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"If you wish to be
perfect, go, sell your
possessions, and give
the money[a] to the
poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me"
(Mt 19,21)*

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**APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
IN INDIA**

« THE MOST REVEREND ALLWYN D'SILVA
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HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SENDS CORDIAL GREETINGS TO ALL GATHERED IN GOA FOR THE "REFORM TO REINTEGRATE" CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY PRISON MINISTRY INDIA. IN A CONTEXT IN WHICH INCARCERATED PERSONS FREQUENTLY EXPERIENCE INDIFFERENCE AND REJECTION, HE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE WITNESS OF THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE FOR THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL WELL-BEING AND DIGNITY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH EQUITY, COMPASSION AND FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY, FOR TO SERVE THOSE IN PRISON IS TO SERVE JESUS HIMSELF (CF. MT 25:40). HIS HOLINESS LIKEWISE HOPES THAT THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WILL RENEW THE ZEAL OF ALL INVOLVED IN PRISON MINISTRY TO WORK FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE IMPRISONED, AS WELL AS FOR THEIR EVENTUAL REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY. UPON THOSE TAKING PART IN THIS EVENT, THE HOLY FATHER INVOKES ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS OF WISDOM, STRENGTH AND PEACE.

**CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE »**



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IN INDIA

MESSAGE OF THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO



Dear participants of the 13th National Conference of Prison Ministry India,

I am pleased to present you this message on the occasion of the 13th National Conference of Prison Ministry India, to be held at the St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre in Old Goa from 15 to 18 November 2022.

You have chosen a very appropriate theme for this event, namely, *Reform to Reintegrate*, which focuses on the rehabilitation of the prisoners, by reforming them and also helping them to reintegrate themselves in society. The Doha Declaration which was made at the conclusion of the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Doha in April 2015, highlighted the usefulness of supporting the rehabilitation and social reintegration of prisoners into the community.

Pope Francis in his Address to participants at an international meeting for regional and national chaplains responsible for prison pastoral care, expressed that “the situation in prisons continues to be a reflection of our social reality and a consequence of our selfishness and indifference summarized in a throwaway culture...True social integration begins by guaranteeing opportunities for development, education, decent work, access to health, as well as generating public spaces for civic participation. Today, in particular, our societies are called to overcome the stigmatization of those who have made a mistake” (Pope Francis, 8 November 2019).

I was glad to learn that Prison Ministry India has launched more than 25 rehabilitation centres and homes for prisoners’ children in India and also many projects for the reintegration of prisoners, such as prisoners’ releasing schemes, employment schemes for released prisoners, and hostels for prisoners’ children. I acknowledge the zeal and dedication of the 8,000 Prison Ministry of India volunteers, comprising of Bishops, priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful, who visit the 1,350 prisons in India, and are working for the release and rehabilitation of prisoners, as well as their reintegration in society.

The Letter to the Hebrews urges us to remember those who are in prison as though we were in prison with them (cf. Heb 13:3). May St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Patron of Prison Ministry India inspire you to seek new ways of caring for prisoners, and rehabilitating them and reintegrating them in society. And may this National Conference bear much fruit.

Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli
Apostolic Nuncio

13th PMI National Convention: Reform to Reintegrate: Keynote Address



Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva


As Church, we have always strived to reach out to and accompany the “least of these”— the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the prisoner (cf. Matthew 25:31-40). They are the people on the periphery, those we find very easy to discard, to close our hearts to. After all, they have very little agency and it is convenient to not listen to their anguish. If we turn to statistics and figures, this becomes even easier to do. Yesterday on 15th November 2022, the global population was projected to reach 8 billion people, less than 0.15% of whom are incarcerated. In our country of around 140 crores, under 6 lakhs are in jail. That works out to be less than 0.04% of India’s population.

But, my dear friends, numbers do not feel. The despair, the hopelessness, the helplessness, the agony, the pain, the suffering, the legal and judicial hassles, the ordeals of the prisoners and their loved ones – how can we quantify that? Even so, numbers do not lie. As we in Prison Ministry India have seen first-hand, our jails are overcrowded with an occupancy rate of 130%. For every ten prisoners, only two have been convicted. Only five other countries in the world have a higher share of pre-trial detainees in prison than India (Liechtenstein, San Marino, Haiti, Gabon and Bangladesh). Guilty or not, imprisonment is traumatic and damaging to the human body, soul and spirit. When finally released, how we do live

with dignity? How can we minister to and enable them to live with dignity?

As we commence this 13th National Convention of Prison Ministry India, let us delve a little into its theme Reform to Reintegrate. This theme is taken from a speech Pope Francis made back on 8th November 2019 at an International Meeting for Regional and National Managers of Prison Pastoral Care organised by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The Holy Father urged for a change in the outlook and approach in treating prisoners who, he said, must be offered equal opportunities for reform, development and reintegration. Often, the persons leaving prison face a world which does not recognise them as trustworthy, and they are denied the possibility of dignified work. Now, as we all know, we are accustomed to discarding such people. Which school principal, for example, would hire a known murderer no matter how brilliant a teacher? Or which parent would want such a teacher around their impressionable children?

Thus prevented from regaining the full exercise of their dignity, the Holy Father points out that they are once again exposed to the dangers of the lack of development



opportunities. Having already served their prison sentences, they should not be subject to a new social punishment with rejection and indifference. Such aversion places criminals at risk of falling back on the same mistakes, while the vulnerability of the innocent or falsely convicted remains. On the contrary, Pope Francis said that real social reintegration, starts by guaranteeing opportunities for development, education, decent work, access to healthcare, as well as generating public spaces for civic participation. Much, much easier said than done.

Through the grace of God, at Prison Ministry India (PMI) we have already made some headway into this challenge. Our eight-fold path for prisoners comprises outreach, reformation, reconciliation, repentance, release, rehabilitation, reintegration and redemption. For this reforming and redeeming methodology, we start and end with God. It was the Blessed Sacrament that gave the original impetus to the Prison Ministry movement in India. Today, PMI has more than 8000 volunteers who reach out to those in India's 1306 prisons. Prior to their visits, they pray and fast at times, while seeking the same from many others. They offer masses, Eucharistic adorations, make intercessory prayers, recite rosaries and Divine Mercy chaplets for fruitfulness of our PMI ventures of leading prisoners to repentance, reconciliation and reformation. Let us not forget that repentance and reconciliation are acts of grace and spiritual warfare for overcoming our worldly challenges and struggles. May we all take heart in the words of the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:37, "For nothing will be impossible with God."



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And what does God desire but the redemption of the lost? Jesus came not merely to seek and liberate prisoners from their bondages and dungeons but also to redeem them. As PMI volunteers, we strongly believe that that no one is beyond transformation. Therefore, our PMI works find their summit in redemption. Christ our Redeemer has taught us that no one is beyond redemption as he assured paradise to the 'good thief' while being crucified (cf. Luke 23:42-43). God chooses the filthiest and most desolate places to carry out redemption, thirsting for the for the souls behind dark prison cells. Behind the walls of maximum-security prisons, hard-core criminals are being transformed into messengers of hope; those who have given up on themselves are reassured that God has not given up on them. The mainstream society may be averse to them, but PMI is ever ready to accompany them and facilitate their repentance, reconciliation, reformation, and reintegration. May the least of these sisters and brothers of ours see the face of Christ in every PMI volunteer.

Fortified with the spiritual, let us turn to the material aspects. We will hear more about our mission and concrete actions during the convention, so I will not talk much about our work now. As we are aware, PMI has many homes to rehabilitate released prisoners, both for men, women, children and juveniles. We also have many homes for prisoners' children, both for boys and girls in different states, and are always ready to welcome more children in need. PMI also assists released prisoners with their reintegration. We facilitate this with job, marriage, family settlements, and even




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assisting them in constructing their houses. Like Mathew Albin, thousands of released prisoners have been reintegrated into the mainstream of society.

My dear friends, let us never falter in our ministry for our brethren behind bars. May we continue our prayers, visits to prisons, PMI rehabilitation centres and homes for prisoners' children. Let us generously support Prison Ministry India financially for the integral human development, rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners.

Before I conclude, in my role as its Adjunct Secretary, permit me to share a little about the General Conference of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences held on occasion of the FABC's golden jubilee from 12th to 30th October in Bangkok. Just as the PMI accompanies the prisoners, the theme of FABC 50 was Journeying together as Peoples of Asia. The seventeen Episcopal Conferences and two Synods of Oriental Churches that comprise the FABC sought to reaffirm our journey of the past fifty years, revitalise the Church in Asia, and envision new pathways of service.

