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## A BRIEF REFLECTION ON THE ECCLESIAL DIMENSION OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

*Fr. Joseph Thekkel, OCD*



St. Teresa of Avila

St. Teresa experienced towards the end of her life, an inner joy and conviction to have 'lived and died for the church' within the limitation of her Carmelite call but guided and inspired by the Spirit. She understood, lived and experienced the mysteries which perhaps the learned theologians of her time failed to realize and live. Teresian Charism has a wealth of the fidelity and adherence to the Church and her teachings. The Spirit equipped her to understand the supernatural realities as a true bride of Christ.

She was guided by the Spirit in a marvelous way to understand the scriptures, the sacraments and the teachings of the Church with a life rooted in prayer. The idea 'to live and die for the Church' sprung up from her inner convictions. Following is a short reflection on her inner struggle during the Protestant Reformation and her determined determination to live for the Church.

The Church at the time of Teresa was passing through serious turmoil, dissention and various heresies. Through Reformation the Protestants were vehemently for a decentralized and liberal church with a greater participation of the laity and not under the authority of the pope. The Catholics on the other hand held strong allegiance to the legitimacy of the episcopacy and Church teachings. There were real issues at stake in this troubled time. Teresa as a true daughter of the Church felt the call to live as a faithful witness to Christ and thus defeat

the Protestants in their attack against the Church. She was more concerned about the eroding of the true faith and wanted to respond to God's call in Carmel, with a life in its true integrity. A careful reading of her 'Way of Perfection', especially chapters 1 and 3, gives us her true aspirations 'for a contemplative life totally given to the service of the Church' through dedicated life of prayer.

Teresa clearly brings forth this ecclesial dimension while undertaking the reformation of Carmel and is very visible in founding the first convent of St. Joseph's at Avila. She wanted to resist 'the harm being done in France and the havoc the Lutherans had caused'. Teresa was consumed by fire and love for the Church which she puts forcefully in the following words "The world is in all flames, they want to sentence Christ again, they ravage his Church" (W.P.1:5). For Teresa, Church was now the 'Suffering Christ' and she was deeply distressed when she heard about the profanation of the Eucharist. She says "nowadays these heretics have so little regard for the Blessed Sacrament that they take away its dwelling place by destroying churches"(W.P.3:8). She got deeply annoyed at the way the Protestants deviated from the true faith and says "the very great evil and disrespect committed and shown in places where this most Blessed Sacrament is present and among those Lutherans, where churches are destroyed, so many priests lost, and the Blessed Sacrament taken away"(W.P.35:3). Her inability was strongly expressed in these words: "My heart breaks to see how many souls are being lost" (W.P.1:4) and her desires are spontaneous in the following statement: "It seemed to me that I would have given a thousand lives to save one soul out of the many that are being lost there" (W.P.1:2).

The inner struggle and intense desire to serve the Lord brought her to the following conclusion- "I resolved to do the little that was in my power; that is to follow the evangelical counsels as perfectly as I could and strive that these few persons who live here do the same" (W.P.1:2). Teresa advises her daughters "to be of such a kind" through their 'prayer and life'. She wanted





a praying community at the service of the mystical Body of Christ, for priests and learned men, the defenders of the Church". Well, this conviction has to be realized through an authentic life style- "the task at once vital and prayerful". Her daughters are advised to realize their vocation in these words "this is the way he has gathered you together her...all occupied in prayer for those who are defenders of the Church" (W.P.1:2). The same idea is repeatedly stressed by her throughout chapter 3 when she develops her theme of the "chosen group", committed fully to God and to the evangelical life, constantly interceding for the Church and its greatest servants. This realization of "the great task" outlined by the saint paves the basis of the Teresian Carmel. Thus prayer and life are the key words which embodies the Teresian ideal -"a spiritual struggle' for the Lord.

The trials of the Church (Christ) was the trails she felt as her own in her life. The challenges Church faced, were the triumphs she wanted to achieve in her life for love of Christ. The spirit strengthened her to face the sway of the world and the God given aspirations were fulfilled in her determination to live for the Church. The turn of events during her life strengthened our mother to live as a worthy daughter of the Church. A new era dawned with her reform of Carmel and explained her strong vocation 'to live and die for the Church'. Thus though the praying communities around the Eucharist, she realized her call in the Church - 'to be of one mind with the Church'. Hence we see a strong call of her being one with the Church and a deep sense of the ecclesial dimension of her vocation. Her definition of prayer "as loving friendship with God" prompted her to remain ever closer to Jesus and his Church. With this inner conviction she could utter at her deathbed the following words and die "At last o Lord, I am a true child of the Church".

"Our true friend, Whom alone we can trust, is Jesus Christ. When I depend upon Him, I feel so strong that I think I could stand firm against the whole world"

-St. Teresa of Avila

## MARY'S DIVINE ROLE IN THE PROVIDENCE OF THE WORLD

Fr. Mathew Unnimackal, OCD



It has been the custom of the west to enact the *passion play* during the Lenten season. One of the most tragic and touching scenes is that of Judas' despair. He realizes the fathomless enormity of his crime; he gives out the piercing shriek "to whom shall I go? I have betrayed my lord." A little girl was watching the play with her mother. Children as a rule seem to move with the play as though it were real. When Judas came to the despair scene and screamed "to whom shall I go? I have betrayed my lord," the audience was breathless with suspense. All on a sudden the voice of that child rang out clear and sweet, "Mamma, why does not he go to Mary?" indeed even traitor Judas, if only he had appealed to Mary, would have obtained full pardon for his sins.



The Vatican II in *Lumen Gentium* says, "Mary is endowed with high office and dignity of the mother of the Son of God and therefore she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit." Can any son, however great he is, reject the plea of his mother? So as no father would reject the plea of his daughter. Then why don't we run to Mary and plead her intercession? Mary as the Mother of God has got great role in the redemption of the world. It does not mean that our Lord is not able or willing to help us directly. But according to the order fixed by Himself, the graces gained by His passion and death and by his all-powerful intercession are distributed among men by the maternal hands of Mary.

The doctrine of Mary's universal mediation is taught in unmistakable terms by the fathers of the church. St.



Irenaeus says that "being obedient Mary became the cause of salvation for her and for the whole human race." One of the early fathers going with the same line states: "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience. What Eve bound through her disobedience was loosened by Mary's faith. Mary is the mother of living. Mary's all-round mediatory role is explained by St. Bernard, "Mary is made for all, that out of her fullness all may receive: the captive the liberation; the infirm, the health; the sad, consolation; the sinner, pardon; the just, grace; the angel, joy; finally, the whole Trinity, glory and the person of the Son, human flesh; so that there is none who escapes the warmth of her rays." St. Jerome very vehemently states that if death came through Eve then the life was brought through Mary.

