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THE MEANING OF THE CROSS IN OUR LIFE AND MISSION



Dear Brother Oblates

Peace-Fullness, New Life and Joy of our Master Jesus to you, to all the people you serve and to your family and friends!

Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake he will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?” (Lk 9:23-25) This is the most challenging statement of Jesus to a Religious finding himself amidst the struggles and challenges of our community life and mission. Like St Eugene millions for millenniums have found meaning in and through the Cross to the struggles and challenges of human exigencies and contours of ultimate questions of creations! I share with you my readings and reflections on the meaning of Cross to *our mission to the poor in community*.

During the times of Priestly Ordinations and First Religious Professions we recall and celebrate the fundamental mystery of God’s Redemptive Love in the life, passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus! For us Oblates the sum total of our Charism is captured in the mystery of the Cross that we receive with our commitment and wear it always! I am sure we spend many hours in front of the Cross fathoming the treasures of meanings for our personal life and for the people we serve.

During a retreat in 1814, Eugene de Mazenod prayed before the cross in a church in Aix, on Good Friday: “I looked for happiness outside of God and for too long with resulting unhappiness. How often in my past life had my wounded, tormented heart taken wings for God from whom it had turned away! Can I forget the bitter tears that the sight of the cross brought streaming from my eyes one Good Friday? Indeed they welled up from the heart, there was no checking them, they were too abundant for me to be able to hide them from those who like myself were assisting at that moving ceremony.”

Whenever we see someone who is unable to protect herself or himself against pain, especially the type of pain that humbles and humiliates, we are witnessing the humiliation of God in the world and if we have the eyes of faith we are able to perceive the deeper secrets of heaven being revealed.

We see this clearly in our missions. When we look at little children many of them are so helpless and needy that they cannot hide their helplessness - Spittle, urine, mucus, feces, and tears are always in evidence around them. We see this too whenever we see anyone who, for whatever reason, is perceived by others as naive, unattractive, stupid, irrational, or in some other way is seen as an embarrassment. We see it especially in those people who because of age or illness are being humiliated in their bodies.

The Cross as revealing the Passion - What is so remarkable about this is that our faith teaches us that we are saved more through his passion (his death and suffering) than through all of his activity of preaching and doing miracles. When we love we suffer and sacrifice lovingly and willingly.

The cross teaches us that we, like Jesus, give as much to others in our passivity as in our activity. When we are no longer in charge, beaten down by whatever, humiliated, suffering, and unable even to make ourselves understood by our loved ones, we are undergoing our passion and, like Jesus in his passion, have in that the opportunity to give our love and ourselves to others in a very deep way.

I would like here to offer a set of questions that Karl Rahner used to ask people when they asked him about the veil of faith, Cross as “foolishness to the Greeks and scandal to the Jews”:

Have you ever kept silent, despite the urge to defend yourself, when you were unfairly treated?

Have you ever made a sacrifice without receiving any thanks or acknowledgement, without even feeling any inward satisfaction?

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Have you ever decided to do a thing simply for the sake of conscience, knowing that you must bear sole responsibility for your decision without being able to explain it to anyone?

Have you ever tried to act purely for love of God when no warmth sustained you, when your act seemed a leap in the dark, simply nonsensical?

Have you ever been good to someone without expecting a trace of gratitude and without the comfortable feeling of having been “unselfish”?

If you have had such experiences, Rahner asserts, then you have had experienced God, perhaps without realizing it.

There are memorable events in this Season - celebrating the Easter mysteries around the Cross, First Religious profession of our novices and renewals of vows by our Scholastic Brothers, Priestly Ordinations of six of our Scholastics as His Priests and Prophets and assuming new assignments and missions in our transfers! In all these one experiences in some way the redemptive power of the Cross and New Life gushes forth from such new experience!

With this I add my special prayers and wishes of Peace and Joy, love and new life the Grace of the Cross we embrace on our vows to be Oblates in the footsteps of St Eugene and our Master Jesus!

Francis Nallappan OMI
Provincial Superior, St Eugene Province of India



DISCERNING NEW DIRECTIONS IN MINISTRY

Extract from the Address of Father General to the OMI Lacombe Province Convocation

I am very happy to be here among you at the OMI Lacombe Canada Convocation: *Fanning the Flame: Discerning New Directions in Ministry*. I would like to speak about the call to conversion as the dynamic process by which we strive to participate in God's mission. How is the Call to Conversion a real part of our lives at the service of God's mission? There seems to be a four fold movement through which we move many times in our life, deeper and deeper into the mystery of grace. These four movements are: (I) Repentance; (II) Meeting Jesus; (III) Deciding; and (IV) Crossing borders.

I First of all, conversion involves repentance. Conversion brings us to recognize where we are bound by weakness and sin in our lives and stirs us up to desire to be changed and renewed. Repentance leads to growth in the freedom necessary to follow Jesus and live the Gospel. We must take a hard look at our way of living and our ministry in light of the Gospel, our CC & RR, and most recently, the General Chapter's Calls to Conversion in the various dimensions of our lives: mission, community life, ongoing formation, leadership and the use of finances... In these areas we find so much that needs growth, change and repentance in our lives.

II – We look to the Savior: When we confront our lives (under God's gracious gaze) we experience the need for a friend to save us. We rediscover Jesus again and again as that compassionate love of the Father welcoming us home and saving us. This is the root of our Oblate identity

and spirituality. This involves, as our Founder wrote, real tears of an intimate discovery of God's love for us. This experience has to be deepened, not forgotten; and lived again over and over. We grow in our love for Jesus in prayer, in our study and contemplation of the Word, in our relationships with others, especially with the poor.

How can we preach the Good News of the Savior and his Reign if we do not live and stay in his company? We follow Jesus not as an idea, but as a friend, a brother and the Savior. We are missionaries who preach the Gospel to the poor and it is a person about whom we are passionate, Jesus, whom we proclaim. An old cartoon from "Family Circus" shows the family in church and the pastor is preaching. Little Dolly, pointing to the pastor, leans over to her father and asks: "Daddy, is he really God's friend, or is this just his business?" A good question to ask is "Are we the friends of Jesus?" in the deepest sense of the word "friend."

The Call to Conversion is always connected to Jesus: being freed by him, loved by him, challenged by him and empowered by him with the Spirit. At the heart of the charism of Saint Eugene is Jesus: we are drawn to Jesus, to identify with him, and to allow him to live in us, reproducing within ourselves the pattern of his life (OMI CC&RR #2).

III - Third, we have then to make a choice. We have been able to see ourselves with love and courage, we have grown in freedom and our motivations are more consistent. Now we have to make a decision. Grace is with us, and we are invited to make an option, stepping out in freedom. This is the risk, the challenge, the daring to leave all behind to follow Jesus, to drop our nets in the boat and leave father, to walk away from the money box at the tax collectors' booth, to break away and make a rupture. The radical choice is right here and right now.

We have left home so many years ago, but there are so many other "homes" we have built for ourselves over the years. We have to choose to leave the comfort of familiarity, of security, of personal success,

etc. We must decide to leave and cross borders. Our plans, our agendas, our ways of seeing things, our points of view, our favorite ministry, living the way we like to live, are elements of a personal kingdom that needs to be taken apart for new life in Christ to happen. We see that this happened often in St. Eugene's life: when he decided that he would enter the seminary and live alone for God; when he founded the Missionaries of Provence; when he decided to go to Rome to receive approbation of the CC&RR: when he left Aix to go to Marseille to help his uncle; when he was called to become a bishop; when he had to readjust his political views with the changing reality in France; when he was called upon to send his missionaries to new countries outside of France. Everything was a consequence of this decision to be a priest and servant of the poor and involved many other decisions and crossing of borders after that.

IV - Fourth, this brings us into another culture of living and we could say, a 'strange place' in which to live. We have truly crossed borders, not just to get away and live our own way. We have journeyed to a land of freedom where Gospel logic reigns: the first are last and the last are first; those who try to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel will save it; the clever and learned people don't understand the mysteries of the Kingdom and the little ones and simple people do; those who are great become the least and the least become the greatest; the mighty are cast down from their thrones and the humble are lifted up; it is the Master who serves and washes feet; the smallness of the mustard seed and the little amount of yeast reveal the power of faith; where emptying out oneself, one is filled; where those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted; where others have a tiny speck in their eye and I have a huge beam in my own.