We acknowledged the challenges of the different voices crying out help and justice: the poor, deprived, and marginalised; the refugees, migrants, displaced and indigenous peoples; the cry of the earth pleading for more adequate care; the youth seeking for more significant roles; the women asking for a more inclusive Church that respects their dignity and recognises their rightful place; and families looking for better stability and more support. The Bishops are also deeply concerned about: suffering churches that need to receive relief; the rising voices of extremism; the urgent need for inculcating



in society a greater respect for life; the escalating violence and conflicts that call for dialogue and reconciliation; and the digital revolution, which has impacted all both positively and negatively.

Just as in the PMI, at FABC 50 we turn to prayer and collaboration, relying on the power of love, compassion, justice, and forgiveness to fructify our desire to respond to these challenges; peace and reconciliation being the only way forward. We have envisaged new pathways for our ministry based on the Gospel, the recent teachings of Pope Francis, mutual listening and genuine discernment. We commit ourselves to reach out to the peripheries, to serve the most needy joyfully. We are called to a pastoral and ecological conversion to positively respond to "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." Genuine dialogue; promoting a culture of peace and harmony with neighbouring religions and traditions; bridge-building with governments, NGOs, and civic organisations on issues of human rights, eradication of poverty, human trafficking, care of the earth, and other common concerns; fostering a culture of "reciprocal listening"; and improving the way we form ourselves in faith and accompany our families and communities, especially those in difficulty are the new pathways we envisaged. I have shared all this as from the official FABC 50 message, and encourage you to read the whole document. On behalf of the Organising Committee, I thank you for all your prayers during these kairos moments of the Church in Asia.

To our PMI journey of loving service to the incarcerated, may we also journey together on these new pathways at the service of the human family and all creation.

Thank you very much.

All Saints Day, All Souls Day and 13th National Convention

All Saints Day

The life of the blessed in heaven is a mystery which we cannot fully appreciate. The vision of God, “seeing him as he is,” is not given to any man in this world. “No man has ever seen God” (1 Jn 4:12). St Paul says, “Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Cor 2:9). Christ himself welcomes the blessed into the joys of heaven. “Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Mt 25:34). On the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate the joy of all those who have gone before us to inherit the kingdom of the Father. These are men and women from all over the world, people just like us, who remained faithful to God and trusted in his promises. Some of them led lives of extraordinary sanctity. A few of these the Church recognizes as canonized saints so that they can be special examples to the rest of us so that we can be encouraged pray to them for their help. But most of them lived and died with no recognition from anyone but God whom they worshipped in the purity of their hearts. “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God” (Mt 5:8). Dear volunteers, let us refine the image of God within us, striving toward saintliness, merging into the likeness of Christ. Let’s pray to the PMI patrons like St Maximillian Kolbe and venerable Van Thuan for the sanctification and redemption of our brethren behind bars.

All Souls Day

The choice of November 2nd as the day to commemorate the departed members of all Cluniarch monasteries was introduced by Abbot Odillo of Cluny in the year 998. All the Scripture texts in the Mass on “All souls day” are based on Christ’s resurrection. Nobody has come back from the grave and communicated to us what happened to him/her after death. Only Jesus Christ came back to us from the grave. But he came back to us as the Risen Lord, as the first born of all creation. Through faith and grace a person belongs to the mystical body of Christ and so every person shares in the glorious resurrection of Christ. The one who constantly remembers that he/she has to pass

EDITOR'S VIEW




Sr Amala DC
Chief Editor

from this life to the next life will certainly live well. We know that we must one day die but this thought should not be an abstract thought. It should become a part of our life. Only then our lives would become meaningful and earnest. Let us pray to our heavenly Father for our departed brothers and sisters, very specially for those souls who were behind bars and the souls of PMI volunteers so that He may take them into His kingdom and transform them by the power of his Spirit.

13th PMI National Convention

From 15 to 18 November 2022, we convene the 13th PMI national convention at St Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa. The theme is “Reform to Reintegrate”. This theme is taken from Pope Francis’ message to worldwide prison chaplains on 8 November 2019. This theme invites all PMI volunteers to go beyond the concept of reaching out to prisons. Pope Francis reminds us that we have to take care of prisoners even after their release by providing opportunities for their education, employment, healthcare and settlement in families. If we fail in the integral social reintegration of released prisoners and in regaining their social and human dignity they may go back to their old profession and thereby return to prisons. Please continue to pray for the fruitfulness of the PMI national convention and for the implementation of the convention decisions in PMI units. Let the initial vision and insights of the PMI founders be upheld in our deliberations. I take this opportunity to express my highest appreciation and immense gratitude towards PMI Goa team, PMI central regional team and PMI national office team for their hard work and profound commitment to the realization of PMI national convention goals. May Mother Mary, St Maximillian Kolbe and Venerable Van Thuan intercede for the fruitfulness of the PMI national convention.



Staff, Scientific, systematic and Regular Training of Prison Staff, Accountability of Prison Staff, Alternatives to Imprisonment, Efficient Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Prisoners, Abolition of Capital Punishment, Smaller Prisons, Frequent Parole, Special Consideration to Women Prisoners Especially the Pregnant and those Mothers with Children, Educational Facilities to Prisoners' Children, Impartial Judges and Judgements, More Open Air Prisons, and Adequate Arrangements for the Reformation of Prisoners.

Appeal to the Catholic Church

As Pope Francis stated a true social re-insertion begins by guaranteeing opportunities for development, education, worthy jobs, access to health care, as well as generating public areas of citizen participation. If these brothers and sisters have already paid for the evil committed, why is a new social punishment put on their shoulders by rejection and indifference? As a response to Pope Francis' request for true social re-insertion, PMI diocesan coordinators are invited to launch many more schemes for released prisoners such as employment, housing, healthcare, marriage, shelter homes and homes for prisoners' children. Pope Benedict XVI in *Sacramentum Caritatis* exhorts Catholics the significance of taking care of prisoners: "The Church's spiritual tradition, basing itself on Christ's own words (cf. Mt 25:36), has designated the visiting of prisoners as one of the corporal works of mercy. Taking up the recommendation of the Synod, I ask Dioceses to do whatever is possible to ensure that sufficient pastoral resources are invested in the spiritual care of prisoners" (*Sacramentum Caritatis* 59). Anchoring on *Sacramentum caritatis* Prison Ministry



MISSION STATEMENT

India appeal to bishops and diocesan coordinators to take care of the integral human development of prisoners by providing them opportunities of education, employment and shelter.

Appeal to PMI Volunteers

Prison Ministry India is in preparation for its golden jubilee celebrations. As part of the golden jubilee celebrations, we shall pledge to strive hard to implement the following golden jubilee dreams.

The Reawakening

Every year PMI convenes retreats for our volunteers to reawaken and to recommit ourselves for the integral human development of the incarcerated. These spiritually enlightening retreats are to be continued in the coming years.

PMI Burning Bush Spiritual Banquet

We shall continue the spiritual reawakening of PMI volunteers on every first Saturday from 06.00 to 08.00PM by convening online Burning Bush Spiritual Banquet. You are welcome to join and be flamed and inflamed.

Incessant Intercessory Invocation for the Incarcerated

To spread the PMI spiritual fragrance worldwide and to sanctify prisoners worldwide, PMI launched the Incessant Intercessory Invocation for the Incarcerated. Thereby we extended our ministry to the whole world by interceding 24 hours of the day, 7 days of the week and 365 days of the year for the renewal and redemption of prisoners worldwide. Please join the zoom link and offer your half an hour of prayer in reparation for the sins of prisoners.



MISSION STATEMENT

Homes for Prisoners' Children

Being inspired by PMI patron St Maximilian Kolbe we shall launch 10 more homes for prisoners' children like Kolbe Home, Bangalore.

5000 Scholarships for Prisoners' Children

We shall extend distant educational scholarships to 5000 children of prisoners.

500 Prisoners' Release

We shall assist legally and financially the release of 500 prisoners.

50 New Books

We shall strive our best to publish 50 more books on prison ministry in the next decade.

50 Special Task Forces

PMI shall establish 50 special Task Forces and each STF will have 50 prayer warriors and will have a 50 days program with 50 Holy Masses, 50 hours of Eucharistic adoration and so on. You are welcome to join in one of these STFs.

50 Houses for Released Prisoners

As part of PMI Golden Jubilee, we shall construct 50 houses for the released and reformed prisoners. We offer Rs 3 lakhs to a family and the rest have to be raised by them from other sources.

500 Jobs for Released Prisoners

As part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration, PMI has introduced an employment scheme for released and reformed prisoners. PMI will provide Rs 3 lakhs each for a small-scale industry or to purchase an autorickshaw etc.

PMI Legal Clinics

PMI shall introduce legal clinics in almost all states and dioceses. These legal clinics will provide free legal aid to prisoners.

