

Belated Wishes to dear fathers and Brothers

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01 Bro. Arun Abilash (JMP)
03 Bro. Raja Rethinam (RM)
10 Bro. Pudhumai (JMP-B)
10 Bro. Timothy (JMP-B)
11 Fra. Ratchanya Doss
13 Bro. Antony Samy (JMP)
14 Fra. John Roncalli (JMA)
18 Fra. Viblan Stephen (JMA)
26 Bro. Charles (JMP-B)
28 Fra. Rajendraprasad(RM)



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02 Bro. Selvanayagam (JMP-B)
02 Bro. Arul Jaison (JMP)
05 Fra. Felix (AFH)
13 Fra. Susaimani (JMA)
Fra. Lourdu Xavier (KEN)
15 Bro. George Thomas (JMP-B)
16 Fra. Maria Antony
21 Fra. Samyurai (AFH)
21 Bro. Arockiaraj (JMP)
28 Fra. Anand (JMP-B)
31 Bro. Augustine Geo (JMP)

happy birthday
dear fathers

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07 Fra. Maria Susai (MYN)
12 Fra. Antonysamy (JMP-B)
17 Fra. Joe Arockiasamy (JMP)

Voice of the Prior Provincial

Dear Brothers,

Greetings in the Lord!

I am happy to pen this for the first issue Aikiyam, after becoming a Province. Hope that you also feel the same. We the Servites in India have celebrated an historical event in the history of the Order of Servants of Mary from 23rd April to 28th April 2012 – First Provincial Elective Chapter of the new born Aikiya Annai Province. It was wonderful experience of being together, sharing, planning and incorporating ourselves in the Church to serve God and His people.

Immediately after the chapter, I along with Fr. Lino Pacchin, the Prior Provincial of Venetian Province and Giuseppe Zaupa paid visit to Myanmar to bless the new and the first house of the Servite Friars in Myanmar. We are grateful to our Venetian Province and we encourage the friars in Myanmar to implant the Charism of the Order in this new phase of the Servite Friars in Myanmar and to spread it so as to strengthen Myanmar Mission by new vocation. The blessing of the new house went on well. The visitors were happy to see the growth of the new Myanmar Mission. Let us all hope and pray that the Venetian Province continues her generous help to meet the financial situation and to complete some of the work that we have started.

After my return to India, I visited the communities of the Province along with Fra. John Roncalli, the assistant Provincial except a few which I had to go alone. It was a good experience to listen to all of you and know the orientation that you had for the life of the Province. But seeing the need, the council formed new communities. I in communion with the Provincial Council have done our best in the assignments of friars in good will and the wellbeing and common good of the Province. And now, we could see our friars are happy and have taken up with rejuvenated heart and mind to serve the people and lead fraternal life in the communities.

On 11th June I had to leave for Italy for different purposes. I participated in the UNIFAS meeting in Rome, took part in the Eucharistic concelebration presided over by His Grace Cardinal Angelo Amato SDB who proclaimed our sister Cecilia Eusepi as Blesses in Nepi, met our brothers in Rome; I also met different groups of friends who pay regular visit to India and do some collaboration with us. Then I had meeting with Fra. Lino, the Prior Provincial of Venetian Province and some of its council members in which we tried to formulate our convention. I had very good impression that the council listens to us and to me. They will continue to help in all the possible way. I left the council with satisfaction. Then I met friars who are rendering service to the Venetian Province. A few things we shared. Fr. Lino will place them according to the need of the province and the need of the friars.



After visiting the friars and meeting with the Venetian Provincial, I came back to Rome on 2nd evening. I met brothers: Arockiasamy, John Paul and Raja Rathinam. I gave them a few instructions with regard to their life in Rome. I encouraged them to make use of the opportunity to prove that they can study well and be a good religious.

On 25th I met Fr. Angel Ruiz Garnica, the Prior General personally. I thanked him for the accompaniment and for the presence in the chapter. We both shared a few things about the Order and the Province. He thanked for our availability and sending friars to collaborate at the Order level and extending collaboration with other jurisdictions. He also expressed his concern about the Spanish Province. He also asked if we could help it out. I promised him that I shall talk with concerned friars who can be a help for the situation of Servites in Spain. Then he called me to join the General council in which except Gino Leonardi everybody was present. I thanked the Council for having initiated the process and canonically erected the then Vicariate as Aikiya Annai Province.

After listening to me the Council encouraged all the friars "You are young and energetic in your religious life. It is the vitality of the order." Over all they were all happy to see us as new province, with new spirit. They assured their prayers.