We enter this strange land if we dare make the passage. Instead of emphasizing self-fulfillment and self-realization, we embrace the

Gospel call us to self-transcendence. This form of going beyond ourselves for the kingdom, for Jesus, for the poor brings us immense fulfillment and joy, love and meaning without measure. Although it is a hard passage, there is nothing like it in the whole world!

Now we are in the process of conversion, now we are striving to become saints as Eugene exhorted us. Now we can deepen our communion of life with others in apostolic community, not because the community is fulfilling my needs, but in freedom I choose to love those who are my brothers and sisters. Now we are free people who can collaborate with others and who can execute together a plan with priorities. Now we make ourselves available. We discern together and ask God, “What is the mission you want us to do?”

Conversion has brought us to a strange land of freedom and joy where everything seems upside down at first. We are empowered in freedom by the Spirit of Jesus as prophets to announce his Good News. We are able to make ourselves available for the Province discernment which has made decisions about our way to participate in God’s mission.

My brothers and sisters, gathered for this Convocation to fan the flame of the Spirit and discern new directions in ministry, it is the Holy Trinity who calls us to participate, grow, convert, be holy and share more intimately their communion so that we can be truly preachers of the Gospel and missionaries to the most abandoned. The Trinity calls us; empowers us and sends us. Sustaining our life and loving us, the Trinity invites us to holiness and to participate in God’s mission in the world. We are asking as a province community: “What would you have us do, Lord?” With Saint Eugene’s example, in radical freedom, in holiness of life and in apostolic community, let us prayerfully discern directions as the Province of OMI Lacombe Canada to bring the Gospel to the poor and abandoned of our society today. We ask Mary Immaculate to help us listen and respond with all our heart to God’s call.

MINUTES of the THIRD ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEET

The third Academic Council was held on 10th January, 2012. The following are the outcome the meeting:

Fr. David Kumar, OMI, said that he is happy and there is growth in the Institute. His emphasis is more on Christo-centric formation. He appreciated the staff for their hard work and also the students for their adjustment. Fr. Peter Rajan, OMI, shared that he is happy about the performance of the students. Fr. Andrew, OMI, the Dean of Philosophy said about the academic performance of the students. He shared about the Tagore and Zago Academy. He requested the administration to appoint one more staff for this Institute. Fr. Pragasam, OMI, the Spiritual Director said that this institution is more depending on the visiting professors, there should be one more staff for teaching alone.

Fr. Nallappan, OMI, the provincial asked the staff of DIP to prepare the project for Infrastructure. He asked us to keep these three things in the formation.

1. Basic Availability = be with the students, guide them, accompany them and expect more but try to understand their strengths and weakness.
2. Performance = give more stress on English and spend more time in reading and correcting their homework.
3. Creative Learning = make them to show what they have learnt through their creative thinking and presentation. He too appreciated the service and hard work of the staff. He said that all of us were happy with the calendar. He asked the dean to think of the certificate for the Institute.

Fr. S. Chinnappan, omi, the councilor for formation, appreciated the service of the staff and said that all were serious in their works. Let there be one spirit in their joys and struggles. Fr. Anthonysamy, omi, also appreciated the students for their seriousness in their studies. Finally Fr. Chinnappan thanked all the participants for their active participation.

Fr. Andrew, OMI

MINUTES of the FOURTH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEET

The fourth Academic Council was held on 14th April, 2012 at St. Joseph Novitiate, Musunuru, AP. Fr. Andrew Anbarasu, OMI, the dean of the faculty of Philosophy read out a short report of the Second semester and presented the Philosophy curriculum for the year 2012-2013. There were some proposals that the subjects like Social Analysis and Computer Fundamentals could be added. Fr. Peter Rajan, OMI, mentioned that we could draw the programme for the Orientation Course for the First Year Philosophy students. Fr. Harry, OMI, suggested that we could give more assignments and conducting tests for our students. Then Fr. Andrew Anbarasu, OMI, presented the tentative budget for the coming academic year.

Then Fr. David Kumar, OMI, the Rector of DIP, said about the Affiliation in the Indira Gandhi National Open University. He said that it is still in the process. The process of becoming the study centre would be possible within two months. There are other programs which could be started with the help of IGNOU such as Preparatory Course for the Degree (+2 failed) for six months, tailoring and Spoken English Course. The people oriented programme could be stated in our study center.

Then there was a discussion on the infrastructure. Fr. S. Chinnappan, OMI, said that the administration is making an effort for the infrastructure in DIP. He added saying that the formators should be available for the students. The formators should emphasize two things to the students; i). Creativity in their responsibilities and ii) concentration on their English language. He also told the formators to absorb two things from the students: i) Dishonesty and ii) Divisive Character. If you find these things, help them or send them immediately out.

The Meeting came to an end with the short prayer by Fr. David umar, OMI.

Fr. Andrew, OMI

**SECOND SEMESTER REPORT OF DE MAZENOD
INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY
(OCTOBER 31st – MARCH 28th)**

1. ACADEMIC EVENTS

We started the second semester on 31st of October 2011. On November 7th the first semester results were announced to the students individually.

Zago Academy

The 3rd **Zago academy** was held on 18th November 2011. The theme of the Academy was “**The Oblate an Apostolic man.**”

The 4th **Zago academy** was held on 20th January, 2012. The theme of the Academy was “**The Oblate Vow of Perseverance.**”

The 5th **Zago academy** was held on 13th February 2012. The theme of the Academy was “**Fraternal Charity.**”

The 6th **Zago academy** was held on 13th march 2012. The theme of the Academy was “**Will of God.**”

Tagore Academy

The 10th **Tagore academy** was held on 15th November 2011. The theme of the Academy was “**Politics in India.**” The chief guest was Fr. Mathias Toppo.

The 11th **Tagore academy** was held on 27th January, 2012. The theme of the Academy was “**Inflation.**” The chief guest was Fr. Peter Rajan, OMI.

The 12th **Tagore academy** was held on 17th February 2012. The theme of the Academy was “**Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project: A Philosophical Analysis.**” The chief guest was Fr. Peter Rajan, OMI. After chief guest’s address, we had debate on the same theme, is KKNPP necessary or unnecessary? The students came out with different views and were able to make their critical remarks.

On December 22nd 2011, we had Oblate quiz competition in class levels.

Oblate Symposium

On 17th February, 2012 we had Oblate symposium to commemorate the approval of the congregation. Fr. David Kumar, OMI, narrated the journey of St. Eugene to get the approval for the Congregation and Fr. Peter Rajan, OMI, presented his talk on the Mission Philosophy of St. Eugene. Fr. Andrew, OMI, who was the chief guest of the day, shared a few reflections from the letter of the Superior General. Thanks to fathers for their inspiring talks.

Philosophical Symposium

On March 23rd, 2012 we had Philosophical Symposium on the theme “The Concept of God in the Philosophical Systems.” This was well organized by the Third Year Philosophy Students. The talks were prepared and presented by the third year students. Bro. Britto presented the talk on “The Concept of God according to Vivekananda” from the Indian perspective whereas Bro. Thambi presented the talk on “The concept of God according to Immanuel Kant” from the western perspective. Bro. Sebastian presented his talk on “The concept of God according to Vallar” from *Saiva Siddhantham*. This symposium was inspiring and enriching all the students. Thanks to all the third year students for their creative presentation.

2. PERFORMANCE OF THE STUDENTS IN THE EXAMINATION

The students began their exams on 19th March and completed on 28th March 2012. The third year students had the comprehensive oral and written exam. They also did their research works under the guidance of Frs. Andrew, OMI, Arokiasamy, OMI, Harry Immanuel, OMI, and S.D. Arokiaraj, OMI. Thanks to fathers for being available to our students. This research works will be kept in our Library.

