



LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The India Mission closes out the year 2006 with a flurry of activity in the priory, hostel, orphanage, academy, and circuit chapels. Certainly we can say that God rains down His graces with superabundance upon this parched land. Simultaneous with torrential downpours this monsoon season (with record-breaking levels of rain), the souls entrusted to our care have made great progress by a generous outpouring of divine favors. The months of September and October were witness to the long awaited visit of the Italian nuns from "Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart", a small but vibrant traditional religious community who made great sacrifices to come and spend some time with the ladies of the orphanage who desire to consecrate their souls to the Eternal Bridegroom. The first of November finished with a simple but moving "Lives of the Saints" production by the Veritas Academy children (thanks to many hours of behind the scenes labor from the teachers and staff). The orphanage also finished their purchase of a beautiful five acres of land some seven kilometers down the road from the Most Holy Trinity Priory. The feast of the Immaculate Conception was splendidly celebrated with a High Mass followed by a picnic outing. The construction of St. Thomas Church in Nagercoil is nearing its completion, to the great joy of the long-suffering parishioners in Ramanputhor. As you will see in the following pages which overflow with photographs, the India Mission continues its noble attempt to infuse the Catholicism into the lifeblood of India. As always, the priests and faithful of the India Mission shall not forget all of our dear readers in our prayers, especially in the joyous season of the Nativity of Our Lord.

In Maria, Fr. Patrick Summers



Above: The children, staff and the Italian sisters pray at the site of martyrdom of Devasahayam (Lazarus) Pillai, one of the first native martyrs in south Tamil Nadu. He was killed by the local Hindu king in 1752 when he was 40 years old.

Consoling Sisters of the Sacred

The foundress of the Nav Jeevan orphanage and her assistant spent several weeks in early summer of 2005 and late November (respectively) in Italy visiting a lesser known traditional order of nuns by the name of “*Instituto Suore Consolatrici del Sacro Cuore di Gesu.*” Having seen the life of these nuns, both Miss Swarna and Miss Swarupa agreed that they would like to join this order of sisters. Where does this order of sisters originate and what is their history? They were founded in 1961 by a Passionist priest by the name of Father Basilio Rosati. The primary ends of the order are: to console the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to sanctify their own souls, to pray for priests, to help with religious instruction, to care for the elderly and also to help in schools. After a long life of holiness and zeal, Fr. Basilio was nearing his death in 1996 and he called upon the SSPX in the person of Fr. Emmanuel du Chalard to take charge of the sisters and to be their spiritual guide.

Obviously, the work of the orphanage and old age home in India can easily dovetail with the work of the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Therefore, on August 21st three sisters from the order traveled to south India along with their chaplain, Fr. Emmanuel du Chalard. Only two of the four visitors spoke Eng-

spoke English fluently and thus the priests of the Indian Mission, the sisters, the chaplain and the orphanage ladies all communicated with a mixture of hand signals, facial expressions, kitchen English, French, Italian and Latin. Fr. Emmanuel was only able to stay for two weeks but the three sisters were able to spend two months living at the orphanage. The main purpose of this privileged visit was in order to get a grasp on the situation, to obtain good information “on - location”, and to make possible plans for the future with the ladies of the orphanage. Altogether there are five women presently living at the orphanage waiting to go to the convent and several other young ladies are anxiously awaiting the day of their entrance. The Consoling Sisters helped the ladies to set up a daily schedule of prayer, work, and recreation. The sight of religious habits (white, of course) walking around, talking, singing and full of joy truly lit up the eyes of all the children and the parishioners. It has been many years since the south Indians have seen nuns in true religious garb since most now wear secular dress.

The nuns and Fr. Emmanuel were happy with all that they witnessed and plans to set up another house in south India are currently being drawn up.

After experiencing the magnificent driving



Left: Don Emmanuel with Srs. Maria and Rita in the priory atrium. Truly there was a generational “gap” between Fr. Summers and Don Emmanuel: the latter was ordained the same year the former was born!
Right: Sr. Louisella enjoys the Indian Sari.



Heart Visit the India Mission

customs of India, the priest and nuns admitted that they could not complain anymore about Naples or Rome. They were pleased to see the conservative morals and hardiness which still hold place in rural south India and they recognize that true religious life requires those same predispositions which still exist here.

The sisters also visited several mission chapels to give talks to the parishioners on the religious life and to describe the daily schedule of a nun, especially in their institute.



***Above:** Many tears were shed at the departure of the nuns. All the adults noticed a remarkable change for the better in the girls after two months of cohabitation with the sisters. **Below:** Preparing future religious, Sr. Rita shows the girls the most beautiful clothing in the world...the wedding dress of those who have married the King of Kings, Our Lord Jesus Christ.*



His Excellency Bishop Williamson

The coming of a bishop in India is a rare event for the Society's mission here, but this year we were gratified with two visits, one of His Excellency Bishop Tissier de Mallerais in late December 2006 and more recently of His Excellency Bishop Williamson this last September.