Fr. John Roncalli and Fr. Sahayaraj went to Myanmar to be present in the celebration of taking the new parish at Thongwa. On 29th June, the feast of Peter and Paul, His Grace Archbishop Charles Bo installed Fr. Maria Soosai as parish priest of our Lady of Fatima church in Thongwa. Many priests and friends took part in the celebration and God's blessing symbolically shown as the heavy down pour. Fr. Maria Soosai and deacon Alexander Irudayaraj will stay in the parish. Fr. Jayaseelan and deacon Thomas Selvaraj will continue to render their service to St. Antony's parish in Yangon. They shall find moments to come together. They will also promote local vocation and allow the students to come and live and help them to discern their vocation in future. Fr. John and Fr. Sahayaraj helped them to prepare their community programme and annual budget.

The deacons made their request to be ordained as priests. The Provincial Council was unanimously approved their request and they will be ordained on 13th October 2012 in Myanmar. Hope with this Fr. Maria Soosai will be helped as his health is deteriorating. At this juncture I seek your valuable prayer for the future of Myanmar Mission and the deacons during their preparation towards Priestly Ordination.

My dear brothers, we are in our early days as new Province, so let us all be firm and determined in our mission and vision. Let each of us feel that I should contribute something for the common good of the community and Province and extend our fraternity.

May our Aikiya Annai intercede for us and guide us to build up fraternal communion in our communities.

Yours fraternally in Christ and in Mary

Fr. A. Susaimani OSM
Prior Provincial

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

May this year be your best ever.

Hope all your birthday dreams and wishes come true.

Not just a year older, but a year better.

Here's to another year of experience.

A simple celebration, a gathering of friends; here is wishing you great happiness, a joy that never ends.

A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip.

Happy birthday, may this day always be a special one to remember.

May the best of your past be the worst of your future.

Hope your birthday blossoms into lots of dreams come true!

Hope that for every candle on your cake you get a wonderful surprise.

May the day be filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter and love.

Happy Birthday and many happy returns of the day.

Affliction may one day smile again, and till then, sit thee down, sorrow!



Installation of the ministry of Lector

A pillar of cloud has over shadowed the community of Jaya Matha Priory on the occasion of installing four of our brothers Anthony Raj, Baptist Sudhakar, Puthumai Savari and Suresh Michael for the ministry of Lectors. The grace filled event took place on 19th of July 2012 at 12. 00 noon in Bangaluru, the garden city of India. The entire community was on its wheel to make the celebration a meaningful one. The celebration of the word of God was presided by Most. Rev. Fr. Susaimani OSM, the Prior Provincial of Aikiya Annai Province and in the presence of the entire community the rite of installation of Lector was celebrated meaningfully. Prior Provincial rightly emphasized in his homily, the role of lectors in the liturgy and invited every one to become the voice of God in order to Proclaim, Meditate and Live the Word of God in our daily life.



Bro. Anthony Raj OSM,
Temporary Professed, Second Year Theology
Jaya Matha Priory, Bengaluru, India

Good wine needs neither bush nor preface. To make it welcome.



VISION STATEMENT - AIKIYA ANNAI PROVINCE

We, Servite Friars of the *Aikiya Annai* Province, gathered in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and under the mantle of the *Aikiya Annai* (Mother of Unity) wish to be Christ's witnesses by living the Charisms of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary: Fraternity, Service and Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Cf. OSM Con. 1)

- Inspired by the life of Seven Holy Founders, we are committed to extend our **fraternity** to the people of today who are divided by reason of age, nationality, race, religion, wealth and education. (Con. 74)
- Seeing in the *Aikiya Annai* a symbol of **unity** for all Christians, we promote unity among ourselves and among today's disciples of Jesus, just as the word "Aikiyam" suggests, by living with one heart and one mind. (Acts:4. 32)
- We serve together, promoting the same ideals among the people by choosing **to stand with the Sorrowful Mother** by those countless crosses where the son of Man is still being crucified. (Con. 319)

If a man is worth knowing at all, he is worth knowing well.



- Living the Servite characteristic of **compassion** (con.52) and drawing inspiration from the life of and devotion to St. Peregrine, we serve the least and the suffering inviting them to look at the crucified Christ as physician of souls and bodies.
- Like Christ who welcomed and blessed the little ones (Mk 10:13), we are close to the youth, instilling Christian values in their young minds through **education** in order to help them to discover and strive for their own vocation in life.
- Remembering the words of the son of man "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me", (Mt.25: 40) we attend to the needs of our neighbors, add our voice to the voiceless and **promote justice** through **Pastoral and Social Ministries**.
- Attentive to the words of the Master, "Let us go somewhere else-to the nearby villages-so I can preach there also." (Mk. 1: 38), we venture into **new mission-places** and embrace **challenging ministries**.

