 2023. Rev. Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil CMI, Vicar Provincial, was the main celebrant. Many of the Fathers, Sisters and the Staff participated and remembered Fr. Thomas Thelekkadan.

Master Dhruv Padiyar of class IX died of a fever and other medical complications at Himalayan Hospital, Jollygrant on 14 February 2023. May his soul Rest in Peace.

St. Mary's School, Gadarpur



Grand Parents Day was celebrated in the Carmel Mata Church. It was one of the memorable days for the Carmel Mata Church as we honoured grand parents of our parish.

Christmas Celebration : As part of Christmas celebration, we visited every house of Carmel Mata Parish singing carols as we went along.

Republic day was celebrated with high spirit in St. Mary's Sec. School, Gadarpur. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. Rajesh Panday, SHO of Gadarpur.



Gone Not Forgotten

Mrs. Mamta, one of the supporting staff of St. Mary's School passed away following a road accident on 17 December 2022.

Ward Abhijot Singh met with an accident and succumbed to his injuries on 26 February 2023.



St. Joseph's Sr. Sec. School, Jahangirabad



St. Joseph's Sr. Sec. School, Jahangirabad organized a Science, Art and Craft Exhibition. Mr. Anil, the Excise Inspector of Bulandshahr inaugurated the programme. 400 students participated in the event. The presence of the parents and various officers from the district was encouraging. The media also encouraged the staff and the students by reporting the event.



The December Joy

The month of December brought in joy and jubilations of a festive mood, especially, at Christmas.

Lopping of trees in the school assembly area and the sides of school brought in fresh air, light and illuminated the atmosphere of the Campus.

A beautiful gallery and grilled wall for the play ground added comfort, beauty and safety to the campus. As a prelude to the forthcoming Inter School Sports Meet to be held in Maria School this year, and to wake the school up from the wintry inertia, the Annual Sports Day was held on 17 December this year. The Annual Sports Day started with the march past. The Manager and the Principal addressed the students on this occasion. Highlighting the importance of sports and games, they stressed the role of sports and games as a career in our times.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mother Mary, the titular feast of the parish and ashram was celebrated with all solemnity. Simple lunch was served to the parishioners with generous contribution from the volunteers. The Mariashram community also took part in the celebration of the feast in the Basilica of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception at Bazpur with Fr. Jomon T.A. as the main celebrant, as Fr. Mathew Valiakandathil preached.

Maria School and the parish celebrated Christmas with much enthusiasm compared to last year's celebrations dampened in the clutches of Covid 19. Under the leadership of Fr. Jomon T.A. work of the two cribs, one in front of the school and another in front of the chapel along with the making of Christmas stars, started in the first week of December. Carol Singing started on 17 December at the substation Garhinegi and passed through Thumaria dam and Pathrampur area, in which some teachers, students, Fathers and Sisters joined. The people welcomed the Carol team irrespective of their religio-cultural affiliations. Maria School also celebrated Christmas on 20 December with cultural programs.

January 2023

On 3 January we had a commemorative gathering for the former principal Fr. Thomas Thelekkadan CMI who passed away on the feast day of the founder of our Congregation St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara on 3 January.

The chilly and foggy January did not tarnish the spirit of enthusiasm of students in the campus in celebrating the Republic Day on 26 January and the Manager's and Principal's Day on 31 January.

February 2023

The Board Exams of Centre for CISCE, began by the end of February to continue through March this year. Fr. Jomon T.A. was the convener of the group of schools here, as Fr. Jibin Edapulavan and Fr. Benoy Vazhayil were appointed Inspectors for ISC exams, Fr. John Chakkanatt, Inspector for ICSE exams for all six centers, Fr. Antony T.V. and Fr. Ajomon as Examiners at Gadarpur and Jaspur respectively.

Under the vigilance and guidance of the SD Sisters, Mariashram caters to the temporal and spiritual needs of our Catholic girls. There are 21 Catholic girls this year from Class VI to Class XI in the Vidoor Ghar here in Jaspur.

Bishop Emeritus Antony Fernandez, the first bishop of Bareilly Diocese and a great friend of the Bijnor CMI passed away in February. Evangelization and pastoral care were in his brain and were running through his veins all through. It was Bishop Antony who invited the CMIs of Bijnor to start a mission station, lending financial assistance to start with.

All the three mission stations, Jaspur, Gadarpur and Champawat in the diocese of Bareilly were started in his time. He constantly cared for the CMI communities through frequent visits and encouragement. The CMI community took part in his funeral service, month's mind and carried out all the obligatory suffrages for the departed as per the diocesan directives.

