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Highlights!

Initiatives thru ideation process among MGAs:

MGA Global Meet 2022

To hold the next MGA Global Meet in 2022. Subject to the acceptance by Thailand Singapore MGA, Thailand emerged as a prospective reality. Matter being pursued.

MGA Registration

Text of the Articles of Association, Byelaws of Knights of Columbus, Rotary International, International Cooperative Alliance obtained and circulated among the volunteer MGAs working on the registration process.

MGA Monthly Zoom Meet

Monthly Zoom Meet held on Second Saturday of October 20 at 1800 Hrs IST to strengthen the MGAs across all countries.

MGA Thailand

Annual Meeting of MGA Thailand held on 8. Aug. 20

Br John Kallarackal

Br John Kallarackal, Superior General, had undergone the procedure of implant of a Pacemaker on 26 Oct 20 in Rome.



All Montfortans and MGAs across the world had wished Br Kallarackal and prayed for successful implant of Pacemaker. The Superior General has recovered and is back in action.

Congratulations, wishes of Celebrations, hugs, lots of love and prayers to the October Birthday Boys - Br Isidore Kereketta, Joe Pathyil, Jebamalaidass, Joshy PT George, Balevendran, Bros. Sebastian Kavukkatt, Jose V Vaniapura, MJ Jose.

Glimpses Around Us

Fr Stan Swamy SJ - Fr Stan Swamy who spent the past 50 years in the service of the Adivasi Tribals of Jharkhand, India, was falsely arrested. MGA has strongly condemned the false allegations and defamatory charges against Fr Stan Swamy. His arrest is a gross violation of democratic norms. He has an excellent track record in caring and defending the rights of the poor and the vulnerable.

FCRA- Extension for Opening of FCRA Bank A/c, SBI Parliament Street Account can be opened by 31st Mar 2021 (based on FCRA Public Notice dt 13-10-2020)

Realising the practical problems for thousands of NGOs to open bank account, overnight in Parliament Street Branch, Govt has now given extension to open this account before 31st March 2021.

Once again the notice reiterates, that NGO need not visit Parliament Street Branch, and can request any other Branch of SBI to facilitate. Though it may take some time for SBI branches to facilitate, but ultimately they should do it.

If in any doubt, please contact SBI Parliament Street Branch email id: agmcommercial00691@sbi.co.in. So now anyone expecting transfer of FC funds from outside India, you may do so till the date of opening of account or 31st March 2021, whichever is earlier.

All new applicants must open bank account directly in SBI, Parliament Street with immediate effect.

Please note that FUNDS TRANSFER TO NGOS is not covered by above notice, no Indian NGO can transfer funds to another NGO, after effective date of Amendment Act, i.e. 29th Sept 2020.

MGA Zoom Meet

Zoom Meet -Nineteen MGAs participated in the Zoom meet included the likes of George Nellimattam, PD Wilson, Jeyamani, Joe Pathyil, BO Sebastian, Sebastian Vattakunnel, Suresh Reddy, MG Jacob, Shaju, CI Thomas, Abraham Areeparampil, Cyriac and others.

MGA Jeyamani from Tamilnadu shared his experiences as MGA in the various institutions he worked and how he could adopt various best practices imbibed while in the Congregation.

MGA Registration- Members appreciated the initiatives taken by the volunteers George Nellimattam, BO Sebastian, Cyriac, Dominic, PD Wilson and other.

Arising out of the discussions, some of the points that emerged were:

- to work out the modalities of registering MGA as a global body.
- to register in a place where the registration is hasslefree and beneficial to all
- to start working on the Aims and Objectives, Articles of Association, Byelaws, Rules and Regulations of the proposed registered body of MGAs.
- to obtain the existing Byelaws, Arti-

cles of Association of organizations like the Rotary International, Knights of Columbus, ICA (International Co-operative Alliance) and others.

It may be mentioned, the current Byelaws, Articles of Association of these organisations were obtained and sent to the above volunteers to enable them to work on the draft Byelaws of MGA.

MGA Global Meet 2022-During the discussions on holding the next MGA Global Meet, several factors of suitability of place, venue, time and affordability were taken into account.

It was pointed out that for MGAs from the Continents of America, Europe and Australia, December- January were found to be the convenient period, while for the MGAs in India, May-June were suitable. Members were apprised that Montfort Associates in Thailand hold their meetings regularly, the last being held on 8 August, 20.

It was suggested that a Zoom Meet may be planned with regard to holding the next MGA Global Meet in 2022.