**Fr. Andrew, OMI,
The Dean**

**Striving for the highest: ST. EUGENE ENGLISH MEDIUM
SCHOOL, BODA**

“Praise the lord, for the lord is good, sing praise to his name, for it is delightful.” (Ps 135: 3) Like previous years last year too we had so many admissions for the L.K.G. At one point we had to say enough is enough after giving admission to 180 children.

On the 16th July, we had the first meeting for the parents in which most of them were happy with the progress of our school and congratulated for the service that we were rendering for their children. They also expressed their continual support. We were grateful to Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI the provincial of St. Eugene Province, India, and all his councilors for their continued support by granting one more bus which was the need of the hour.

On the 15th of August our children and teachers took part in the holy Eucharistic celebration along with the Boda parishners. After which we had the hosting of the school flag. Fr. Gnanampragasam, omi the manger of the school was the chief guest of the day. He hoisted the flag and gave a speech.

On the 5th of September we celebrated Teacher’s Day. All the children greeted their teachers with flowers and various gifts, which was followed by cultural prograamme. We were very happy to have Frs. Gnanampragasam, OMI, Shanta Kumar, OMI, Benjamin, OMI and Bbiyan, OMI to witness to this event.

On the 5th November, there was a rally conducted at the Denary level at Rairagunathpur. From our school, 50 children participated and we got many prizes too. On November 14th we celebrated Children’s Day. We had very meaningful holy mass presided over by Fr. Bbiyan, OMI, the Assistant Parish Priest of Thelithar and Fr. Shanta Kumar, OMI, the Parish Priest of Thelithar preached that day for the children. Thereafter we had cultural proramme and teachers and fathers wished all the children very best. Then the sweets were distributed for all the children. 21st November we started 2nd term exam.

On the 16th December we started Half-yearly Exam. On 23rd of December, we had grand christmas celebration. We had meaningful holy mass, presided over by Fr. Virendra S J, the parish priest of Namna Ambikapur. Thereafter we had cultural programme and the chief guest of day was Fr. Simeon, OMI and Fr. Nallappan, OMI the provincial. We cut Christmas cake and it was distributed to all the children. We were very happy to have four OMI deacons with us. Then the school was closed for the Christmas vacation from 24th of December to 1st of January.

On the 21st of January we had group level competitions like Essay, Speech, Singing, Drawing, Fancy Dress and Dance. The Judges were Frs. Shanta Kumar, Alpinus and Bbiyan. On 26th January we had the Republic Day Celebration. Mr. Suresh Lakra the Panch of Manapara was the Chief Guest of the day. We began the March Past, thereafter Mr. Suresh Lakra hoisted the flag and Fr. Gnanapragasam the Manager gave speech for the children to grow and to become good leaders of our country. Then the children gave small programme and the sweets were distributed. On 27 -28th of January we had sports day celebration in our school. Srimathi. Asha Tirkey district member was the Chief Guest of the Day. The ceremony began with prayer dance, welcome address, March past standing in their own respective groups. Srimathi Asha hoisted the school flog and lit the Sports Lamp and open the meet. The four group leaders namely Ankit kujr, Elson Minj, Simon Ekka, and Happy Tigga respectfully paraded the sports lamp. All the children participated in the games with a true sportsmen ship. They had running, rely, high jump, long jump, frog jump, sack race, filling the bottles, musical chair, booming the city, and bisket eating. At the end of the day Blue House stood first with 190 marks and the Red House stood second with 170 marks and Yellow House stood third with 160 marks and Green House stood fourth with 120 marks. We appreciate and congratulate all the teachers and the students for their wonderful cooperation.

For the 5th Annual Day function of our school we were happy to have Mr. Amarjeet Bhagath, M L A of Sitapur as our Chief Guest. When I asked him to be the chief guest of our Annual Day, without any hesitation he accepted our invitation and he also promised that he could help the adivasi children.

The children at St. Eugene English medium school are very good; they are given not only intellectual knowledge but also spiritual and physical. They are good at telling poems, rhymes, news. Their I Q is high, and their memory power is good and sharp. At 'Curs Veer' our children were appreciated for having good English knowledge, pronunciation, and good at giving speech. This was really a encouraging words for all our children to come up in the future.

I thank Fr. Gnanam for his availability and hard work that he does every day for the betterment of the school. I also sincerely thank Bro. Suboth and all the teachers, who are really helping the children to grow more intellectually as well as in the extra curricular activities. I also thank my loving children for all their support and hard work.

I wish that St. Eugene school will continue to prosper and excel with good number and good education with the guidance and protection of mother Mary and with the prayers of St. Eugene.

May the good God bless you all.
Jai hind, jai bharath, jai St. Eugene.

Fr. James Micheal,omi
The principal
04th May, 2012

Pastoral Experience: Life Edifying Experience

St. Paul's Scholasticate

Introduction

We, the scholastics at St. Paul's Institute go to different parishes for weekend ministry and gain rich experience from our respective parishes. We came together and shared on "BCC" and its impact on the faith life of the people.

Basic Christian Community and its Purpose

BCC basically unites people. It is the place where people come together to share their life-experiences, and joy with one another. In a parish context where thousands of people live can't come together to share their joy and happiness but when people gather in small groups they have more opportunity to share their life with each other and come to know each other. In the early Church people came together in houses to break the word and bread and shared their life among themselves. Because of persecution they gathered in the houses and they had one mind, one heart, one soul and had everything in common (Act 4:32). Sometimes they too had some disputes when they came together for the Lord's Supper. The rich ate and drank but poor had nothing and went back hungry (I Cor 11: 17-22). So St. Paul condemns the rich for not being concerned about the poor. From these two Biblical references we come to know that BCC is a kind of communion where people come together having the mind of Christ, pray and make their life fruitful. Scholastics have witnessed that through BCC so many poor people are being helped. So ultimately the early Christian values are found among the Christians today.

Catechetical Formation and the Gospel Values in the Family

Catechesis is a process of faith maturity. Catechesis aims at awakening, nourishing and developing the faith of the Christians. It also instructs the faithful, forms them and teaches them. The basic Christian experience is God's plan of salvation achieved through Jesus Christ. The Apostles experienced the Lord in their daily life. So they handed over their faith to the next generation. At the moment the catechetical formation started from the family because they have received the faith from the traditions. So family played a vital role in catechizing the children. St

Eugene says “first of all lead people to become human beings, then Christians and finally help them to become saints”. So catechetical formation aims at these three aspects of becoming human, matured Christian and saints.

Conclusion

Catechetical formation and BCC are very essential for a vibrant parish community. It is not static but it has to be constantly encouraged. Therefore we who are aspiring to become Oblates should be the instrument of forming BCC and Catechetical formation.

Lopudy – A church of the people

Lopudy is a village and substation of Ramanakapet Parish which is about 12 Kilometers away from the Parish Head quarters. 6 cents of land was bought in the year 1986 and a small chapel was built. At present there are about 80 catholic families in this village. The chapel that was built in 1986 was not enough even for their ordinary Sunday gathering. So in January 2009, taking into consideration of the need of the hour, I took initiative to extend the length of the chapel by 10 feet and another 10 feet length of portico. With this venture, the people came forward to contribute their best to develop the church and its surroundings. They leveled the ground with 120 truck loads of mud and put up compound wall. They also erected a good Stage, and also built the Stations of the Cross along the wall. All these developments took place with in the span of three years. The credit goes to the people of this village for all these developments. As a final culmination they requested for the Blessing of our Bishop and accordingly on 12th June 2012, Our Bishop Rt. Rev. M. Prakash paid a visit to this village and blessed this renovated chapel and the newly erected Stations of the Cross. During the Eucharistic celebration, he was very appreciative of the generosity of the villagers and their sense of belonging to the church as ‘their church’. So the substation chapel of Lopudy could rightly be called as “A Church of the People” in every sense.

