

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK & EUCHARISTIC YOUTH MOVEMENT



INDIA & SRILANKA

INTRODUCTION

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an ecclesial service of the Holy See entrusted to the Society of Jesus. Its Mission is to mobilize Christians through prayer and action for the challenges of humanity and of the mission of the Church. These challenges are, discerned by the Pope, and are expressed under the form of prayer intentions which the Pope entrusts to the entire church. PWPN has its foundation the spirituality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, spirituality for mission. It is present in 98 countries in the world with a 38 million Catholics.

Eucharistic Youth Movement is an international movement for Christian formation for young people from age 5 to 25 with a goal of helping them to live like Jesus in a heart to heart friendship with Him in Eucharistic Spirituality. Its method is based on forming communities with a clear ecclesial awareness in the experience of prayer with three foundations: the Gospel, the Eucharist, and the Mission of the Church. EYM is the second Youth Movement of the Catholic Church with 1,112,000 children /young people present in 56 countries, in five continents. The Present International Director of this pontifical service is

Fr Frederic Fornos SJ appointed by Pope Francis. Fr Jagdish Parmer is the South Asian Director and the National Director for India approved by CBCI of India.





MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL AND CONTINENTAL DIRECTOR

As we bring out this second edition of our E Bulletin 2019-20, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for showering many graces upon our Pontifical Organization. Corona Pandemic has forced us in lockdown but even this period is no less fruitful as we raise our hands to the Merciful Lord in prayer for all the victims, Corona Warriors, Administration and millions of Migrant Workers and slum dwellers who are badly affected. It is also a time to count our Blessings from God. Below I narrate those beautiful blessings from God:

1. Last year I was able to take this Organization to our neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. In Bangladesh I was able to meet all 9 Bishops in their Annual Meeting and convince them of the need to have PWPN/ EYM in their Dioceses and as a result they all have appointed Diocesan Directors in their Dioceses. This is a miracle. The International Director has appointed Fr. Milton Rozario as the National Director, proposed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh. I also met the Papal Nuncio in Dhaka. I was able to reach out to the Major Seminarians and large number of the Religious Fathers, Brothers and Sisters and we are in constant contact.

2. Sri Lanka is another success story as the National Coordinator; Fr. Sanjeeva Fernando had done his homework to perfection. As a result I was able to meet all 12 Bishops in their Dioceses and the Papal Nuncio, Major Seminarians in Jaffna and the large numbers of Religious Fathers, Sisters and Brothers. Over and above I was able to give an interview on a Catholic TV Channel VERBUM which showed it in 3 installments. Now Fr. Sanjeeva goes every month to explain the Pope's Intention for 20 Minutes at the Channel.

One great good news is that Sri Lankan Jesuit Provincial has set apart Fr. Sanjeeva exclusively for our work and so the way to appointing him as National Director has opened up. In Nepal, the Bishop wanted me to address all the Clergy and the Religious but the lockdown has hampered this program. Hopefully in near future I will be able to do it.

3. Another Graced moment was participation in the 175th jubilee of the PWPN in Rome last June with Fr. Sanjeeva and Mr. Giby Joseph. Spending two hours with Pope Francis in the Papal Hall in the presence of more than 6000 children, youth and parents was an historic event, made still more personal and heart warming as the Pope came down to meet us the National and Continental and spending some time with each one of us.

4. Finding a good place in Indian Social Institute, Bangalore as our National Office is certainly an evidence of the interest shown by the higher authority in our Work. I was also invited by the CBCI President, Cardinal Oswald Gracias to address the 41st General Assembly of the CBCI at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore on 19th Feb. 2020.

5. Lastly but more importantly, my gratitude to you all as you participated in the Annual Training and meeting at De Nobili College, Pune in October. For the first time it was not a Jesuit event but the ecclesial event as more Diocesan Directors attended it. As more and more Bishops are appointing Diocesan Directors, our future seems bright and promising. Together we can make a difference even in this lockdown period due to Corona Virus by our prayers and inspiring others to pray and our prayers will initiate activities to enliven our Church in South Asia.