Bishop Williamson arrived into Bombay International airport Friday afternoon on September 15th after a tiring flight from Europe. Fr. Francois Chazal and Fr. Summers were anxiously waiting to meet him at the terminal since both priests had been under the bishop when he was Rector at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, USA. Thanks to the generosity of some of the faithful, His Excellency was provided with a car for the three days he would spend in the sprawling metropolis. The first task was to find a good local restaurant to give the bishop a sample of the tasty Indian fare. Fr. Chazal knew of a good "Gujarati" diner which provided a unique and delectable lunch. After the spices and sauces had been sampled, the bishop and two escorting priests decided to see some of the interesting sights of the locality. Fr. Chazal guided them into the labyrinth mazes of the Dadar train station market. To the great amusement of Bishop Williamson, Fr. Chazal forged ahead into the small lanes teeming with buyers and sellers of all possible descriptions. The sights, sounds and smells of the Dadar market finished, the trio made their way to the suburb of Malaad where an apartment was furnished for the hosting of the bishop. The next day (Saturday) would be confirmations in the morning in a rented hall in the suburb of Bandra and it was necessary that His Excellency obtain his much needed rest.

The rented hall was packed with nearly 130 people who came from all parts of Bombay to attend the ceremony of Confirmations and the Sung Mass. On a small table in front of all those present the bishop first consecrated a new chalice for the mission station so that all could see this ceremony which is almost unknown to the faithful. The singing of the "*Veni Creator Spiritus*" began the ritual for the sacrament of Confirmation. One by one, more than 40 parishioners of all ages came forward to receive the graces and indelible mark of this powerful sacrament.

In his sermon, the Bishop asked the faithful to avoid the evil influence of the corrupted West and to give to the Church Catholic families with the amount of children God wants them to have. His Excellency also said they should live without all the electronic gadgets that bring insanity and disruption, and to have a clear definition of the respective role of the father, mother and children. The bishop used very strong words against the destructive influence of television in the Catholic families and urged the Indian woman to remain the example of femininity that she still is in most parts of India.

Similar to Bishop Tissier de Mallerais on his visit seven months before, the patience of Bishop Williamson was



Above: Bishop Williamson performs the consecration of a chalice for the circuit chapel of Bandra (Bombay). His Excellency was happy to explain this ceremony to the faithful and give them the rare opportunity to witness the transformation of a material object into a sacred thing used only for the worship of God.

quite impressive, always finding time to speak to people, to spend time for the photographs, to wait and keep smiling in the heat.

After the socializing and photographs were finished, the two priests and the bishop climbed into their car and headed north for a visit to Vasai. Specifically, they were going to visit a fishing village and old Portuguese fort where the traditional Mass is still said on occasion by Fr. Chazal. There all three visited the orphanage of a friend, the remains of the fort which was filled with churches and convents in ruins, and finally the fishing village nearby. He was most impressed by the seriousness of the work of the Portuguese there and the history of the place. In the local fishing village he was able to see for himself that there are still places where men and women can live in a natural and normal circumstances even though the rest of the world is spiraling ever downwards in a technological dreamworld.

Mid-morning on Sunday, the bishop and Fr Summers left by plane for the city of Chennai. Here Bishop Williamson was to give a sung Mass to the hardy people of this capital city of Tamil Nadu. After a light lunch nearby the airport, some good parishioners escorted the bishop and Father Summers to see the holy places in and around Chennai. First they visited and prayed at St. Thomas Mount, the place of the martyrdom of the Apostle St. Thomas. On this mount is the rock which was stained by the blood of St. Thomas when he was speared by the enemies of the faith. Next to be seen was the famous St. Thomas Cathedral which was built over the burial place of the great Apostle. There are still some remnants of his body there, but the greater part were taken to Europe many years ago. Ever mindful of the time, Fr. Summers got the group moving to the location for Mass.

Visits India After More Than 20 Years

Thanks to the kindness of the correspondent of St. Anthony's school, an entire floor of the school was prepared for the Mass of the Bishop. However, only a short walking distance down the street was the famous cave of St. Thomas. In this cave there is a miraculous water well which has always provided drinking water, even when all other wells fail. This cave was the intermittent home of St. Thomas when he was being persecuted by the local ruler. Almost 1500 years later the great Apostle of the Indies, St Francis Xavier spent time in the local area and was known to pray throughout the night in this cave. Bishop Williamson was very edified by these pilgrimage places which were almost unknown to him before his visit.