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Idea.. Action

Say Yes to Action:

1. Telling Experiential Stories from Brothers and MGAs to share, care and nurture.
2. Inspiring Brothers and MGAs to bring out their talents for greater use.
3. Continuing to remain connected digitally through regular News Snippets
4. Reaching out to all MGAs scattered across countries and provinces:
Each One Bring One for the Next MGA Zoom Meetings. *Share Joys and Sorrows* Birthdays, Anniversaries etc to greet and be greeted. *Tincidunt ut id est metus, non pharetra leo.*
5. This issue features *The Life of MGA L Jeyaraj from Chennai* while the *Jo Pathyil Story Telling* continues its journey through the times.
6. Experience the Talk on Education delivered by Thomas Kappen on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti to the Atlanta Metro Malayali Association, US.
7. A Surprise Pack awaits the reader.

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Out of The Box

Initiate action to remain happy and foster a Happy Group of MGA

1. Discover the Diamonds in us, amidst us
2. Expedite the MGA Registration
3. Start working on the Aims and Objectives and Byelaws of Global nature
4. Reach out to MGAs who are not in the whatsapp groups and email.
5. Update MGA Information, Address, Contact Numbers
6. Get pictures of all MGAs and their family .
7. Plan to bring out a MGA Directory of Members.
8. Reach out to One or Two MGAs every month, speak to him to make him happy and pray for him.

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Quotes of Significance

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. — Mother Teresa

Random Remembrances- Joe Pathyil...

0.1 1950s Revisited

(To Continue on Br Eleazar...) I learned administration, and how to manage people under his tutelage.



Joe Pathyil Recalls ...

There were several immediate vacancies in other schools and Bro. Eleazar wanted to appoint me to Ooty and Kolathur at various times. But Bro. Charles would not hear of it. He fought tooth and nail to retain me in Coonoor. In fact Bro. Eleazar was miffed that Bro. Charles would be so persistent about keeping me in Coonoor.

In twelve years as Provincial Superior he achieved much. The number of colleges, schools and institutions more than doubled. The number of members grew to more than three times what it was when he became the Provincial. More than the growth, there was enthusiasm and hope and future. There was pride in performance and willingness to do more. His talks were about loving one another, about caring for the poor and downtrodden, and walking in the footsteps of the Lord. He did not preach fire and brimstone, punishment and hell. Nor did he threaten or censure. I looked forward to his talks and his private chats.

In 1958 Bro. Eleazar became the Vicar General, meaning the Assistant Superior General for the whole society and had to relocate to Rome. Bro. John of the Cross was appointed Provincial Superior. However Bro. Eleazar continued to direct the activities of the province, with the new Provincial as his conduit. He spent a fair bit of time in India and helped Bro. John make the more important decisions. I did not miss him as I continued to correspond regularly with him.

In 1962 I was asked to take over the directorship of Kazipet, a tri-lingual school, with three types of boarding, a large community, and with a school which catered to elite of Andhra State. I was 28 years old. My superiors thought I could do the job. I was not nervous. I knew the community. I knew that they would do everything to ensure success in administration. I had learned the basics of people management.

Bro. John of God, who was the venerable educator of the State, from whom I took over the administration was at hand to advise and guide. I left the details of the school and hostels to others in whom I had confidence. My task was to coordinate every aspect.

Bro. Eleazar spent time with us and encouraged me. He also pointed out my failings. For example I remember cautioning me against my habit of sarcasm. He said that those who heard sarcastic comments about someone might laugh; but the one to whom the barb is directed would never be my friend. Apt advice of that sort helped me grow. There were several attempts to appoint me to other urgent institutions; but the community fought against transferring me.

0.2 At The Cross Roads

In 1965 when crisis arose in All Saints High School, Hyderabad, the superiors wanted me to take over the school. I resisted for the first time. I had my reasons. By this time I was having doubts about my calling. I had become rather blase about success and glory. I started asking myself serious questions such as whether this was the life I wanted. I knew that until I had answered these questions, I should not take on more onerous responsibilities that would entangle me further. I begged my superiors to give me some time to make those decisions. Bro. Eleazar influenced the Provincial to let me be in charge of a new school in Nalgonda. I was happy to go to that quiet place with only three companions. After spending less than a year there, Bro. Eleazar (now known as Louis Bureau), arranged for me to go to Europe to spend a few months in "the Second Novitiate". This was the place for senior brothers to rest and recuperate and study and meditate before going back to the field anew. I flew to Rome in May 1966 and was received by Bro. Eleazar. I told him openly that I was thinking of quitting. But he asked me to spend a few months in Europe and then make whatever decisions I felt I should. I am eternally grateful to the authorities for the time I spent in Europe.

(When I left for Europe in May 1966, after handing over responsibilities of St. Alphonsus' High School, Nalgonda to Bro. George Pral, I knew that the school will prosper under the stewardship of the Brothers. A humble beginning indeed. But when I read about the thousands who successfully passed through the portals of the school, I feel gratified in my old age-excerpts from Memories of Nalgonda by Joe Pathyil.)

