

Mission News

Betharram has a World wide mission aruond the world. In India we have began our Mission work in the North East Region of india, especially in Assam. Fr. Shaju is entrusted with this mission.

Bros. Jesu Raj, Yesu Dass and Rojo do their Regency in the North East along with MSFS Fathers. Br. George Antony is doing his Social Ministry in Dharmya Jyothi Social Centre. This Centre is run by S.R.A. Sisters.

We too have taken up the 'Tution' (Evening Classes) for the poor children in Jyothi Nagar. Bro. Valan and Livin do their best service along with our junior brothers. Last month they had organised Health Camp and Educational Camp for the same.

Our Fathers and brothers go to the various Parishes for their mission, not only that but also we do the social mission in the Old Age Home, Among the AIDS patients and working with Jesus Youth.

Our novices Bro. Bistis, Antony and Jacob do their ministry in Ramamurthy Nagar Slum in Bangalore. They too take evening classes for the poor and desolate children.

Desk of the Editor

Dear Friends in the Heart of Jesus,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. They were not extra ordinary people rather ordinary people who have done the will of God in an extra ordinary way. This was possible for them only because they allowed themselves "TO BE A PENCIL" in the hand of the Lord. Dear friends, PENCIL has three main functions; (i) It has to be sharpened (ii) It has to leave itself in the hands of the other in order to be useful (iii) It has to imprint it's mark on the object. If these three functions are not fulfilled, then it is no more called to be a pencil.

In the same way, this little leaflet/newsletter comes to sharpen our missionary thrust, creative mind, communion among the community members, our commitment and dedication. It also functions as a bridge between the members of the congregation and the lay Betharramite friends to know each other better and to put ourselves at the service of one another. It is done only to show that we are just in this world to imprint the gospel values as the mark of Christ' disciple. When these three functions are fulfilled, then I am sure that we achieve the purpose of this newsletter. Let us support each other in whatever way we can so that we reap the purpose of it in fullness.

I am happy to head this editorial team and I thank Bro. Arul and Bro. Livin for their hard work in making this newsletter a reality today.

May the good God bless you all
Fr. Stervin S Fernando scj.

Betharram A Banyan Tree

The seed of Betharramite Charism sown in the cardios of St. Michael, the Holy Spirit displayed itself to the world in 1835, when the first community was formed in Betharram with just Six members. Charism by essence is Charismatic and never static, So too the Betharram. The members of this Beautiful branch have spread across the countries contributing in the profound mission of the church in a tranquil manner.

In India too, there were just handful of brothers, when Betharram opened its first door in Bangalore and in Mangalore in 1995 and 1999 respectively. Today, it has become a Banyan Tree to be reckoned: 7 Priests, 3 Deacons and a dozen brothers in formation.

Betharram is poor, small, simple yet beautiful, because it is what Jesus is. Despite this, the Sacred Heart of Jesus was richer than the Universe itself, so too the Heart of Betharram. Because Betharramite has the very programme of the Heart of Jesus.

The Banyan of Betharram is pregnant with richness of Charism, personnel, disponibility and alterness for spiritual operation. Any such braced daring bird can always hover over it, make the nest in it but only to fly in the sky of dynamic mission s of the Branch.

Vicariate Calender

- Nov.1. Ordination to Diaconate to Bros.Valan, Subesh, Britto.
- Dec. 1. Ignatian Retreat for those who are to be finally professed.
- Dec. 10 Vicar's visit to North East of India.
- Dec. 20 Ashram Experience of Our Novices in mysore.
- Dec. 30 Arrival of Fr. Austin and Bro. Andrew
and General assembly of Indian Vicariate in Bangalore

**Priesthood is the
Love of the Heart of Jesus**

Maria Vianny