Reported by: Fr. Simon Vadakoot, omi,
Parish Priest.
12.06.2012

Bloom wherever you are planted

Rev. Fr. Basil, OMI

150th Birth Anniversary of St. Eugene in Heaven

The culmination of 150th year of heavenly birth of St. Eugene was celebrated in a Province level at St. Joseph's Church, Musunuru, Andhra Pradesh. The celebration was well planned and organized in a grand scale. Prayer to St. Eugene was asked to recite after communion in all the Oblate Parishes throughout the year to mark the year of St. Eugene. It was a combined celebration along with the feast of St. Joseph on May 01st 2012. The Provincial Rev. Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI presided over the Eucharistic celebration. In his homily he stressed the missionary aspect of Oblates in remote area and the fruit of their hard labour all over the world. The celebration was enriched with the esteemed presence of the Oblates, Priests from the native parish, neighboring parishes, sisters and thousands of faithful. After the Eucharistic celebration there was a cultural event. Rev. Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI was the Chief Guest. The non-oblates told, "The oblates are simple, kind, hospitable, hard working and have special love the poor that is why they are able to work in the remote places where diocesans priests are reluctant to work". The Photo of our Founder was distributed to all and meals were served for all.

St. Joseph's Feast

The annual feast of St. Joseph was organized by the Parish Priest, parish council members, catechist, sisters and faithful. The feast began on 26th April and culminated on 01st of May. It was the people's celebration in terms of physical labour, finance, and participation. To make the celebration meaningful the charismatic prayers and Holy Spirit conventions were organized. This brought a great renewal among the faithful. As they were strengthened by the Word of God and Eucharist they all the more participated eagerly and enthusiastically. Thanks to the

well known preachers namely Frs. Deva, John Peter and Vijaya Kumar for their special interest shown on our people and preparing them spiritually and enriching their faith. Thanks also to all those who co-operated and collaborated with me to make the celebration meaningful.

Church Opening: Our lady of Good Health Church at Mukkellapad

It was a long awaited dream of the people of Mukkellapad to build the new church in their village as their old church was in dilapidated condition. It was a real need of the people but no money to start with and no projects got through. The poor people took up the responsibility on their shoulder and gave me whatever they could and also went outside to collect money from known people. Their physical labour and finance were the only strength on which we started the construction. Half way through there raised a question whether I could complete the work but by the grace of God the Church in honour of Our Lady of Good Health was constructed. I am grateful to God and thank Him for sending the kindhearted people to accomplish this great task. I too thank Most Rev. Bp. Malavarapu Prakash and Fr. Nallappan, OMI who partly helped me and stood beside me to complete this task. It was on the 13th May, 2012 we blessed the new church. Prior to the blessing of the church I prepared the people for five days through prayer services, conventions and sacraments. Entire celebration was meaningful and well organized. The Bishop was very happy and told that Oblates still carry out the charism of their founder faithfully until today and work in remote villages in catering the spiritual needs for the people. Thanks to those who worked tirelessly to put up the new church.

Pilgrim Centers: Faith Strengthening Centers

It is always the pilgrim centers which become the faith strengthening centers. Taking the people to pilgrimages help them to come together, spend time together in prayer and refresh from their daily routine life style. It is a quite difficult task to accompany people for long distance with minimum facilities. But taking different groups to different

pilgrim centers enriched me and others in the areas of sharing, being, praying the rosary, celebrating the Eucharist, accompanying them etc., As Parish Priest I was with them always as spiritual guide rather than a tourist guide. This sought of pilgrimage helps the people and the Parish Priest to have collegial relationship in terms of trust and confidence as they witness the lifestyle of their Spiritual Leaders. In my four years as Parish Priest I have accompanied different groups at several times.

01. Legion of Mary: In 2008 I took them to Nirmalagri and Kotharvari Matha Shrine, 2009 to Shermadevi Pilgrime center, 2010 to Ootiapalli in Gonathala, 2011 to Velangani and in and around Chennai and 2012 to Nirmalagri. Besides this they were also given seminars and conventions in order that they are enriched and strengthened.

02. Choir: As singing enriches the liturgy I have given a special concentration. In 2009 the Choir participated in Diocesan Singing Competition and won the first place in the diocese, in 2010 we won the first place for the second time, in 2011 for the third time we won the first place in the diocese. As they give their time and cooperate in the church activities they too were taken to different pilgrim centers. In 2009 they were taken to Nirmalagri, 2010 to Nirmalagri and Shermadevi and 2012 to Chennai.

03. Youth: Youth play an important role in all the parishes. Accompanying the youth means helping the next generation. As I give so much importance to youth they have a natural attraction towards me. This helps me to get them involved in various activities of the parish. Every year during Christmas youth collect small amount to help the poor and needy to share the joy. In 2006 we collected money and helped the old people by giving them bed sheets, 2008 a group of youth from my parish visited deaf and dumb school at Vijayawada and shared study materials and food items, 2010 helped the differently abled people almost 65 of them with cloths, 2011 helped orphan children and also differently abled people with cloths and food. A very special thing that we did during this year was that we went to prison in Nuzvid a nearby town and distributed cake and enacted a skit on forgiveness of Jesus towards

sinners. I could do all these things not for my glory and honour but for the glory of God. Thanks be to God and all the members of youth of my parish.

04. Catechism: As last year was the year of catechism there was a special emphasis given to children to attend catechism and grow in Christian faith. Sunday school was regularly conducted and those who were regular for the class were given medals. Biblical and catechetical exams were conducted. More special way children were taken to pilgrim centers to make them grow in faith to Nimalagiri, Gonathala and Aovitappalli. This brought a change in themselves.

Balayesu Baktha Samajam

It is a traditional folk art. This is what they do: Christian traditional song would be sung by an elder, traditional music would be played and a group of people dance. In and through this art the traditional faith of the people is revived. Though it was almost dead but in 2008 we gave a new birth and started using this group for evangelical activities. We send this group where faith is diminishing in order to revive the faith and also to strengthen the faith. In 2008 it was performed in Annapanenivarikoodam, Savripuram – Vatulur Parish, Gounathala, Kothavari and Ramanakapatta. In 2009 we went to Gounathala, Kothavari and Kadanpadu. In 2010 we revived the faith of the entire village namely Chillaboihnapalli and brought back 20 catholic families to Catholicism. At Shimhadripuram the faith was completely nil and even the place of the worship too was sold because there were no practicing Catholics. But through the constant visit of the Parish Priest and the group we had a grand procession of Our Lady of Vallanganni in 2011. Now we have the vibrant catholic presence in that village. All these happened through prayer, spiritual and brotherly accompaniment by Parish Priests with the people.

Thank you

MINUTES OF ST. EUGENE DISTRICT COMMUNITY

St. Eugene District Community Meet was held on the 13th March, 2012 at St. Joseph's Bhavan, St. Thomas Mount, Chennai.

In the district sharing, Fr. Sebastian, OMI, the Vocation Promoter, shared about his vocation ministry. He informed about the vocations camps that are to be held, the scheduled programme of the days of camps, of the invitation being sent to all the students and finally he requested help from the fathers for the two camps.

Fr. Francis Xavier, as the district superior shared about the summer exposure programme of the scholastics, that the first and third year students would be in North India under the care of Fr. Alex, the second year students would be in Tamil Nadu under his care. The evaluation of the summer exposure programme, he said, would be held at V C Kuruday, Dindigul before the students leave for their home holidays. He also said the scholastics namely Antony and Gasmir are getting ready and would soon leave for their study programme.

He suggested that we organize one Sunday for the congregation, conducted by the members of MAMI, and the collection could be sent for the formation. Fr. Jeeva, responding to this proposal, said that this was already made, but was not actualized, and suggested that it could be tried out in Poonamallee.

Fr. Jeeva in his sharing said that things are going on smoothly in the parish with the two rounds of talks with the members of catholic association. He also said that in the parish the elections are held for the anbiyam leader hoping that in the course of time others things will be sorted out. He told that the parish is grown very big and suggested that there could be two assistants.

Fr. Loordusamy briefed his status till today and said if everything go well by the end of April he would be ready to go to the Mexican Province to work in Cuba. He said that the verification process was going on and therefore requested all of our prayers.

Fr. S.D. Arockiaraj while sharing said that it was a privilege to attend the Provincial Meet in Srilanka. It was nice experience being with the senior oblates and to different oblate houses.