PMI Rehabilitation Centers

PMI shall launch 10 more rehabilitation centers for released men and women prisoners.

Homes for the Human Trafficked

PMI shall launch 10 more homes for the human trafficked girls and boys.

Provision for 5000 Prisoners' Families

PMI shall provide provisions for 5000 prisoners' families.

Medical Care for 5000 Prisoners' Families

PMI shall provide medical care for 5000 prisoners' families.

5000 PMI Volunteers

PMI shall promote 5000 volunteers from all over India especially from those states from where we have fewer volunteers.

Conclusion

The above-mentioned recommendations and proposals are carved out of the 41 years of prison ministry experiences in almost all the states and Union Territories of India. The Catholic Church in India expects that the respective prison departments would consider them seriously and make necessary amendments in the course of time. We are sure that these recommendations would be able to radically transform not only prisoners but also the prison atmosphere and would be able to achieve the greatest goal of the prison system which is prisoners' reformation and rehabilitation. Let us resolve to improve our prison system by introducing new systems of management and by educating the prison staff with our constitutional obligations towards prisoners. Let the dawning ray of hope see the end of the gloom cast on the faces of majority of prisoners and let a new awakening percolate every prison wall.



I THIRST FOR FORGIVENESS

Mrs Lili P Vaz

I'm a hardened criminal a man condemned,
A monster in confinement, waiting for my end.
Enclosed by high walls I'm in a prison you see,
Incarcerated for life, no longer free.
My screams resound in this dark and deary cell,
Save me someone from this living hell.
And then appeared this angel from heaven above,
A Prison Ministry volunteer who spoke of God's merciful love.
An awesome God so full of compassion,
Ready to forgive my every transgression.
With no one to comfort me I turned to God,
"Forgive me Father," I cried out to my Lord.
I need you sweet Jesus I need you so much,
I crave for your gentle healing touch.
Darkness surrounds me I find no light within,
You alone my Lord can redeem me from my sin.
Pour out your peace and love over me,
From this burden of sin set me free.
In you I find healing restore me to wholeness,
Envelope me with your grace and goodness.
Mend my broken heart I pray,
Ease the storms that come my way.
I'm so weary, take me in your arms,
My troubled heart you doth calm.
I put myself into your loving hand,
In my darkest hour beside me do stand.
Thank you dear Lord for just being my friend,
Your love is beyond measure it has no end.
Let the warmth of your love reform my soul,
Your presence my Savior, makes me whole.
And at the hour of my death I pray to thee,
Merciful Father into thy kingdom reintegrate me.



PRISON MINISTRY INDIA:

A HAVEN FOR THE HOPELESS


Fr Dominic Puthenpurackal MST

Prison Statistics

There are 1306 prisons and 4,88,511 prisoners in India according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data available on 31st December 2020. There were 565 sub jails, 413 district jails 145 central jails, 88 open jails, 29 women jails, 19 borstal schools and 3 other jails. In these jails there were 112,589 convicts, 371,843 undertrials, 3590 detenues and 484 other inmates.

Prison Ministry India

The origin of Prison Ministry India, the biggest National Non-Governmental Organization in this field under Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, sprang up into being from the very fresh, young, dynamic and spiritual thoughts shared between two seminarians, Varghese Karipperiyil and Francis Kodiyan of St Thomas Ap. Seminary, Kottayam, in 1981. They wanted to share the experience of God's love with the least, the lost and the last of humanity, by being a Love Bomb; not to Kill, but to heal the broken hearted. They compared in their long-lasting discussions, the bombs dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the love bomb that was exploded in Calvary, after it was anticipated in a mystical manner at the Last Supper. The young founders of the new venture spent considerable time before the Blessed sacrament prior to offering their lives for the cause of conversion of sinners, after the model of the basic mission of



Jesus "I have come not to call the righteous but sinners for repentance" (Mt 9,13).

They began to visit Juvenile Homes, Medical Colleges, Mental Hospitals, slums, orphanages, and jails. They found time from the busy schedule in the seminary for Flood Relief Works, jail visits, visiting the poor, and for prayer meetings. A number of brothers from the seminary also joined them in their venture and the group of volunteers were known as Jesus Fraternity (Till today this ministry in Kerala is known as Jesus Fraternity).

All Kerala Prison Visit

In 1986, they began All Kerala Prison Pilgrimage from Kottayam Sub Jail. They visited all the prisons of Kerala. Very often their requests for permissions were rejected. When the circumstances were not favourable and situations became pathetic, their trust in God only increased. Continual prayers and rosaries in groups by the volunteers outside the prison many times, brought about the opening of jails in front of them.

The Spiritual Principles the volunteers had to rely on were: 1. Have complete trust in the providence of God 2. Enjoy the Fraternity Experience 3. Being led by the Spirit 4. Divine providence as Bank Balance 5. Fasting and Prayer 6. Consider Inconvenience as the maximum convenience.

Ecclesiastical Recognition

The Kerala Catholic Bishop's Conference (KCBC) recognized Jesus Fraternity on 8th September 1989 under its peace, justice and development commission and provided a permanent office in POC (Pastoral

Orientation Centre), and Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS was appointed as the first office staff. On 24th August 2000, Prison Ministry India was officially recognized by Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), and Most Rev Dr Peter Remigius was appointed as its chairman and Fr Varghese Kariperry was elected as the first national coordinator. St Maximillian Kolbe is the patron of Prison Ministry India. Today Prison Ministry India has reached to all the states, to all the jails in the country, under systematic leadership and guidance. Now PMI has four regions with its coordinators; for every state there are state coordinators, for each diocese there is a diocesan coordinator and for each jail, there is a unit coordinator.

24x365 Incessant Intercessory Invocation

Now PMI is having approximately 8000 volunteers, from different languages, cultures and customs. They commit themselves fully for the vibrant fruition of prison ministry principles. There is a perpetual online adoration without interruption accommodating different groups from all around the globe. Together with these prayer bank accounts, many PMI volunteers opened suffering bank accounts, and among them many became permanent intercessors in the presence of God.

RRDC

PMI has a monthly magazine known as "prison Voice", an exclusive journal for Prison Ministry. "Reformative Explorations" and other different magazines are published from time to time from different regions and states of PMI. There have been a

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great number of books published by PMI Publications to awaken the volunteers and people around to accept and help the last, least and lost brethren, especially those who are behind the bars. There is a special wing attached to National Office, Bangalore, called "Reformative Research and Documentation Centre" (RRDC) to study about prison Ministry and researches on the ministry are done from there. PMI has eighteen rehabilitation centres throughout the country in collaboration with the people of good will and with the cooperation of religious congregations in view of the rehabilitation of prisoners and to support the prisoners' children and family. The thirteenth National Convention of Prison Ministry India is going to be held in Goa on 15-19 November 2022. Salute to all the prison ministry volunteers who put in all their toil and sweat for the love of God!

10 Commandments Venerable Van Thuan

1. I will live the present moment to the fullest.
2. I will discern between God and God's works.
3. I will hold firmly to one secret: prayer.
4. I will see in the Holy Eucharist my only power.
5. I will have only one wisdom: the science of the cross.
6. I will remain faithful to my mission in the Church and for the Church as a witness of Jesus Christ.
7. I will seek the peace the world cannot give.
8. I will carry out a revolution by renewal in the Holy Spirit.
9. I will speak one language and wear one uniform: charity.
10. I will have one very special love: the Blessed Virgin Mary.




TANZANIAN PRISONER'S DEPORTATION

Jesu Raja

Mrs Athuman Amina Amir aged 32 was from Tanzania who came to India with a valid Passport No AB812153 expiring on 8th June 2026. She got a multiple VISA from India No VK3654298 for a period of one year from 16th June 2017 to 15th June 2018. She had landed in New Delhi on 28th June 2017. But she was visiting many places in India even after the expiry of her VISA.

On 23rd November 2021 She was arrested by Auroville Police Station for the crime u/s 20 (b) (II) (A) NDPS Act 1985 and under section 14 of Foreigners ACT as per crime No 353/2021. She was given the punishment of 257 days in jail and was released from the special prison for women Puzhal Chennai on 9th August 2022. Since there was no order from the Government regarding admitting her in a Government Home, the Prison Department handed her over to Prison Ministry India – Tamil Nadu, a registered NGO who repatriated many foreign prisoners to their native countries. Since her Passport was in the Vanur Court we took her to the Court and got the passport from her Advocate in the presence of the Auroville Police people. We handed over the Passport to the Q branch Police.