Sacred Heart Academy, Maigalganj



On 17 February 2023, the newly built wing of the school was inaugurated and blessed by Bishop John Vadakel, Fr. Bejoy Pallickamalil began to stay in the living quarters there. Mr. Rajbushan and neighboring community members were present.

Sacred Heart Academy Maigalganj is affiliated to CISCE board. On 15 March, the first batch reached class 10 with 27 students.

Aurangabad Church construction is completed. Bishop Gerald John Mathais, bishop of Lucknow, blessed it and celebrated Holy Liturgy on 1 April 2023.

Christ School, Majri Grant, Dehradun



The dream achieved

Fr. Thomson Thomas the director of St. Alphonsa Bhavan Majri Grant was after the MDDA for the permission for the construction of the school building. Finally, the dream was realised and on 13 December 2022 the permission was granted to start the construction. On 19 December 2022 the construction work was started and on 26 December 2022, the foundation stone was blessed by Rev Fr. Mathew Thenamkalayil CMI the Finance Councillor. The construction work is progressing.

St. Thomas School, Khatauli



Annual Day of the K.G. Section was celebrated on 20 December 2022.



Pre Primary New Building was inaugurated on 16 March 2023.

St. Mary's School, Nagina

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION 2023

Republic Day was celebrated at St. Mary's School on 26 January 2023 in the presence of the Chief Guests, Rev. Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil CMI and Rev. Fr. Saji Ellikal CMI. The Chief Guest in his address reminded the students about the need and importance of the Indian Constitution. The students exhibited their patriotism by Grand Parade and Salute.



“ADIEU’ 23”

As every year, this year also Class-XI students organized a farewell celebration for their seniors. Soon after welcoming Class-XII students and the Chief Guests, a prayer session was conducted under the leadership of Sr. Leeza SJSM. Rev. Fr. Joseph Peedikathadathil CMI the Chief Guest of the program reminded the students about how to frame their successful future life. The students of Class-XII were presented a memento by the school management.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY-2023 for UKG Students

A valedictory ceremony was organized for UKG students on the last day of their pre-primary school session. The event was blessed with the presence of Fr. Gerald, Fr. Bino, Fr. George, Sr. Bincy SJSM and SJSM Sisters. The UKG students were awarded with Certificates of Excellence.



St. Chavara School, Shahpur



ANNUAL DAY

Saint Chavara School, Shahpur celebrated its annual day on the 19 December 2022. The theme for this year was 'Udan'. Fr. Benny Thettayil, the Provincial was the Chief Guest and Bp. John Vadakel was the Guest of Honour. Fr. Saji, was the Special Guest for this annual day celebration.

EXHIBITION

Saint Chavara School organised a Science Exhibition in August, 2022. The Students prepared their models based on various scientific themes such as oxygen cycle, volcanic eruption, smart city etc. The manager of Holy Angel's School, Muzaffarnagar, Sr. Vijaya CSST, was the Chief Guest and Fr. Majo CMI was the Guest of Honour.



MEDICAL CAMP

Saint Chavara School, organised a medical camp in December, 2022. This was the first medical camp ever conducted on the school campus. It was organised with the help of MJIMS hospital, Shahpur. A team of 3 doctors came to the school campus and enlightened the students about the importance of hygiene and cleanliness. After interacting with the students, they gave them a medical check up and gave them tips on their health.

New Venture



Vox: Fr. Vipin Kurishuthara CMI
 Lyrics: Joyal Joy CMI
 Producer: TJV
 Mix and Mastering: Fr. Jinto Arimbookaran.
 Studio: NHQ
 Link:- <https://youtu.be/r9NkKX5KULs>

“To the Joy of the Father”



A prayer for the Pope

We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father. May the Lord he trusted in now welcome him home

Fr. Thomas Thelekkadan CMI (1971-2023)

Fr. Thomas was born on 3 July 1971 as the eighth child of late Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Eli Thelekkadan at Mankuzhi, in the Holy Family Parish of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly. He rendered his services to the community in the field of education. Even when he was a scholastic he taught at St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad. Later, he did his B.Ed at St. Joseph's Training College, Mannanam.

He was a committed teacher and a dedicated Principal in several of our schools in the Province, like Jahangirabad, Nagina, Khatauli, Gadarpur and Jaspur. Since 24 May 2022, he was a member of Carmel Ashram at Chamba, in the diocese of Bijnor, in the Himalayas. In all these places, he was diligently involved in the ministry of education.



At Jahangirabad, where he was appointed immediately after his ordination, he was a full-time teacher. He perfected his teaching ministry and refined his communication skills early on in his ministerial profession as a teacher. At Nagina, he was appointed the principal of a higher secondary school for the first time. Although the responsibility was huge and he had to learn things by doing, he did it well. The township was dominated by the Muslim population and for the first time, he introduced Urdu as a second language along with Sanskrit. At Khatauli, he was very keen on the performance of his students that he went out of the way helping them. When he was given an assignment at Gadarpur, his philanthropic instincts began to show themselves. He raised funds in order to help people who were suffering from cancer.

