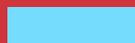


PMI National Conventions

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First PMI National Convention 1994

Bangalore



THE FIRST PMI NATIONAL CONVENTION was convened at Christian Workers' Centre, Bangalore, Karnataka from 13th to 15th of August, 1994. The convention was inaugurated by Mr Alphonse Kannanthanam IAS , the commissioner DDA and presided over by Very Fr. Alex Ukkarn CMI , the national Secretary of Catholic religious of India.



This first national meeting placed before the CBCI the proposal to establish national ministry for prisoners with units in all the dioceses of the country. His grace Archbishop of Arokiasamy, Archbishop of Madurai was the patron of Prison Ministry India as it was under the Justice Peace Development commission. Fr Varghese Karipperry was elected as the first National Coordinator of PMI.

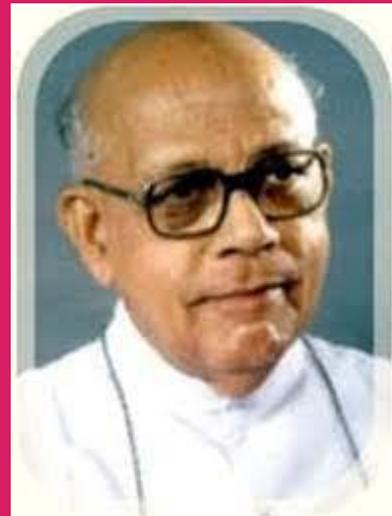
Second PMI National Convention 1995 Delhi

The second national convention of PMI was conducted at Navinta Retreat centre, in Delhi from 22 to 24th of September, 1995. St Mother Theresa inaugurated the convention and Most Rev Alen De Lastic, Archbishop of Delhi presided over the function.

The message of Mother Teresa: Let us ask our lady to give us her heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; her heart is full of love and humility. Let us thank Lord for his great love and for the grace to share the joy of loving. It is a beautiful gift of God to take of people, men and women in jail. It is something beautiful for God and is a real gift of God.



Third PMI National Convention 1997 Thrissur



The third PMI national conference was conducted from 26th of to 29th October, 1997 at D.B.C.L.C, Thrissur, Kerala, India. Conference motivated those engaged in prison ministry by highlighting the dynamics and spirituality of this noble mission.

The inauguration was done by Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Archbishop of Thrissur and meeting was presided over by Sri. Tikaram Meena IAS, collector of Trichur. The public meeting was inaugurated by Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer and was presided over by Mar Joseph Kunukulam Archbishop Emeritus, Thrissur Archdiocese.

Fourth PMI National Convention 1998 Mumbai

Prison Ministry India conducted its fourth national convention from 4th to 6th of December, 1998 at retreat house, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Fr. Varghese Karippery, the PMI national coordinator was the master mind behind the gathering. The inauguration was done by Cardinal Simon Pimenta. The meeting was presided over by Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Kanjamala SVD.

The sessions were dealt with the topics such as biblical basis of Prison Ministry India, cause of crime and its effect and a Christian response, prison ministry in present context, and three "R" theory. About 110 people from 14 states participated. Fr. Varghese Karippery handed over his responsibility of national coordinator to Fr. Sebastian Theckanath, a diocesan priest of Ernakulam- Angamally Archdiocese.



Fifth PMI National Convention 1999 Calcutta



Prison Ministry India conducted its fifth national convention from 12 to 14th of November 1999 at Bosco School, Calcutta, West Bengal. The convention was inaugurated by the Vicar General Msgr Francis Gomes. Fr. Francis the Salesian provincial presided over the meeting.

About 120 people participated in the convention. The following day was given for input sessions on the basic chrisms of prison ministry and legal awareness for prison ministry volunteers. The second day was kept for the sharing of volunteers from different states and the following day was charted for the state wise gathering for the future plans of each state basing the understanding of national convention.

Sixth PMI National Convention 2000

Hyderabad

Prison Ministry India conducted its 6th national convention from 25th to 27th October, 2000 at Birdy, Hyderabad, Andra Pradesh. The inaugural function was presided over by Most Rev. S Arulappa, Archbishop Emeritus of Hyderabad and the chief guest was Sri. T. Devender Goud the honorable Home Minister of AP.

Sessions were conducted by Fr. Adv. P. D. Mathew, M. V. Krishna Rao, IGP of AP, Alikhan the retired Chief Justice and Fr. Varghese Karipperry, cofounder of PMI. The valedictory was conducted at Chellappilly Central Prison. His excellency C. Rangarajan, Honorable Governor of AP was the chief guest. The meeting was presided over by bishop Peter Remigius, the patron of Prison Ministry India. There were 230 participants. Sr. Leena Kattookaran was the state coordinator of Prison Ministry India in AP.