On 30th August 2022 We got the Deportation order from the Government as per the GO No G.O.(1D) No 300 dated 30th August 2022. Immediately on 1st September 2022 we wrote an email to Tanzanian embassy in Delhi stating all these matters. Since we did not get any reply we wrote another email on 5th September 2022. We did not get any reply. We enquired about the Air ticket to



Tanzania from Chennai. It was found to be costing around Rs. 40,000/-. We contacted her father in Tanzania about the Air ticket to Tanzania. He explained his inability to spend so much money for the ticket. The days were running out but we could not succeed in getting the sponsor for the ticket. Suddenly on 26th September 2022 the ticket price dropped down below Rs 30,000/-. Immediately we booked the ticket for her in Ethiopian Airlines on 10th October 2022.

We applied for Exit from the FRRO office. After submitting all the necessary documents such as NOC from the Concerned Superintendent of Police and Memo from the Government, we got the Exit Permit on 8th October 2022. On 10th October 2022 she left India for Tanzania. She reached Tanzania where her father and her Children were waiting at the Airport. They were delighted to see her back. All Glory and Honour to the Lord Almighty.

Precious Blood Miracle Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come before You, just as I am. I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus. I accept You as my Lord God and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with Your Precious Blood, and fill me with Your Holy Spirit, I love You Lord Jesus, I praise You Lord Jesus, I thank You Jesus, I shall follow You every day of my life. Amen. Mary, My Mother, Queen of Peace, all the Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen




Tears of Repentance

Sr Tessy Clare FCC

It was a rainy day. I was simply watching the beauty of the raindrops which were falling on the ground and breaking off. It was an interesting and enjoyable sight. Today is an unforgettable day for me because today is my Birthday. Here, in solitude and loneliness I have completed one year. To cool my burning memories, a cold breeze is passing through the window. Hello Janu didi, what are you thinking?" Hearing the voice I turned and looked Oh! That sister?... I said to myself, "How did she know my name? Every day she is coming. But I have never showed my face to her. I always avoided meeting her. Again her voice, "Today you look so sad. What happened? Can I help you? Consider me as your younger sister. Tell me please". She came closer to me. But I turned my face away from her and said "no, nothing, leave me alone." I wanted to say, today is my death anniversary. But I didn't say that. She was gone by then. Somebody said, "Her name is Jyoti. She is meeting the ladies and teaching the children and helping them in many ways; and also heard that she was trying her level best to release the prisoners.

A few days after, I was in the queue to get lunch. It was a long queue and I was at the end with my plate. As usual sister Jyoti reached. She came to me and said "Janu didi; you are too much behind and it is also a hot today. Won't you have to stand for a long time?" With a mood of irritation I said, "What to do? For us prisoners, whether hot or cold, to get something to eat, we have to stand like this." She said in reply, "Don't say like this didi. We all are children of God. We all are breathing the same air." After a while,



I decided to share something of myself with her and asked, "Sister, are you busy today?... if you are free, can you wait for me sometime?". She said "Yes, of course. I can spend the whole day for you." After half an hour, I kept my lunch away and reached near her. Full of hope I asked her, "sister, will you help me to come out from here"? "Janu didi, you may have your lunch and come, we will sit and talk ". She said. But I said, "No sister, I am not feeling hungry. Evening only I will eat." So I invited her to a lonely place and we sat there face to face.

She asked me, "How did you reach here didi?" Then I began to narrate my story to her. "My house is at Dhanpuri. My husband was a taxi driver. When I was thirty-five years old, my husband and my two girl children met with an accident and died on the spot itself. I and my ten-year-old son were left alone."...I stopped for a while. "Oh! So sad!... be at peace". She held my hands and said. I continued; "I too wanted to die. But my son was there. So I decided to live for my son; my only son." "You have no parents or relatives?" She asked. "Nobody came to our help. My parents and my husband's parents died in our childhood." I said, "I wandered here and there for a job to look after my son. After a few months, I got a job in a house as domestic help. So we started to live somewhat peacefully. My son continued his studies. After passing 12th class, he learned driving as his father was doing. Then he told me, 'Amma, you don't go for work anymore, I can take care of you.' According to his wish I left my job. Our life was flowing smoothly like a river without any sound whatsoever. One evening my son reached home with a girl and told me that she was his wife. They had registered their marriage in the court. I was shocked like anything, and got very angry with him. But I controlled myself. I



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said nothing to them.” “He never mentioned about this girl before?” Sister asked me. “No, never.” I said, “The next day it happened sister.” I started to cry... Tears falling down like rain drops from both my eyes. Sister comforted me and said, ‘Don’t cry didi, ... please...you finish...’ I started again while sobbing.” The very next day, while she was making tea for us, I poured kerosene on her sari and put burning matches on her and ran away to one of my far related cousin’s house which was in that village itself. They asked me many things but I was like mad and didn’t utter a word. In the afternoon the police came, arrested me and brought me here. I don’t know, sister, whether she is alive or not? Now I am thinking, how cruel I am! Even God will not forgive me.” Sister raised the crucifix hanging on her chain and said. “You see. Jesus. He is the saviour of the world. Jesus came to this world in search of sinners; not for righteous people (Mt 9:13). You give me your address. Let me find out your house and your son. Have your food and cool down. Ok.” I gave my address to her and she went back. I experienced then some consolation in my heart.

I feel the days are too long. I used to wait for the dark and the night to come. But night also didn’t give me any comfort. I was counting the days for Sr. Jyoti’s arrival. One fine morning she reached with her usual smile and told me, ‘Namaste didi’, ‘Namaste sisterji’... I responded. Before asking, she spoke with great joy,” Your daughter-in-law is alive... They are so happy and living together.” I exclaimed, “Really? she was not burnt? How is my son?” I asked. She replied,” I went to your house twice. First

day, your son was not ready to listen to me. He told me, “I have no parents. Both of them have died. I am their only son.” Then I told him; “I met your mother in prison.” Then he said, “I knew she is in prison. But I don’t want to meet her. You can go;” and he closed the door. After one week I went again to that house. That day he was not there. Your daughter-in-law treated me well. I made her understand all the stories about you. ‘How is she? Is she cured?’ I asked in between. “Oh! Yes”. She continued. ‘Her right hand and right leg got burnt... But now she is in good health. Lovely girl. Scars are there on her leg and hand. She made tea for me. By that time, your son reached. Seeing me, he was upset and became angry.” Again I asked,” sister; you think, if I go home, how can they accept me as their mother? is it possible?” Sister said, “ Nothing is impossible for God.” (LK1:37) “ We sat together for a long time and explained everything to them and told about your ‘tears of repentance.’ After listening to me, they said that they are ready to accept you in their home. Tomorrow they will come to meet you” I couldn’t believe my ears. I held her hands and asked “Is it true sister?” She said, ‘believe me, didi. I thought I will start the legal process to release you. Since, they had no complaint against you, you can be released easily.’ “Sister, you are an angel of the Lord.” Saying this I fell at her feet. She lifted me up and said, ‘your daughter-in-law is an angel. You accept her as your daughter and live with them peacefully. Tomorrow I will come to meet you again. I am in a hurry to go back. Bye didi.” She then walked away. But my heart was filled with joy. I raised my eyes up. The Sun was in the middle of the sky. Only half the day was left; half of my life too. Next day onwards a new life...a renewed life. I wiped away my tears.



Pope Writes Preface for Edith Bruck's Book "I am Francesco"¹

Sophie Peeters


Pope Francis writes the preface for author Edith Bruck's just-released book "Sono Francesco" – "I am Francesco," a reflection of the Pope's exceptional visit to the writer's house in February 2021. In her new book "*Sono Francesco*" Hungarian writer and Holocaust survivor Edith Bruck reminisces on the incredible visit of Pope Francis to her home last year. The meeting took place on 20 February after the Pope was emotionally struck while reading her story of surviving deportation to several Nazi concentration camps. In his preface, Pope Francis recounted how he met Ms. Bruck after being "struck by the calm and luminous strength" she emulated in her interview published in the Vatican newspaper "*L'Osservatore Romano*."

Pope Francis Meets with Auschwitz Survivor

The Pope continued by recounting their first meeting at her home in the centre of Rome, saying it was an "emotional visit for the both of us." *"As soon as I got out of the elevator, the lady greeted me on the doorway in silence, because emotion almost prevented her from speaking: amidst the tears that took over she thanked me for the visit and I in turn thanked her for the testimony she gave, that she had given all these years, or better, the testimony that she was and is."* Ms. Bruck is, the Pope noted, a "living memory," whose witness of hope and faith can inspire us to gaze on what is good and beautiful amidst the "darkest abysses in the history of mankind."

Second Encounter

Meeting once again on International Holocaust Remembrance Day 27 January,



this time at the Pope's residence at Casa Santa Marta, the Pope expressed how timely the meeting was as the "winds of war had begun to blow again, even in Europe."

