



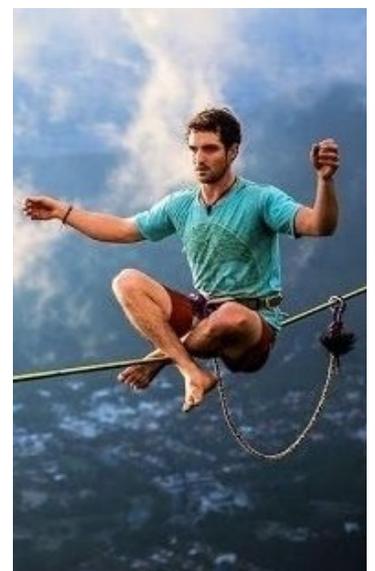
We are afraid to try new things

Learning something new can be daunting. There are reasons why we avoid trying new things. One is that we have fear. We are afraid about what others will think of us if they see us try something and we fail at it. We fear being outside our comfort zone. We are afraid to be free, of change, of commitment, of meeting new people, of authenticity, of growing older and sick, of making decisions, of creativity, of being vulnerable, of death, of talking about death and disability, of being judged by others, of new beginnings, to fail at work. We only fail when we are afraid and stop trying new things. We can never cross the ocean until we have the courage to lose sight of the shore. Nothing will happen unless we take the initiative to do it. Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out



how far one can go. This is what we see in the life of our Foundress. Hence we should always be open to trying new things. The biggest adventure we can take in our life and mission is that we live the life of our dreams, the dreams of our Foundress and the dreams of the poor people. When we live these dreams, we build newness on Christ.

(Adapted from an Unknown Author)



BE BORN IN ME

Every human being is created to be the locus where good values are born and which generate life in the world.

So he/she functions as a co-creator, sharing in the generative function of God.

Every Christian is programmed and called to be the locus for Jesus to be born thus he gives space for Jesus to continue his life giving function and thus he/she shares in the Motherhood of Mary.

As a Marist how can I reinforce this function of sharing in the motherhood of Mary?

Being a Marist also means that I become a permanent locus for Jesus to be born.

It is not easy when I am confronted with negative feelings such as suspicion, jealousy, envy, anger, hatred, frustrations towards my sisters and brothers. **I tend to react with negative energy that aborts the birth of Jesus in me and around me.**

Lord help me... Good Mother and Father Champagnat intercede for me that I may become a locus where Jesus will be born again and again.

When I am suspicious of persons and invest my energy going behind them leaving my mission given by you at

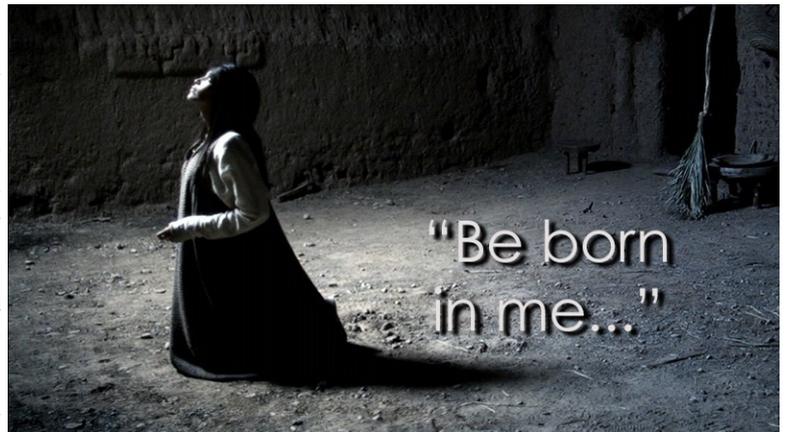
stake, **BE BORN IN ME** giving me PEACE and helping me to be at PEACE even to those whom I suspect.

When I am jealous of someone and seek for ways to spoil his/her good name not becoming aware of the harm that I do to him/her and to myself, **BE BORN IN ME** so that I may see you in him/her and in me work for the good of all.

When I envy someone and keep on underestimating me, **BE BORN IN ME** so that I may learn to respect him/her and respect myself thus recognizing that each one of us have two special missions in God's Kingdom

When I am angry and want to express my feeling in a destructive way, **BE BORN IN ME** so that with you I may express it in a constructive way.