SHORT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020 PWPN/EYM

It has been a year of grace for me and the Pontifical Organization for the following reasons:

1. I was able to meet 71 Bishops personally, addressed 192 Bishops in CBCI General Assembly in Feb. 2020 in Bangalore, 89 Bishops in 5 Regional Councils of Bishops, 488 Seminarians in 10 Major Seminaries, 56 Seminarians in 3 Minor Seminaries, 69 Novices in 5 Novitiates, 22 Jesuits in 2 Juniorate, 132 candidates in 8 Pre Novitiates, 16 Jesuit Tertians in Sri Lanka and 121 Men Religious, 932 Women Religious, 325 Diocesan priests in 5 Dioceses, 2391 youth in 3 Dioceses, 279 people in three Parishes in India, Nepal, Bangladesh United Arab Emirates and Sri Lanka.
2. Practically all Bishops accept and approve of this Pontifical Organization and support it
3. Dioceses in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh have long tradition of having this Organization and are working well till today. These Dioceses have appointed either a priest or a Religious as Animators. They also have some budgetary allocation from the Diocese.
4. We were able to bring out our First E Bulletin of 2018 with a lot of help from Fr. Shin from Kerala and Mr. Giby Joseph
5. Four of us, Mr. Giby, Frs. Selva and Sanjeeva and I were able to participate in the 175th Jubilee Year Celebrations in Rome.
6. For the first time in our Annual meeting we had more Diocesan Priests than Jesuits Province Coordinators.
7. We have been able to open a Savings Bank Account with Canara Bank in Bangalore now. We can initiate a campaign to raise fund online too.



8. Much work with regard to EYM is going on in Kerala. In fact Kerala is the first State where they have Regional Team with Plan of Action and Budget.

9. India ranked first in viewing the POPE'S VIDEO in April 2019 and January 2020.

BUT

1. Many Bishops did not know about this Organization or were confused with some other Organizations like Holy Childhood, Jesus Youth or Apostolic Union of Clergy.
2. Out of 174 Dioceses in India, only 56 have appointed Diocesan Directors. As a result, our plan for the formation of Regional and Diocesan Resource Teams and training of the local people has not been realized.
3. Out of 30 Major Seminaries, Seminarians in only 3 Seminaries knew what it was and were making use of it. All Minor Seminarians, Many Religious Congregations and sadly speaking Jesuit Novices and Scholastics did not about it.
4. Majority of the people do not know about the publication of AP Leaflets and SOLDIER OF GOD.
5. After the closure of the Dindigul Press, translations in all Regional Languages, barring Hindi, has come to a standstill. Last year itself we had discussed this point but so far we have not been able to take any action as it depends on the Regional Director, Dindigul as well as those who were translating the materials into vernaculars.
6. Lack of commitment on the part of some Province /Diocesan Directors too is an issue and those who are interested are overburdened with other responsibilities.
7. Though it is a Vatican Appointment with the approval of the CBCI, CBCI has not yet taken any responsibility for this Pontifical Organization.