Father Provincial in his sharing, said that it is prayer that sustains his life was his strong expression. Finally as provincial he asked the district members if there were any doubt or clarification.

Fr. S.D. Arockiaraj suggested for a separate person as house superior in Provincial Office. The District Picnic was proposed. It was decided to go to Velankanni on the 19th March, 2012. Fr. Francis Xavier thanked the gathering, with the concluding prayer by Fr. Loordusamy the Meet came to an end.

Thank you!

Fr. Antonysamy omi
The Secretary
04.06.2012

The Minutes of the Third Zago District Meeting

The third Zago district meeting was held on the 06th March 2012 at Nivedanam, Bangalore. After a short Rev. Fr. Martin, OMI, the District Superior welcomed Rev. Fr. Marc, OMI the newly elected treasurer general, Rev. Fr. Nallappan, OMI, the Provincial and his Councilors and all the district members for the meeting. Rev. Fr. Nallappan, OMI, the provincial had a great joy and pleasure in introducing Rev. Fr. Marc the treasurer general to the gathering.

Rev. Fr. Provincial requested his counsel members to make a schedule to meet the district members as a different community. Hence, the Nivedanam community was assigned to meet Rev. Frs. Chinnappan and Jeevarathinam. The Kothagiri community was asked to meet Rev. Fr. Pragasam and Rev. Fr. Varghese was assigned by the provincial to meet the Bangarapet community. The Provincial and his councilors met

the respective communities. There was a preliminary session at 06.00pm. During the session Rev. Fr. Provincial thanked the Nivedanam community members for their co-operation and support that they render towards the construction of the second floor of the building.

During the meeting Rev. Fr. Martin shared about a 'TRUST', known as CAP foundation, run by Franciscan Fathers in Kothagiri. He said in the meeting about the present condition of the trust and the objectives of it. He said that the 'TRUST' is not functioning at present and the Franciscan fathers ask us to take it up if we are interested. Therefore he asked the forum to decide whether to take it up or not. Then finally Fr. Provincial and his administration and our district members unanimously agreed up on to take up the 'TRUST' hoping that it will be very useful to run a social work in Kothagiri mission. The first day of the joint session meeting came to an end with the Eucharistic celebration.

The second day of the joint session meeting was commenced with the Eucharistic celebration at 07am. It was presided over by Rev. Fr. Marc the treasurer general and the concelebrants were Rev. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Yesu raj. There after we had an opening ceremony of the extension of the newly constructed second floor of the building. It was blessed by Rev. Fr. Marc and opened by Rev. Fr. Provincial.

On the same day we too had the blessing of the foundation stone for the construction of the Oblate Animation Centre. The foundation stone was blessed by Rev. Fr. Marc the treasurer general in the presence of Rev. Fr. Provincial. Then there was a provincial council meeting. The council meeting came to an end at 05.30pm with tea and refreshments. Around 06.15pm, the provincial administration along with Rev. Fr. Marc left for Chennai.

Bro. Arokia raj Kuppala, OMI.
Secretary

THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ZAGO DISTRICT MEETING

The fourth Zago district meeting was held in the parish of Bangarapet in view of celebrating the De Mazenod year. On that day we were very happy to have Rev. Fr. Provincial the silver jubilarian and Fr. Varghese the provincial counselor amidst us. The celebration of the De Mazenod year was commenced with Holy Eucharistic celebration. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Provincial the silver jubilarian. There was an introduction on the celebration of the de Mazenod year given by Fr. Martin the district superior and the word of God preached by Fr. Yesuraj.

The liturgy was solemnly arranged by Fr. Benedict, OMI, the Parish Priest. After the Holy Communion there was a felicitation where the parish counselors honored Rev. Fr. Provincial and all the district community members with a shawl. The parish priest Fr. Benedict was appreciated for arranging this district meeting in his parish. For his tireless work and active ministry in the parish, the parish counselors honored him with shawl.

After the solemn celebration of the De Mazenod year, along with Provincial we the district members made a visit to our land in Bangarapet. After having visited the land we returned to parish and had a delicious meal hosted by Fr. Benedict. Thanks to Fr. Benedict, OMI for all his initiatives.

Arockiaraj Kuppala, OMI
Secretary

MISSION MEETING AND COMMUNITY ANIMATION

“We coordinate our missionary activity with the overall pastoral plan of the local churches where we work, and we collaborate in a spirit of brotherhood with others who work for the Gospel” (OMI CC 06)

There was a mission meeting from 15th Feb – 17th Feb at OMI Provincialate, St. Joseph Bhavan, Chennai. Fr. Pragrasam, OMI the councilor for Mission arranged this gathering in view of strengthening the Oblates in faith and commitment in their respective mission places. All the Oblates working in the mission stations and doing different specialized ministries gathered as one family and seriously participated in this renewal programme. Rev. Fr. James Theophilus, SDB was the resource person. We Thank Rev. Fr. Theophilus for his availability and leading the oblates towards committed service for the Greater Glory of God. On 17th we had the feast day mass of the Papal approval of our congregation celebrated by Rev. Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI the Provincial.

Rev. Fr. Pragrasam, OMI
Mission Councilor

SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM KANCHEEPURAM

On the 07th March 2012 we participated in the diocesan recollection prior to Easter. It was a wonderful preparation given to all the Fathers to celebrate the Easter meaningfully and worthily.

On the 17th March, 2012 Mr. Janny from Divine Retreat Center, Kerala came to our Parish to preach the Lenten retreat for the faithful. On the 17th he preached the retreat to the people of Koothavakam, a substation of Kancheepuram and on the 18th one day retreat was given in the main parish followed by the Eucharistic Celebration. The faithful were prepared to enter into the Holy Week worthily. Thanks to Bro. Janny for making it happen and Fr. Vincent, OMI, the Parish Priest for arranging it.

Holy week ceremony was conducted both in the main parish and Collectorate and people in great number participated and received God's blessings. On Good Friday the youth from the main parish acted out the Way of the Cross in the streets of Kancheepuram and non Christians were evangelized through their acting. The people were moved in tears. The entire video of this acting was broadcasted in the local channels on and often and the news of this sort was telecasted in Jaya News, Puthiya Thalimurai News and many other.

On the 19th of April the birthday of Fr. Vincent, OMI was celebrated in the morning with the parishioners. Fr. Vincent celebrated the thanks giving Eucharistic Celebration in the morning followed by felicitation and cake cutting. Breakfast was served to the religious sisters and Parishioners who joined for the mass. In the afternoon Oblates from Amala Annai District came together to wish him many more happy returns of the day and partook in Lunch.

On the 09th May to 12th May Vacational Bible School was organized. There were about 90 children participated actively everyday. Refreshments and meals were served for the children. On the last day they went on picnic. Sisters from Bon Secours and Missionary of Charity Convent helped the children by taking classes. The Parish Youth kept them active and alive through their games. Thanks to the parents for sending the children and all those who contributed their time and money to make this event successful.

On the 24th May the feast of the Our Lady of the Perpetual Help was celebrated at Koothavakam, one of the substations of Kancheepuram. The village people united in one heart and spirit celebrated the feast meaningfully and peacefully.

On the 03rd June farewell was given to Rev. Fr. Arockia Samy, OMI for his active ministry in the parish for past one year and welcomed Rev. Fr. Valan, OMI the new Assistant Parish Priest.

Fr. Vincent, OMI and Fr. Arockia Samy, OMI
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Kancheepuram

Mass for Frs. Amalraj, OMI and Emmanuel, OMI

On March 09, 2012 Eucharistic Celebration was organized by Rev. Fr. Samarakone, OMI to mark the death anniversary of Rev. Frs. Amalraj, OMI and Emmanuel, OMI around 11.00 a.m. Prior to the Eucharistic Celebration meaningful prayer service was conducted by Rev. Fr. Samarakone, OMI. Rev. Dr. David Kumar, OMI was the main celebrant. In his homily he invited all those gathered for the mass to imbibe the missionary spirit and lead the life of holiness as these two led the life of holiness. The pre-novices organized the liturgy meaningfully. Oblates from Amala Annai District and St. Eugene District including Rev. Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI, the Provincial were present for the mass. After the mass we all gathered around the cemeteries of these two and prayed that they rest in peace and intercede for all of us to God. After this spiritual nourishment we left for physical nourishment prepared by Ashram community.