When I live with prolonged hatred allowing this to be cancerous, destroying every fiber of my life, **BE BORN IN ME** so that I may learn from you how



to forgive and be a new creature with energy to love and be compassionate and thus be life giving.

When I am frustrated and seek false consolations which drains life out of me and brings me to the thresh hold of death, **BE BORN IN ME** so that I may **hold on to you and embrace you** experiencing the **NEW LIFE, MEANING AND ENERGY** that you brings in to my life and to **SEE THE WORLD WITH YOUR EYES.**

It is only by allowing you to **BE BORN IN ME** that I realized how **BLESSED I AM...** and how **HAPPY I AM...** and my response to your ever flowing grace makes this experience renewed always.

(Article by Bro. Nicholas Fernando)

Bro. Remigius Fernando

We thank Brother Remigius Fernando sincerely for his wholehearted contribution as the Principal of the Sargodha Catholic School, Pakistan. He has done much to improve the quality of education and infrastructure in the school during the past years. May the Good Lord bless his future undertakings and bring happiness and peace to his life as a Marist Brother. Brother Remigius Fer-

nando will join the Peshawar Community in Pakistan and will take a well deserved break

before he takes up his new assignment.



Mrs. Kalidha



Mrs. Kalidha has been appointed as the principal of Sargodha Catholic School, Pakistan with effect from 21st August 2018. Congratulations! Mrs. Kalidha is not a stranger to Sargodha Catholic High and to the Brothers who have served at Sargodha Catholic High School in the previous years . We thank Mrs. Kalidha for her generosity in accepting the new leadership role at Sargodha Catholic School, Pakistan. We wish her God's abundant blessings!



Vocation Drive at Kalpitiya

A Vocation Drive was held for religious groups in general organized by the parish of Kalpitiya. Our Brothers participated in the drive held on 25th to 26th August 2018.

Thanks to Brothers who sacrificed their weekend for this important task of sharing our vocation. We thank in

particular for Brothers Lal and Ephrem for their hospitality.



Annual Retreat

Our annual retreat for 2018 was an important event for the Province. It was held at Serene Pasture Retreat house, Bolawalana from 3rd to 10th August. Thirty-seven Brothers participated. Bro. Emili Turu, former Superior General guided it with an emphasis on contemplation. It was a fruitful and sacred time for the participants.



Golden and Silver Jubilees



The Province celebrated the 50th anniversary of religious life of the Brothers Francis Anthony, Sunil Liyanage and Shanthi Liyanage. Bros. Hadayat Meherdeen, Roshan Silva and Benedict Wijesuriya celebrated their 25th Anniversary.

the jubilarians, well wishes and Brothers were present. A felicitation ceremony was held followed by a festive lunch.

We are grateful for the organizing committee headed by Bro. Chinthana Nonis for the the arrangements done for the days programme.



Rev. Fathers, Vincent Wijesuriya, Clifford Perera O.P. and Srinath Fernando were the celebrants at the Eucharist held at Maris Stella College, Thimbirigaskatuwa. A large crowd consisting of family members of



Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic was an event that the Brothers looked forward to. This year's venue was Wyanwatte at Bandaragama; a secluded place with a swimming pool and culinary facilities. It was a cool and green coconut estate on a hilly

area with lots of fresh air. The Brothers enjoyed the swim and had lots of fun strengthening their family spirit. A sumptuous lunch brought the event to a close. Many thanks to the organizers.



The cricket carnival of St. Joseph's College



The cricket carnival of St. Joseph's college Nugegoda was held on the 11th & 12th of August at Sastralaya ground at Pitakotte. The chief guest was Rev. Bro. Sunanda Alwis, the Principal of the College. It was organized by Bro. Dulaj Fernando and Mr. Roshan (master-in-charge of cricket) with the assistance of the parents.

Bro. Dulaj Fernando



Marist Lay Groups

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Peiris S.J. addressed the Lay Marist Association (Negombo and Nugegoda) on 28th of August 2018 at 'Thulana' center in Kalaniya on the topic of 'Mary in the Asian context'. A few brothers were also present.