John Paul II in his encyclical *Redemptoris Mater* (1987) reflects on the salvation history of the Bible in the light of a mediation, and Mary's unique role in our Redemption as a "New Eve" or companion of Christ. St. Paul presenting Jesus as the second Adam indirectly tells us that Mary is the new Eve. "The first man Adam became a living being, the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit." (1 Cor. 15:45). Paul, when said this, had in his mind the verses from the OT: "I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; He will strike your head and you will strike his heel" (Gen. 3:15). St. Irenaeus in this regard would say that, "It was right and necessary that Adam be restored in Christ...that Eve be restored in Mary, so that a virgin become advocate of a virgin, might erase and abolish the disobedience of a virgin by her obedience as virgin."

Rightly it can be said that Mary is the Co-Redemptrix. Vat.II says that Mary is not seen as passively engaged by God but as freely co-operating in the work of man's salvation through her faith and obedience (LG. 56). Theologians have different opinions when they say that Mary is the Co-Redemptrix. For some of them it refers to Mary's co-operation in the redemption, in the sense, Mary knowingly and willingly gave birth to the Redeemer; and Mary dispense to us the fruits of the



redemption already accomplished by Christ. Another view held by some other theologians is that Mary also contributed to the redemption itself, i.e., to the redemptive act of Christ which was consummated on the Calvary. Together with Christ Mary atoned for our sins, merited every grace necessary for salvation. Benedict XV in *Acta Apostolic Sedis* (1918) says that on Calvary our Lady to such extent immolated Christ, in so far as she could in order to appease the justice of God that we may rightly say that Mary redeemed the human race together with Christ. "Mary co-operated in our redemption in such a way that our salvation flowed from the love of Jesus Christ and in sufferings, intimately joined with the love and sorrows of His Mother", says Pius XII.

Mary is not merely the throne from which God administers His graces, and she is also not merely His co-worker; but she is, under God, the very Queen and Mistress of the whole economy of grace. Mary has an illustrious prototype in the old dispensation-Esther. Esther valiantly defeated the archenemy of her people. The king was highly pleased thereby and granted her full powers, even allowing her the free use of the royal seals, and placing the whole kingdom at her disposal. In like manner the king of Kings, to show His utmost gratification at the signal victory gained by Mary over the infernal serpent, has appointed her the principal administratrix of the Kingdom of grace.

The history of the Church abounds in incidents and anecdotes, clearly illustrating the maternal anxiety of our heavenly Mother for the temporal and spiritual welfare of her children on earth and the all-powerful efficacy of her intercession before her son. In 1251, our Lady appeared to Simon stock, the General of the Carmelites, at a time when the Carmelite Order was passing through a great crisis and presented him with a Scapular. The numberless heavenly helps and favours obtained through the scapular devotion prove its divine origin beyond doubts. In another critical moment of the Church's life, our Lady gave her Rosary to St. Dominic,



by wielding this invincible instrument he succeeded in combating the spread of the Albigensian heresy. Moreover, throughout the history this remains as the strongest weapon of the Christians to fight against the fiendish powers.

The different apparitions of Mary in different places such as in Guadalupe(1531), Paris(1830), Lasalette(1846), in Lourdes to Bernadette(1858), to three children in Fatima(1932-33), in Velankanni and in many other places show the maternal anxiety and love of our Blessed Mother for our spiritual welfare. Benedict XVI in his encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, says that Mary could contribute to the salvation of humankind only because she set aside her own projects, and placed herself at the disposal of God's initiatives (41). In today's world we, the Christians, with Mary must make God present, by accepting His greatness and must place ourselves at His feet. Let us be with God and not drift away from God.

***"Oh Mother! You are my comfort and refuge,  
To You I hold fast, be my protector."***

"Yes, when a soul has allowed herself to be captivated by the inebriating fragrance of Thy perfumes, she could not run alone, all the souls whom she loves are drawn after her; this is a natural consequence of her attractions towards Thee."

-St. Therese of Lisieux

## MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART...

Fr. Joseph Vellanal, OCD



Ya, this is always what you said....  
She has chosen the better part!  
I too knew well that was the better option,  
But how could I ignore thy aching dry tongue?  
Had I not to run to comfort your hot throat?  
But still you say that she has chosen the better part !

So long have I longed to see you with me,  
So happy was I to find you with me!  
True that I rushed and fussed and cooked ....  
True that I want to celebrate your onset,  
True it is because I loved you so much,  
But still you say that she has chosen the better part !

All this is because I failed to know that,  
your Jerusalem journey had a purpose behind!  
I failed to pulse your inner anxiety,  
I failed to know what you needed was quiet.  
What you wanted was not a big spread, she knew it,  
So it is true ..... Mary has chosen the better part !

As for what concerns our relations with our fellow men, the anguish in our neighbor's soul must break all precept. All that we do is a means to an end, but love is an end in itself, because God is love.  
- Edith Stein



## SELF-FORGIVENESS

Fr. Prem, OCD

In the Christian faith forgiveness is the condition to love (charity) or in other words the skeleton of love. Forgiving oneself is the common idea in the present wake of instruction. Often we try to convince others as well as ourselves that we must forgive ourselves in the case of unfulfilling our obligations or responsibilities and undone duties or offices, and having left undone the direct charity in our way. We hear the religious books saying 'forgive others' and God will forgive you. According to such ideas can I forgive myself? The question leads to a wider one: is it *ever* possible to forgive oneself? Is the very idea an impossibility, like trying to pull oneself up by one's own bootstraps? I think it is. Forgiveness is something we have to receive; it is not something we can give ourselves.



It may be useful to try and see how the knot is constructed. The refusal to forgive oneself has something uncompromising about it - which makes it look very religious. It must be coming from an interesting place if it waves aside God's forgiveness and waits for something better! It looks not only religious, but super-religious. I believe it comes from the ego, which would like to be its own judge and jury, its own god in fact. It would push God off his throne of judgment and sit there itself. It's the normal pattern of the ego: it wants to be its own world apart, with its own god, condemning and acquitting according to its own law. Once you see this deeply it falls away from you.

Is this making things very easy? Oh yes! I would much rather "fall into the hands of the living God" than fall into my own. God is the "Father of Mercies", but the ego knows no mercy. May God forgive us!

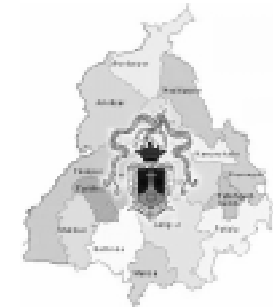
## THE MALABAR CARMELITE MISSION IN PUNJAB

Fr. Martine Panamthanam, OCD



**[Correction: Page 25 of the last issue of Carmelite Herald, dated May, 2010, is to be re-read as follows:**

1. District Hoshiarpur in Punjab
  - a) Village church at Khanaura with 20 cents of land in all.
  - b) C M C Convent in Hoshiarpur along with an English medium school and a small hospital owned and run by the C M C Sisters.
2. District Una, in Himachal Pradesh
  - a) A convent of S C J M Sisters
  - b) A residential school for mentally challenged children owned and run by them.
3. District Kangra, H. P.
  - a) Convent of S C J M Sisters.
  - b) An English medium school
  - c) A small dispensary with 10 beds owned and run by the sisters.
4. District Hamirpur: Nothing]



### **Article Continued**

Having shifted to Hoshiarpur, it was easier for our Fathers to look for a suitable land for the future monastery and church and the headquarters of the Mission. With the continued faithful help from Mr. Bhuta Masih, the first catholic of the place, Rev. Fr. Aurelian and Br. Avertan found a plot of land on the Hoshiarpur – Pathankot high way for sale. After proper enquiries and negotiations half of the property was registered on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1981 to our name, on the 1<sup>st</sup>



anniversary of the formal taking over of the Mission. The other half too was registered within two months, i.e., on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1980, the Malabar province financing the both. We gratefully recall the generosity of the province in helping our mission generously. A temporary house was built on the new land and the monastery was shifted to this house on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1980 by his Excellency Rt. Rev. Msgr. SymporianKeeprath, OFM Cap., Bishop of Jalandhar. The mission is registered as a religious charitable society known as *Carmelite Charitable Society* and Mission Superior ex officio President.