FUTURE PROGRAMS ENVISAGED IN THE NEW YEAR



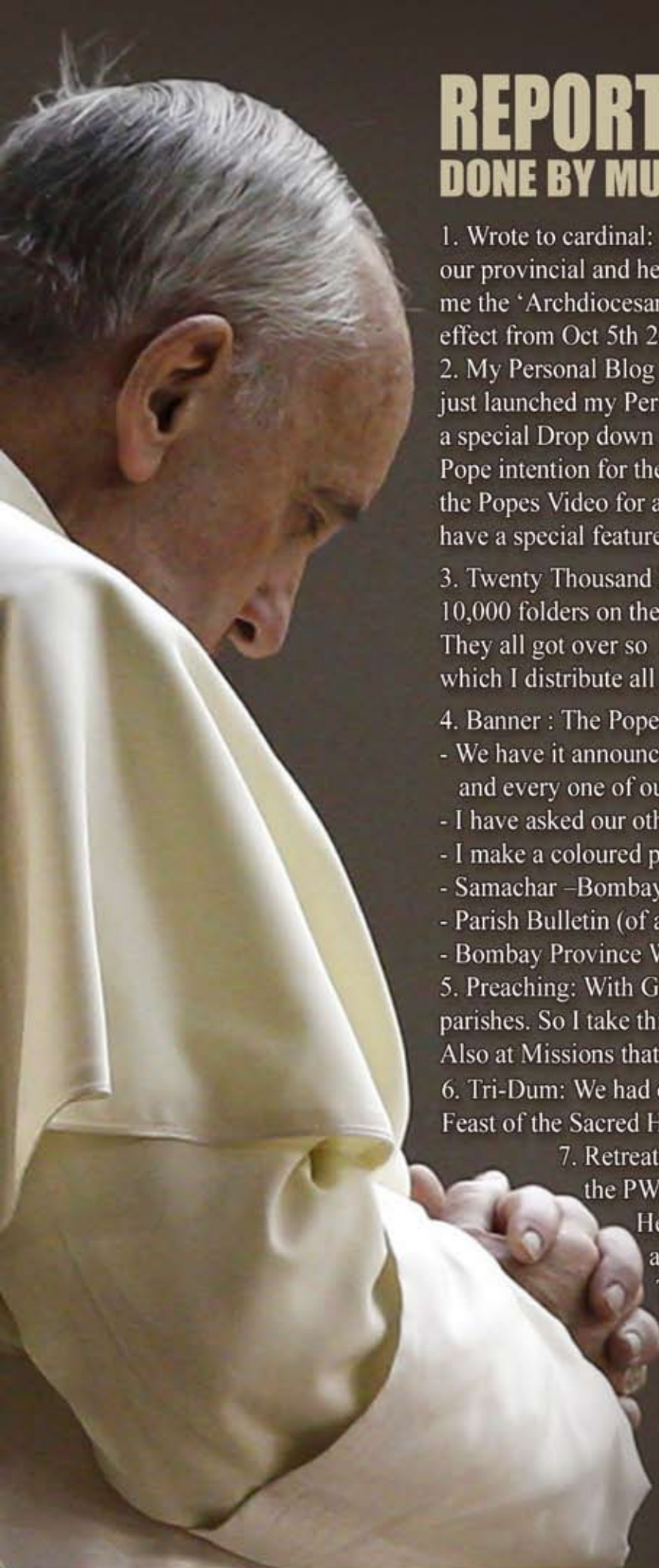
1. Addressing students in all the Formation Houses in Bangalore. There are about 40 of them.
2. Holding the Annual Meeting in November at ISI, Bangalore.
3. 2 meetings of the National team members.
4. Blessing of the new Office in Bangalore and finding a secretary.
5. Raising fund to enable to conduct Way of the Heart Seminars.
6. Bringing out the new Asian edition of the EYM.
7. Getting many bishops to appoint Diocesan Directors.
8. Visits to seminaries in Kerala
9. Visit to Bangladesh for training the Diocesan Directors and their teams.
10. Visit to Nepal to address the CRI there.
11. Visit to Pakistan if it is feasible.
12. Concerted efforts to get the Soldiers of God, AP Leaflet and Formation Materials printed in Regional languages.

I am very happy to present to you this edition of the E Bulletin 2019-20. Let us work as one family to bring as many people as possible to commit themselves to Daily Offering, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and spreading of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and through our Spirituality form the children and youth in true Christian values which will enable them to face the challenges of the Humanity and fulfill the Mission of the Church.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES DONE BY MUMBAI PWPN 2019-2020

1. Wrote to cardinal: I wrote to Cardinal Oswald through our provincial and he has through a letter officially appointed me the 'Archdiocesan Co-ordinator of the PWPN with immediate effect from Oct 5th 2019.

2. My Personal Blog with Drop down menu on PWPN: I have just launched my Personal Blog Crumbz.org . On this blog I have a special Drop down menu on PWPN. I have been putting the Pope intention for the month with a write up about it and also the Popes Video for all my visitors to see. Every month I will have a special feature article on the PWPN on my blog

3. Twenty Thousand Folders printed: Last Year I had printed 10,000 folders on the Fifteen word Power-packed prayer. They all got over so For this year I have printed 20,000 copies which I distribute all over Mumbai.

4. Banner : The Popes Intention: As of last year

- We have it announced before each of our 9 Sunday Masses and every one of our daily 4 masses.