Bro. Eleazar met me at the airport in Rome and took me around the Eternal City the next couple of days. As the two of us were doing the tour of the Vatican, I reiterated that my intention was to leave. He asked me to shelve the thought for a few months; I should examine every aspect of my future in the few months in Europe and then make a decision; and that such a decision would be the right one. I promised to abide by his advice.

I went to Paris where I brushed up on my French for a few months, and traveled a great deal all over Europe. Bro. Eleazar came to meet and spend a few days with me and encouraged me to visit as much as I could. He knew my interest in history and education. He introduced

me to some of his friends in France, in U.K., in Belgium, and other places. By September I had seen a good bit of Western Europe. Then I went back to Rome for a few months of the second novitiate.

The four months I spent there were some of the most intense of my entire life. The group consisted of senior leaders of the society. The themes and topics under discussion were important to the future of the society. But even as I participated – and I did participate fully- my mind was preoccupied with my own future and past. I consulted with several people. I wrote personal notes. I decided to write an autobiography that would be starkly honest. It was a gut wrenching few months.

0.3 The Mentor Who Enlightened

Bro. Eleazar left for India and other countries in Asia for a few months. When he returned at the end of December, I had long sessions with him. I asked him to read my autobiography, which he did, and tore every page in that copy book and flushed it down the toilet. In the end I told him that I must leave. He agreed.

Then, and only then, he told me two things that he did not want to tell me before. One was the decision of the authorities in regard to my posting. I was appointed to take over the rectorship of the biggest and most difficult and most prestigious school. That I knew. The second was a letter he handed over to me to read. This was from Bishop Beretta of Kazipet. After I left the school, there were problems in administration. It resulted in strike by the students, shutting down of the hostel by the director, and general malaise. The bishop was upset about all that and had asked Bro. Eleazar to send me back to Kazipet for a short period to bring the school back to the former regularity.

Bro. Eleazar listened to the intense plea of the bishop and told him that I was having second thoughts, and that I may not return to the society in India. The bishop was stunned to silence. Then he went back to his residence. An hour later he returned with a letter in an open envelope and asked Bro. Eleazar to read it. The bishop asked Bro. Eleazar to give the letter to me.

I read the letter in front of Bro. Eleazar, in his room. It was heartrending. The bishop praised my abilities, wanted me back in Kazipet. If I was not happy in the society he was willing to take me into his diocese; I could continue studies in Rome towards becoming a priest for his diocese. Bishop Beretta was a loving soul; he was like a father to me. As I read the letter tears flowed down my cheeks and plopped on the paper. I was sobbing.

Bro. Eleazar took the letter from me and tore it up. He did not want to show that letter before I made my decision, lest sentiment would sway my judgment. He said that I had made the right decision. Let it be. I have remained grateful for the great generosity of that wonderful man. He had savoir faire.

0.4 New Innings

I was not too concerned with my future as I knew that when I returned to India, I would be able to secure a good job. I worried about how the news would affect those who knew and loved me. Above all, I agonized over how my own father would take the news. But Bro. Eleazar assured me that, despite the expectations of others, I had made the right decision, and to be of courage.

As luck or providence would have it, I secured an immigrant visa to Canada and left Rome.

On January 30, 1967, Bro. Eleazar accompanied me to the airport in Rome from where I caught a flight to London, and then to Montreal, via New York.

On the way we were both rather silent. As we neared the airport, he said that as for himself, it was too late for him, and wished me all the best in whatever lay ahead. We embraced and parted company.



Br Eleazar . . .

I continued correspondence with him, at first regularly, then, in later years, sporadically. After his twelve years of tenure in Rome he returned to India to be in charge of “The Little Way Association”, a charitable organization that gave him freedom to travel, and be independent. It was my great desire to bring him to visit Canada and USA. He was not at all keen on it. When we visited India, I tried to meet him; but could not. Bro. Eleazar died on 14th of August, 1995, and my innermost secrets are buried with him. R.I.P. (Concluded- Joe Pathyil)

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Talk on Education- Thomas Kappen

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Thomas Kappen Speaks....

Following is a A TRANSCRIPT OF THE SHORT SPEECH GIVEN BY MGA MEMBER THOMAS J KAPPEN ON THE

OCCATION OF GANDHI JAYANTHI DAY CELEBRATION ORGANISED BY 'ATLANTA METRO MALAYALI ASSOCIATION' (AMMA), WHOSE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT IS DOMINIC CHOKKONAL, AN MGA MEMBER.

My Dear Friends!

So glad to know that you are doing such wonderful things to spread the message of India and her great leaders through activities and programmes like this. Congratulations to every member therein.

