

Prison Ministry India
13th National Convention, Goa

Reform to Reintegrate
Countdown 29

Milestones
An Historical Introspection

Rev Dr Francis Kodiyan MCBS

PMI 1981-1985

- **1981 Dec 8** **Conceptual Conversation on Love Bomb between Bro Varghese Karippery and Bro Francis Kodiyan MCBS at St Thomas Ap Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala.**
- **1982 Aug 28** **First Prayer Group Gathering under the Guidance of Fr Mathew Elapanickal at St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala.**
- **1983 Mar 11** **Bro Francis Kodiyan's God Experience at Elijah Ashram, Niravilpuzha and the Invitation to Dedicate his Life for the Conversion of Sinners.**
- **1985 Jul 18** **First Visit to Kottayam District Prison.**
- **1985 Dec 23** **New Prayer Group in Preparation for All Kerala Prison Pilgrimage under the Directorship of Fr Thomas Vellilamthadam.**

PMI 1986-1989

- 1986 Jan 29 The Name *Jesus Fraternity*.
- 1986 Mar 1-31 First All Kerala Prison Pilgrimage.
- 1987 Aug 15 First All Kerala Art and Literary Competition for Prisoners.
- 1987 Oct 9 First Magazine *Pulari* (Dawn) for Prisoners.
- 1988 Aug 15 *Thadavarayile Sangheetham* (Prison Melody) - Collection of Prisoners' Drawings, Poems and Short Stories.
- 1989 Sep 8 KCBC Recognizes Jesus Fraternity under its Justice, Peace and Development Commission and Appointed Fr Joseph Mackolil as its Director.

PMI – 1990-1992

- 1990 Jun 01 Jesus Fraternity Office at KCBC Headquarters, POC, Kochi, Kerala.
- 1990 Jul 01 Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS was Appointed as the Assistant Director of Jesus Fraternity and Staff Member at Pastoral Orientation Center, Palarivattom, Kerala.
- 1991 Aug 15 First State Gathering of Jesus Fraternity.
- 1991 Oct 01 Blessing of the First Rehabilitation Centre for Released Men Prisoners at Vettukad, Thrissur, Kerala.
- 1991 Nov 01 Launching of *The Echo*, Jesus Fraternity News Bulletin from Jesus Fraternity Office, POC, Kerala.
- 1992 Oct 11 Blessing of First Rehabilitation Centre for Released Women Prisoners, Monvila, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

PMI – 1994

- 1994 Feb 16 Blessing of Ashadeepam, a Home for Released Women Prisoners by St John the Baptist Sisters, Thrissur, Kerala.
- 1994 Jul 03 Blessing of *Snehadeepam*, a Home for Prisoners' Children by Holy Spirit Sisters, Inchiany, Kanjirapally, Kerala.
- 1994 Aug 13-15 First National Convention, Bangalore, took the Name *Prison Ministry India* and elected Fr Varghese Karipperry as the First National Coordinator.

PMI – 1995

- **1995 Jan 01** **Blessing of PMI National Office in a Farmhouse at Huskur, Bangalore.**
- **1995 Jan 22** **Blessing of Jeevodaya – A Home for Released Women Prisoners under the Holy Cross Sisters, Bengaluru.**
- **1995 Aug 6** **Blessing of Shanti Nivas, the Second Stage of Rehabilitation for Released Men Prisoners by Claretian Missionaries at Edappally, Kerala.**
- **1995 Jul 26** **Registration of PMI under Societies Registration Act No. ER 375.**
- **1995 Sep 24** **The Second National Convention of PMI at 'Navintha', Delhi inaugurated by St Mother Teresa and Presided over by Archbishop Alan de Lastic.**

PMI – 1995-1997

- 1995 Oct 07-09 Fr Francis Kodiyan the PMI Cofounder Participated in the International Conference of Catholic Prison Chaplains, Warsaw, Poland.
- 1996 Feb 22 Shifting of National Office to Koramangala, Bengaluru.
- 1997 May 03 Blessing of Asha Sadan, a home for Prisoners' Girl Children by Franciscan Clarist Sisters, Noida, Delhi.
- 1997 Oct 24-26 The Third National Convention at DBCLC, Trissur, Kerala.
- 1997 Nov 01 Fr Francis Kodiyan Defended his Doctoral Thesis on Prisoners' Reformation

PMI – 1998-1999

- 1998 Dec 04-06 The Fourth National Convention at Mumbai and Fr Sebastian Theckanath was Elected as the 2nd National Co-coordinator.
- 1998 Dec 20 Blessing of Nirmal Bhavan, a Home for Released Juvenile Home Boys by the Malabar Missionary Brothers at Thrissur, Kerala.
- 1999 Jan 08 Blessing of Karunyashramam, a Home for Released Women Prisoners by Sisters of the Adoration the Blessed Sacrament (SABS), Edappally, Kerala.
- 1999 Nov 12-14 The Fifth National Convention in Calcutta.