- I have asked our other parishes to do the same

- I make a coloured poster of it and send it to the following:

- Samachar –Bombay Jesuit Province News Letter

- Parish Bulletin (of all our parishes)

- Bombay Province Website

5. Preaching: With God's blessing I am invited to preach in many parishes. So I take this opportunity to preach on the PWPN. Also at Missions that I give.

6. Tri-Dum: We had our regular Tri-Dum in preparation for the Feast of the Sacred Heart and invited all parishes in Bandra for it.

7. Retreats: I conducted two retreats esp keeping in mind the PWPN an bringing people closer to the Sacred Heart. One retreat was for Working youth and another for Seniors. The response was good. This June onwards I will be working out a new way of functioning to make the PWPN even better known and its spirituality lived in Mumbai

Do visit my Blog Crumbz.org

God bless you

Gerard C. Rodricks sj

Mumbai PWPN

“I am the eternal life”

KRUS VEER RALLY REPORT 2019, ARCHDIOCESE OF PATNA

At the outset let me express my deep sense of gratitude to all of you for your support and cooperation in recently held Patna Archdiocesan Krus Veer rally at Mokama from 25th -27th October. We had 701 children and 72 animators took part in Rally.

On 25th evening, after registration the practice for the inaugural session was conducted by St. Joseph’s School, Nawada. With Eucharistic Adoration the rally began conducted by Fr. Stephen Ekka and Team. It was raining as we began the adoration, but God was very kind enough in providing the children very good weather, as most of the time, the children were out in open air for meals, activities, and prayers.

On 26th the day started with the Morning Prayer, Parade, and Flag Hoisting. All took active part in the inaugural session. The children from Maner and Basauni presented a prayer dance, and inspiring dance respectively.

The Archbishop William D’Souza SJ conducted the first input session, and encouraged the children with the example of St. Don Bosco, and called them to be true Eucharistic Crusader in daily life. Fr. A. Sebastian conducted the session on Word of God and Krus Veer.

The day was filled with many activities like dance competition, Quiz, and Action Songs. Most Rev. Sebastian Kallupura offered the Mass for the children. Holy Rosary began at shrine with lighted candle, ended at the parish church.





On 27th Sunday, the day began with Morning Prayer at Martinsek Hall. Fr. Rakesh Roshan in his input session spoke the children in simple way about the Eucharist and the importance in our lives. Archbishop offered the Eucharist for the children. In the evening there was the Eucharistic Procession from the Shrine to the Church. In the evening during the cultural program, the prizes were distributed.

At the end of each day we used to have a small evaluation with the animators. It was a way of getting the feedback from the children. The organizers appreciate the sacrifices the animators made, as they have to stay with the children. Thanks to Frs. Stephen, Jesu, Manoj, Alex and his Team of volunteers, thanks to all animators.

Fr. James Shekhar
Coordinator of Archdiocesan Krus Veer





PWPN & EYM IN KERALA

The activities of PWPN and EYM in Kerala are growing in a steady phase. The visit of the National Director Fr Jagdish Parmar to Kerala was indeed a time of grace. The consultation meeting with the Kerala team held at in Lumen Kochi was really encouraging and motivating. Fr Jagdish addressed all the Bishops of Kerala at the KCBC (Kerala Catholic Bishop Conference) held at Pastoral Orientation Centre Palarivattom.

I would like to appreciate and congratulate Fr Xavier Tharamel SJ who took over as the acting Director of PWPN and EYM for 7 months during the absence of the Province Director Fr Shin who was at Tertianship. He visited parishes, seminaries, schools, families etc to propagate PWPN and EYM. During the homily, he used to highlight the necessity of praying for the Church, especially for the intentions of the Holy Father. After the Mass, catechism students are met to distribute the brochures and explain a little more about PWPN and EYM. In the last year he visited 11 parishes, 2 seminaries 2 schools of 6 dioceses of Kerala and covered nearly 3000 plus parishioners including the catechism students. He could very well combine this ministry with the vocation promotion as well. He participated in the national Annual seminar of PWPN & EYM held at De Nobili College Pune in the month of October.