I am supposed to be speaking on the topic 'GANDHI'S VISION ON EDUCATION'. Before I go into the topic directly let me quote what the Great scientist and physicist Albert Einstein Had to say about Mahatma Gandhi. He says "Future generations will find it hard to believe that such Great as This, ever lived on the face of this Earth." What made Einstein say that?

Dear friends, we all know that India produced many great Scientists, Spiritualist, Politicians, Leaders and Teachers. But a combination of this is found only in one man. And that is Gandhi. No wonder Einstein spoke thus.

Now lets have a look at Gandhi's philosophy and ideas on Education: Before I go into that, I would like to look at the central theme of the New Education Policy the Government of India have decided to implement in the year 2022. It reads . . . *to develop the unique potential of each child – Mind , Soul and Body*. Do you know something very surprising? Look at what Gandhi had said 75 years ago, he said *By Education, I mean an all round drawing of the best in child (and man) – in Body, mind and spirit..* It is so sad that it took over 75 years, for our leaders to think about implementing what this great man had said, for the sake our children - not only in India, but all over the world.

Just think of What Howard Gardner said about Multiple intelligence. . . is it not the same as what Gandhi had said in a broader way? Gardner put it in scientific and psychological terms; but Gandhi in the shortest and simplest way, but surely more encompassing – a Holistic Development.

Gandhi's Message to the teaching community, the teachers, is very clear and direct. When asked what is your message for the world, his answer was *my life is my message*.

Gandhi expects the same from every teacher and every educator. Lead by example, be a role model. On this there is a wonderful incident in Gandhi's life : When visiting a village in North India, a lady with a child from another distant village visited Gandhi and requested him to advise the child to stop eating sweets. Gandhi said *I am coming back to this village after a month, Please meet me then*.

On Gandhi's next visit the lady approached Gandhi along with the child. Gandhi held the child by his hand and advised him saying *Dear child, stop eating too much sweets, because it is bad for your teeth and your body*. Hearing this the lady was annoyed and asked Gandhi, *Just to say this sentence why did you make me come again from such a distance?* Gandhi replied gently *Last month when you came and requested me, I could not advise, because I*

myself was eating too much sweets.

Gandhi also tells the teachers to be honest and truthful at all times. You all must be well aware of the incident in the life of Gandhi at school: On the visit of the school inspector, when the teacher asked Gandhi to copy from the book of a neighbour child, Gandhi simply refused to do that , knowing well that it would bring down the wrath of the teacher on him. For Gandhi, there was no compromise on Truth and Honesty.

For the leaders and policy makers , He wrote *When you make a policy decision, bring the poorest man from the poorest village and keep him in the centre of parliament and viewing him and take your decisions*. He also said *unless the masses are educated, the poor children in the villages are educated, India will never develop*. And finally he said *Education should be so revolutionized as to answer the wants of the poorest villager*.

In Gandhi's view on Education, All dimensions of an individual human being is visualized; and all human beings are included, with a preference for the less privileged and downtrodden. I conclude with a special word of appreciation for the organizers, especially the president Dominic and the AMMA team, for their good work in holding high the greatest leader of India, Mahatma Gandhi and the Nation which produced him. With a word of thanks for inviting me to this valued gathering I conclude,

Thomas J kappen

(MGAs are requested share their experiences - the pleasant and the unpleasant for in sharing, the joy is doubled while the sorrow is shared).

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November Events . . .

Several events are celebrated during the month of October around the world. These listed to invite the interest of the readers and stimulate their cerebral prowess.

1 November World Vegan Day

1 November All Saints' Day

2 November All Souls' Day

5 November World Tsunami Awareness Day

1st Tuesday in November (In 2019, it falls on 5 November) Melbourne Cup Day

7 November Infant Protection Day

7 November National Cancer Awareness Day

9 November Iqbal Day

9 November Legal Services Day

10 November World Science Day

11 November Armistice Day (Remembrance Day)

12 November World Pneumonia Day

12 November Guru Nanak Dev's Birth Anniversary

13 November World Kindness Day

14 November World Diabetes Day

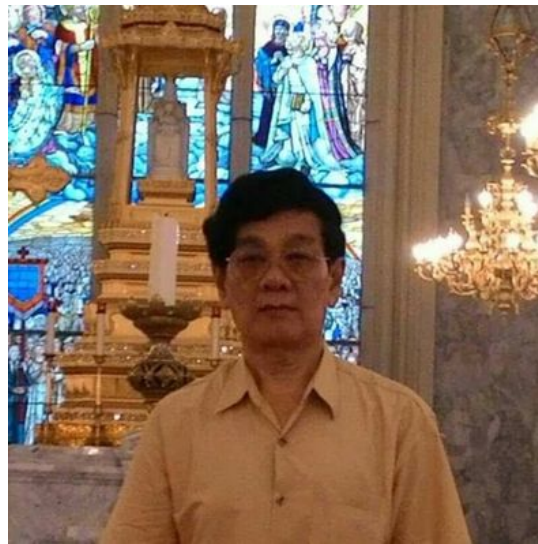
14 November Children's Day
 16 November International Day for Tolerance
 17 November National Epilepsy Day
 19 November International Men's Day
 19 November World Toilet Day
 20 November Universal Children's Day
 20 November Africa Industrialisation Day
 21 November World Television Day
 25 November International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
 26 November Law Day (India)
 29 November International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People
 30 November Saint Andrew's Day
 MGAs may like to write on any of the above to demonstrate how these events have benefited human kind. Such

writings would inspire others to nurture the humanity around us to demonstrate the Divinity that drives us on.