PMI – 2000-2001

- 2000 Jun 11 Blessing of Snehanivas, a Home for Prisoners' Children by the Sisters of St Elizabeth at Aluva, Kerala.
- 2000 Aug 24 PMI was Officially Recognized by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) under its Justice, Peace and Development Commission and Most Rev Peter Remigius became the First PMI Chairman.
- 2000 Oct 25-27 Sixth National Convention at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
- 2001 Jun 06 Blessing of Arunima, A Home for Prisoners' Children by Sisters of St Anne at Puteuput, Chennai, Tamilnadu.
- 2001 Jun 01 Premodaya Home for Convicts' Children by St Anne's Sisters of Chennai, Bengaluru.

PMI – 2002

- **2002 Feb 12** Fr Sebastian Vadakumpadan Took Charge as the Third National Coordinator.
- **2002 May 04** Inauguration of Prison Quarters' Ministry Adjacent to Central Prison Bengaluru.
- **2002 Oct 13-15** Seventh National Convention at Santhome Community Center, Chennai.
- **2002 Nov 03** PMI Received the Spirit of Assisi National Award by the Franciscan Centre for Peace and Dialogue, Karukutty, Kerala.

PMI – 2003-2004

- **2003 May 13** **Inauguration of the Reformatory Research and Documentation Centre (RRDC) in a Rented Building at Thrissur, Kerala and Launching of Reformatory Explorations: A Crimino-Psychological and Socio-Spiritual Journal.**
- **2003 Jul 18** **Inauguration of the North Regional Office and Appointment of Fr Joseph Kavalakkat VC as the First North Regional Coordinator.**
- **2003 Aug 17** **CBCI Decision to Celebrate Prison Ministry Sunday on every Second Sunday of August.**

PMI – 2004-2005

- 2004 Mar 27-28 All India Coordinators Meet, Delhi.
- 2004 Oct 10 Blessing of Karunalayam, a Home for Prisoners' Children by Augustinian Sisters (OSA) Punalur, Kerala.
- 2004 Nov 12-15 The Eighth National Convention at Bhopal, M.P.
- 2004 Dec 20 Launching of Prison Voice, the PMI National Monthly.
- 2005 Jun 01 Introduced Full Timers' Ministry.
- 2005 Jul 23 Launching the Mission for the Welfare of Indian Nationals in Foreign Prisons, Releasing of PMI Flag and PMI Anthem.

PMI – 2007-2009

- 2007 May 30 Fr Josekutty Kalayil MST Took Charge as the Fourth National Coordinator.
- 2007 Nov 8-11 The Nineth National Convention, Mysore
- 2008 Jul 25 PMI National Delegates Met Pratibha Patil, the President of India and submitted the Memorandum to Abolish Capital Punishment in India.
- 2009 Jan 24-29 Fr Josekutty Kalayil MST, the PMI National Coordinator Participated in the ICCPPC International Plenary Meeting at Budapest, Hungary.
- 2009 Sep 03 Blessing of the Newly Purchased PMI National Office at Carmelaram, Bengaluru.

PMI – 2010-2015

- 2010 Oct 11-14 The Tenth National Convention and Silver Jubilee Celebration at St Thomas Ap Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala.
- 2011 May 21 Fr Sebastian Vadakumpadan was Reappointed as the PMI National Coordinator.
- 2011 Aug 30 Fr Sebastian Vadakumpadan was elected as the Asian Delegate of the International Commission for Prison Pastoral Care during the International Conference held in Cameroon.
- 2011 Nov 15-17 National Gathering of all the PMI Coordinators at Archbishop's House, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- 2015 Dec 15 Blessing of Kolbe Home for Prisoners' Children, Bengaluru.

PMI – 2017-2018

2017 Apr 07

Marie Pushpan's Girls Home for Prisoners' Children by Dominican Sisters, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

2017 Aug 15

Purchasing of Karjat Land, Maharashtra.