Pope Meets Auschwitz Survivor Highlighting Importance of Memory

Her "faithful" helper Olga, a Ukrainian woman, also came on the visit, and the Pope said they discussed what was unfolding in a now - "battered land." Memory, the Pope expressed, should never be forgotten, and people like Ms. Bruck, who "keep memory alive", are indispensable to remembering those moments in history when humanity seem lost.

Breaking Bread Together

The Pope continued in his preface by recounting how Ms. Bruck and Olga had brought a bread baked by them to share together: breaking bread together is symbolic as, like hope, it can always be "resurrected" and redeemed. Breaking bread together is a simple gesture, the Pope reflected, "like a prayer". Sharing in this bread is a way to "start again," in our common humanity, a simple act of feeding ourselves that brings us together, the Pope continued.

Fragility of Humanity

Humanity, the Pope concluded, is "something delicate, fragile, always ready to break."

However, with living testimonies such as Ms. Bruck, it is possible to witness extraordinary people who contain a strength "that springs from no one knows where" and "overcomes all adversity." This still exists today, the Pope expressed. "*Sono Francesco*" beautifully recounts the meeting that gave the Pope "so much strength, hope, and sense of gratitude" which, the Pope concluded in his preface, can be shared with those who read it; "at least that is my hope."

¹ Courtesy to Vatican News 21 October 2022.




PMI Madhya Pradesh: Report

Sr Sherly OSB

We are glad to share with you all something about the M.P. Region. Listen with ears of tolerance and see through the eyes of compassion. Speak with the language of love. This speaks volumes about the wonderful work of Prison Ministry. The Madhya Pradesh Region consists of nine dioceses. Since the Pandemic had taken a U turn in the life of all the people irrespective of caste, creed and colour, it had made a reverse action in different jails too. Some of the places haven't yet opened the doors for us even now. Wherever it was possible we have started with some of the programs. It's indeed a matter of joy that Bishop Mar James Athikalam has been appointed as the Chair Person for Prison Ministry India by the Arch Bishop of Bhopal, Sebastain Durairaj. The State Executive Meeting took place in the Pastoral Centre, Sagar and Mar James Athikalam presided over the meeting. He motivated the gathering with his inspiring message.


Not all the people were affected in the same way by the same events. We are each our own fingerprints and the sum of our life experiences. Therefore we are patiently waiting to get away with all the hurdles in some dioceses. In the diocese of Sagar, they started the regular program of making papad and as of now they celebrated the feast of Raksha Bandan and a medical camp in the central jail of Sagar and some of the sub jails too. They also have initiated a what'sApp Prayer group in the diocese. In Khandwa they had classes on Yoga and distributed



some Dhari for the inmates. They are very much active in juvenile homes. In some of the sub jails of Indore, they have begun their re-entry by counseling the inmates and giving spoken English classes. On every first Saturday of the month without fail, the volunteers along with the director come together and plan out programs for the coming month and spend half an hour in prayer.

The archdiocese of Bhopal also conducted few programs in the central jail. With much difficulty they got permission for entry over there. They conducted an awareness program on health and hygiene along with some demonstrations. The celebration of Raksha Bandan with a cultural program from Aachal and teacher's Day celebration along with the students of St. Paul School added colour to the occasions. The superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and assistant of the Central Jail were honoured with a sapling. The inmates and the officials were very happy and Mr. Saroj Mishra, assistant Deputy Superintendent intoned a Bhajan melodiously and Deputy Superintendent played the Casio for us on that day. They do have an ongoing computer education and conducted a drawing competition for the inmates. They created a what'sApp prayer group for the diocese and the state respectively. In the diocese they come every day for half an hour for prayer and as of now for the state once in a month Sr. Sherly OSB works as a fulltime volunteer in the diocese.

In Gwalior they conducted medical camps, eye check up, provided medicines to prisoners and celebrated Christmas and Mahila Diwas with them. In the women's ward they used to go for their birthdays,



cut the cake and spend time with them. They provided two computers and almost 13 ladies tried to learn and we provided certificates to them. They could visit the juvenile home too and conducted various competitions and distributed prizes.

In Jabalpur lay people have taken interest now to reach out to the people behind the bars along with Fathers and Sisters. The concept of prison ministry began to take momentum with the participation of lay people. Due to some incidents that took place in jail in the diocese of Satna, they do not give permission to enter there. They are looking for another alternative to get a preliminary entry to share the love of Jesus with those who are less privileged over there. The same problem remains in Ujjain too. They are denied entry at the moment but all the measures are being taken to make a re-entry after the pandemic. They do have a prayer meet every week for the prisoners.

The diocese of Jhabua too began their activities by giving motivational classes. The officials always complained that the program would make the inmates sick under the pretext of Covid even now. Nothing more could be done until all of us got an opportune moment to get an entry to make our program more fruitful and effective for the good of the brethren behind the bars at large. We thank the Lord Almighty who inspires, motivates and rejuvenate in us the spirit to meet the officials often to get rid of all the hurdles and making us persevere in our approach until the door opens to us. We acknowledge all the support and encouragement we receive from Rev. Dr. Fr. Francis Kodiyar and the national team to march ahead with full enthusiasm and earnestness. Just as the sun reminds us daily



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that we too can rise again from darkness and shine our own light in and around us, we too constantly keep our trust in our heavenly Father to let His light shine among the brethren behind the bars. We hopefully move forward with our activities to concretize our vision in the different jails across M.P.

Festival of Hope Fr Leon Cruz

The Cafasso Squad youth who bring hope and joy to hundreds of children through their prison ministry venture gathered at Don Bosco Provincial House, Mumbai to celebrate the Festival of Hope. It began with a lively music band by Prince and his team. The Cafasso Squad is all about youth who do prison ministry in the Remand Homes/ Observation Homes. Currently the Cafasso Squad youth go to three Observation Homes in Mumbai and teach the children different things like music, sports, tuitions, cooking etc. This demands commitment and regularity on the part of the Cafasso Squad youth.

As part of the Festival of Hope the Cafasso Squad youth shared their own personal experiences. Besides the Cafasso Squad youth there were also other interested youth from the Archdiocese of Bombay who listened to the beautiful testimonies. Fr Savio Silveira, the Provincial of the Salesian Province of Mumbai spoke about the close connectedness between St John Bosco and St Joseph Cafasso. Fr Glasten Gonsalves, the Director for Prison Ministry in the Archdiocese of Bombay encouraged the Cafasso Squad youth and appreciated their generosity.



PRISON MINISTRY INDIA

13th National Conference

Reform to Reintegrate

15-18 November 2022

St Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa

Tuesday 15 November 2022

Theme – Reach-out to Release

“I was in Prison you Visited me” Mt 25,36.

We pray for Worldwide Prisoners

0300	Arrival	
0800	Breakfast	
0900	Registration	
1300	Lunch	
1500	National Executive Meeting	
1630	Tea	
1700	Eucharistic Adoration	PMI Goa
1800	Holy Mass	Main Celebrant – Most Rev Allwyn D’Silva, PMI Chairperson PMI MP
1850	Welcome	Fr Maverick Fernandes, Caritas Director
1910	General Information	Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS, PMI National Coordinator
1930	Orientation Talk	Fr Varghese Karipperry, PMI Cofounder
2000	Supper	
2030	Cultural Delights	PMI Goa
2130	Night Prayers	PMI Maharashtra

Wednesday 16 November 2022

Theme – Repent to Reconcile

Son of Man Came to Seek and Save the Lost” Lk 19,10

We Pray for Prisoners in India

0630	Morning Prayer	PMI Kerala
0700	Holy Mass	Main Celebrant - His Eminence Filipe Neri Cardinal
		Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa and Daman PMI Karnataka
0800	Breakfast	
0900	Inauguration	



Prayer Dance	PMI Goa
Welcome	Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS, PMI National Coordinator
Keynote Address	Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva, PMI Chairperson
Flag-Hand over	PMI Founders to Regional Coordinators
Lighting the Lamp	Dignitaries
Bringing Lamps to the Dais	PMI State Coordinators
Inaugural Address	Hon Desmond D'Costa, Former District Judge & Member, Human Rights Commission, Goa
Presidential Address	His Eminence Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa and Daman
Message	Mr Venancio Furtado, Inspector General of Prisons, Goa
Prize Distributions	Preparatory Competition Prizes
Messages	
Benedictory Address	Most Rev Gerald Almeida, President JPD Commission CBCI
Book Release	Prison Voice – Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS
Benedictory Address	Most Rev Peter Remigius, PMI Former Chairperson
Book Release	Holy Warriors in Prisons - Sr Lini Sheeja MSC
Felicitation	Fr Varghese Karipperry, PMI Cofounder
Book Release	PMI Special Task Forces – Fr Dominic Puthenpuraackal MST
Felicitation	Fr Martin Thattil, PMI South Regional Coordinator
PMI Calendar 2023 Release	Sr Amala DC, PMI National Secretary
Felicitation	Fr Sebastian Theckanath, PMI Former National Coordinator
Raffel Ticket Prize Distribution	Aaron Arman
Felicitation	Sr Jobina UFS, PMI North East Regional Coordinator
Vote of Thanks	Mr David Fernandes, PMI Goa State Coordinator
Concluding Prayer	Sr Amala DC, PMI National Secretary