Very Rev. Fr. Philip, Superior General of OCDs, reached Hoshiarpur on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1981. He blessed the corner stone of the future monastery on the same day and left the Mission on the following day.

Once the fathers were settled at Hoshiarpur, they took over the charge of the ministry from Rev. Fr. Gilbert OFM Cap. Speaking more concretely, we had to give daily Mass to C M C Sisters at Hoshiarpur and Sunday Mass at Khanaurah.

After prayers and discussion we came to the conclusion that we should have an address in order to enter into the midst of the people for which the best means at that time was to start a school. The CMC Sisters who were running an English medium school since several years, had the apprehension that a new school will affect their already existing school. In spite of this fear we decided to open a Mount Carmel School almost 12 k.ms away from their St. Joseph School with the permission and blessing of the bishop of Jalandhar. The CMCSisters also helped and co-operated in this matter. However, our request to them (CMC) to come over and help to open and run the school was not accepted. Therefore we approached the Holy Family Congregation which responded positively.

Meanwhile we started to look for a plot of land at Una in H.P for a monastery, Church and School. Although permission was denied at first, we continued our efforts and finally permission was granted and Fr. Bernard got

registered our present land at Rakkar Colony.

In Hoshiarpur arrangements to open a school was in progress in spite of the negative reaction from the part of CMC Sisters. After several dialogues and talks the situation changed to a more positive outlook. They themselves advised us in the matter. The important reason for their negative attitude seemed to be the fear that with a new school they might not get enough children for their school. The facts later proved that the fear was unfounded.

In 1980 after they had completed their registration, the CMC Sisters told us to start registering the candidates at the earliest. Otherwise it would be difficult to get enough children to open the school in 1981. Accordingly we did with the blessing and permission of Rt. Rev. Dr.SymphorianKeeprath, the Bishop of Jalandhar. Since the schools were 12 k.ms away from each other, later there were no problems for both with regard to admissions.

On July 31, 1980 the foundation stone for our school was blessed by Rt. Rev. Dr.SymphorianKeeprath OFM Cap.,bishop of Jalandhar and it was laid by Very Rev. Fr. ConstantinePadinjarekutt OCD, Provincial of Malabar Province,Trivandrum. Meanwhile we got permission from the government to purchase a property for school and our religious house at the cost of `1300 per Canal. Registration for 20 Canal and 9 Merlas was done on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1981.The rest of the land could only be registered on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1981.

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 1981 we completed one year since we had shifted to Hoshiarpur and this day happened to be the anniversary of the OCD Reform by St. Teresa of Avila.

After the registration of the land at Una it was decided to make a temporary building in our land and plan and execute the opening of a school with the help of the SCJM Sisters. We recall with sincere gratitude the generous help they rendered in this matter. The School





was started in a rented building. The sisters were fully occupied with the school and the fathers at the same time brought an architect to draw plan for the School, Monastery and Church. At this period, the missionaries decided to register our society as a religious and charitable society and in fact they got it done very soon, the mission superior as ex officio president of the society known as the Carmelite Charitable Society.

To make our presence known, the fathers invited a few distinguished guests on X' mas day afternoon for a tea. The CMC Sisters and the Holy Family Sisters also came for the tea.

Very Rev. Fr. Philip, the Superior General arrived for his pastoral visitation from 18-20<sup>th</sup> January in 1981. On 19<sup>th</sup> he met all the missionaries in common together with Fr. Patrick who was also the interpreter since Fr. General was not well versed in English. At the close of our meeting we had a lunch with Rt. Rev. Dr. Symphorian Keeprath and a few invited guests. With gratitude we remember the CMC sisters who were so kind enough to prepare the lunch for all of us. After the lunch Very Rev. Fr. Philip OCD, Superior General blessed and laid the foundation stone for the future OCD Ashram.

In the afternoon Very Rev. Fr. Philip Superior General of OCD, Frs. Patrick, Aurelian, and Bernard went to Una to have a look at our newly bought property and returned in the evening to CMC convent at Hoshiarpur for Mass and dinner.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January 1981 all missionaries together met Fr. General and discussed the future plans, the problems and difficulties we then faced. Rev. Fr. Superior general was very understanding and reminded the religious that such problems and difficulties were normal at the beginning of any new undertaking. He encouraged the religious in a positive way.

Thereafter Very Rev. Fr. Philip, Superior General, Fr. Patrick, Constantine, the Provincial, Fr. Tobias, and Br. Avertan went to Amritsar. Fr. General and Fr. Patrick

left for Kerala via Delhi on the following day.

On the feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel all the OCD missionaries in the Jalandhar diocese assembled together for prayer service on our newly bought property. At the conclusion of prayer service, the small shelter constructed there also was blessed followed by a concelebration. All SCJM sisters from Una, Mr. Nanda and family, Mr. Santosh and Mr. David were also present for the celebration. Fr. Bernard and Br. Averathan started staying in the new property. Frs. Ambrose and Tobias stayed back while Frs. Aurelian and Peter had to rush back to Hoshiarpur.

On 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1980 all our OCD religious assembled at 9.30 a.m. here at Kakkon, under the presidentship of Rev. Fr. Constantine the Provincial of Malabar Province, to discuss about our missionary work in Punjab and H. P. Rt. Rev. Dr. Symphorian Keeprath OFM Cap. reached Kakkon for lunch with all our OCD Fathers, Holy Family and CMC sisters, and few distinguished invitees. After the lunch His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Symphorian Keeprath, Bishop of Jalandhar blessed the foundation stone and Rev. Fr. Constantine, provincial laid the stone at the prepared place on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1980.

On the following day Fr. Provincial went to Jalandhar, had lunch with Bishop and had a personal talk with the Bishop of Jalandhar. After that he went with Fr. Tobias to visit some of the villages where he was working. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August Fr. Provincial returned in the afternoon and left for Kerala. Fr. Bernard accompanied him till Delhi where they had to meet the provincial of SCJM sisters to request her to help our fathers to start a school at Una. Although the immediate reply was negative they really helped us so much to start this school in a rented building. With deep gratitude we remember the selfless services they rendered to OCD fathers to plan and execute it so well. Even today they render this service is a cause of great joy and gratitude.