2017 Dec 15

Blessing of Kolbe Home for Released Prisoners, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

2018 Feb 2-8

Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva, the Auxiliary Bishop of Mumbai, Took Charge as the Second Chairman of PMI.

2018 Oct 23-26

12th National Convention, Guwahati.

PMI – 2019

2019 Jun 01

Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS Took Charge as the 5th National Coordinator.

2019 Nov 7-8

Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS, the PMI National Coordinator presented a Paper on the Initiatives and Contributions of Prison Ministry India in the International Conference on Prison Pastoral Care Convened by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

2019 Nov 19

PMI National Level Silver Jubilee Celebration, Bengaluru.

PMI – 2019

- 2019 Nov 19 *Reformative Explorations*, A Quarterly for Prisoners' Reformation and Rehabilitation Reloaded.
- 2019 Nov 19 Releasing of the PMI Documentary Film Produced by Mr Lavy Pinto
- 2019 Nov 20 Blessing of Reformative Research and Documentation Centre (RRDC), Bengaluru.
- 2019 Dec 22 Launching of PMI Special Task Forces

PMI – 2020

2020 Feb 1-4

Rev Dr Francis Kodiyan MCBS
Participated in the FABC Preparatory
Meeting Held in Cambodia.

2020 Feb 12-19

Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS Presented
PMI Report to the CBCI Plenary Assembly
at St John's Medical College, Bengaluru.

2020 Jul 15

Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva Blessed
Van Thuan Home for Released Men
Prisoners, Bengaluru.

2020 Jul 15

Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva Blessed
PMI Documentation Centre, Bengaluru.

2020 Jul 15

Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva Blessed
PMI Volunteers' Training Centre, Bengaluru

PMI – 2020

2020 Sep 13

Launched PMI Online Retreat

2020 Oct 02

**Inauguration of PMI Burning Bush
Spiritual Banquet**

2020 Oct 09

**Launching of Incessant Intercessory
Invocation for the Incarcerated
Worldwide.**

2020 Dec 09

**Archbishop Peter Machado Blessed
RRDC Chapel and Hall.**

2020 Dec 09

**Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath Launched
PMI Ruby Jubilee Projects.**

PMI – 2021

2021 Sep 14

Blessing of St Antony's Home for Prisoners' Children at Kankavli, Sindhudurg, Maharashtra.

2021 Sep 27

Digging of Borewell, PMI National Office, Bangalore

2021 Nov 20

Blessing of Kolbe Home for Girls, Patan, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

2021 Dec 8-10

PMI Ruby Jubilee Concluding Celebrations, Bangalore.

2021 Dec 9

Blessing of Ruby Jubilee Memorial Annex, Bangalore.

PMI – 2022

- 2022 Jan 03 Purchasing Toofan for Kolbe Boys, Bangalore
- 2022 Mar 28 Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva Inaugurated PMI Volunteers Training Program in RRDC, Bangalore.
- 2022 Mar 28 Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva Inaugurated PMI Archives, Bangalore.
- 2022 Mar 28 Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva Inaugurated PMI Legal Clinic, Bangalore.
- 2022 Mar 28 Most Rev Allwyn D'Silva Inaugurated PMI Counselling Centre, Bangalore.
- 2022 Jul 03 Blessing of Marian Grotto, National Office, Bangalore

Milestones – God's Revelation

- PMI Milestones reveal that Prison Ministry is the work of God and is the mission of Jesus and it's our duty to accomplish it.
- PMI Milestones prove that the hand of God is with PMI and He provides, protects us by His Divine Providence.
- PMI Milestones reveal that we are led by the Holy Spirit and shall always be led by His Spirit.

Milestones – God's Revelation

- PMI Milestones underline that nothing is impossible if the Lord is with us.
- PMI Milestones reveal that we are on Eagle's wings and can still fly higher and higher.
- PMI Milestones reveal that we need to dream big, especially for the next 10 years for the Golden Jubilee.

Milestones – Invite Us

- Introspection
- Investigation
 - Invocation
 - Inference
 - Insight
 - Innovation
 - Invention
- Improvement
- Implementation

Milestones – Invite Us

- **To Count Our Blessings**
 - **To Praise and Thank God.**
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- **If God Blessed us in the Past 40 Years,**
 - **the Same God will Continue to Bless in
the Coming Years.**