Mr Giby Joseph, the National & Zonal Kerala Laity Coordinator represented in India at the 175th Annual celebrations of PWPN and later on the training programme both held at Rome in June and in the month of January. Besides his International representations, he was also active participant and contributed with his sessions in the different national meetings that held at Darjeeling, (National core team) Pune (annual national meeting) and Bangalore (EYM hand book commission). As a preacher of retreats, he conducted 14 youth retreats, 8 leadership programs, retreat for priests and religious of Odisha and mission at Kenya in Africa in which all the programs, he could give time to introduce PWPN & EYM and promote the spirituality.

We printed 1000 the brochures (small booklets of 8 pages) of PWPN & EYM and distributed at different parishes and schools as part of our promotion. We had also promotion of the Intention of POPE and the pope video by means of digital methods such as whatsapp etc.

Shin Kallungal SJ

THE NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BHOPAL



The archdiocese of Bhopal felt the need of children in the church is indeed building of the future church. Hence His grace most. Rev. Dr. Leo Cornelio SVD renamed holy childhood association into Nannhe Prerit Sangh.

The commission for 'Nannhe Prerit Sangh' of Archdiocese of Bhopal, conducted a training programme for the catechism teachers as well as the parish animators of classes 1- 8th of all the parishes of Bhopal Archdiocese on Sunday 28th July from 3 pm to 5:30 pm at Pastrol centre. There were more than 50 Catechism teachers attended in the training programme.

The main Resource person was Fr. Paul Raj, the director of NPS. He urged them to be the better mentor of the children in your respective parishes and spoke about the history of Nannhe Prerit Sangh in the Bhopal diocese, aims, and goal. Thereafter the commission showed the demo of N.P.S meeting, how it has to be conducted and executed amidst the children.



The commission for 'Nannhe Prerit Sangh' organized three days Retreat for the children in collaboration with Fr. Mathew V.C at St. Joseph Co-ED kindergarten, Arera Colony, Bhopal. The Retreat theme was "Becoming friend of Jesus, Making friends for Jesus". The resource team was the Bhopal Jesus Youth. There were 350 Children participated in the retreat from all the parishes of Bhopal Archdiocese.

The commission of Nanhe Prerith Sangh organized An Annual meet on February 10th. From all the Parishes many children had come to participate in the programme along with their catechism teachers. Program commenced with the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Mathew V C was the main celebrant and it was held in Pastrol centre , Arera colony, Bhopal. Children of some Parishes performed cultural activities after which there was prize distribution. Children and the Animators who actively participated and co-operated with NPS were rewarded by a momentum and gifts. Frs. Michel and Clement were also present to share their happiness with the children. The annual meet ended with the vote of thanks and followed by sumptuous lunch.

The N.P.S commission visited 4 Parishes and one School (Ratanpur, Nehru Nagar, Sevasadan, Idgah hills St. Josephs' Church parish and Campion school parish) Fr. Paul Raj took up the mass during the visits and conducted the N.P.S meeting and gave input session for the children after the Mass.

Hazaribag Krus Veer Convention



From Indore Diocese

Orientation programme held for Christian students

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PORE

Youth and Vocation Commissions of Indore Catholic Diocese Indore organised a seminar for youth at St Paul Primary School campus on Monday. The theme was, 'To firm better citizen for society'.

About 110 students came from different Catholic parishes of Indore like Betma, Dhani, Abow, Narsinh, Nandla Nagar, Padia, Pithampur, Pasha Nagar, Sukhliya, and Vijay Nagar. Fr Alexander Jesudas, the youth director of Arch Diocese of Bhopal, was the



resource person. Fr Sumit Tahir, director of Youth and Vocation Commissions of Indore Catholic Diocese Indore introduced the theme. "Our aim is to provide orientation based on moral and social values for Christian students. They are tomorrow's citi-

zens. Therefore, they need to observe, reflect and take action to spread good and quality values among themselves". Jesudas said youthfulness is to be celebrated and realised by young people. "Only then, we will be able to achieve our dream of new society"

he added. Rajiv Prasad, organising committee member, said he was glad to meet youngsters as he learned things through enrichment and action songs. "This kind of interaction will bear fruits later and build a better society," he said.