Fr. Arockia Samy, OMI
Amala Annai District Secretary

New Parish At Thataiyangarpattai

In view of taking new and first parish in the diocese of Kumbakonnam, Tamil Nadu, Rev. Fr. Mariarajan, OMI was appointed to be the care taker for Six months until the formal contract is made with the diocese. On 17th June, 2012 in the presence of Fr. Pragasa, OMI the councilor for mission, Rev. Fr. Pathinathan, OMI the District Superior and few other Oblates and Present Parish Priest of Musiri Rev. Fr. Stanislaus and with few diocesan priests Fr. Mariarajan, OMI was given in charge as care taker. We the members of St. Eugene Province wish him all the very best.

- Secretary

TRANSFERS AND NEW ASSIGNMENTS May 2012

Dear Brother Oblates of St Eugene Province

Prayerful Wishes and grateful greetings to those changing over to new ministry! It's time to place on record our gratitude and prayerful wishes for your yeomen service you have rendered in the place of your ministry! Thank you all for aboving the trivialities for the greater good and life of the poor we serve! In our "pilgrimage with the poor towards fullness of Life", whatever we do to the least of our brethren we participate concretely in the life-giving mission of Jesus, the Crucified-Saviour and in the Charismatic mission of St Eugene!

With the wider experience of meeting various Religious and Diocesan units I would like to proudly say that the young Oblates have a lot of generosity and courage in offering themselves in the Spirit of our Charism! I wish that we remain a true model for others to be a Religious Missionary! We need also to admire the daring and creative works of some of the Dioceseans who have no comfort of the community! I encourage you to be afire with the issues of the poor of your mission and be creative and innovative to find simple and practical solutions to a few of them!

The *Administrative directory and Finance Directory* are imposing needs as we have grown from being a family to a provincial unit with organizational needs! This will help us have common direction on many important issues of Oblate life and mission! This process would definitely help the young as much as the senior members in the maturing process of forming good tradition in our Oblate life and mission!

I also would like to personally draw your attention to *the annual retreat of our Province* in St Joseph Bhavan, St Thomas Mount, Chennai. It would be in two batches during September 2012: the first batch September 09th evening to 15th Morning and the second batch 16th 07 pm till 21st 04 pm of September 2012. We would have General Body meeting on 15th September 2012 from 09 am till 1 pm and other committee

meetings afternoon! Please note these dates as our non-negotiable community engagements.

Hope that those who obtain new assignments from the Provincial administration would receive it as opportunities of new experience and growth both for the individual Oblate person, to the community and to the Church in the long run! I am sure the new members are welcome in the Oblate community they join! I also wish you and the community His choicest Blessings as new ventures would be initiated in the new ministry with new people and place! Let the Oblates be known by their special missionary vocation and commitment to the poor in their many faces! Our greatness shall lie in the way we do the small things with great commitment!

In the case of the Parish Priest or Superior of the Community having a transfer we shall hand over, in the presence of the District Superior the written inventory of the house, files of tax-pay receipts and vehicle Registration and insurance, the bank books with account transfer orders would be handed over and a copy of all these to the Provincial office! Thank you

We, the Oblates of St Eugene Province joyfully join in thanksgiving with gratitude and love all the family and friends of the Newly Ordained Oblates: Frs Arokiadass, Arputharaj, Joe Antony, Martin, Nirmal Kumar and Nicholas. We wish each of you and Antonyraj and Joy Amal who would eventually join the same rank God's choicest Blessings and Grace! We also augur, the four newly professed members from the novitiate all His choicest Blessings and Grace and welcome them to the Province! We offer one and all our prayerful wishes for a joyful witnessing life and fruitful ministry.

Fr Francis Nallappan OMI
Provincial Superior, OMI India
12 May 2012

Formation Houses

Pune Scholasticate: Fr. Peter Sakra as Rector and Fr Antonysamy Staff and PhD Studies

Lambar Juniorate: Fr. Shantha Kumar as Rector and Fr. Benjamin as Assistant.

Philosophate, Perambakkam: Fr. Bruno Baptist (till September 2012 and then in Morning Star College in Kolkotta)

Nivedanam: Fr John David OMI, S A Peter Staff (till they leave for Foreign mission) formation Staff, James (regent)

Administration Service

Bursar and House Superior: Fr. Jeevaratnam

Provincial Secretary: Fr. Arockiasamy

Parishes

Telaidar: Frs. Veerendra, parish priest, Arputharaj, Assistant.

Poonamallee: Fr. Alexander Mariasavari, Deacon Joy Amal,

Krish Nagar Diocese: Frs. Joe Antony (Huwalia) and Nicholas (Teherpur)

Kolkata Archdiocese: Frs. Rajesh Kujur (Thakkur Nagar Paish), Fr. Arokiadass (St. Terese's Moulalai)

Nativity Church, Silchang, Guwahati: Frs. Joseph Thambi, (B Ed Studies) and Martin

Kancheepuram: Fr. Valan

Kurusadi: Fr Sagayaraj, co-pastor

East Mariyanathapuram: Fr James Prabhu (B Ed Studies), co-pastor

Musunuru: Fr. Nirmal, co-pastor

Chellampattidai: Ruban (Regent)

Perambakkam: Britto (regent)

Kombadimadurai: Deacon Antonyraj, co-pastor

Bangarapet: Bro. Jeniston

Oblate Schools

School at Gopavaram: Fr S.D. Arokiaraj, Principal; Fr. Basil, Correspondent and Alex and Joseph Thambi (regents)
School at Boda: Fr. Bbiyan, and Christopher and Vigilant (regents)
School at Kombadi Madurai: Fr Amalraj Vethamuthu, Benedict (regent)
School at Mudipar: Fr. Simon Dung Dung, (B Ed Studies) and Asith (regent)
School at Talapudi: Andrew and John Kennadi (regents)

Ministries

Ashram : Fr. M. Chinnappan Director, Vishal (regent)
EMMA Animation Center, Kothagiri: Bro.Arokiaraj Kupala
Teaching ministry: Fr Harry in Morning Star Regional Seminary in Kolkotta till September and Fr Bruno from October 2012

New Mission

Thathaiyangar Pettai in the Diocese of Kumbakonam: Fr. Mariyarajan Parish Priest and Bharath (regent)

Oblate Regents in non-Oblate context:

N.B.C.L.C: Sebastian
Citadel, Salesian Fathers: Simon

Higher Studies:

Fr Harry Manuel – PhD in Western Philosophy
Fr Antonysamy – PhD Research

The transfers will be in *effect either on or before 27th of May 2012.*

*New Priests will assume Charges on or before 07 June 2012-05-15

Fr Francis Nallappan OMI
Provincial Superior,
St Eugene Province,
OMI India

THE JOY OF CELEBRATING LIFE

An Experiential Sharing by **Fr. Mariarajan, OMI**

Dear Oblates! I am extremely glad to spell out the experience of my religious life in Kombadimadurai for the last four academic years. I thank all the pioneering oblates who had toiled to bring a change of life style among the people of Kombadimadurai. The church will always remember the noble deeds of the oblates in this dry land.

Our mission namely Kombadimadurai is situated in between the towns called Paramakudi and Ilayangudi, in the district of Sivagangai. The village is given a face lift by the high school run by the Oblates. I thank the Oblates who were instrumental in doing this good work.

The people of this area are simple in their nature but caste conscious. They are hard working by nature, and the land is also very fertile but due to lack of water both above and below the ground level their hard work does not fetch the expected fruit from the land.

Hence the economy of the family depends on the number of the persons working abroad in each family. The Catholics consider the priests in the parish as their guide and leader.

I have seen the sons and daughters of this land as God fearing persons irrespective of his/her religion. At the same time they are strongly moved by the age old conservative religious ideas of Hinduism and caste. In spite of this the Catholics are so receptive and submissive to the directions and guidance of the priests working here. The Oblates have played a vital role in bringing and inculcating good moral and social values among the people. I have experienced the hospitality of the almost every family in our parish.