And we do all these with a spirit of unity and detachment, making ourselves available to fulfill our calling and being ready to go wherever our service impels us. (Con. 3)

Think in the morning, act in the noon, eat in the evening, sleep in the night.



awesome experience

17th of July 2012 has become one of the important and unforgettable days in the Servite calendar because on that day Cecilia Eusepi has been added in the list of the blessed. We, the servites, need to be proud for having had her as a member of our family. The experience that we had on that day is memorable in our life because for the first time we could participate in the mass of beatification and above all for one of our blessed. His Grace Cardinal Angelo Amato SDB presided over the Solemn Eucharist along with five bishops and more than 200 priests. The participants were around 6000. Though it was very hot, people from different places and countries gathered to praise the Lord for the wonders that he wrought through our blessed Cecilia Eusepi. The celebration took place at Nepi, Italy where our blessed lived her last days and breathed last; moreover her body has been buried in our church which is undecayed. The Eucharistic celebration began at 6.15 pm and ended at 8.00 pm, after which the faithful went to visit the cemetery of the blessed and to venerate the relic.

Inspiring aspects: Blessed Cecilia Eusepi was born on 17th of February 1910, on the day of our seven Holy Fathers which foretells her holiness and died on 1st October 1928. She lived her life on earth only 18 years and 6 months. And in these years, due to a sickness which was incurable, she suffered a lot physically. And she had great passion and love towards Jesus and Mary. She wanted to dedicate her totally to God through consecrated life but her health did not permit her to continue the religious life. Meanwhile she professed her vows and became a member of Secular Servites. She spent her last days on bed suffering a lot but with great love to Jesus and praying to Him always. She has mentioned many a time in her diary that she wanted to become a saint. Let us too learn from her to have a great passion and love to Jesus even at the times of our suffering and pray to God that His glory may become greater through our blessed Cecilia Eusepi.

Bro.Chinnapparaj OSM,
Temporary Professed, Rome

When a man seeks your advice, he generally wants your praise.



A Pilgrimage on the beginning of the Academic Year 2012-2013

June 29th is a special day for the whole Catholic Church as it celebrates the Solemnity of the two great Apostles Sts. Peter and Paul. This year, the same day brought a special grace upon all the members of Jaya Matha Priory, Bangaluru in India. On that day the whole new community made its maiden pilgrimage to St. Mary's Basilica of Shivajinagar in Bangaluru. It was a great moment to pray the Rosary at 10 a.m. under the feet of our Lady bearing witness to the pilgrims gathered there. The Rosary was offered for various needs of the Church, Order, Province, nation and community. And then there was the Holy Eucharistic celebration at 11 a.m. solemnly celebrated by the community fathers with the participation of so many pilgrims. The entire community could cherish the grace and blessing of God through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary as the temporary professed friars had just began their ecclesiastical studies for this academic year 2012-2013. At the end of the day the whole community returned to the Priory with joyful hearts and thanked God for having blessed it with the pilgrimage on the beginning of the academic year.



**Jaya Matha Priory at the feet of St. Mary's Basilica of Shivajinagar in Bengaluru
on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul the Apostles, 29th June 2012**

Bro. Albert Michael Lawrence,
Temporary Professed,

Jaya Matha Priory, Bengaluru, India

We give advice by the bucket, but take it by the grain.



A Lub- Tub, to and from Heart...

A long awaited historical event has finally professed in the midst of reverends, dignitaries, sisters, benefactors and the faithful. *Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the sweet sounding harp and the lute, blow the trumpet at the new moon* for a new Province has born in the Order of Servants of Mary with its baptismal name, Aikiya Annai Province. Many mighty and hearty hands have worked years and months, days and night faithfully for the new shoot, Aikiya Annai Province.

My dictionary falls short in describing the colorful event that took place on 28th of April 2012 at Jyothi Matha Alayam in Chennai. A Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the new Provincial in the presence of Fr. General, Provincials, Vice Provincials, special office bears, councilors, Friar Members of Aikiya Annai Province and the special invites. In the midst of celebration, in the presence of Fr. General and the faithful, the newly elected representatives have pledged to serve the Lord, the Order and the needy. In no moments the crowd gave its thunderous applause for the mighty work of God that He has done with the family of Servites. The newly elected friars were hugged and hand-shaken by the friar members of Aikiya Annai Province. The fifty two members of Aikiya Annai Province are the parents for the days to come.

Again, Fr. Amal recorded his specific gift in the form of lovely choir in collaboration with Mr. Lawrence and his troop. The young and energetic black cats of the Order 'the simple professed' are no more termed black cats rather they are called flying cats because they were the hidden

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.



veins who ran up and down, flew near and far for the successful celebration of the Province. Rev.Sr.Mary Theodore graced the occasion. The Eucharistic celebration was followed by the felicitation. Pretty girls of our parish performed the dance. The VVIPs Dr. JPR, the chairman of Satyabama University gave meaningful and comical speech and Mr. Krishnaraj, the play back singer gave his wonderful voice. Both have made the gathering cheerful in their specific way.