During the Holy Mass, Bishop Williamson thundered against the corruption and immorality which was being imported into the once conservative land of the Tamils. After Mass the group proceeded to a meal which would prove to have some unwelcome effects. The next morning the two priests were ready to escort the bishop by plane down to the priory to perform confirmations there for the Orphanage. However, exhausted by the flights and miscellaneous travel His Excellency was immobilized that night and the next day by a stomach flu. His flight was cancelled and the ceremony in Palayamkottai was rescheduled 36 hours later to give him time to rest and recover. Tuesday morning saw the bishop recovering and ready to make the short flight down to the priory and to give Confirmation to 37 people. Unfortunately the confirmations circuit called for him to continue on to the Philippines the evening of the next day and therefore his visit to the priory was a short but pleasant one.

Right:

Fr. Francois Chazal enjoys a cup of tea with His Excellency. The fathers and the bishop visited a very conservative fishing village north of Bombay and met with the chief to discuss the local Portuguese churches. There are a good number of historic churches built by the Portuguese missionaries and one was even commissioned by St. Francis Xavier himself. The village was a restful finish to a day of sightseeing. The bishop was happy to see that there was little or no technology prevalent in the village to disrupt the normal and natural flow of their lives centered around their families and fishing and not around machines.



Above: Bishop Williamson poses with the largest family in Tradition in India. His Excellency made clear that God rewards those parents of generous wills who allow God to work in their marriage.

His Excellency was always eager to know more about the country and customs of India, once the jewel in the crown of the British Empire. The British Raj certainly left its marks (for good and for evil) all across India and these buildings, railways, roads, and administration were pointed out to the bishop. Certainly the arrival of this "Britisher" into his former colony was not for the advancement of the English empire, but solely for the advancement of another kingdom, not of this world.



Various Events and Activities in

CHILDREN OF THE SAINTS: ALL SAINTS DAY PROGRAM



Above (clockwise): St. Francis of Assisi is overjoyed because he enjoys the Beatific Vision in heaven; **St. Teresa the Little Flower** is overjoyed to teach her “Little Way” to the little children; **St. Philomena** certainly possesses the simplicity of the dove as she gives her presentation to the priests and faithful.; **St. Maria Goretti** emphasizes the necessity of purity in a world which worships the flesh.; **St. Rita of Cascia** truly desires to share in the sufferings of her Lord and Savior, but perhaps one thorn is enough; **St. Louis de Montfort** explains his love of the Cross and the devotion to the Virgin Mary. ; **St. John Bosco** made clear his desire, “O God, help me to save the souls of these boys!”. **St. Clare** explains her well known devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament.



the Life of the India Mission



Left: Of course, St. Catherine Laboure desires to spread the beautiful devotion to the Immaculate Conception of the Most Holy Virgin Mary. Her intense prayer life and long - suffering attention to her duties of state are a continual source of motivation to all those who wear the "Miraculous Medal".
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

Below: Fr. Valan crosses the "Brown Sea" in an attempt to enter the priory church. Due to copious rains this year and poor drainage, the priory compound became a veritable lake, complete with frogs, cranes, kingfishers, crabs and small fish. Fr. Valan is the editor of the monthly Tamil journal named "Salve Regina" which helps to fill the void of good Catholic press which exists here.



Left: St. Anthony of Padua reminds us of his many miracles. **Right:** The schoolchildren and the ladies of the orphanage attend the blessing of the new land. **Below Left:** A scene from the presentation, "The Life of St. Vincent de Paul". This particular dramatization was very convenient since it required both nuns and priests to act the multiple parts. The children of Veritas Academy were patiently coached over several weeks by the zealous nuns from Italy. Everyone was amazed by the intricate costumes and professional interest which the children and the sisters put into the production. **Below Right:** It seemed fitting that a girl baptized "Anne - Sophie" present the life of St. Joan of Arc.



New Property of the Nav Jeevan Orphanage!

Below: The children, staff and the priests spent an enjoyable afternoon on the great feast day of December the Eighth. After Mass was finished, dress clothes were changed for play clothes and all concerned headed out to the new land of the Nav Jeevan Orphanage. There, amidst banana, palm, guava and mango trees the children spent several hours occupying themselves with various games. A scrumptious picnic lunch of lemon rice and eggs followed the games and then it was time to return to the priory and orphanage for Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. During the Mass of the Immaculate Conception the children and faithful were also fortunate to witness the three year engagement renewal of Fr. Valan Rajakumar into the Society of Saint Pius the Tenth.



Left: Miss Mary-Rose recharges her energy levels by eating an almost ripe Guava fruit (*Psidium guajava* L). Due to its size (5 acres) it can hold all the children and aged and still have room for the planned convent/orphanage/ aged home in the future.



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