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From Thailand ...

Kijssamrej - Montfort Associate Thailand President Dam-rong Kijssamrej
 MA President at Montfortian Thai
 Siam Strip Mill Public Company Limited
 Premier Global Corporation, Premier Group of Companies
 Studied at Loyola College, Madras
 Went to Assumption College Sriracha ()
 Studied at Saint Mary's College of California
 Studied at Saint Louis University, Baguio City
 Married to Pojanee Kijssamrej



MA Thai President ...



MA Thailand Recent Picture November 20 ...

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Life of L Jeyaraj . . .



MGA L Jeyaraj . . .

About our MGA Jeyaraj

L Jeyaraj was known to most of us from April 1966 during the pre-novitate in Kolathur and in the Novitiate in Eachinkadu. He was a young thin bubbly speedster hopping from place to place like a smiling butterfly. Be it in the playground, or in the recreation hall, or in the chapel or in the garden...here was a youngster radiating positive energy.

Jeyaraj was a keen learner and was curious to know new learnings and imbibe them. He practised on the organ along with Br Peter Ekka and within months, used to play the organ in the chapel alongside Br Peter Ekka. Jeyaraj was seen as a potential rising star destined for the Montfortans from the 70's.

Jeyaraj had passion for any task assigned and was determined to get them done at any cost. By the time he finished his post novitiate and graduation, Jeyaraj grew up to be an able all rounder suited for multitasking responsibilities which he carried out with aplomb and finesse.

During his period in the religious order, like most of us, Jeyaraj forgot about his health which took a toll on his self. This could be the case of many in the Congregation and among the MGAs even today.

The second innings of MGA Jeyaraj is a curious case of twists and turns of the Divine Destiny- reason(s) for the second call, plunge into waters of uncertainty and uncertain times without any hesitation, the choices in life, foray into different spheres of academics, diverse- all lead one to marvel at the different spectrums of human emotions in a life riddled with unbelievable events.

In a way, the lives of the Jeyaraj Family is resembles the lives of the pilgrim church in search of its existential destiny.

While Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac, Yahweh provided him the goat for sacrifice. While Job stood

firm in his faith in Yahweh and proved the Devil wrong, Yahweh restored his prosperity in manifold measure.

The life of the Holy Family depicts the lives of the ordinary persons on earth.

It was true two thousand years ago. It is true now. It would be true in future except that the contexts and situations change while the script remains an eternal phenomenon.

Life of Jeyaraj and Mrs Jeyaraj and their only son, if seen with keen observation, resembles the modern version of the exodus during the times of Moses, the test of Job and in a curious way, the imitation of the Nazareth Family. Similarities and coincidences end here; but what interests the reader is the way the Jeyaraj Family responded to the events in their life and their quest in search of their purpose in life.

It is a matter of pride for us all that an MGA like Jeyaraj and Mrs Jeyaraj responded to the challenges of uprootment from a religious living to challenges of life that followed with a positive outlook. There could be many a silent Jeyaraj and Mrs Jeyaraj spread amidst us across the world.

The timeline of Jeyaraj is as exhaustive as the person he is. Read on...

1. Timeline of MGA L Jeyaraj

1950-1963 Life in Native Place.

1963-1973 -Life in Coonoor, Palakurichi, Eachinkadu, Tindivanam, Chennai – Juniorate Novitiate Post Novitiate, Graduation.

1973-1983 -Life in Kolathur, Chennai, Chingalpet, Bangalore, Yercaud, Lyon France, Canada : Organising Science Exhibition, Catechetical and Liturgical Apostolate, Media and Social Communications, Spiritual Animator, Mentoring Novices -Signs of Ulcer, Work Pressure, Accident in 1982, other ailments – Medical and Counselling.

1982-85 – Turning Point – Second Calling - Excloisterisation.

1985-1995 Life resprouts from the Scratch with hope and optimism in Chennai begins a family; blessed with a Son Joe Vinoth Peter in June 1987, a small house by 1993, stabilised in job as teacher elevated to Vice Principalship.