The members of OSSM from Chennai and Trichy contributed a lot from their hearts. The technicians made the occasion alive through their live telecast. The documentary film on the 'Servites in India' has ranked its highest appreciation from the people. The inauguration of website of the Province is in another achievement in the history of Servites in India. The Friars of Jyothi Matha Alayam and the organizers of different commissions made the celebration meaningful. The high mass filled our hearts, the felicitation filled our minds and finally the agape filled our stomach.

No one can deny the fact that every Servite has worked for this great happening. Blessed Pope John Paul II was once asked by his secretary to take rest after seeing a heavy schedule but the pastoral Pope came with an answer saying, "there is all eternity to take rest ,why now?" Yes it is high time for all the Servites to take up the visions and missions. Let our prayer be, **"God give us work till our life end and life till our work is done."** Let each Servite live to serve like Mary and Seven Holy Fathers. I have not gone to the level of nuts and bolts. The above mentioned is simply an helicopter view and the pilot is..... Bro.T. Anthony Raj OSM.

The great end of life is not knowledge but action.



Fr. John Roncalli also took class for us exclusively on the four Marian dogmas: 1) Mary – Mother of God, 2) Mary – Ever Virgin, 3) Mary – Immaculate Conception 4) Mary's Assumption. He explained them in his own style. He gave us lots of examples to make us understand more clearly. He also gave us materials before hand and presented very systematically. It was easy to follow the text and to ease our understanding.

Mary in the Scriptures:

Fr. John Joseph dealt on this topic. He prepared this paper and took class in a systematic way. He gave us the background of the four gospels too. He explained Mary's role in the salvation history and gave us biblical quotations, which depict Mary's role implicitly and explicitly. He too provided the class notes for our future references.

As a conclusion, this ten days course was very useful for me. As a Servite, it helped me to define Mary's role in the Slavific work of God. This course is only a starting point, I have to read more and understand the mystical presence of Christ and Mother Mary in the Church, following the footsteps of Mother Mary and witness as a true disciple of Christ.

- Bro. Suresh Micheal Arockiaraj osm

No wise man ever wished to be younger.



Fathers of the Church:

Fr. Souri Raj dealt this topic. He took more initiative to explain the views of the fathers of the Church very clearly. He started with “who are the fathers of the Church (i.e.) history”. He then explained their contributions to the Church. He didn’t deal with fathers of the Church individually, but he concentrated more on explaining their perspectives and contributions to four dogmas and other Marian spiritual dimensions in the early Christian communities. He showed us what are the evidence shown in the bible, apocryphal writings and the explanations of the fathers of the Church. It was very easy to understand. He also provided class notes simultaneously.

Marian Dogmas:



Affection is a greater enemy to the face than the smallpox.

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Let us remember

Conference of Australia and South Asia (CASA), gathering at the Shrine of Our Lady of Health, Vailankanni, from 8-10 October, 2009

Vision Statement

WE, THE SERVITES, MOVED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, ILLUMINED BY THE EXEMPLARITY OF MARY, THE NEW EVE, COMMIT WITH ZEAL AND LOVE TO RESPOND TO THE ECO - CRISIS OF OUR TIMES TO BRING ABOUT ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION.

Action Plan:

We declare the following to be implemented in our day-to-day life.

Personal Level

1. To be aware of the dangers of ecological imbalances.
2. To be sober in our life style, especially in using water, electricity and personal vehicles.
3. To be in touch with the Mother Earth, through manual work, gardening, planting trees and nurturing them.

Community/Institution Level

1. To plant trees on the occasions of birth days, feast days and other important community celebrations.
2. To avoid the use of plastics in our communities, institutions, especially during celebrations.
3. To encourage communitarian meditation in the open air (in the gardens).

Actions are ours; their consequences belong to heaven.

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4. To prepare, circulate and use rhymes, action songs and documentary films based on ecological issues.
5. To develop the habit of taking raw vegetables, fruits, and sprouted pulses in our communities.
6. Many of our schools are having special days like ozone day, environmental day etc. We motivate to celebrate them in effective ways in collaboration with NGOs and other government organizations.
7. To keep 'ecological balance' as theme for important celebrations of our institutions and parishes till 2010.

Conference of Australia and South Asia Level

1. To form a committee comprising of all Servite families in India, to create an awareness and coordinate different initiatives on ecology.
2. To organize rallies in order to promote awareness at all regional levels.
3. To encourage the Servites in CASA region to plant trees in their communities, institutions and wherever they work on the feast day of Our Seven Holy Founders. They can motivate the students, the parents, lay associates, OSSM, FSS, Parishnors and other groups to be part of our initiatives.
4. To share our experiences and our initiatives through our Indian Servite Family bulletin.

Conclusion

Mary our mother is venerated as our Lady of hope. We, the Servites learn from her to give hope to the universe, solemnly affirm that we will do all that is possible to create a new world order implementing whatever we have declared above.