One of the participants Ashita Jimmy from Sukhliya parish said it is exciting to learn new things in life. "I learned that I must change my attitude. This will help me to contribute better for society". Another participant Prashant D Jacob said, "This day was very meaningful for me. I have learnt that I need to seek guidance from my parents, teachers, and elders. Many times, I ignore them because I feel I can learn from modern technology. Now, I strongly believe I need their constant support and guidance in my life".

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Jamshedpur Diocese Krus Veer Rally



ANNUAL MEETING OF POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN) AND EUCHARISTIC YOUTH MOVEMENT (EYM)

The Annual meeting of the PWPN/EYM took place at De Nobili College, Pune from 30th Sept. to 3rd Oct. 2019. The first two days' program was a training module for the newcomers and the last 2 days were devoted to the meeting proper.



The First day Program began with a welcome by the National Director of participants who were mainly from 14 Dioceses of India and new Province Coordinators. The Chief Guest was Fr. Bhausahab Sansare, the Rector of the Papal Seminary who gave the keynote address. At the beginning some participants shared what activities were conducted in their Dioceses or Provinces regarding the PWPN/EYM. The sessions, conducted by 3 Frs. Jagdish, Selvaraj and Gerard were informative

as well as meant to make us also the resource persons in our Dioceses and Provinces. On the third day more Province Coordinators came for the meeting in which the international coordinator for EYM, Miss Giulia, gave us guidelines on how to prepare a handbook for the South Asia. Some urgent issues like printing of AP Leaflets and the SOLDIERS OF GOD as well as other formation materials in vernacular, formation of regional teams and preparing training modules were discussed. On the last day we had the privilege of having Fr. George Pattery SJ the Provincial of South Asia who celebrated the Mass and gave the keynote address. Fr. Jagdish read out the Annual Report for 2018-19. Two new proposals came up for future: twinning with like-minded Religious Congregations and Organizations and contacting all magazines, periodicals and Newsletter in India to publish the Intention of the Pope. Fr. Jagdish also informed about the new Bank Account opened in the name of Apostleship of Prayer in Bangalore and a training program in Rome for which 3 persons from South Asia were invited. It was decided to have the next Annual Meeting at ISI Bangalore from 3rd to 6th November 2020.



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Fr. Devikanth Maria Vivek, SDB
Diocese of Shimoga, Karnataka.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

THE HEART OF CHURCH'S MISSION IS PRAYER

Genesis of Jesuit Presence in Sri Lanka

According to Fr. S. G. Perera, a well-known Jesuit Historian in the Church of Sri Lanka, the first arrival of the Jesuits in the country, then known as Ceylon, goes back to the time of St. Francis Xavier. It commenced, first as a part of the Indian Province, in Mannar in 1561, which lasted until 1608, and subsequently, in Colombo in 1610. Later on, The Dutch took possession of the land in 1658 and began persecuting the Catholic Church and all the Catholic priests were Europeans at that time. Hence, they were forced to leave the country. The British defeated the Dutch and conquered Ceylon in 1796 and restored the freedom of the Catholics to practice their religion in 1806.

The second Jesuit era began when in 1893, Pope Leo XIII founded the Papal Seminary in Kandy, Sri Lanka, entrusting its direction and administration to the Society of Jesus and also with the contemporaneous founding of the two dioceses of Trincomalee-Batticaloa and Galle.

The responsibility of administering the two newly founded dioceses was entrusted to the Society of Jesus and the two dioceses were administered by Jesuits of Belgian Province. These two dioceses later exchanged their responsibility with two other provinces of the Society of Jesus, namely, Champaign in France in 1895 and Naples-Italy. Later in 1933, Champaign province handed the responsibility of Trincomalee-Batticaloa Diocese to New-Orleans Province of the USA. The two missions, namely, Naples and New Orleans, were amalgamated into a Vice-Province on 15th August 1962, which eventually, in 1984, became the Jesuit Province of Sri Lanka.