Fr. Aloy spoke on spirituality and its true meaning. He dealt on several themes: the Sacramental Theory, Sacrificial Love, main

qualities of Mother Mary such as Virginity, Motherhood, and Discipleship. He reminded the gathering that as Christians we are invited not to worship Mary but to follow her example in our day to day lives. He also invited the participants to take the task of giving the children a true Marian education.

Mr. Jude Fernando



Cluster retreats for Marist District of Asia

Sharing our resources with the Marist world in general we are happy to render the service of Bro. Michael de Waas as a resource person in animating the Cluster retreat for Brothers working in the Marist District of Asia. The retreat was held for 17th Brothers gathered at the Jesuit retreat center (Mindol Melta Karuna) at Siem Reap, Cambodia. The retreat was held from 15th to 19th August.

Mike is scheduled to animate yet another retreat for MDA

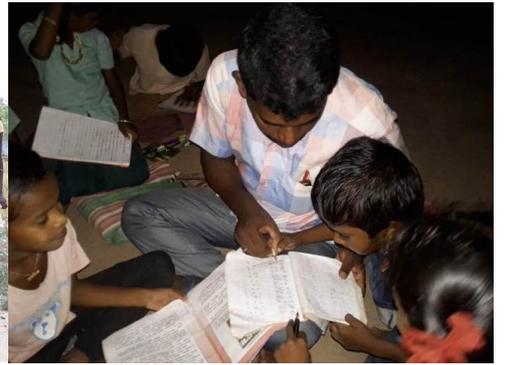
Brothers in Kolkata from October 16th to 23rd 2018.

We appreciate Mike's generosity in his willingness to serve the Marist world in global situations.



Marist news from Indian sector

La Valla Evening Study Centers were re-opened on the 6th June. There are 368 children attending the classes every day in 13 centers guided by 15 teachers.



Marcellin Club members celebrated the birthday of our founder St. Marcellin with Bro. Mervyn (Provincial) on May 22nd. A seminar was conducted on the same day.



Rainbow Family went out on a Picnic to Mkkombu on July 22nd. Both, children and parents, enjoyed the day with some games and fun.

Rainbow monthly meeting was held on August 19th with its clients. Miss. Joy and Shabana were invited to give talks and conduct a workshop on "We are united as one family". It was a helpful topic for the parents as well as children to understand about family life and its social challenges.



Three Candidates from West Bengal (Marist District of Asia) arrived in Trichy on August 22nd accompanied by Bro. Jose Maria to begin their Aspirancy program.



Bro. Saul Placius

Meeting in Sydney, Australia

The Meeting of Finance Administrators and Regional Bursars of Asia & Oceania was held 30th and 31st of August, at the Australia Province Administrative office in Sydney. The meeting was attended by Bursars from District of Asia, South Asia, District of Melanesia, District of Pacific and Province of Australia.

The objective was to develop regional relationships and lines of communication for the collective development of one another, among Administrative units and to support each other as Bursars and finance Managers.

During the meeting we discussed and shared our reflections in relation to each administrative units on the Chapter call "How We Manage and use our resources". Together we shared our views on the Vatican Docu-

ment "Economy at the service of the Charism and Mission", issued by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated life.

Meeting in Philippines

The meeting held at the Notre Dame of Dadiangas University, Business school from 7th to 9th September was to prepare the final arrangements for the training program of Bursars/Finance managers of Africa, Asia and Pacific regions. The meeting was attended by Br. Libardo, the General Bursar, Br. Francisco from Africa and Myself together with Mrs. Alfie, the Head of the Business School of the University and her team. This was the follow up of the meeting held in Curitiba, Brazil. During the meeting we finalized the course content and other logistics involved.

The planned one month training

program will be held from the end of April to the End of May 2019 at the NDD University, General Santos, Philippines.

We are thankful to Br. Pat Corpus the President of the University for his Support and cooperation.

Bro. Devasiri Fernando



I will be leaving for India for the Council Meeting and community visitation, from 13th to 24th September 2018. Bro. Devasiri Fernando will see to the affairs of the Province in my absence.

Blessings and Best wishes,

Brother Mervyn Perera,
Provincial



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Happy Birthday

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