1995-2005 Little Nazareth establishes..Life gets rhythm and stability – for living and sustainability. 27th Sept 1997 – House expansion and completion with the help from the well wishers of my wife.

First communion of my son, House warming and 13th Wedding anniversary – triple celebrations. Arrears for my M. A., M. Ed was sanctioned at the right time- Divine Providence. The Exodus takes 55 years

2005-2015 God Gives God Takes. He gave Joe Vinoth Peter. He takes him back to Heaven on the Christmas day.

25 Dec 2006 (Christmas) My son Joe, distributed home-

made snacks to all the neighbours and went to meet his friends. We waited for son to come back for lunch but around 2 pm we get a telephone about an accident about 4 kilometers away. Both of us left to the accident spot.

On the way, I strengthened my wife to muster courage to face anything. The police had already arrived. A two wheeler from the opposite direction dashed on my son's bike. We found the body of his friend on the road while Joe was taken to hospital- already dead on the way to hospital - Body moved to government hospital for post-mortem. *What a tragedy, sorrow, anguish, agony . . . ! My future bread winner - no more..*

Burial of our son took place the next day. Some Montfort Brothers attended the funeral at 4.00 pm. The Bishop had sent his VG for the funeral Mass. Two bodies buried side by side. The road opposite to our house was jam packed with people because of two deaths.

A new life began for us. Friends and relatives kept on coming to console us. I went back to school after 15 days of medical leave. He was only 19- III year- Loyola College.

March 2008 - Grand School Annual Day - Presentation of school annual report on five stages.

2 June - English Lecturer in a teachers' Training Institute - Hindu management- about 30 kms from here - in charge of media equipment - Taught the students to make hand glove puppets and to make slides to teach English during Teaching practice. We had puppet shows in 8 schools.

June 2009 - Academic coordinator in a small College for art and design.

June 2010 - This College was closed for lack of admissions.

Sept 2011 - Called back by the Teachers' training Institute to be associate professor in their College of Education - I was there for 4 years till June 2015.

Sept 2015 - A teacher of English in a Matriculation School - Syrian Orthodox church- near Kovalam.

May 2016 - English Tuition, Spoken English in the village here. . . etc

June 2017 - Called back by the same school

June 2018 till date: Principal of a Matriculation School owned by the Muslims - about 45 kilometers from here: put the school in order and the teachers too.

celebrated Christmas and Pongal for the first time in the history of a Muslim school with stills and Video- a real Christian Witness - well appreciated by the management.

I was interested in media from 1970. I used slide media wherever I was - in the novitiate, school, church . . . etc. I am still active in media. The attached matter will show how I am still interested in media.

With my experience at NBCLC and my interest in media I put all these in the form of a prayer seminar. You can get a lot of information about my seminars that I started to

conduct from 1979.

I continue my contact with the Brothers of our group. You also see how much I am in contact with the Brothers from the list as I had conducted prayer seminars in all our Novitiates and in some of our institutions.

I had given a few lectures on Low cost media for Catechesis at NBCLC during the seminars between 1994 and 1998.

Milestones in Life

Introduced Rosary with slides, produced at LDC - Turin and other media for prayer

Band master - played saxophone and choir master

Consultant for games and sports.

Support in maintaining the electrical and plumbing works in the campus.

Jaundice attack - 4 times - hospitalized 2 times in Salem

Accident in Sept 1982 - hospitalized in Salem

The strained relationship at NBCLC between me and Amalor began to show more results through Piles, confusion, restlessness, frequent vomiting, sleepless nights . . . etc.

09- 03 1982 am- I was asked, by the then provincial to be in charge of the forthcoming Diocesan Vocation Exhibition in Salem.

In the evening I was rushed to a Hospital in Salem for jaundice. Provincial visited me twice. I expressed my inability to prepare for the exhibition on the advice of the doctor. The provincial asked me that should be in charge of the exhibition by all means.

This made me think

The doctor in Salem who treated me for jaundice and for the accident told me to leave the congregation at the earliest. This was confirmed by a psychiatry - a salesian priest.

Worked in an audiovisual centre for Rural Development programme of Holy Cross Brothers, Salem.

We produced our own programmes on education, sanitation, evils of drinking . . . etc in Video and in slides.

Showed these in the villages and also in - Montfort - Yercaud and Kolathur ... etc.

No sickness at all. Peaceful sleep, no break at all. I returned to my normal health in four months. No more sickness. I don't know how they all disappeared without any medication. Praise the Lord. I continued to be faithful to my catholic life.

In spite of the persuasion of the Provincial I didn't go back to the congregation but continued to work in the same centre.

I decided to marry someone who was brought up in the convent in Salem. (no parents)

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The Surprise Pack ...

