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Announcements

Dear Brothers,

Bros. Albert and Navinda

Bros. Albert Anthonysamy (India) and Navinda Fernando (Sri Lanka) have returned to their families in the second week of April 2017. Albert professed his temporary vows on February 16, 2008 and Navinda on February 26, 2011.



I would like to thank Albert and Navinda for being Brothers to us and sharing their lives with us for the past few years. May God be with them as they discern a new path in their lives.

We assure our prayers for them so that they will find strength and courage to accept the challenges of lives. May they have the grace to respond to new opportunities through which they would find meaning in their lives.

Sasmika & Shanaka



Sasmika and Shanaka have completed their postulancy under the guidance of Bros. Noel and Godfrey at the Out Lady's Hermitage, Tudella and have been accepted to the Novitiate by the Provincial Council of South Asia. They will join the International Novitiate, Tudella on 2nd May, 2017. My sincere thanks to both Sasmika and Shanaka for their generosity and Brothers Godfrey and Noel for their support and commitment in guiding the two postulants.

Br. Lazar

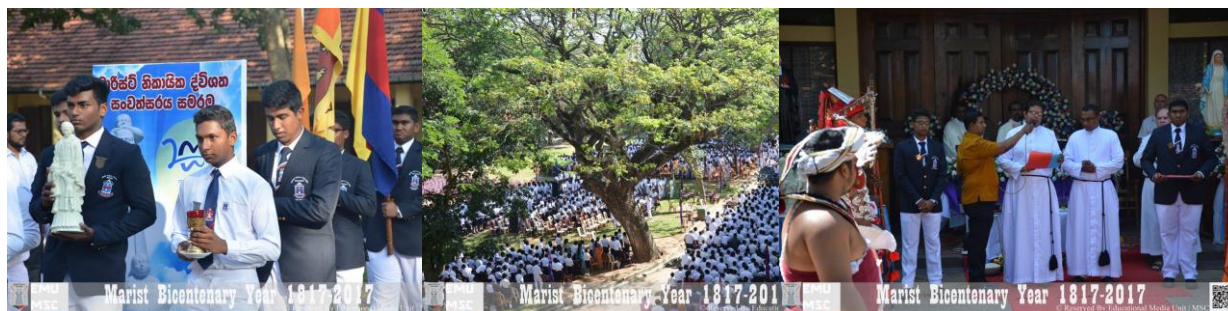
Bro. Lazar who was planning to join the Lavalla 200 program in Rome, will not be able to attend the program due to personal reasons.



Bicentennial Celebrations of the Founding of the Institute of Marist Brothers

A programme to make the students aware of the Bicentennial year of the founding of the Institute of the Marist Brothers congregation was held on 6th March 2017 in Maris Stella College premises. About three thousand students, their teachers and the members of the clerical staff attended the function. Special invitees were the International Novitiate Community from Tudella.

The ceremony started with the Holy Mass offered by Rev. Fr. Maximus from the Archdiocese of Colombo. At the end of the mass, the official document proclaiming the bicentennial year was brought in procession led by the local drummers and dancers and was handed over to Rev. Br. Chinthana Nonis the Principal of Maris Stella College, Negombo and Rev. Br. Roshan Silva, the Principal of Maris Stella College Thimbirigascuttuwa.



Professions at Tudella International Novitiate

On April 8th, 2017, we joyfully celebrated the First Professions of six new Brothers. Their Profession was celebrated in the presence of local and international Brothers and friends, from as far as the Solomon Islands (District of Melanesia Superior, Br Jean-Marie Batick), Australia (Br Ray Arthur visiting from MAPAC), and Thailand (District of Asia Superior, Br Juan Castro).

The main celebrant was Archbishop Pierre Nguyen Van Tot, the Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to Sri Lanka, whose presence added to the solemnity and joy of the occasion.



Our young Brothers are now home in their various countries rejoicing with their families, before heading to MAPAC for their post-Novitiate studies. Blessings on them all!

Renewal of vows



Bro. Jiji Dasan and Bro. Dulaj renewed their commitment for another year on 8th April, 2017, at the International Novitiate, Tudella. We commend their generosity and commitment to Lord's service as Marists.

Community Life Plan

I still have not received Community life plans from some communities, please send them to me as soon as possible together with your community timetable.,

Reminders for Sri Lankan Sector:

Annual Retreat 2017

Dear Brothers please make arrangements to have the following days free for the Province Retreat and Recollections. The retreat will be animated by Br. Teofilo Minga and the recollection in May by Br. Tony Leon.

- Retreat: **13th to 19th of August 2017** at Monte Fano, Ampitiya, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Recollection 2017

- Recollection : Serene Pastures Retreat house, Bolawalana, Negombo
 - (1) 19th to 21st May 2017
 - (2) 10th to 12th November 2017

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY AND JUNE : "Happy Birthday!"

May

02nd, Sesu A. (91) 9994771878
 03rd, Anthony Francis (94) 779797497
 10th, Raj Kumar (91) 9585758874
 17th, Kumarasinghe Perera (94) 718375958
 18th, Johnson Gnanasekara (91) 9994559937
 31st, Jeyaraj M. A. (91) 9944940419

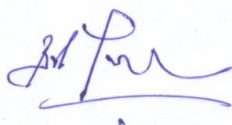
June

16th Sunil Liyanage (92) 3339777340
 16th Shanthi Liyanage (94) 777347702
 16th Savarimuthu (91) 9994951301
 19th Mervyn Perera (94) 718404443
 20th Sudarshana Mohotti (94) 718064440
 22nd Jiji Dhasan (jjidhasan@gmail.com)
 24th Eric Perera (94) 723383136

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR

- Brother Victor Fernando
- Our Senior Brothers.

Blessings and Best wishes,



Brother Mervyn Perera, (Provincial)