It was during the provincial chapter that began on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1981 that the mission superior was made







the ex officio member of the provincial chapter. Besides the mission superior a house superior for the new house at Hoshiarpur was proposed by the missionaries and accepted by the chapter.

Rev. Fr. Peter Kappulumackal was elected the mission superior. Fr. Peter returned to Hoshiarpur after receiving the offices on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1981. On 16<sup>th</sup> another missionary meeting was called on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the blessing of the temporary house at Kakkon. It was also the patronal feast of Fr. Aurelian. Rev. Fr. Peter Kappulumackal the newly elected mission superior officially took charge of the office in the presence of all the missionaries.

The holy family convent at Kakkon became a reality on 12<sup>th</sup> march 1981 when Rev. Fr. Gilbert OFM Cap. brought the first four members of this house. They were welcomed by Rev. Fr. Aurelian, Mission Superior. With a short prayer ceremony they were led to their new house and thus the Holy family convent at Kakkon became a reality.

**(To be Continued)**

The limitless loving devotion to God, and the gift God makes of Himself to you, are the highest elevation of which the heart is capable; it is the highest degree of prayer. The souls that have reached this point are truly the heart of the Church.

- Edith Stein

## COMMISSARIAT NEWS



**Annual Retreat:** The Annual Retreat of the Commissariat was preached by Rev. Fr. Zacharias Kariyalakulam, O.C.D. of the Malabar Province at St. Francis Monastery, Barlowganj, Mussoori from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Thanks dear father.

**Pre - Novitiate:** During a prayer service on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, the three months' pre-novitiate of our postulants started at Carmel Church, Muradnagar with Rev. Fr. Varghese Ammakuzhiyil as Director.

**Commissariat Meeting:** 23 fathers of our Commissariat participated in the Commissariat Meeting held at Mount Carmel Ashram, Hoshiarpur on June 24, 2010, to discuss on the issues concerning the Commissariat.

**Aspirancy:** This year the Aspirancy is shifted from San Juan Ashram, Una to the newly blessed Commissariat House, Najafgarh, New Delhi with Fr. Prem as the Director. There are 13 candidates coming from Punjab, U.P, Jarkhand, Orissa and Chattisgarh. The classes began on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2010.

**Mission Expands:** A land measuring 3.52 acres was registered on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 on Agra- Bharatpur Road, some 15 k.ms away from the Bhisop House.

**Centenary Celebrations:** The centenary celebrations of the consecration of the Holy Family Church at Cotton Hill, Trivandrum was held on July 18, 2010 with public meetings and the blessing of a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Fr. Commissary and Fr. Joseph Thekkel took part in it.

**CRI Northern Region:** The annual meeting of the CRI Northern Region was held in CRI House Okhla, New Delhi, on July 31, 2010. New Office bearers were elected for the coming three years. All the 5 Regional Bishops, Major Superiors of the Regions and the CRI Zonal Executive were present.



**Blessing of the New Wing of the Commissariat House:**

His grace Most Rev. Dr. Vincent Concessao, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Delhi, blessed the new wing of our Commissariat House in the presence of many of our Fathers and Religious representatives of Najafgarh and presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. Rev. Fr. Cyriac Neerackal, the Vice Provincial of Malabar Province was also present.

**Visit of the General Definitor:** Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mulloor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Definitor General, in – Charge of India and Sri Lanka, paid a fraternal visit to our Commissariat from 13 – 21 August 2010. He visited all our houses and addressed the communities and met the formees and finally had a meeting with the Commissariat Council. I really appreciate the warm welcome all accorded to the General Definitor.

**Gift of Our Patroness:** It is a historical moment of tremendous joy for our Punjab Mission as our Commissariat is now raised to the status of a full-fledged province by the General Definitory. Congratulations to all the members of the newly formed province.

**New Patroness:** Our provincial house is named after St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, our sister in Carmel. May the house experience her powerful intercession and help.

**New Community:** With the blessing of another wing of the Provincial House, one more community at Najafgarh is formed in our mission with Fr. Joseph Poomkudiyil as the Superior, Fr. Prem as the Director of our 13 Candidates and Bro. Emmanuel Perikilakkattu, Regent.

**Initiation to Novitiate & Simple Profession:** On September 7, 2010 four of our Postulants were initiated to Novitiate during a prayer service at St. Therese’s Monastery, Deharadun. Similarly, five novices made their first commitment to the Lord on Sep., 8, 2010 in the presence of many fathers and sisters from different communities.

**Transfer:** Fr. Ambrose Panackal is transferred to St.

Therese’s Monastery, Dehradun on 20<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2010. May his presence in the community be a source of inspiration.

**New Director:** Following the transfer of Rev. Fr. Ambrose, Rev. Fr. Joseph Mattam is appointed as the Director of Mount Carmel Kindergarten, Nangal Township.

**PROVINCIAL COMMUNITY, NAJAFGARH**

**Blessing:** The new wing of our Provincial House here was blessed on 7<sup>th</sup> August by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Vincent Concessao, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Delhi. Large number of fathers and sisters took part in the blessing ceremony.



**Music Class:** Rev. Fr. Joseph Chakkalakudi, OCD from Ranchi Delegation was kind enough to give some music classes to our Aspirants during his stay here. Thanks.

**New Community:** Our new provincial community here was erected on 22<sup>nd</sup> September with the appointment of Fr. Joseph Poomkudiyil as the Superior. The community, with Rev. Fr. Commissary, Fr. Superior, Fr. Prem as the Director of Aspirants, Bro. Emmanuel Perikilakkattu and 13 Aspirants, is now well structured. May St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, the heavenly patroness of our community guide and protect us.

**For Eternal Reward:** The beloved mother of Bro. Sameer, one of our aspirants from U.P, expired on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Fr. Prem took part in the funeral service and prayed for the departed soul.

**Ministry:** Fr. Prem goes to Holy Cross Church, Najafgarh on every Sunday for mass and catechism.





**Dengue Fever:** Rev. Fr. Commissary was hospitalised on 26<sup>th</sup> September due to Dengue Fever. Please pray for his speedy recovery.

### **CARMEL VIDYA NIKETAN, FARIDABAD**

**Golden Harvest:** Fr. Mathew Vengaloor had been a student of MA Philosophy in Banaras Hindu University and joined our Community as the Prefect of Studies a year ago. Recently he made a visit to the University and on his arrival back we found him smuggling a piece of gold from Varanasi to Carmel VidyaNiketan. On questioning it was found to be the GOLD MEDAL that he had bagged after topping in the MA Philosophy Examination. CONGRATULATIONS dear father for your outstanding performance.

**Holidays:** Frs. Rector, Master and Dean took turns to make a visit to their families in Kerala in the months of May and July.

**Exams:** Our first batch of students completed their exams in the IGNOU in the month of June. We thank all of you for your prayers and wishes.

**Unity in Diversity:** Four brothers from Calcutta Regional Vicariate joined us this year. Now we have 19 brothers in total from 13 Dioceses and 8 States; yes it is a rare mixture of cultures forming a Mini India.