About Birth of Kerala From An Eyewitness

The write up shown below is a narrative from an eyewitness who along with a couple of friends went to Kanyakumari to watch the handing over of the district. These youngsters then spent almost the whole night on the beach watching the proceedings...Experience the historical moment of that State Formation Day in his own words..

Kerala came into existence on November 1, 1956. The birth of the State was not without its share of sorrows and heartaches. I was present in Kanyakumari when the reorganization of States in India took place.

When India became independent, there were some provinces that were ruled by the British viceroy and hundreds of kingdoms ruled by rajahs great and small. With the promulgation of the constitution on January 26, 1950, Travancore and Cochin States were combined as T.C State.

However there were agitations in several parts of India for linguistic reorganizations of states. Nehru was not in favour of such "parochial" redistributions.

Potti Sriramulu, a Telugu leader, fasted unto death in 1953 demanding a separate Andhra State. The agitation that followed the death of Potti Sriramulu forced the Congress Government in New Delhi to grant a state for Telugus. Subsequently a commission was constituted under the chairmanship of Sardar K.M. Panicker to study and recommend reorganization of the country.

The commission recommended reorganization on linguistic lines. Thus was promulgated the States Reorganization Act that came into effect on November 1, 1956.

T.C. State became larger with the addition of the Malayalam speaking areas of Madras State, popularly known then as Malabar region, and Kasargod from Karnataka. It had to cede Kanyakumari to Madras State, which had a dominant Tamil speaking population.

This was no easy separation. Kanyakumari had been an integral part of Travancore from time immemorial. This is the only place in India where one can watch both the sunset and moonrise from the same spot on a full moon evening.

Sands of different colours on the beach make the Land's End an object of tourist attraction. St. Thomas preached Christianity in Kanyakumari. Islam came to the south through Kanyakumari. The kings of Travancore had their palaces near Kanyakumari.

Thousands of pilgrims thronged to the temples of Kanyakumari and Suchindram annually. Obviously the government of T.C. State was reluctant to give up its claim for the district.

I was a student at St. Xavier's Teachers Training College, Palayamkottai in 1956. Along with a couple of friends we went to Kanyakumari to watch the handing over of the district. We spent almost the whole night on the beach, watching the proceedings.

The ministers of T.C. State were there briefly in the evening of October 31, to meet Kamaraj Nadar, the chief minister of Madras, who had come there along with some ministers of Madras.

In fact the chief minister of Madras and his entourage spent a couple of leisurely hours on the sandy beach of Kanyakumari, enjoying their new possession.

On November 1, 1956, there was hardly any sign in Kanyakumari that it had been part of Travancore for centuries. All signage was in Tamil. The Madras State police patrolled the streets. All references to Travancore and Malayalam were obliterated.

As for Malabar, the population there was not eager to be part of Kerala. They had special privileges under Madras. Good many Malabarians manned the civil service of Madras, and of the central government.

Malabar region gave the most qualified civil servants to governments of all jurisdictions. They were not sure if their privileged existence could continue in the new realities of reorganized India. In fact, it did not.

Years have passed since Kerala came into existence. Doesn't Kerala remain very much what it was a century ago, literally and figuratively?

Respecting the wishes of Kerala the curator of the archaeological department of the Government of Kerala has the privilege of maintaining the palace. *A note: Padmanabhapuram is where the ancient palace, the seat of Travancore kings for long years, is situated.*

It is now in Tamil Nadu.

The palace has an area of seven acres, located in Padmanabhapuram fort, amidst hills, dales, and rivers.

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Readers must be wondering who the Eye witness is ? - Kaanamaryathu !

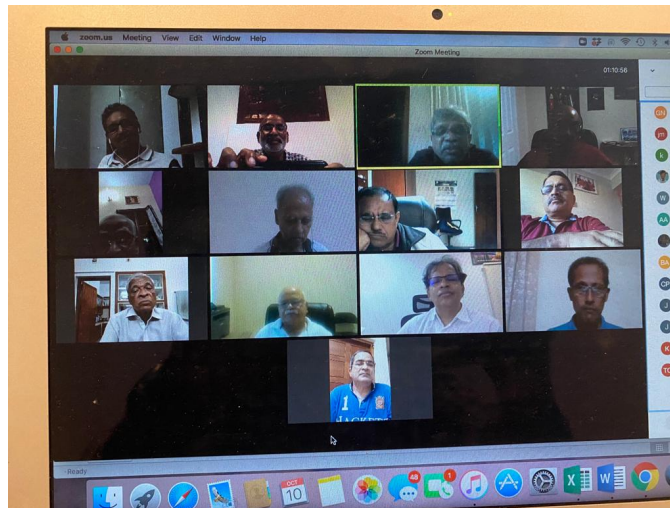
Quiz: Who is the Eyewitness ?

Send your answers to PD Wilson..First Five respondents who give Correct answer will be declared as Winners.