Strong reasons make strong actions.



mariology

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38)

Mother Mary is a beautiful creation of God. She accepted the will of God and acted accordingly. The first cycle of our diploma course in Mariology helped me to know more about Mary. The classes were arranged systematically. The course began with the prayer service. Fr. Souri Raj prepared and animated the prayer service. In this first cycle, we had four papers. They are Marian devotion and apparitions, Fathers of the Church – regarding Mariology, Marian Dogmas and Mary in the scriptures.

Marian Devotion and Apparitions:

This paper was dealt by Fr. Stephen Aroquiadas. He prepared the class material and handled the class well. He also shared his personal experiences of devotion to Mary. He started with the question, where, when and by whom Marian devotion was initiated? He explained it very systematically like a theorem. How Marian devotion began and how it took root in the liturgy and incorporated, the period of transformation in the Church. He explained the major difference between the Roman Catholic Church and other denominations and their views. Finally he concluded this section, by saying that it began from the time of annunciation. Then he dealt on apparitions. He presented to us the apparitions which are approved by the Church and being commemorated.

You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements.



Mr.War: Why do you spoil all your human qualities, making them irresponsible and ill mannered?

Ms.Peace: I think you are making a right point but to a wrong person.

Mr.War: Let us not quarrel.

Ms.Peace: I don't . Do you?

Mr.War: Whatever may be leave it.

Ms.Peace: How far do you think that people will follow you?

Mr.War: Either they have to follow me or I will make them follow me.

Ms.Peace: Are you not guilty of killing so many innocent people?

Mr.War: Never. I have my own target and principle in my life.

Ms.Peace: You seem to be nonchalant!

Mr.War: That's my character.

Ms.Peace: Don't you have a mission in your life?

Mr.War: Mission and vision are part of omission in my dictionary.

Ms.Peace: That omission is a serious commission of sin, man. Better change yourself.



Prosperity is no just scale; adversity is the only balance to weigh friends.



My year of service

All glory and honor belongs to God. I would repeat these words for another ten thousand times because it was obviously Heaven on Earth, who led me through these years of formation especially during my regency at Jyothi Matha Alayam, Chennai. As I am grateful to the Father above, I am also grateful to the Friars at Jyothi Matha Alayam in Chennai. They aided me to live my religious vocation. In a nut shell, they were like burning torches on the road towards kingdom of Heaven. My first prayer was "Lord Give me sound body, mind, heart, and soul to serve the community". God granted me more than what I asked and so I could serve the community well and gained much experience.

During my year of service I learnt many new things for my life. I atrived to witness the charism of our Order Fraternity, devotion to Mother Mary and Serving on many occasions. When I dig deep into my heart, I felt the joy of serving the community, handling tuition to the kids etc. I was reminded to be aware at all times to be responsible in all the activities, praying as a community, sharing at the table, rejenuvating recreation, singing with choir, learning with the kids, welcoming the guests, weeding the garden, buying vegetable, and moments fraternal corrections are some of the joyful moments I cherished and enjoyed whole heartedly. Again I thank all the persons who supported me in various ways.

BRO. K. ThimOThi OSm

There is great ability in knowing how to conceal one's ability.



THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE

I am very glad to serve in the vineyard of the Lord. And at the same time I feel privileged to do my regency at Our Lady of Lourdes Servite Priory, Siluvaipuram. First of all I thank God for this wonderful opportunity that He has given me for the past one year at St. Lourdes Servite Priory. I have learnt many things for my spiritual life. I did all the service for my community, school and parish. It helped me to learn more to be with our Lord Jesus Christ and to deepen my religious life. We prayed as a community everyday. Really, I am interested to pray as community and live together because I have felt and experienced the importance of the Charism of our Order.

I also felt that our fathers have shown their concern and love in my growth as a Servite. In the parish, I enjoyed a lot and amazed to see the people because they were very strong in their prayer life. After the mass, I was regular in participating Anbiyam and to pray with people. My prayer life both personal and communitarian strengthened my religious life. I have learnt how to share God's word to varied people. In the school, I tried my level best in teaching because that was a new experience to me. I slowly improved the art of teaching by hard work. I had good relationship with all the students. The teachers helped me to come out of the fear of teaching. Finally I have learnt many things in the past one year to grow more in my formation. I have no words to describe the role of the community of St. Lourdes in molding me as a servant of Mary. I thank God, the community members and the regency master for their contributions in my religious life.

Bro. stephenraj osm

Ability is poor man's wealth.



DIALOGUE BETWEEN MR. WAR AND MS. PEACE

Ms. Peace: Welcome Mr. War, nice to meet you.

Mr. War: Glad to meet you! It's my pleasure.

Ms. Peace: That sounds really great. You look very smart.

Mr. War: Am I? Thanks for your compliment.

Ms. Peace: Well. I can at least agree with what you are. But can you tell me briefly how you got this character?

Mr. War: There is nothing secret about my character. It has been there from my childhood.