**Our Special Guests:** Around 60 children from SanjoPuram, Faridabad came to Carmel VidyaNiketan for a day out and



spent a day with us. They belong to different categories of less privileged children – orphans, physically and mentally handicapped, blind etc... who are cared by a complex of institutions in Sanjo Puram managed by the Diocese of Ernakulam and



assisted by many groups of sisters. The children enjoyed their stay in our place and were refreshed. They were accompanied by Fr. Varghese Moonjely and some sisters. We cherish the joy and smile we found on their innocent faces that eclipsed the misery and helplessness of their less fortunate lives.

**The Inauguration of the New Academic Year:** The new Academic Year was inaugurated on 30<sup>th</sup> June by his Excellency Rev. Dr. Francis Callist, bishop of Meerut in a beautiful Prayer Ceremony held in our Church. The Bishop gave a very inspiring and enriching 'LECTIO BREVIS' on the occasion. We thank the kindness of the Bishop and wish a successful academic year to our brothers.

**The Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** The Feast of our Mother of Carmel was celebrated solemnly by our community of July 16. We were fortunate to have Most Rev. Vincent Concessao, the Archbishop of Delhi as the main celebrant. The priests and religious from the neighboring communities and parishes in Faridabad joined us for the celebration.

**To Share the Joy:** Rev. Fr. Rector participated in the Centenary celebration of the Monastery Church in Trivandrum on 18<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Basket Ball Court:** A new Basket Ball was constructed in our campus for our brothers and was inaugurated by Rev Fr. Benjamin Kokkat, the Commissary General on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, on the Feast Day of Edith Stein, the Patroness of our College.



**Ministry:** Fr. Augustine preached a retreat to the Carmelite Cloistered sisters of Patna Carmel from 12 to 19 September.



**Classes & Talks:** Fr. Augustine took classes for our Philosophy Students in Trivandrum in August. Similarly, Fr. Mathew Vengaloor took classes for our novices in Dehra Dun in the same month.

Fr. Augustine gave orientation talks to Regional General CRI Meetings of Meerut and Chandigarh Units in the months of August and September.

**Thanks...:** Rev. Fr. Jose Maniyattu was with us for a full week to install many electronic equipments in our college. We are grateful to him for his gesture of generosity.

**Patrons Day:** The Patron's day of Fr. Mathew Vengaloor was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Many of our fathers joined us for the celebration.

### ST. THERESE'S MONASTERY, DEHRADUN

**Home Holidays:** Fr. John Arrackal was away from the Community for a couple of weeks to visit his parents and the siblings.

**Study Days:** Fr. Mathew Kuzhivelil gave his lively presence to the Community as he was here to write his examinations. Thanks to Fr. Mathew Kuzhivelil for his enriching and inspiring stay here.

**Miraculous Saving:** On 26th May Fr. Abraham and Br. Antony, one of the Novices, while they were going to meet a doctor in Vikasnagar met with an accident when the vehicle in which they were travelling got overturned. Providentially both of them were saved without any serious injury. Special thanks to the Mother of Carmel.

**Retreatents:** Many of the fathers of our Commissariat, as they were moving towards the retreat venue, Barloganj and on their way back to their own respective places, halted here for some time.

**Spiritual Renewal:** Fr. John Arackal attended the Annual Retreat for the fathers of the Commissariat organized at Barloganj. Wish him a renewed life.



**Healer of the Souls:** Fr. Joseph Vellanal who came here to preach a retreat to the CFMSS Novices in preparation for their First Profession, stayed with us a week. Congratulations to the retreat preacher.

**Commissariat Meeting:** The Community of St. Therese's Monastery, Clement Town substantially participated in the Commissariat Meeting held at Mount Carmel Ashram, Hoshiarpur on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**We Salute O, Queen of Carmel:** This year we postponed the solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel from 16 to 17 July. Bishop Patrick Nair presided over the liturgical celebration and many priests, religious and well-wishers shared our joy and respect to the Lady of Mt. Carmel. O, Queen of Carmel reign over us!

**Ganga Darsan:** Our Novices made a one day picnic to the holy city of Hindus, Haridwar to see the holy river Ganga and its banks.

**His Good:** Br. Franklin Massih, one of the novices, who is suffering from back ache for a long period and had various types of treatments, left the Novitiate. Wish him a speedy recovery of his good health and relief from pain.

**Sharing the Joy:** Frs. Abraham and John attended the feast celebrations of Frs. Thomas Chakkungal, Joseph Vellanal and Augustine Mangalathil on different occasions.

**On Temperaments:** Fr. Mathew Vengaloor took a one week's class for the Novices on Temperaments. Thanks.

**Visit of Definitor:** Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mulloor, the Definitor General, along with Commissary General, paid a friendly visit to our community on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Console the Sick:** Fr. Abraham made a trip to Vijayawada, A.P. to meet his grand aunt who has injured her ankle. May the Good Lord grant her speedy recovery from her ailment.



**Retreat:** Rev. Fr. Joseph Chakkalakudiyyil helped the brothers to prepare themselves spiritually for the initiation and simple profession. Congratulations and thanks.

**Initiation:** Four postulants entered into Novitiate on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept., during a Bible service. Thanks to all our fathers who were present here spiritually or physically.

**Profession:** Five of the Novices after successfully completing the Novitiate, made their first commitment to the Lord on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., during a concelebrated Holy Mass. Many fathers from the Commissariat, local priests, religious and well-wishers were present in spite of the inclement weather.

### MOUNT CARMEL ASHRAM, KAKKAON

**Back in Action:** Our Fr. Superior is back in action after having rejuvenated with a one and a half month long Ayurvedic treatment in his home town in Kerala.

**Happy Feast:** The feast of our superior Rev. Fr. Thomas Chakkungal which falls on July 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Thomas day was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> of July, postponed due to unavoidable reasons. The celebration began with a concelebrated Holy Mass followed by a sumptuous dinner. Many of our fathers and sisters from our commissariat had come to share our joy.



**Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** Mount Carmel Ashram Kakkon celebrated its Patrons Day on July 16<sup>th</sup> coupled with the Parish Feast and the Pastoral Visitation



of Rt. Rev. Dr. Anil Jose Thomas Couto, the Bishop of Jalandhar. The celebrations began with Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel from 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010. As an immediate preparation for the Parish feast, a Tridum was organized from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July, led by Rev. Fr. Basil M from Ludhiana. On July 16<sup>th</sup> we had the Festal Mass at 10.30 am presided over by the bishop who also conferred the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion to a number of faithful. Fathers and sisters from different stations of our Commissariat were also present for the celebrations.

**Al Vida:** Rev. Fr. Joseph Puthukattil who was a member of this community from December 2009 onwards is transferred to Mehtiana as the Director of M.C. S. and Parish Priest of Khanaurah Parish. Thank you dear father for all that you have been to this community and we gratefully cherish your love and concern as well as your contributions to the growth of this community. We wish you all the success in your new field of ministry. *May God bless you.*

**N.R.C.M. (Non-Resident Community Member):** Rev. Fr. Joseph Poomkudy a member of Mount Carmel Ashram has shifted his residence to the proposed Provincial House at Najafgarh as it would facilitate his studies at VidhyaJyothi where he is currently doing his Master's Degree in Theology. Hope to see you dear father for community meetings may be through video / mobile conference.