Photo Session

1100 Tea Break

**1130 Session 1 Rechart to Release**

- Reachout to Reintegrate Most Rev Gerald Almeida, President,
JPD Commission, CBCI
- 1215 Reach-out to Release Sr Adele SCCG, PMI National Executive
Member

1300 Lunch

1400 Session 2 Reformation and Rehabilitation

- Reform to Rehabilitate Fr Alexander Kureekkattil CMF, PMI former
State Coordinator

**1500 Group Discussion Insights, Inspirations, Innovations for PMI
Golden Jubilee**

1600 Tea Break

- 1630 Report Presentation – Moderator Most Rev Peter Remigius, PMI Former Chairperson

1730 Recess

1800 Session 3 Reintegration and Redemption

- Reintegrate to Redeem - Biblical Sr Inigo Joachim SSA, Former Superior General
- 1845 Releasing Kanthamal Prisoners Mr Anto Akkara, Freelance Journalist
- 1900 Eucharistic Adoration Fr Pious D’Souza
- 2000 Supper
- 2030 Cultural Delights PMI Goa
- 2130 Night Prayers PMI North East

Thursday 17 November 2022**Theme – Reform to Rehabilitate**

“Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured” (Heb 13,3)

We Pray for Death Row Prisoners and Abolition of Capital Punishment

- 0630 Morning Prayer PMI Odisha
- 0700 Holy Mass Most Rev Peter Remigius, PMI Former
Chairperson
PMI Telangana
- 0800 Breakfast
- 0900 Keynote Addresses
Rehabilitation & Reintegration Sr Lucy Kurian, Foundress Maher
- 0930 Prisoners’ Integral Human
Development: Post Pandemic
Scenario Rev Dr Anil Joel Prasad, Karnataka Regional
Director
for Pastoral Plan



1000	Session 4 PMI Dynamics	Panel Discussion
	Moderator	Fr Benny Pachanal, PMI Assistant National Coordinator
1005	PMI Rehabilitation Centres	Sr Clara HCM, Jeevodaya Superior
1015	PMI Seminary Units	Fr Jose Valiamangalam MST, PMI Seminary Units Coordinator
1025	PMI Homes: Prisoners' Children	Sr Celine FCC, Noida
1035	PMI Unit Level Ministries	Br Sunnilal MMB, PMI MP Coordinator
1045	Prisoners' Repatriation	Mr Jesu Raja, PMI Tamilnadu, Secretary
1055	Questions and Answers	Open to the Floor
1115	Tea	
1145	Session 5 PMI Inner Dynamics	Panel Discussion
	Moderator	Most Rev Peter Remigius, PMI Former Chairperson
1150	PMI Spirituality	Fr Wilfred Fernandes, PMI Central Regional Coordinator
1200	PMI Intercessory Prayer	Sr Shanti FC, PMI Intercessory Prayer Coordinator
1210	PMI Special Task Forces	Fr Michael Francis, PMI Special Task Force Coordinator
1220	PMI Basic Principles	Mr Ashok Kumar, PMI Vijayawada Unit Coordinator
1230	PMI Projects	Fr Antony O de M, PMI Projects Coordinator
1240	Questions and Answers	Open to the Floor
1300	Lunch	
1400	PMI Regional Meetings	
1500	PMI General Body Meeting	Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva, PMI Chairperson
1600	Tea	
1630	Reporting – Moderator	Fr Jesu Amirtham, PMI UP State coordinator
1730	Recess	
1800	Session 6 Prisoners' Reformation and Reintegration: Legal Perspective	
	Reformation and Reintegration	Dr Antony Sebastian O.Pream, Adv. Former Chairperson KSCPCR, Founder Director ECHO Centre for Juvenile Justice, Bangalore
1900	Eucharistic Adoration	Fr Pious D'Souza
2000	Supper	
2030	State-wise Cultural Programs	Moderator - Fr Dion Isaac & Fr George



2130 Night Prayers

PMI Andhra

Friday 18 November 2022
Theme – Reintegrate to Redeem

“Today you will be with me in paradise” Lk 23,43

We pray for the redemption of prisoners and PMI volunteers

0630 Morning Prayer

PMI Jharkhand

0700 Keynote Address

Human & Prisoners’ Rights

Adv Ravi Varma, Former Advocate General,
Karnataka

0800 Breakfast

0900 Reformation Testimonies

Reformed lives

Babu Thomas, Jolly & Nimmy, Mrs Sashi Rekha

1000 Voice of CRI

Sr Elsa Muttathu PBVM, CRI National Secretary

1015 Honouring Volunteers

Most Rev Allwyn D’Silva, PMI Chairperson

1030 Mission Statement &
Dreams for PMI Golden Jubilee

Fr Francis Kodyan MCBS,
PMI National Coordinator

1100 Tea

1130 Thanksgiving

Fr Maverick Fernandes, Caritas Director

1145 Thanksgiving Holy Mass

Most Rev Allwyn D’Silva, PMI Chairperson

1300 Lunch & Departure

1700 Tea/Boat Cruise

2000 Supper

Saturday 19 November 2022

Theme: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (Lk 15,7)

We pray for Worldwide Prison Ministry Volunteers

0700 Morning Prayer

PMI Chhattisgarh

0730 Holy Mass

Fr Varghese Karipperu, PMI Cofounder

0800 Breakfast

0900 Sightseeing

1600 Return & Departure

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Alphonsa Jose

Introduction

In the present scenario, the prison system continues to be more or less the same as in yester years. It can be observed, that all over the world merely a few alterations have been made in prisons though some developments have been introduced in order to facilitate the rehabilitation of those who are imprisoned. However, prison system continues to be looked upon merely as a topic for discussion. Prisons are places where the castaways and undesirables are held either to carry out a sentence that has been handed down to them by the justice system or for safe keeping while awaiting trial. It is in this context that persons from the Churches have targeted the prison establishments as fertile fields where the seeds of the Gospel can be spread and harvested subsequently from. This is in response to the Biblical challenge to “bring out captives from the keeps” from prison those who sit in darkness as Isaiah portrays the Lord’s chosen retainer and subsequently in the New Testament the words of Jesus himself when he said “I was in prison and you came to me”. Furthermore, the Apostle Paul’s words to the Hebrews continue to animate the Churches to make ministry to the captives to say, “Remember those who are in prison as though in prison with them”.

Biblical Authorization

Jesus Christ Himself commanded the disciples to go to the prisons as we find such



expressions in the New Testament narrative of the last judgment. In the section of Mathew chapter 25:31-46 Jesus commends the righteous for feeding the hungry; welcoming the alien, dressing the naked and visiting those in prison. Jesus declares so, “Whenever you did this for one of the least of important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me” (Matthew 25:40). When we are there for a visit to liberate the captives and other unfortunates it is to be done as if we are ministering to Jesus Christ himself. On the one hand, one of the clearest instructions that we can read in the Bible is the fact that all of us have sinned before God (Rom. 3:23). “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” It is hence precisely because of this iniquitous situation that we dare go into prison to share with the inmates about this God whom we serve. It is true that most of those who are in prison have broken the jurisprudence of the land. All of us, on the other hand, have violated the Torah (commandments) of God. While religious services are done by Churches, the remaining working commissions, like the justice commission, are manned by different volunteers coming from different groups who have committed themselves to the prison ministry work. These work together for the common good of the community. The personal vision of the ministry statement is creative, loving and inspired that loosens the burdens of religion and leads people to a life time of obedient relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

The prison ministry members coming from different states and groups who do their work together by work and prayer, have

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blessed many captives and have set them free, not merely from the confines of their prison cells but from the bondage of force, hatred, unforgiveness and wickedness. Lack of finance was also cited as one of the major hurdles in doing the prison ministry. Oh Lord, so many men and women have been locked behind the bars for breaking the law. Lord, we believe that you do not hate them but you hate the sins they committed. Father, touch their hearts and bring them to full repentance. Please help them to see prison as a place where they have been given another chance to change their life and become better people in society for the kingdom of heaven. Lord, we pray for the physical and financial needs of the children who are abandoned due to their parents being incarcerated that they may have adequate basic amenities, education, food, medical care etc., and give them the opportunity to enhance their educational and vocational skills. We pray that you give them the grace to manage their financial resources with wisdom and send your ministers from a variety of community resources to assist them in all their needs.