Ms. Peace: How interesting! I can agree with you that human beings need violence to some extent. But don't you think that too much violence may spoil human qualities?

Mr. War: You may be right. But I am insensitive to all those.

Ms. Peace: Why don't you give up your violence?

Mr. War: Do you say that you are smarter than me?

Ms. Peace: I never meant so.

Mr. War: Never mind! In my experience I have found out that violence works much better than any other method.

Ms. Peace: You might be right but it cannot always be true.

Adventure was his coronal. And all his wealth was wandering.



Our Father in heaven

O God, the Father
And the Mother
Who live in heaven
Which is our heart,
And also on earth
Where you had your birth.

May thy name
And thy fame
Be the same.

Thy kingdom that
Lay the justice
Is nowhere seen
But is now here.

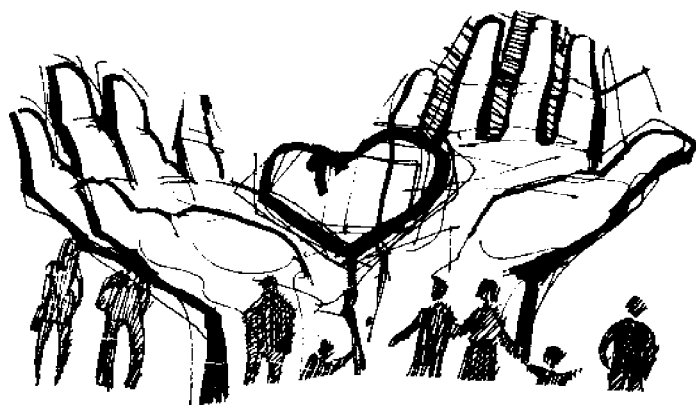
Your kingdom is right
Always in your sight
That shows no partiality
And vows to equality.

Let there be birth
All through the earth,
Bringing hope to all
As your unique will.

Bring us the hours
To have them as ours.
The food
The life
And the face.

Make us divine from being human
That to pardon and to be
pardoned.

Lead us to be real
Which may not be a trial
To find the real TRUTH.



Advantage is a better soldier than rashness.



My internal journey

I am happy to recall my experience and to share with you all. First of all I am grateful to God for having given me this wonderful year to gain experiences at my regency place in Kovalam. Each experience helped me to learn to live my religious life.

Internal journey

My internal journey was always supported by my personal prayer and meditation. Specifically my personal prayer aided me to live in a balanced way.

Service

I was placed as the in charge for the Boarding and also for the Aged Home at kovalam in the Diocese of Chingelput. The Boarding accomodated of 55 students who were schooled between 6th to 12th standard. I taught moral science and other subjects when needed. Though it was tough to handle and educate the young students, I made all efforts to make them study. I hope they will have a bright future. I update myself by reading the newspapers, daily magazines and other spiritual books.

Community

The community of Annai Formation House was approachable all the times. It supported me a lot in my service to the needy generously. I thank the Lord for such great gift to serve the needy. A special thanks to the community of Annai Formation House and to my regency Master.

Over all I am happy about my life. Let us continue to pray for each other and grow in the Servite way of life.

-Bro. Anbarasan osm.

To know how to hide one's ability is a great skill.



The Ladder Speaks...

I am very glad to share my experience that I had in my year of regency. I also feel privileged for having done my regency at Annai Formation House, Perumaleri. The community was very much supportive and encouraging on all the occasions. Since it was the Novitiate house, it helped me to deepen the true spirit of community life and to deepen Marian spirituality. The community helped me in all the way possible to grow in all aspects of my life. I was able to overcome my difficulties by the guidance of our friars. I was available to the community's needs and this shaped me to learn the real and meaningful joy in the joy of others.

I served at Annai Velankanni Matriculation School too. In the beginning I had a kind of fear to teach in school because it was the first time for me to do so. I had hesitations like am I competent enough to teach in the school? Will I be able to understand them? Can I make them study well? Will I be able to mingle with the teachers? I strove to the maximum. But in the course of time I was able to teach the lessons in a proper manner and make the students to understand the lessons thoroughly. I could understand the students well and make them study well. I was able to collaborate with the staff and I could learn many things from them for my future ministry. It was a bit hard for me to teach spoken English to the children who are really in need of our attention. It forced me to find simple methods to teach spoken English to the children. The methods which I employed were very useful in my teaching. I was very glad when I saw children speaking in English. Then I learnt that I am capable of making the children to speak in English.

An English drama which was animated by me for school annual day was a good example to it, to the extent and to my surprise one of the parents could not believe that the actors of the drama were our school children. The Chief Guest of the school annual day also appreciated my talent. It was the fruit of my hard work. Overall, I feel immense joy for all my constructive experiences. Finally, I thank God for His grace which enabled me to discover the true meaning of my life. I remain grateful to the community members of Annai Formation House, my regency master, teachers, students and parents for their direct and indirect help which paved ways for my better future.