**New School Bus:** Mount Carmel School Hoshiarpur has become the proud owner of a new forty two seater bus built on TATA 909 model chassis. Safe Journey!

**We are One in the Spirit:** In order to foster the fraternal bond among us, our community members participated in the patronal feast celebrations of our Rev. Frs. Antony Kilukkan, Thomas Vazhakala and James Velassery.

**Guest:** Rev. Br. Jose Menachery from Ranchi Delegation paid a fraternal visit to our community in the month of June.



**Missionary Meeting:** Mount Carmel Ashram hosted the Missionary Meeting of the fathers of our Commissariat on 23<sup>rd</sup> June where hot issues of Commissariat were discussed heatedly but constructively.

**Left for Good:** One of our aspirants Ashok has left for good.

### **MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, HOSHIARPUR**

**Concern for the Sick & Suffering:** On 18<sup>th</sup> August Fr. Director & Sr. Principal visited one of our students of Class II who lost his father and consoled the family members.

Similarly, the mother of a non – teaching staff who was operated was visited by the sisters in the hospital.

**Social Outreach Programme:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> August the students of Class X had a social service programme in 'AshaKiran', an institution for the mentally challenged.

On another occasion, the students were taken for a visit to a nearby jail. They met the prisoners and, to make the day memorable, planted some tree saplings in the jail compound.

**Principals Meeting:** Sr. Principal attended the ASISC Regional Meeting held in Shimla. On the occasion of the meeting, our Mount Carmel School, Hoshiarpur was awarded prizes for the Best School as it has produced the ICSE topper this year.

**Teachers' Day:** Teachers Day was celebrated in the school on 4<sup>th</sup> September. The day was memorable with the colorful cultural programmes of children and gifts distribution.

### **ST. THOMAS MONASTERY, OLLUR**

**Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:** The Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated with great



pageantry. The ceremony began with Rosary followed by a High Sung Mass. Fr. Mathew Unnimackal preached the Homily. Fr. Vicar distributed prizes for those who participated in Saturday Rosary from last July to this July. There was a high tea after the Eucharistic celebration.

**A Step Ahead:** Seven brothers, after completing their Aspirancy, successfully left for Punjab to pursue their studies. They were accompanied by Fr. Mathew who returned after two weeks.

**New Candidates:** Seven new candidates joined for Aspirancy on 7<sup>th</sup> June and one among them returned home after a week.



**For Eternal Reward:** Fr. Mathew Unnimackal participated in the funeral ceremony of the sister of Fr. Cyriac Neerackal along with Fr. Commissary General.

**Fraternal Visit:** Fr. Commissary General visited us and stayed here for three days.

**Definitor General's Visit:** On 20<sup>th</sup> July Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mulloor, Definitor General, made his pastoral visitation of the community.

**Picnic:** Our Aspirants had a half day outing to Peechi Dam on a rainy day.

**Exams, Onam Celebration & Holidays:** The Candidates had their first semester examinations from 10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The community celebrated Onam on 19<sup>th</sup> July and the candidates went for home holidays. One of the



candidates was disapproved by the community and was sent home during the vacation.

**To Accompany:** Fr. Mathew Unnimackal participated in the Simple Profession of our brothers in Dehra Dun.

**Fraternal Visits:** On different occasions Frs. Thomas Marottipara and Varghese Ammkuzhi visited our community and stayed with us for few days.

**Patronal Feast:** The patronal feast of Fr. Mathew Unnimackal was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Fathers and sisters from neighbouring communities came to share the joy of the community.

**Retreats:** Fr. George Vayalil preached a One Week Retreat to the brothers of Cotholango Fathers in Always in the first week of September.

**Great Attempt...!:** Fr. George Vayalil is having the final works of his first devotional musical album "Ishokku". May his efforts find good result and public response.

### ST. JOSEPH'S MONASTERY, MURAD NAGAR

**Committee Meeting:** Fr. Varghese Ammakuzhiyil attended a committee meeting in Ranchi, of the representatives of formators of north-eastern region of our Order in India. This was to formulate practical guidelines for our minor seminarians. Almost eighty percentage of the work is over.

**Helping Hands:** Rev. Frs. Joseph Thekkal, Peter Prakash and Mathew Kuzhivelil took classes for our Pre-novices on St. Teresa, Introduction to Sacred Scripture and Personality Development respectively. Thank you dear fathers.

**Left for Good:** Three of our Pre-Novices, Bros. Rince, Joby and Robin left the order for good.

**Fraternal Visit:** Rev. Fr. CyriacNeerackal made a fraternal visit to us. Thanks dear father.



**Remained Handicapped:** The Delhi - Meerut road remained closed for a week as our Hindu brethren were making their annual pilgrimage "Kaawadi" to Haridwar.

**Home Holidays:** Fr. Varghese Ammakuzhiyil went home in the month of September to visit his beloved father who is sick with Alzheimer disease. Let us pray for his speedy recovery.

### LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH & SHANTI BHAVAN NANDACHAUR

**De-Addiction:** Fr. James took two of our parishnors, Mr. Paul (Happy), his father and Mr. Sabby to Red Cross De-Addiction Centre at Gurdaspur for a 30 days de-addiction programme. They came back cured from their habit of drinking. Now they and their whole family members are very happy at the change.

**Small Children's Prayer Group:** Every month small children of Nandachaur Parish come together for prayer and Bible classes. They conducted a Night Vigil at Jandiala Church and Rosary in different houses at Nandachaur, Jandiala and NangalMaroof. The children of these three Churches themselves do the cleaning work of the church, conduct the choir and lead the prayer and are well appreciated by all.

**Catechism Camp:** Three days Catechism Camp was conducted for those who are to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

**Parish Renewal:** A new method of renewing the parish by sending the parishioners by group every week to ParthanaBhavan, Machiam is started and it is proving to be very much effective.

**Chicken Pox:** Most of the boarders were affected by chicken pox and they are recovering now.

**New Boarders:** Two more new children joined the boarders. The number of the boarders is 27 now.

**Zonal Meeting:** A Zonal Meeting of the SD Sisters was





held here on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August. Sisters from Jammu, Moga & Gaziabad attended the meeting. The resource persons Frs. James & Yesudeep IMS gave orientation talks.

**Visit to the Field:** Fr. Tobias paid a visit to the station on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Thanks.

**Definitor with Us:** On 19<sup>th</sup> August Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mulloor made his visit here along with Frs. Benjamin, Martine & Kuzhivelil.

**More to Faith:** Our Novena here is attracting surprisingly larger number of people on every Saturday.

**Pastoral Visit:** On 26<sup>th</sup> September, on the day of the feast Little Flower Church, Nandachaur, His Excellency Rt. Rev. Anil Coutto made his pastoral visit to the parish. As many as 29 people received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation on this day, thus adding more solemnity to the visit of the Bishop.