Apostleship of Prayer/Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network- Sri Lanka

The inception of the Apostleship of Prayer in Sri Lanka can be traced back to the 1960s. In desperate search of the pioneer who launched AP, all my hopes were redirected to the archives of Sri Lanka Province. The archives, to my surprise, did not unearth a legendary fire breathing dragon yet a



mortal being in the life of Fr. R. Chiriatti, S.J. who led the AP and promoted the mission. Due to the amalgamation of two missions in 1962, the Apostleship of Prayer got rooted and grounded in the local milieu more than ever, providing a huge scope for evangelization. At present, the work of the apostleship of prayer is mainly done through the publication of the monthly league leaflets in three languages, such as English, Sinhala, and Tamil. The leaflets are published every month regularly and we post it without fail to reach our subscribers a couple of days before the beginning of each month. A leaflet contains:

- The Daily Offering together with the Intentions of the Holy Father for the month.



- The Liturgical Calendar of the month which includes the daily scripture readings.
- Inspirational quotations, a parable or a short story or methods of prayer that help towards meditation.

The confraternity of the Sacred Heart takes a special interest in promoting the Apostleship of Prayer. They regularly pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. The seminarians too take the utmost interest in this apostolate. The sublime venture has been greatly supported by the juniors of the international Juniorate in Sri Lanka. They extend their help in typing and proofreading of the daily scripture readings. Our main mode of action is the publication of the Apostleship Prayer leaflets. We publish them in English, Sinhala, and Tamil.

We distribute around 5000 leaflets every month. The leaflets help the faithful to pray the Morning Prayer (OFFERING) and to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father for the month. It also carries an inspirational story that has been very much appreciated by many subscribers. They say it helps in their reflections and prayer. We also have included in it, the Mass readings of the day which is an asset to those who do not possess a missal. We distribute these leaflets, around 350 addresses and to a small number in Pakistan and other parts of the world where Sri Lankan expatriates dwell.

The Bishops of Sri Lanka immensely encourage this apostolate and the intentions of the Holy Father are published in the ORDO published by the Bishops Conference of Sri Lanka. We also send the intentions to the Catholic Weekly of Sri Lanka together with a short commentary on the intentions. In the future, we hope to publish a booklet with pictures outlining the main features of the Apostleship of Prayer so that we will be able to educate more people in spirituality. Further, we also maintain a web-page and Facebook account for a wide range of reach out. The webpage has attracted many viewers and it has been in the limelight of youth and adults alike. Through this web site, we try to reach out to the faithful who cannot receive the printed format. The prayer intentions are available online and so many do access regularly. Most recently we linked with a Verbum Television station to broadcast the monthly intention of the Holy Father thereby incorporating the Pope video with vernacular subtitles and voice. Secondly, Seth FM radio station has been welcoming us to share the monthly intention about half an hour. Moreover, through Click to Pray we have been able to air the problems, issues and challenges humanity faces in Sri Lanka.

Apostleship of Prayer is the Apostle in Prayer. Thereby, making ‘the heart of the Church’s mission to be, Prayer’. “When Prayer becomes a habit, miracles become a life-style.”

Fr. Sanjeeva Fernando, S.J.

“National Coordinator”

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN)
Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM) Sri Lanka

POPE FRANCIS CELEBRATES 175 YEARS OF HIS WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK AND 10 YEARS OF ITS RECREATION PROCESS

Ignatius Spirituality is at the service of the Church. It is creative and innovative, helping ordinary people to follow God and even to be His missionaries. One of such innovations took place in 1844 in a Jesuit Scholasticate in France and was called APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER. From the beginning the Popes saw immense value in it for the Church and encouraged and supported it. In 2016, Pope Francis renamed it as POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK and in 2018, raised it up as the Pontifical Organization with its Offices in the Vatican.

On the Occasion of its 175th Anniversary, there were grand celebrations, first one being in the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall on 28th June, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with more than 5000 people from 52 delegations in the presence of the Pope and the Father General of the Jesuits, Arturo Sosa. From South Asia



we were 4: National Director of Sri Lanka, Fr. Sanjeeva Fernando SJ, Fr. Selva Selvamanickam from Madurai, former Nation Director for India, Mr. Giby Joseph from Kerala, EYM in charge for India and myself. The Pope emphasized that the heart of the Church's Mission is Prayer and led the gathering into silence and prayer. He also met personally all the Continental Directors including me from the South Asia and also all the National Directors. It was a much graced time for me to shake hands with him, offer him Nepali Traditional Scarf and a brochure of the Movement in India.