Living for the integral growth of the children through education and spirituality was a happy Obedience I received. Moving with the educational officials and political leader of the locality was a good experience I gained through my school ministry.

“We can not change or control the events that happens to us but we can very well control how we respond to what happens to us” was my guiding principle with the help of living the spirituality of our founder ‘practice charity, charity, charity among yourself and out side zeal for the salvation of the souls.’

The presence of the brothers in regency and sisters was an encouraging one. Seeing their simple life style and obedience, I was reminded of my call to religious life very often. The endurance of farmers in this dry land and the reverence they show especially the elders of both sex towards priests always motivated me that my call to be a religious and a priest is to bless the people and never to curse even those who harm me.

Associating with the teachers was a joyous experience. I was inspired by their commitment to teaching the poor children and enduring with the constant hope of getting a government job. I have learned to be economical from their life style. The school children and the youth were my dear ones whose company I always would continue to cherish. Their search for a role model and guidance pricks me again and again when ever I go wrong in my deed and thought. On the whole my life in Kombadimadurai was an unforgettable expeiences where I learnt to be Positive.

TRUST IN THE LORD

Dear Oblates Greetings of prayer to you all from Mathew. I am exuberant to pen few of my experiences in Germany. I am happy over here by the unfathomable love and grace of Jesus and enjoying good health.

At the moment I am staying in a Catholic hostel Cum Church in Bonn and going for language course. Now I am able to celebrate Holy mass in German. In the beginning I found it difficult to grasp German grammatical structure but now I am confident that I could make up my study and Mission. Monday to Friday I go for classes. Friday evening I get back to provincialate, Mainz to be in the community. Here I cherish my community and prayer life. These two events are like two sides of the same coin. In the provincialate many experienced Oblates are staying in their 60s and 70s. They share their golden memory that edifies me to become a good Oblate and above all assists to revamp my religious commitment to God. In all their accomplishment I found that they relied on God's assistance.

I too strongly believe that what I am today in Germany is not of my own ability but because of God's Grace. I am able to give my best in all my endeavor. **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight” Proverb 3:5.** As I thank God for his manifold blessings in my life, I too thank all the Oblates, in a special way our Provincial Fr.Nallappan and his councillors and all my formaters who have accompanied and molded me up to this day of my life. I pray that May the good Lord bless you all with a sound health and a sense of fulfillment in all your undertakings. Let us be united in prayer.

Yours in Christ
Fr. Mathew O.M.I

LIVED EXPERIENCES AS AN AWAKENING

Fr. AROKIASMAY Rayappan, OMI

Every day is an experience of life for a person who seeks to live with a reverence to one's being, which is enriched through various experiences. What is *lived* becomes nutrition only when it is reflected and re-oriented to life. Lived experiences point out to the reality of everyday, which has lot of newness, by constantly challenging one to be open to a *lived* present. Thus, what is lived, living and will be lived has the same value in the plane of life moored with various degrees of awakenings. Once, Fr. Arokiasamy asked me to write my experience, I was brooding over it, how to communicate them in an intelligible way for I realize that what is lived can only be expressed in a fragmented form. As I try to articulate some of my lived experiences in Italy, they are only the rays that awakened and sustained me as I reflect them in the following three points:

Leaning to be Patient

As I landed in Italy for my philosophical research on 18 July 2008 with a motive of doing PhD, the first thing I could experience was the importance of learning the Italian language. I began my life in the provincial house though my obedience was to Firenze community. Learning a language became an indispensable without which life could have been more difficult. Now, I feel grateful to Fr. Steafano the superior of Firenze community and the provincial house community Fathers and Brothers for providing an opportunity to learn the language and for having accepting me to live one among them as an oblate and begin my studies. In this process of learning the language, I realized that learning to be patient is a value that brings fruits not immediately but in a long run.

Being a Learner

Being patient in every way possible deepens one's understanding of situations to which a person is a foreigner. The attitude of being a learner helped me to approach vulnerable circumstances in a positive way by finding meaning in them. Living in a new culture with its richness and poverty demands the spirit of acceptance with its implications, for learning them brought me to the level of Zero where the past seemed to be more worthwhile than the present. However, a quality of learner lies in his/her constant effort to root himself /herself in concrete situations which appear at times obscure, by strengthening the spirit of being a knower.

Doing Philosophy

My research in philosophy particularly in the field of philosophical anthropology awakened in me that a philosophy worthy of name cannot be confined into any 'isms' or articulated in formulas. I see it as open inquiry that points to the *source*. If anyone asks me, how did I come to approach philosophy in this way? I can say that I drew my inspiration first from the reading of French Philosopher Gabriel Marcel who approached philosophy from a Socratic perspective, which we lack today, for it demands an ontological humility than intellectual demonstration. I hope that these few words of mine express very clearly that to become a specialist in philosophy requires only re-searching what is already searched, whereas to do philosophy, one needs to be a seeker not only in books but also in one's life experiences, which reciprocate one's search for wisdom. For this, lived experiences do become means of awakening!

FROM INDIAN EXPERIENCE TO CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

G. JOHN BOSCO, OMI.

It was in 2008, when our former Superior General, Fr. Wilhelm Steckling, OMI, was preaching our annual retreat in Don Bosco Retreat Centre, in Chennai, that I had a direct encounter with him regarding my Oblate life. At that time, I was in my 14th year of priesthood. During our conversation, I became aware of the feasibility of participating in mission overseas. Father General also encouraged me to apply for it formally and I expressed my desire to serve in an English-speaking “immigrant” country. Later on, Father General sent an E-mail from Rome, saying that I could go to Canada and that our Provincial, Father Francis Nallappan, OMI would make the necessary arrangements. After the General Chapter in Rome, Rev. Fr. Nallappan enabled me to join the Assumption Province which has its headquarters in the city of Toronto, a mega city close to the gigantic Niagara Falls and Toronto’s pride CN Tower! Toronto happens to be just one among very many cities to be served in the Canadian province of Ontario.

Part of Canada’s heritage also consists of French and English as Canada’s TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES—LEGALLY but in the province of Quebec—it is on a daily basis FUNCTIONALLY TOO—not just in Quebec’s courts of CANADIAN LAW. The principal ministry of the OBLATES’ OF ASSUMPTION PROVINCE reaches out among Catholics of Polish descent in addition to other immigrants and ethnic groups. Truly, Canada is largely an immigrant country where a great variety of ethnic people make their home. For example, French, Polish, Chinese, Indians (especially Punjabis), Srilankan Tamils, Philipinos, Italians, Vietnamese, Germans, and ever so many others. As for the status of religion, most of the Catholics have their own established parishes; currently, Oblates are organized into three OMI provinces (ecclesiastical) within Canada: namely, English, French, and Polish (ecclesiastical) provinces.

When I arrived in Toronto, Canada, December 6th, 2011, our Fr. Tomy, OMI, alongwith Fr. Leo (a German Oblate) received me at the airport. First, Fr. Marian Gil, OMI, Provincial Superior, assigned me to a Polish parish in Mississauga (a new city on the outskirts of the city of

Toronto) to venture into a three-month-experience within St. Maximilian Kolbe parish, said to be the largest immigrant parish for Polish people in NORTH AMERICA.

It was a great privilege for me and I was lucky to be there to witness and experience the Polish culture and its Christmas celebrations. Next, Fr. Provincial sent me to Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba, where the Oblate Assumption Province has a Polish parish. Winnipeg is about 2500kms from Toronto and 2 and a half hours by flight. This parish is called “Holy Ghost” Parish. We have 2 Oblates in this parish. Besides assisting the Oblates in parish ministry, here, I also got an opportunity to associate with Blessed Mother Theresa’s Missionary of Charity, who are mainly serving the First Nations’ People (i.e. also called Aborigines). I helped them in “Soup - Kitchen”, a centre where food is served for the needy. I also assisted the Sisters in visiting the sick and the elderly in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba. It was while here, I had the opportunity to meet Fr. Susai, OMI and Fr. Vijay, OMI. Recently, I also got the privilege to meet our dear Fr. Denis Duncause, OMI in St. Paul’s University, Ottawa.