Prisoners' Welfare Day Celebration Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.

Sr Mary James

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, Prisoners' Welfare Day was celebrated at Central Prison Visakhapatnam on 2nd October 2022. District Sessions Judge Smt. Sridevi and Sri. K.S. Viswanadhan I.A.S. Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam attended the programme as Chief Guests and the Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Sri Buli Krishna was the guest

of honour. Superintendent of Central Prison Sri. S. Rahul presided the function. Assistant coordinator of PMI Visakhapatnam unit Sr. Mary James and the National awardee, senior member of PMI Sri Ravi Gotteti along with other members were also present on the occasion. Superintendent of Prison Sri S. Rahul narrated the welfare programs and other reformatory and rehabilitative programs being implemented to benefit the prisoners in the Central Prison. He further reported that the implementation of various reformation programs in the State prisons has led to reduction in the habitual offenders. He explained how they conducted skill development activities among inmates. He said that most of the prisoners attended to 10th Class and Intermediate examinations through open schooling system. Prison staff encourages the reading habit in prisoners. He requested the district authorities to provide 10 beds in King George Hospital (Government General Hospital, Visakhapatnam) for prisoners instead of 3 beds to admit for better treatment to them.

Sri Buli Krishna Secretary of D.L.S. explained the benefits of Legal Aid Defence Counsel system which was recently introduced by the Central government in 365 districts in 22 states. He said that the LADC is a NALSA – funded project to provide free legal aid to poor people facing criminal cases to defend themselves during trial. He assured to help inmates to support to get bail in their cases. Sri. K.S. Viswanadhan I.A.S. Joint Collector of Visakhapatnam district promised to provide needed beds in Government General Hospital for prisoners. He also said that a special camp to be conducted in jail to provide Arogya sri health cards and Aadhar cards to the prisoners who have no such cards. The chief guest Smt. Sridevi District Sessions Judge congratulates the Superintendent, staff and prisoners to have such a discipline and activities doing in Central Prison. Sr. Mary James PMI Asst. coordinator addressed the gathering and spoke on the moral behaviour of inmates. Sri Ravi Gotteti narrated the life of Gandhiji and how he became a mahatma with life incidents. Sr. Bala Principal of St. Joseph's Nursing School presented cultural program with her students. The Deputy Superintendent of Central Prison Sri. Ramachandra Rao felicitated Sr. Mary James for her contribution to the prison. The program ended with National anthem.




Purgatory Souls Redeemers

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The Vision of Prison Ministry India is to Reach out, Release, Renew, Rehabilitate, Reintegrate and Redeem prisoners not only for their earthly life in this world but also to extend the same to the souls in purgatory as well. Having this in mind, Prison Ministry India started a special task force meant especially for this cause called 'Purgatory Souls Redeemers' (PSR). This special task force is dedicated to praying and doing penance for the sanctification of all the souls in purgatory. It takes Jesus as the role model who gave himself as a gift to entire humanity. According to the teachings of the Catholic Church those who live their life in holiness with perfect charity will go to heaven but unfortunately their number could be very few. The people who live a good life but who are mostly lukewarm and mediocre with many shortcomings, may go to purgatory. It is a period of purification and therefore, many souls may be in purgatory making it the largest prison.

Truth Revealed at Fatima

It is said: 'One good deed is worth more than a thousand good intentions.' Similarly, one encounter with Christ is worth more than reading a thousand words on Him. Even the greatest theologian of all times St Thomas Aquinas left his work unfinished when he really had encountered Christ in his life. The events that took place at Fatima from 13 May to 13 October 1917 shook the world. It was the Marian apparitions that



took place to three little children namely Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. These children were given the opportunity to have a close encounter with the realities of the other world. Hence their life speaks louder than their words. Jacinta and Francisco took upon themselves hard penances on their shoulder at a very young age for the conversion of sinners and Lucia joined a cloistered convent. Now among these children, Jacinta and Francisco have been canonized as saints and Sr Lucia is a servant of God as she lived much longer. Perhaps some might wonder, why these supernatural revelations are not given to everyone but only to a few chosen ones. Perhaps it is true that to a great extent God communicates Himself to all but few recognize and respond to His call.

It's apt and right to learn the message from these little ones and link their lives to All Saints Day and All Soul's Day. These children's lives stand as an inspiration for being a saint, by a life lived for God and His people in its entirety. There is a prayer that we recite after each decade of the rosary: 'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of Your mercy.' The words 'those who are in most need of mercy' refer to the reality of purgatory. This prayer was precisely added after the apparition at Fatima. Thus, this truth revealed at Fatima gives us the certitude of purgatory.

Revelation in the Scripture

Although Jesus showed the gentle, meek and merciful face of God the Father it doesn't diminish the truth of Eternal fire.



PURGATORY SOULS REDEEMERS

The Lord says in the Gospel: “But I say to you that if you are angry with your brother (or sister) you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother (or sister), you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire” (Mt 5:22). In another instance we hear Jesus saying: “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell (Mt 5:29). Let not our situation be like that of the rich man who saw Lazarus from hell and pleaded with Abraham to send someone from heaven to tell the truth (Lk 16:19-31). The strong faith of the mother in the book of Maccabees 7 makes us have hope in the life of the resurrection. Later in the same book Judas says: ‘If he had not believed that the dead would be raised, it would have been foolish and useless to pray for them’ (2 Mac 12:42-45). Thus, it asks us to make atonement for others’ sin. The claims of tradition in these passages along with many other scripture references suggest the existence of Purgatory (1 Peter 3:19, Mt 12:32, 1 Cor 3:15).

Catholic Understanding from Tradition

Just like in prison, prisoners need help from outside so also the souls in purgatory require it. As long as a person is alive he or she can pray for themselves but not after that. We know that, by using a secular term, our prayer acts as a bail for them from our behalf. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a means of

“purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” which is experienced by those who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified.” (CCC 1030). However, this is different from the understanding of the damned (CCC1031).

All Souls Day

All Souls Day is precisely kept aside for commemorating and praying for these souls in purgatory. Though, this day was started by the Cluny priest St Odilo in the 11th century, tradition clearly mentions about the practice of praying for the dead. It is recorded in the writings of Tertulian in the third century. He wrote: “The widow who does not pray for her dead husband has as good as divorced him.” Therefore, all of us are called to pray frequently for them. Thus, not only PMI volunteers but every Christian is called to redeem the prisoners by doing penance for the sake of the love of Christ. The Church consists of the militant church on earth, the suffering church in purgatory and the triumphant church consisting of the saints and apostles. The Church has been praying the office of the dead for the souls in purgatory. Ultimately all our actions should flow out of love. As Saint John rightly has written, “perfect love casts away all our sins” (1Jn 4:18). So also, prison ministry India invites all the members to be the love bomb of Christ who should dedicate themselves for the conversion of themselves and others so that great rejoicing may happen in heaven (Lk 15:7, 10).




Prison Ministry India: Nashik Diocesan Conference Report

Walter Kamble

The Prison Ministry India Nashik Diocesan Conference was held at the NSSS Hall of the Bishop's House, Jail Road, Nashik Road on 5th October, 2022. The conference started at 10.30am with registration of participants and the inauguration and lighting of the lamp took place at 11.00 am. At the outset Rev Father Sanjay Fernandes read out a Gospel Passage from Matthew 25:31-46 and prayed for the conference. The dignitaries present were his Lordship Most Rev Bishop Lourdes Daniel, Bishop of Nashik Diocese, Rev Father Wilfred V Fernandes, the Central Regional and Maharashtra State PMI Coordinator, Dr. Seetaram Kolhe, a Senior Police Inspector, and Mr Rajendra Dushing, Maharashtra State PMI Assistant Coordinator. The dignitaries were felicitated with a bouquet and shawl.

Dr Seetaram Kolhe, Police Inspector delivered his address on "Criminal and Human Psychology". He spoke in details about the mentality of human of whom some are forced to commit crime because of the system in the country. Dr Seetaram Kolhe has done his PhD in Criminal Psychology and his articles have published in various national and international journals. He has received the Highest Honored 'Presidential Medal' For His 28 Years Dedicated Exemplary Service in Maharashtra Police Department on 15th August 2020.



His Lordship Bishop Lourdes Daniel gave the presidential address and encouraged the gathering to take up this challenge of Prison Ministry to serve the least and the lost. Fr Wilfred V Fernandes then spoke on the "Principles of Prison Ministry India" elaborating on the four foundations of PMI, practices, principles and values, approach to release, renewal & rehabilitation.