Seventh PMI National Convention 2002 Chennai



Prison Ministry India conducted its VII National **Convention** from 12th to 15th of October, 2002 at Santhome Community Centre, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

The public function was inaugurated by Mr Bholu Nath I.P.S, additional DGP and Most Rev Mar Baselius, president of CBCI was the president of inaugural session. The meeting was so blessed by the presence of Justice A. Packia Raj, High Court of Karnataka, Most Rev Peter Remigius, the patron of Prison Ministry India, and Rev Sr Prudentia FSJ, Assistant General.

The presence of Smt. Kiran Bedi I.P.S. the first IPS lady and first lady superintendent of Tihar Ashram was so enriching. About 200 volunteers participated in the convention.

Eighth PMI National Convention 2004 Bhopal



“Empower the brethren in Prison for the Society and prepare the Society for them” was the theme of 8th National convention held in Pastoral centre, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from 12th to 15th of November, 2004. Fr. Sebastian Vadakumpadan welcomed the participants. Most Rev Dr Paschal Topno, Archbishop of Bhopal presided over the inaugural session and Shri Achay Kumar Addl. District Judge was the chief guest. Most Rev Dr Gerald Almedia, the bishop of Jabalpur motivated participants.

Most Rev Bishop Peter Remigius, gave message. Shri. Purushothaman, the superintendent of Central prison, Mrs. Ruchi Gosh speaker for street children, Mrs. Archana Sahay, director of childline, Shri. K. D. Shukla, former chairman of Human Rights Commission, Sr. S.C. Agarwal IPS. Retd DIG of Police, were the speakers of the convention. Participants visited ISI certified Central Prison of Bhopal. There were about 230 participants for the gathering.



Nineth PMI National Convention 2007 Mysore

On 8th November 2007 the national conference of Prison Ministry India was begun at St Philomena's College compound with more than 200 participants from all over India. The inaugural session was presided over by Most Rev Thomas Vazhappilly, bishop of Mysore and Most Rev Peter Remigius was the chief guest. Fr Josekutty Kalayil, the national coordinator of Prison Ministry India welcomed the gathering. Panel discussion was led by the following members: Mr Sangliana MP and Former DGP - Human face of God, Mr Henry, director-Peoples watch - Human treatment in prisons, Fr PD Mathew, Director ISI , AHbd-Public Advocacy and NGO's Role



Other eminent personalities such as Sr. Selmi, the sister of Sr. Rani Maria, Justice Mallimath, Mr. Remesh DGP, Prof. V. K. Jose were giving various sessions in this conference.

Tenth PMI National Convention 2010 Kottayam

“Together we can Change the World”. Silver Jubilee of Jesus Fraternity and Xth National convention of Prison Ministry India was convened on 11th to 14th October 2010 at St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam, Kerala. There were 520 participants from different walks of life including religious sisters from 113 congregations, priests from fifteen religious congregations, brothers from eight congregations, seminarians from seven seminaries. Representative were there from eighteen states and seventy six dioceses.

Most Rev Peter Remigius was the main celebrant of the Holy Eucharist. Chief guest was Mr. M.M Jacob, Honorable Former Governor of Meghalaya. Mar Mathew Arackal, the chairman of Jesus Fraternity welcomed every body. Fr Varghese Karippery, Fr Francis Kodiyan, Sr Jemma were on the dais.





Eleventh National Convention 2014

Faridabad

11th National Conference of Prison Ministry India was conducted from 22nd to 25th Oct. 2014 at Divine Retreat Centre, Faridabad, Delhi. The theme of the conference was “changing hearts, transforming lives and impacting the world”. Archbishop Most Rev. Salvatore Pennacchio, Apostolic Nuncio inaugurated the National Convention.



Special Guest of Honor was Justice Cyriac Joseph, National Human Rights Commission Member. Presidential Address was given by Most Rev. Anil Joseph Couto, Archbishop of Delhi. Most Rev. Bp. Peter Remigius, Chairman of Prison Ministry India gave the Voice of the Patron. Felicitations were given by: Rev. Fr. Brian, President of ICCPPC, Rev. Fr. Varghese Karipery and Rev Fr Francis Kodiyan, Founders of Prison Ministry India. There were 476 participants.

Twelfth PMI National Convention 2018 Guwahati

The 12th National Conference of Prison Ministry India was conducted from 23rd Oct 2018 to 26th Oct 2018 at Christ the Bearer of Good News Cathedral Church Auditorium, Rukminigaon, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam with the theme of '*You are not Alone*'. Around 6 bishops, 97 priests, 216 nuns and 197 lay people from northern, north-eastern, central and southern India marked their presence in the conference.

'You are not alone in Prayer, You are not alone in Suffering, You are not alone in Joy, You are not alone in Mission. The conference commenced with the Holy Eucharist by Most. Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo, the Chairman of North East PMI.





Thirteenth National Convention 2022 Goa

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**Let's Prepare Ourselves by
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Fruitfulness**

Thank you