When Thomas was appointed Superior of the CMI House at Sitapur, Lucknow, the ministry of the community was higher education at Sacred Heart College. Since he did not have any teaching assignment in the college, Thomas visited various schools all over India giving lessons on Toposheet, which he was good at. The assignment given to him at Jaspur was that of the Principal of the School. He made a great rapport with the parents and teachers. At Chamba, which was his last assignment, he helped the community with the administration of the affairs of the community.

Fr. Thomas was a joyful and committed religious. The gospel joy was written all over him as he lived his religious life joyfully. He made his community lively with his unique humour and mirth, especially as an impressionist. He made people happy with his culinary skills.

His ministerial profession was teaching and he loved it. Academically, geography was his forte. His mastery over the topography was profound and he loved to impart this knowledge to all who were in need. His students admired his expertise on the geographical map. He was always available to the students to clarify doubts with precision. Students of various institutions all over the country, where he offered classes, enjoyed his company and were very friendly with him. His friendship circle included teachers, students and their parents of the students and he kept his contact with them maintained.

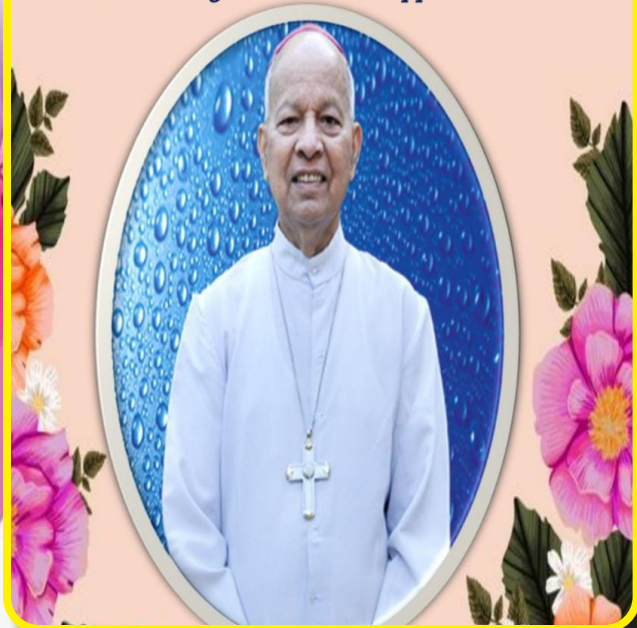
Sheer hard work and tenacity in his academic pursuits made him a PhD holder who put his qualification to good use. He created two textbooks on Geography for the ICSE Board and they were sought after source materials for many schools especially in the North.

Fr. Thomas was a man of order and system. As the principal teacher, he always took special care to maintain the documents of the institutions where he rendered his services. The orderliness that he practiced in his life was very evident in his personal room.

Fr. Thomas did not enjoy the best of health for the last few years. Despite the medicines that he took and that he carried along with him, he would joyfully live his life. Even when comments were passed regarding his health and discipline, he would have a broad smile with which he would disarm the source of the comment. Thomas was a joyful human being.

Fr. Thomas left us for eternal reward on 03 January 2023, at 09.40 pm, following a cardiac arrest. He was buried at St. John's Ashram Cemetery. May he enjoy the heavenly bliss.

*"Well done, good and faithful servant!
Come and share your master's happiness!" Mt. 23:23*



Most. Rev. Anthony Fernandes

Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Bareilly

Full Name : Anthony Fernandes

Born : 06/07/1936

Ordination : 02/12/1964

Bishop : 29/03/1989

Born to Eternal Life : 03/02/2023

Smiling Melvin Faded Away

Fr Melvin Abraham Pallithazhathu (1986-2023)

Fr Melvin Abraham Pallithazhathu was born to Mr. P.K. Abraham and Mrs M.T. Catherin Pallithazhathu on 3 March 1986 at St Antony's Parish, Chakkittappara (Diocese of Thamarassery, Kerala, India). After completing philosophy and theology Melvin was ordained a Priest on 6 May 2015 at his home parish, by Most Rev. John Vadakel CMI, the then Bishop of Bijnor.

On 19 January 2023, while on a mission of relief work in Joshimath, his vehicle skidded in the snow and fell into a deep gorge of about 900 ft., causing his death.

His mortal remains were laid to rest on 23 January 2023 in the presence of his beloved parents and siblings and hundreds of priests, nuns and faithful from far and wide.



May his soul Rest in Peace



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