After Lunch the message received on this occasion from Rev Father Francis Kodyan, the National Coordinator was read out to the gathering. Mrs. Christina Walter read out the history of Nashik Prison Ministry, as to when it started, its work in the prison and the names of the earlier members. Mr Rajendra Dushing addressed the gathering on the History of Prison Ministry India. He briefed the participants the beginning of PMI and its journey till now. Mr Walter Kamble presented the "Charisms of Prison Ministry India".

Fr. Wilfred guided the gathering on how to form a PMI Diocesan Core Team, its Roles & Responsibilities, Guidelines for Jail visits, Setting-up of Parish and Units teams etc. and accordingly a diocesan team was set up. PMI Nashik conference was attended by 30 participants from different parishes of Nashik city along with Nuns and Priests.

**"This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I
have loved you"**

(Jn 15,12).

PMI Chhattisgarh: Report

Alexander Ekka SJ


The Ecclesiastical Province of Raipur, Chhattisgarh has 5 dioceses comprising of Raipur, Jagdalpur, Ambikapur, Jashpur and Raigarh dioceses. The head office of the Archdiocese is in Raipur the state Capital of Chhattisgarh under the leadership of His Grace Most Rev Victor Henry Thakur, DD who is also the Patron of PMI Chhattisgarh. Most Rev Bishop Emmanuel Kerketta, DD is the President of PMI Chhattisgarh. All the Bishops have recognized and approved Prison Ministry India as one of the main Apostolates of the Ecclesiastical Province of Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

1. Spiritual Care: Holy Eucharist in the Prison: PMI volunteers in all the dioceses of Chhattisgarh plan to have Mass in the jails annually on occasions like Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and also on some special occasions like Deepawali, Raksha Baddhan, Women's Day etc. during which we distribute some useful materials to the inmates with the permission of the jail authorities. 2. Counseling: Counseling sessions are conducted for prisoners in jail as part of the reformation of individuals and groups. The process of counseling is carried out for the family members of the inmates by visiting them regularly. 3. Children's Education: When the head of the family is in jail, the education of children is adversely affected. Children of such inmates either drop their academic studies in preference for earning the livelihood for the families. 4. Moral and Value Education: As permitted in jail we take moral and value

education to the inmates, irrespective of caste and creed, inculcating moral values to them after the Holy Mass and on other suitable occasions. 5. Vocational training: In some prisons, income generating vocational training activities are conducted to the inmates and their family members as part of rehabilitation programs to motivate them towards attaining self reliance financially. 6. Medical health and hygiene: Some medical doctors offer free medical health check up to the prisoners and give the inmates free medical service, advice and guidance. Awareness on health and hygiene has helped inmates and their families to maintain good health. 7. Legal Help: We have involved some lawyers for free legal services to the inmates and their families. Lawyers take up cases of inmates free of charge.

Winning Methods and Strategies

Following are some of the important strategies we use for our PMI activities throughout the year: 1. Networking with the Government and non government organizations: Our PMI volunteers use the strategy of net working with the government and non government organizations for financial support to carry on PMI activities smoothly for the prisoners. 2. Collaboration with government and non government officers: The officers have cordial relationship with the PMI volunteers and offer their expertise freely. The lawyers, medical doctors, media men, businessmen, school staff, bank managers have always been extending their helping hands to the PMI volunteers for the cause of prisoners. 3. Visits to the prisoners' families: Our volunteers regularly visit the families of



prisoners who are languishing in the prisons as part of counseling and rehabilitation. Family visits help the volunteers keep track of the cases of prisoners and their family members. 4. Inter-religious dialogue: Participation in the cultural, social and religious programs of other religions like Christmas, New Year, Dushhara, Deepawali, Id etc. help the PMI volunteers to keep united. We also invite government and non government officials for the celebration of socio-religious feasts and festivals. 5. Prayer, Fasting and Adoration: Regular prayer, adoration and fasting by the volunteers for the inmates become the source of strength for the volunteers, inmates and their families spiritually too. These prayer services are conducted either in the institutions, convents or in the Parishes according to convenience.

Challenges and Difficulties

1. Government norms and regulations: Due to strict government laws and regulations sometimes it becomes difficult to enter into certain prisons very easily and organize meetings and activities for the inmates. 2. Naxal inmates: In some prisons the Naxalites are present in big numbers. In such jails it is all the more difficult to enter inside the prisons. Government officials are very strict in giving any access easily in Naxal prone prisons. 3. Distance of dioceses: Lack of organized PMI committee in some dioceses also becomes a hindrance to get actively involved in the prison ministry. Geographical distance of dioceses also becomes sometimes difficult to coordinate and monitor. 4. Financial problems: All the dioceses of Chhattisgarh Archdiocese have no separate fund to run the PMI activities.

Opportunities

1. Good government officers: Our PMI activities also depend upon our relationships with the government officers. If we have good rapport with the jail authorities we have easy access to the prison inmates. In some prisons we have very good rapport with the government officials. 2. Good church authorities: The Bishops and Provincials of different Religious Congregations in the Archdiocese of Chhattisgarh have taken up PMI ministry as an important ministry of the diocese. 3. The CRI: Conference of Religious in India (CRI) in all our dioceses of Chhattisgarh participate actively in the PMI activities for the inmates of the prisons under their care. 4. The laity: The Parish council, AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation), local Church youth etc. play very active and vital roles in the PMI activities of the diocese.

A Paradigm Shift

Chhattisgarh PMI volunteers will take up Counseling, rehabilitation, reformation, reintegration as new strategic tools to bridge the social isolation between the inmates and their family members and endeavor to bring about renewal, hope, meaning in life, forgiveness, self esteem, liberation, optimism, repentance, reconciliation, motivational change, attitudinal change, transformation in the life of individuals, volunteers, prisoners and civil authorities as the new paradigm shift envisaged by Thomas Kuhn.




Pope Urges Bahrain to End Death Penalty¹

Loup Besmond de Senneville

Pope Francis delivers a speech alongside the King of Bahrain on November 3, 2022, during his visit to the Gulf country. He spoke about the death penalty, human rights and the plight of workers in Bahrain. In a highly political speech at the start of a four-day visit to Bahrain, Pope Francis has spoken out in favor of worker's rights, greater religious freedom and an end to the death penalty in the Gulf state. The pope delivered his address on Thursday in the most solemn of places – the courtyard of the Royal Palace. He was greeted upon arrival by a chorus of singing children and a 21cannon salute. Speaking before King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the 85-year-old pope insisted on respect for human rights in a country that has been harshly criticized by NGOs for the way it treats its Shiite majority.

Francis never explicitly mentioned the two currents of the Muslim world, but he cited the Bahraini constitution and urged authorities to promote “equal dignity and equal opportunities... for each group and for every individual”. He said this is “so that fundamental human rights are not violated but promoted”, stressing that religious freedom must be “complete and not limited to freedom of worship”. His words directly echoed the criticism levelled by the NGOs — which only mounted in the run-up to



the papal visit. Shias have fewer rights than Sunnis in Bahrain; their access to the civil service and the army is also notably very limited.

Behind-the-scenes Efforts on Behalf of Prisoners

Francis and his entourage are expected to work behind-the-scenes in favor of the Shiite majority during the visit. A senior Vatican source said that the pope would advocate for the release of Shiite prisoners, especially minors, who are being held in Bahraini jails, during a private meeting with King Hamad. The Vatican is counting on the tradition that the ruler of Bahrain often grants pardons when an important guest visits the country. “The authorities see the Shiites as the arm of Iran, while it is actually a rather liberal Islam,” Vatican officials pointed out. During his Thursday speech, Francis also strongly criticized the death penalty, which is still in force in the kingdom. He alluded to the “right to life” and “the need to guarantee that right always, including for those being punished, whose lives should not be taken”. Twenty-six people are currently on death row in Bahrain. The only thing standing between them and their execution is the king's approval.

Advocating for Workers

But the pope also used his speech to send messages to other countries in the region. For instance, his denunciation of “dehumanizing” forms of labor came just three weeks before the start of soccer's World Cup in nearby Qatar. “This does not only entail a grave risk of social instability, but constitutes a threat to human dignity,”

¹ Courtesy to La Croix, 4 November 2022

he said of poor labor practices. Qatar has been criticized for employing hundreds of thousands of migrant workers in recent years to build stadiums. Several thousand of these laborers have died in conditions that the NGOs have denounced. Without ever explicitly mentioning the slave-like conditions in which foreign workers have been employed in Qatar, Francis condemned the work that, like “bread that is poisoned”, “enslaves” those who are forced to work. “Labor is not only necessary for earning a livelihood,” he said. “It is a right, indispensable for integral self-development and the shaping of a truly humane society.” Francis, who returns to Rome on Sunday, said “men and women” must never be “reduced instead to a mere means of producing wealth”.

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