### **MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, GARSHANKAR**

**Retreat:** Fr. Thomas Vazhakala OCD preached a one week retreat for the Holy Family Sisters at Ropar. Fr. Thomas made his annual retreat at Masorie.

**Trinity College:** Fr. Thomas was invited by the Rector of Trinity College, Jalandhar to give the *Lexio Brevies* at the opening of the new academic year of the college. The theme of the presentation was 'Jesus Christ the Mediator and Fullness of Revelation'. It was attended by five Bishops, Priests and Brothers.

**Send off:** Sr. Jessy Thomas DM and Sr. Namita DM who were rendering their services in the school since last three years are transferred to Kapoorthala and Ludhiana respectively. We remember with gratitude their selfless services to the station here. May the good Lord shower his abundant blessings upon them in all their undertakings.



**Warm Welcome:** Rev. Sr. Ancy Jose DM and Sr. Teresa John DM have come as the superior of DM convent and Vice Principal of the school and the latter as the new community member. We gave them a warm welcome and wished them all the best.

**Teachers' Seminar:** One day Teachers Seminar was conducted for the staff. The seminar was guided by Rev. Sr. Arpana CMC. The seminar was appreciated by all the staff members.

**Re-opening:** The school re-opened after the summer holidays on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Mount Carmel Day.** The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated in the school on 15<sup>th</sup> July. The students presented colourful programmes on the occasion. On 16<sup>th</sup> July all the parishioners along with parish priest participated in the feast celebration at Mount Carmel Ashram, Kakkon.

**First in India:** Master Arvind Saini of STD VIII secured Gold Medal in the National Karate Championship held at Ludhiana in June, 2010. Congratulations...

**Feast of the Assumption of Mary:** On the day of the Assumption of Mary around 600 people gathered for the feast Mass. After the Mass and Lankar a Hockey Match was organized for the people.

**Sports Meet:** The Annual Sports Meet of the school was held on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August. It was inaugurated by the SDM, Garshankar and was really appreciated by the Chief Guest.

**Inter-House Cultural Meet:** Various competitions were conducted for the houses to exhibit their cultural talents.

**Sunday Adoration:** From this year, in order to strengthen the faith of the people in the Eucharistic Lord, adoration is being conducted in the church on every Sunday at 9.45 a.m. All praise and honour to the Eucharistic Lord.





**Pastoral Visit:** Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mullur, Definitor General made his visit to our St. Teresa's Community, Balachaur on 19<sup>th</sup> August. All the community members gathered in Garshankar for the visit.

**Re-opening:** After the examinations and holidays our school here re-opened on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, BALACHAUR**

**Affiliation Granted:** After great toil and strenuous efforts by many of our fathers and the DPM Sisters, Mount Carmel School, Balachaur has got affiliation from ICSE Board, New Delhi. The first batch of our students will appear in the board examinations in the academic year 2011-2012. Thanks everyone for your support.

**Study Tour:** Students of our school here had a wonderful trip to Manali - Rohtang Pass. The children really enjoyed the trip well as they got an opportunity to see the snow-clad mountains.

**Chief Ministers Gift:** The number of vehicles that are operating in the school is posing a trouble to the smooth flow of traffic. But providentially, the Chief Minister of Punjab who came to Balachaur to lay the foundation stone for the Govt. College, assessing the situation, has asked the local MLA to repair the road and get it tarred by next year. Let us hope and pray that his promise may be realized in practice.

**Unexpected Death:** Mrs. Nisha Rani, who had been working in the school since two and half years as the receptionist cum clerk, died suddenly on 11<sup>th</sup> September, casting a shadow of shock and doubt in the school.

**Teachers Day:** Teachers Day was celebrated in the school on 6<sup>th</sup> September with cultural programs by the students.

### **MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, MEHTIANA**

**New Convent:** The newly constructed convent for the

FSLG Sisters in Kannaura was blessed on 31<sup>st</sup> May by his Excellency the Bishop of Jalandhar on the day of the Pastoral Visit of the Bishop in the parish.



**Transfer:** Rev. Fr. Prem is transferred to our community at Nagafgarh as the Director of the Students there. Wish him all the success.

**New Director:** Fr. Joseph Puthukattil took charge of MCS Mehtiana and the parish at Kannaura on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2010.

**Dynamic Community:** Our community of Balchaur has decided to come together on every Sunday to stay together.

**Free Tuition:** 25 students of our school (Christians and non-Christians) at Methiana are approved by the government for free tuition.

**Dynamic Community:** Our Balachaur Community had a community meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Sep. to chalk out plans for effective community living.

**Teachers Day:** Teachers Day was celebrated in the school with various programmes to honour the teachers.

### **MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, BHUNGA**

**Parish Feast:** The patronal feast of St. Thomas Church, Jallowal was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. Frs. Jacob Madathumpaddy & John Manathanath from Jalandhar Diocese celebrated their First Mass in the parish on the feast day. During his homily Fr. Jacob highlighted the faith of St. Thomas to the faithful.





**Teachers Day:** Teachers Day was celebrated in the school on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Fr. Mathew Kuzhivelil presided over the function and in his message spoke about the need of respecting teachers.



**New Basket Ball Court:**

On 29<sup>th</sup> July Fr. James Kulathungal blessed and inaugurated the new basketball court in the school.

**MOUNT CARMEL SR. SEC. SCHOOL,  
PALAMPUR**

**MCS Day:**The heavenly Patroness Day of our school was celebrated with all pomp and show on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010. Colourful performance in a spiritual mood made the celebration apt and appropriate.

**Monsoon:**After a heavy and torrential rain we are back in the school! The school reopened after the monsoon vacation on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August.



**You are the Light:**The Teachers' Day was celebrated in a very colourful manner. Students put up variety of cultural programmes to show their reverence and love to their teachers. Competitions were arranged for the teachers also.

**Educational Tour:**70 students of class 9<sup>th</sup> participated in the educational tour arranged by the school to Goa,

Bangalore and Mysore. The fierce nature of the sea, the gentile water in the swimming pool, the trilling rides of Wonder La, the architectural extravaganza of the Mysore Palace and above all the rich greenery along the way side really enriched the young ones.



**MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, BAIJNATH**

**Shepherd's Care:** His Excellency Rev. Dr. Anil Kutto had his Pastoral Visit in the parish here on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 along with Fr. Antony Madassery. He was given a warm welcome by the parish priest and the parishnors. After the concelebrated Holy Mass he had an interaction with the parishnors.

**Book Fair:** A two days' Book Fair was organized by St. Paul's Publication to take the children more to the world of books.

**Mount Carmel Day Celebration:** The school celebrated the feast of its heavenly patroness on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010. The students and the staff actively participated in the celebration and all the cultural items presented were related to Mother Mary.

**Destruction for Construction:**

Demolition of the old K.G building for reconstruction was started on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. A team from Punjab has taken the contract for the demolition and it may take a month's time for its completion. Temporary arrangement is made in the auditorium to conduct classes.