-Bro. P. George Thomas OSM

Grabbed age and youth cannot live together.



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I was sailing in the air
A hundred feet above the ground
Even in that height I had no fear
Coz my mother held me tight.

One day a whirlwind kidnapped me
I don't know what the reason was behind.
I was deserted and starving coz
The only soul I knew was my mother.

The dark night covered the day as usual
But unusual was my first night
Away from my mother.
I was trampled by many
And chewed by the live stock.

At last a transporter took me to my mother
When I saw my mother I could not speak
Coz I was in such a joyful mood
But to my surprise she too never spoke to me.
I though her serenity was due to over joy, but she had her own reasons
That's to say that it's all over
And so she wouldn't have me back.

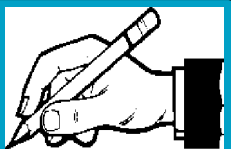
The dry sand decayed me;
I lost my greenishness.
Even though she had a great work of
Nourishing thousands of my brothers and sisters,
She still told me, Stay there
I shall at least give you shade.

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It is a wise father that knows his own child.



Letter with a difference



It is not easy to convince any authority to grant leave for ten days or so. Why don't we think of a new method to convince? And here is a method that can be tried.

11.11.11

Cowboy
Chumma Illam
Day-to-day college
Chennai 100

Viceless Principal
Day-to-day college
Chennai 100

Respected Sir,

An SOS from a student who is on the verge of buying a ticket to the next world.

I strongly believe in the fate, destiny and dreams. It has been my experience from my childhood till now that whenever I dreamt of something it came true. It so happened that on 14th Jan last year I had a dream that I had lost my cellular phone. And on the following week I lost my cellular phone. There are many such experiences I came across.

Now I am in trouble. Last night I dreamt that I was knocked down by a lorry as I was on the way to college and I died on the spot. My seventh sense says that it will happen within ten days from now on. I am afraid that it will happen as it has been the case in my life in the past. So keeping in mind my safety and precaution I would like to stay indoors for ten days. So I earnestly request you to grant me ten days of holiday. During these days I am planning to write a short story on dreams.

Thanking you in my hallucination, I remain.

Yours dreamily
Cowboy

Encl: mind map of mine taken last night.

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty, inaccuracy of dishonesty.



NEW BORN BABY

First canonically erected Community in Myanmar

In erecting the **First Servite Friars Community in Myanmar** (Burma), the Order of Friars Servant of Mary has reached a new mile stone in its life. On 23rd April 2012 in the First Provincial Chapter of Aikiya Annai Province in India, Rev. Fra. Angel Ruiz Garnica OSM read out the decree of the canonical erection of **Seven Founders Priory** in Myanmar.

The foundation stone of the house was laid on 1st Dec 2010 by Rev. Fra. Savairappan, the then Vicar Provincial of Indian Aikiya Annai Vicariate. It took one and a half years to finish the construction work of the building. The entire work was completed by end of April 2012.

On 1st May 2012 at 9:30 am, we had the blessing of the new formation house. Rev. Fr. Lino Pacchin, the Prior Provincial of Venetian Province, opened the house. Rev. Fr. Susaimani, the first Prior Provincial of Aikiya Annai Province said the blessing and Rev. Fr. Guiseppe Zaupa, the Assistant Provincial of Venetian Province blessed the house by sprinkling the Holy water. Fr. Soosai, OSM, Fr. Jayaseelan, OSM and Bro. Thomas OSM and Bro. Alexander, OSM were present for the blessing and opening of the new formation house. Sr. Jaya Mary OSM, Provincial of the Servites Sisters in Myanmar, Sr. Salette Mary OSM, the former Provincial of the Servite Sisters and Mr. Joseph, the constructor of the house and his brother Jaya Raj were also invited. The function came to an end with a Marian hymn, and we offered cake and coffee for those who came for the function.

We, the servite Friars in Myanmar gratefully remember and thank the entire Servite Order and all those who helped and supported us to construct and complete the house. Especially, we express our heartfelt thanks to Venetian Province, Indian Aikiya Annai Province and Australian delegation for every bit of encouragement, generous contributions and support. We believe that we will continue to grow by our hard work, with your continuous assistance and support.

Yours gratefully,
Fra. Soosai OSM

Old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust and old authors to read.



Good Samaritan of today

As he stepped out after the Lord's supper,
Sad was he to his brother sitting at the gate;
For alms he stretched out his arms upper,
Unwilling was he to help but felt sorry for his fate.



He fed him with his body a moment ago;
But how hesitant was he to feed or at least
Offer him part of it: was so worried to forego
A little from his plenty and feast.

Happy was he to drink His precious Blood;
But an hour after, on witnessing an accident
On his way back home how was he not bold
To donate a little blood in that incident.