After these six months of Canadian experience, Fr. Provincial has now assigned me to function as an Associate Oblate Pastor, in a traditional Polish parish in a location called Wilno from which we will also reach out to a location called Round Lake, about 200 kms from Ottawa, the national Capital of Canada and about 400 kms from Toronto (around 5 hours by car, one way from Toronto). Wilno (pronounced almost like “VEAL? NO!” Yes, it is spelled the same as it was in Poland in the 1800’s. It was the first Polish settlement for farmers but to them it seemed like hills formed out of “God-forlorn” rocks. Oh, but you should see the place now: tourists, maturing farms, ski “country” spaces galore!!!

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Indian Province as well as the Oblate Assumption Province for the goodness incarnate that accommodated me in our Oblate Apostolate, in an international environment!

With many good wishes to all our Oblates in India, I remain.

Respectfully yours,
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MISSIONARY TO CUBA



On 25th of May Fr. Lourdusamy was given farewell mass at OMI Provincialate as he left for Cuba as missionary. Eucharistic celebration was arranged and Fr. Lourdusamy asked Rev. Fr. Jeevarathinam, OMI to celebrate the mass. Members from St. Eugene District were all present. The mission cross was given by Rev. Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI the Provincial and the prayer for missionary was recited and Oblate Antham was sung. Fr. Simeon, OMI the councilor was also present for the mass.

Secretary

FR. LAWRENCE IS WITH US PROVINCE

Fr. Lawrence, OMI who was in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sparta, in the Diocese of Belleville is now part of the OMI US Province and he is assigned in a parish with Oblate Bishop Most Rev Michael Pferifer, San Angelo Dioceses, Texas.

Home Visit

Fr. Antonyraj, omi a missionary to USA came for his home visit on 29.05.12 and went back to his province on 28.06.12.

Fr. Varam, OMI a missionary to Korea came for his home holidays in the month of June.

**WISHES TO OUR BELOVED
BP. NEETHINATHAN**

St. Eugene province of India was glad to celebrate the sacerdotal silver jubilee of our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Dr. A. Neethinathan, D.D., Bishop of Chingleput in Kancheepuram, the first mission place for us Oblates in India, on 08.07.2012. with two more great events namely the church feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Diaconate Ordination of Bro. Joy Amal, OMI. As God found a worthy shepherd to share His compassion in leading His people towards liberation may He continue to liberate more and more people through your compassion. We assure of our prayers and support to you our dear shepherd Most Rev. Dr. Neethinathan.

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE

St. Eugene Province of India expresses its heartfelt condolence to the family of Fr. Varam, OMI as his father Mr. Antony left for other shore of life on 02.02.12. May his soul rest in Peace.

In a same way the province shows its heartfelt condolence to the family of Fr. Varghese, OMI as his father Mr. Thomas too left for eternal life with God on 05.02.12. May his soul too rest in peace.

With deepest sympathy, we the members of St. Eugene Province, India pray dear Frs. Varam, OMI and Varghese, OMI the gift of the memory of you fathers and assure that they are still with you in spirit to love you wherever you are.

Welcome to Superior General

With heart full of joy and gratitude we the Oblates in India welcome our Superior General Very Rev. Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI amidst us. Dear Father may we all experience the physical presence of our Founder in and through your presence from 14th October to 30th October.

CDC and ETC

Dear Oblate,

The forms for Children Development Cell (CDC) and Eugene Tuition Center (ETC) are available with your respective District Superiors. Kindly collect the forms and send them to the secretariat, OMI Provincial Office, Chennai on or before 15th August, 2012.

The form for Eugene Tuition Center (ETC):

Name of the Parish	Address of the Tuition Center	Name of the Teacher	List of Students

ANNUL RETREAT 2012

Dear Oblate,

Greetings from St. Eugene Province of India! This is to inform you about the annul retreat, 2012. In order to animate and facilitate better cohesion of our unit we request YOU members (all those who are in first five years of their final commitment) to attend the first batch of retreat and all others to the second batch. For any serious reason if anyone really needs a change please contact Fr. Provincial. It will be held at OMI Provincialate, Chennai.

I Batch 09.09.2012 (evening) to 15.09.2012 (Morning)

General Body Meeting 15.09.2012

II Batch 16.09.2012 (evening) to 21.09.2012 (evening)

List of Participants

No	I Batch	II Batch
01	Fr. Joseph Thambi	Fr. Samarakone
02	Fr. Sagayaraj	Fr. Gerard
03	Fr. Antonysamy	Fr. Ambrose
04	Fr. Bruno Baptist	Fr. Joe
05	Fr. Solomon	Fr. Pragasam
06	Bro. Kuppalla	Fr. Pathinathan
07	Fr. Sebastian	Fr. Jeevaratnam
08	Fr. Rajesh Kujur	Fr. Simon
09	Fr. Santha Kumar	Fr. Cyril
10	Fr. Arockiasamy	Fr. Francis Xavier
11	Fr. Benjamine	Fr. Alexander
12	Fr. Virendra	Fr. Nallappan
13	Fr. James M. Brabhu	Fr. Simeon
14	Fr. Bbiyan	Fr. Varghese
15	Fr. Simon Dung Dung	Fr. S. Chinnappan
16	Fr. Valan	Fr. David Kumar
17	Fr. Arockiadoss	Fr. James
18	Fr. Arputharaj	Fr. Amalraj
19	Fr. Joe Antony	Fr. Peter Sakra
20	Fr. Martin Susai	Fr. Gnanapragasam
21	Fr. Nicholas	Fr. Martin
22	Fr. Nirmal Kumar	Fr. Kishore Kumar
23	Dn. Joy Amal	Fr. S. Vincent
24	Dn. Antony Raj	Fr. Peter Antony
25		Fr. Yesurathnam
26		Fr. S.D.Arokiaraj
27		Fr. Benedict
28		Fr. Basil
29		Fr. Maria Selvam
30		Fr. Andrew
31		Fr. Dewaji
32		Fr. John Davidraj
33		Fr. Mariarajan
34		Fr. Peter Rajan

CONGRATS AND BEST WISHES

	July	Birthday	Ordination
01	Frs. S.D., Ramesh		08.07.05
02	Frs. M.Chinnappan, James, Chinnappraj		09.07.99
03	Fr. Rajesh Paul	12.07.81	
04	Fr. John David	15.07.79	
05	Fr. Kishore	17.07.71	
06	Fr. Santhakumar	20.07.81	
07	Fr. Varam	21.07.98	
08	Fr. James M. Prabu	23.07.83	
09	Fr. Bala	24.07.05	
10	Fr. Pathinathan	26.07.55	
11	Frs. Amalraj, Gnanam, Susai	27.07.00	
	August		
01	Fr. Amitharaj	01.08.75	
02	Frs. incnt. Amir, Kishore, David, Antonyraj	01.08.03	
03	Fr. Peter Rajan	03.08.79	
04	Fr. Amalraj	08.08.67	
05	Fr. Jeevarathinam	12.08.50	25.08.84
06	Fr. Joe	24.08.52	
	September		
01	Fr. Samarakone	03.09.41	
02	Fr. Gregory	03.09.76	
03	Fr. Lawrence	04.09.65	
04	Fr. Simeon	07.09.62	
05	Fr. James	07.09.69	
06	Fr. Andrew	07.09.76	
07	Fr. Mathew	10.09.77	
	Dn. Joe Antony	11.09.85	
08	Fr. Irudhayaraj	12.09.72	
09	Fr. Davidraj (TN)	12.09.75	
10	Fr. Yesuraj	13.09.77	
11	Frs. Cyril, Lourdusamy, Francis	15.09.88	
12	Fr. Peter Sakra	20.09.70	
13	Fr. Peterrajan		26.09.09

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79	Fr.Nicholas	19.05.2008	17.12.2011	14.05.2012	17.03.1985			08370853113	
80	Fr.Nirmal Kumar	19.05.2008	17.12.2011	13.05.2012	06.11.1983			07702316889	

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