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Titbits . . .

MGA Zoomarians in Action - Nineteen MGAs joined the Zoom Meet held on 10 October, 2020.



MGAs in Zoom Meet. . .

We Congratulate and Felicitate - Dr Mathew George, youngest brother of late Bro. Jose Vettikkattil, Central Province, who has been appointed as the Principal of Maharaj's College, Cochin, one of the most reputed colleges in Kerala.



Dr Mathew George -Principal Maharajah's College Ernakulam . . .

We Congratulate and Felicitate Anitt Benny D/o Benny Augustine singing her own album song during the UUKMA honouring day Enfield London.

Facebook Link <https://www.facebook.com/100000195180830/posts/3455485584467914/?extid=0d=w>

We Congratulate and Felicitate Martin and Br John Xavier for creating their new album in Tamil. Let us know

where and how to buy the album.

We Congratulate and Felicitate -to Reny recipient off gold medal(M. Sc speech therapist) on 18 Oct 20.Reny is the daughter of MGA Raju John.

We Congratulate and Felicitate Fr Areeparampil for Covid warrior' Award Ceremony in Shimoga



5th from left.. Fr Abraham Areeparambil. . .

We Wish Prayers for the Speedy Recovery of Bros. Pinto and Regis from Ranchi, who are improving.

We Mourn -the demise of Johnson Thomas, youger brother of our MGA member, Savio Thomas,who was in South/ North East. Savio and his brother, both were living in Kurla, Mumbai, for several years.Johnson succumbed to Covid -19 on 15 Oct 20 and funeral services held on 16 October.Please do join his family in prayers.- Savio 1986 batch, from Sitagarha

We Mourn the death of Abraham, brother of T M Joseph, this afternoon ie 26 Oct 20 in a private hospital in Ramapuram Kerala. Please pray for the departed soul.

We Mourn the death of Sunny M John, Brother in Law of Shaji Thomas who passed away on 1 November 20.



Sunny M John . . .

Dear friends, thank you so much for your prayers and wishes. It was very tragic incident for our family. On 21st August I reached India from Nigeria and was in quarantine for 21 days. During those days, he was ok and I was chatting with him almost everyday. First week of September he was not feeling well, having trouble in swallowing food.Hence went to consult a Doctor. He gave him some medication for few days but he didn't find any better. Then doctor recommended to Cherpunkal Mar sleevea Medicity hospital for endoscopy followed by biopsy and confirmed

Cancer. From there they referred to RCC TVM. There they did Pep Scan on 29th September and result received on 9th October. Doctors informed us that the cancer in its last stage, no treatment is possible. They gave us some pain relief and some medicine for sedation. By then his pain was uncontrollable. He was on bed and his condition deteriorated. He had excruciating pain on and off. He suffered for few days and expired on 1st, All Saint's day. A blessed day for him God granted. He was very close to me, we were more like friends than a brother-in-law. With Love Shaju

We Mourn the death of the Father of Bro M.K. Joseph (Bangalore province).The death took place on 3 November 20.

We Mourn - The death of the Mother of PD Wilson who passed away on 7 Nov 20 and pray for her reposed soul.



The Loving Mother ...

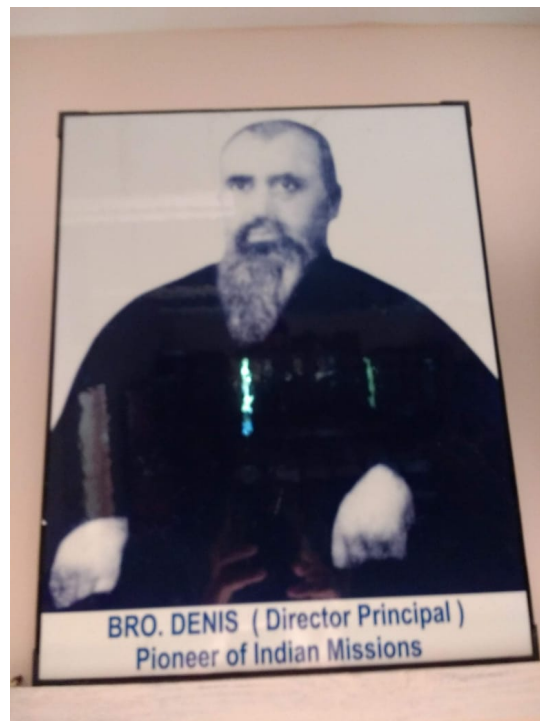


With Great Grand Children ...

We Remember them in the Month of November - The Pioneer Montfortans in India.



Br Baptist . . .



Br Dennis . . .



Br Martin De Vertou ...



Wish You and Family a Very Pleasant Winter Ahead and Preparation for a Joyful Christmas and a Healthy 2021.

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