He is kind hearted to his brother in torn clothes
And still interested in arranging his clothes in the cup-board
A good Samaritan is he, not to see the blocks
That stop him from getting into heaven, the eternal aboard.

Yet would he ask, "Lord when did I see,
And not help you?" But he in his seat,
Would never care about that plea,
But would allow the Satan to whip and beat.



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Absence makes the heart grow fonder, Isle of Beauty, Fare well!



of the latest studies the use of pesticides has eliminated about a fifth of honeybee colonies in the United States, and created damage for additional 15%. Bees are not the only animals affected by pesticides as they also have extremely negative impact on bird population such as bald eagles and chaffinches.

The pesticides can also have serious negative impact on human health. Once pesticides enter human body they can be quite harmful depending on the toxicity of the chemical and the length and magnitude of exposure to pesticides. The pesticides can cause not only skin irritation, blood and nerve disorders but also more serious health issues such as tumors.

The scientists still haven't fully assessed the environmental risk of pesticide use mostly because their current experiments have been done in experimental conditions which differ considerably from real-world conditions.

Many farmers believe that using pesticides is the only way to get rid of the pests but this is not true. Pests can be also eliminated by removing pest breeding sites, by keeping healthy soil which breed healthy plants that are resistant to pests, by planting native species that are naturally more resistant to native pests, and by using different pest eating organisms such as birds or even by manually removing weeds and pests from plants.

Accident counts for much in companionship as in Marriage.



Why are pesticides bad for environment?

It is extremely hard to imagine the modern agriculture without the pesticides but nonetheless using pesticides is very bad for our environment. This is mostly because it is practically impossible to limit the area on which pesticides have effect as 98% of sprayed insecticides and 95% of herbicides reach a destination other than just targeted pests. This destination does not only include different animal and plant species but also water and air often resulting in huge pesticide contamination.

Pesticides can easily become a main source of air and water pollution. The droplets of sprayed pesticides can travel a long distances carried by the wind, spreading air pollution through many areas. Water pollution is even bigger issue; for instance in United States pesticides were found to pollute every stream in the country. In many cases the concentration of pesticides in the water exceeded those allowable for drinking water in taken samples of river water and groundwater.

The pesticides also create a soil pollution because the large number of chemicals used in pesticides belong to the category of persistent soil contaminants whose negative impact on soil may last for couple of decades. More chemicals used means bigger degradation of soil quality.

Some scientists even believe that the use of pesticides is one of the biggest reasons behind the huge loss of bees around the globe. According to one

Accent is the soul of language; it gives to it both feeling and truth.



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Life is like a train
It goes on and on
Many stations come and go
At some we halt and at some other
we don't.

Many places we see
And many other we don't
But all are
Part of the journey.

There are some places we like
And some others we don't
Yet we have to see them all
Whether we like them or not
Coz without them we can't reach our
destiny.

Life is a journey
And we are the travellers
Let's travel, whatsoever/whomsoever
Come on our way.

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Absence from those we love is self from self-a deadly banishment.



Ecological Concern

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is still by far the biggest environmental problem the world is facing today. According to the latest reports greenhouse gas emissions are still rising, and the world looks set to reach the tipping point of 2C temperature increase even before the end of this century. Once global temperature pass this tipping point

show its really most scientists solution to tackle form of legally climate deal still because of the between the developing



climate change will scary face; this is what agree on. The potential climate change in a binding international looks highly unlikely difference of opinion developed and the countries.

As the emissions grow so does the pollution, especially air and water pollution. Pollution has become a particularly serious problem for fast developing economies such as China and India but this isn't the serious environmental issue in developing world; for instance there are several large U.S. cities like Los Angeles and Pittsburgh that are heavily suffering from air pollution. Many species are going extinct, mostly because of climate change and habitat loss. The huge biodiversity loss is not only happening in land but in

our oceans too and many scientists claim that world is heading for yet another mass extinction event, last of which happened more than 600 million years ago.

The interaction and close connection between these three environmental issues is making things even worse because each of these three issues is very complex which makes things very hard for scientists.

Science is really our last hope against these environmental issues, because politics is all about talks with very little or no action at all. The politics still puts main emphasis on economy and industry and this is the main reason why our environment is today in such a bad state.

I'm still not sure whether to be optimistic or not when thinking about the future of our environment, and our planet in general. Yes, people seem to care today lot more about environmental issues then they were a few decades ago but this will be of very little consolation if world follows current policy of environmental negligence.

Even climate change, the worst environmental threat of all time, isn't enough to unite the world in search of solution that would help our environment. The public pressure on world leaders is still insufficient which gives them more time to delay the appropriate action. The more time we lose the more difficult it will be to solve these issues and the worst part is that eventually we will run out of time for action. Today's environmental issues are really a ticking bomb that could go off any time. And yet the world leaders are still more than willing to risk it all.

Love reckons for months, and days for years and every little absence in an age.

Abstinence is as easy to me as teperance would be difficult.