**Directors Day:** Director's Day was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup>



July. Students put up variety entertainments to make the day a memorable one. Singing and dancing by staff added more colour to the celebration. Following the cultural program there was a sumptuous lunch prepared by the staff.

**Patronal Feast:** The patronal feast of Fr. James was celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> July and fathers from Punjab, Una, Dehradun and Faridabad participated in the celebration. Fr. Joseph together with sisters here took initiative for organizing the celebration. Melodious singing under the leadership of Fr. Jose Maniyattu made the liturgical celebration a memorable one.

**Transfer:** Sr. Leena Therese SD is transferred to Gaziabad after three and half years' service in our school and parish. We express our sincere thanks to Sr. Leena and wish her all the best in her new place.

**New Arrival:** Sr. Tess Maria has replaced Sr. Leena on 26<sup>th</sup> July. Warm welcome to Sr. Tess Maria and wish her a pleasant stay at Baijnath.

**Study Tour:** Class IX students had a study tour to Goa, Bangalore, Mysore and Delhi. It has enriched them a lot and made them more confident and self-sufficient.



**The Animator:** Rev. Fr. Ivan Perira from Jammu Diocese conducted a One Day Seminar for the teachers on 6<sup>th</sup> September and motivated them to carry out their works with better dedication.

### **MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, JINDWARI**

**Series of Debates:** A debate on 'KhapPanchayat' was conducted for the students of High School on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. Another round of debate was held on 'Option or



Non -option of Metric Exam'. 'Abolition of Capital Punishment or Not' was the third round of debate held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 'Role of Media - Make or Break', 'Conservation and Environmental Pollution' were other topics of debate held on different occasions. Around eighty-five students of High School availed the chance of the debate. Students and staff participated very enthusiastically.

**Fraternal Visit:** Rev. Fr. Commissary General and Fr. Joseph Thekkel came here for a fraternal visit. Thanks.

**Science Exhibition:** A Science Exhibition was conducted in our school on 7<sup>th</sup> August. Parents and well-wishers expressed happiness on the effort and hard work of our students and teachers. The chief guest Rev. Fr. Joseph Mattam inaugurated the exhibition by cutting the ribbon. Thank you Fr. Mattam.

**Multi-Media & Language Lab:** The work of Multi-Media Lab and Lang- Lab is complete. It was left open for the public to see. The blessing of the Multi-Media Lab is awaited. The chief engineer of this project is one Mr. Johnson from New Delhi.

**New Basket Ball Court:** Basketball court also is constructed in the school adding one more attraction to the school. Inauguration awaited.

### **CHRISTU JAYANTI CATHOLIC CHURCH, JINDWARI**

**New Parish:** After the bifurcation of Jindwari from Nangalparish, first Baptism and first Sacramental Marriage took place recently.

### **MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, GAGGAL**

**New Security Room:** A new security room was constructed after dismantling the old one which blocked the view of the entrance of the new office block.



**Retirement:** Mr. NS Chib who had been serving our school as the clerk for almost 8 years, left his job due to old age ailments.

**Conclusion of the Year of Priests:** The Year of Priest was concluded on 19<sup>th</sup> June in the SCJM Convent. The solemn Holy Mass was concelebrated by Frs. J. Vellanal and J. Vellassery.

**Farewells:** Srs. Divya FCC and Seena FCC who had been serving our station here were transferred to Gurdaspur and Dhariwal respectively. They were given a send off in the school together with a reception to the new principal. We remember with gratitude the services of the sisters and wish them all the best.



**New FCC Community:** Following the transfers of all the sisters here, 3 new sisters, Sr. Rani (Superior), Sr. Elsa (Principal) and Sr. Alphi, have recently joined the FCC community here to continue the services of the FCC Sisters anew.

Hearty welcome dear sisters.

**Demolition of the Oldest School Building:** Following the decision of the last Plenary Council, the oldest but just ten year old school building here was demolished for reconstruction during the monsoon holidays. The construction of the new building is progressing on war-footed basis.



**Mount Carmel Day:** The feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of our schools, was celebrated

here on 2<sup>nd</sup> July with great importance. The veneration given to Our Lady by the students is really amazing.

**A Piece of Land for a Parishnor:** A piece of land consisting 5 Merlas was purchased for Mrs. Anju, W/O of late Mr. Bittu of YOL, with a financial help of 50000/- from the diocese of Jalandhar. It was the dream of the widow and her daughters to have a piece of land of their own.

**Monsoon Holidays:** The school here had its monsoon holidays from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**Re-opening:** After the long monsoon holidays, the school was reopened for second semester on 30<sup>th</sup> August, amidst so much of inconveniences and congestion.

**Convention & Parish Feast at YOL:** The feast of St. Mary's Church at YOL was celebrated this year on 12<sup>th</sup> September with great solemnity. In preparation to the feast of the parish, there was a convention of four days preached by Fr. Yesudeep IMS and Fr. J. Vellanal. The feast day Mass was offered by Fr. Thomas Vazhakala with Frs. Ambrose and J. Vellanal as concelebrants. Thanks to all fathers for their co-operation.



**First Parish Feast at Gaggal:** It was a historically important occasion for St. Joseph Church, Gaggal this year as the parish celebrated the First Feast of its patron with great solemnity and wonderful participation of large number of faithful. Rev. Fr. Benjamin was the main celebrant of the feast Mass and the concelebrant Fr. J





Vellanal strengthened the faith of the people with his enriching homily on St. Joseph and the importance of the sacraments. Thanks dear fathers.

### **MOUNT CARMEL KINDERGARTEN, NANGAL**

**Transfer:** Rev. Fr. Ambrose Panackal, who tirelessly served our station at Nangal as the Director of the School, Parish Priest and Chaplain of the M.J Sisters, is transferred on 28<sup>th</sup> September to St. Therese's Monastery, Dehra Dun. We remember with gratitude his wonderful services to the station here and wish him all the best in his new field of ministry.

**New Director:** Following the transfer of Rev. Fr. Ambrose, Fr. Joseph Mattam is appointed as the new Director of Mount Carmel Kindergarten, Nangal and the Parish Priest and Chaplain there. God Bless his endeavours.

Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.

- St. Thomas Aquinas



### **APPROACHING PATRONAL FEASTS**

Fr. Abraham Mittathanickal:	Oct.3
Fr. Martin Pananthanam:	Nov.3
Fr. Ambrose Panackal:	Dec.7
Fr. PremMasih:	Dec.25
Fr. John Arackal:	Dec.27
Bro. Vijay Kujur:	Oct. 1
Bro. Franklin:	Oct. 4
Bro. Abraham Eranattu:	Oct.9
Bro. Martin Hans:	Nov.3
Bro. Andrew Dhigan:	Nov.30
Bro. Johnson Kanjirathumkunnel:	Dec.27
Bro. John Thundiyl:	Dec.27
Bro. Emmanuel Perikkalakkattu:	Jan. 1
Bro. Manuel Koickal:	Jan. 1

### **NECROLOGY**

Fr. Joseph Nedumpuram:	Jan.31
Fr. Francis Kiliyampurackal:	Jan 27