The celebration continued at the Basilica of St. John Lateran-Pope's own Cathedral- with a solemn Mass by Fr. Arturo Sosa and concelebrated by all the Continental Directors. Fr. Frederic Fornos, the International Director gave the homily. Next there was a meeting of all National Directors of PWPN and its Youth Branch, EYM in General Congregation Hall of the Jesuits Curia with Father General joining in at the end. In evening the Italian Branch of the EYM had arranged a cultural program at La Sapienza University under the able leadership of Fr. Andrea Piccau, the National Director of EYM, Italy.

Fr. Frederic Fornos SJ emphasized that beyond the founding of the Apostleship of Prayer in 1844-in his words, "an event in our history"-what was celebrated during these two days was the PRESENT of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, after 175 years and 10 years of the recreation process. "Our Birthday leads us to thank the Lord for His faithfulness, to look at the ways He acts today and to open ourselves even more to His Mission of Compassion for the world.



(Just a footnote: 2 Apps were created during the Recreation Process: thepopevideo. India ranked first in April to view this App on YouTube. The second APP is clicktopray, freely downloadable on mobile. Pope himself became its member on 20 Jan. this year publically. Hope all of us in India will emulate the Pope.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.popesprayer.va> and www.175years.org

Jagdish Parmar SJ

National Director, India,

Continental Director, South Asia

PWPN/EYM

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DESK

Dear friends in Christ,

We can give thanks to the Lord for this wonderful year 2019. He has been our light and support. Let us remember to give thanks:

January: We release the new version of Click To Pray 4.0. Pope Francis opens his prayer profile in Click To Pray, which becomes his third social network, and officially the Pope's prayer platform. Click To Pray also becomes the official prayer platform of WYD Panama in six languages.

February: The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is registered in the register of civil juridical persons of the Vatican State, with the number 49. The official logo with the Keys of St. Peter for the international office is approved by the Secretariat of State (February 18).

March: Launch of Click To Pray in traditional Chinese in Taipei, during the Eucharistic Congress, with more than 10,000 Catholics.

June: Celebration of our 175th anniversary at the International Meeting in Rome and a private audience with Pope Francis, which brings together nearly 13,000 people (nearly 6,000 from 32 delegations in the Paul VI Hall and 7,500 via Facebook Live), a Mass at St. John Lateran, a world meeting of directors and coordinators and an EYM gathering.





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A time to give thanks to the Lord for these 10 years of re-creation of the Apostleship of Prayer and to recognise the fruits we are beginning to gather as the Pope's Prayer Network, which includes the EYM. The Pope reminded us that our foundation is this mission of compassion for the world and that prayer is the heart of the Church's mission.

September: production of The Pope Video with the French photographer, director and ecologist, Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

October: We participate in the Vatican, as the Pope's Prayer Network, in the launch of the Extraordinary Missionary Month, together with the Pontifical Missionary Works.

Launch of Click To Pray eRosary, an evangelization project for young people in the high-tech world.

Let us give thanks to the Lord and ask him during this year 2020 to help us deepen the Way of the Heart, the foundation of our mission and the key to re-creation.

P. Frederic Fornos SJ International Director

“God manifests himself in historical revelation, in history. Time initiates processes and space crystalizes them. God is in history, in the processes. We must not focus on occupying the spaces where power is exercised, but rather on starting long-run historical processes. We must initiate processes rather than occupy spaces. God manifests himself in time and is present in the processes of history. This gives priority to actions that give birth to new historical dynamics. And it requires patience, waiting”.Pope Francis



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

ENTRUSTED TO HIS WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2020

January

Prayer intention for evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

February

Universal prayer intention - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

March

Prayer intention for evangelisation - Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

April

Universal prayer intention - Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

May

Prayer intention for evangelisation - For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

June

Prayer intention for evangelisation - The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

July

Universal prayer intention - Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

August

Universal prayer intention - The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

September

Universal prayer intention - Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

October

Prayer intention for evangelisation - The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

November

Universal prayer intention - Artificial Intelligence

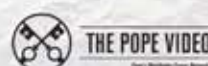
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

December

Prayer intention for evangelisation - For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Vatican, 15th January 2019
Francis



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