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PRIOR TO THE JUBILEE YEAR'S CONCLUSION

First of all, let me wish you a very happy Jubilee, as we, Oblates of Mary Immaculate celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Oblate presence in Sri Lanka.



Jubilee is a very special moment. It is a moment to thank, praise and appreciate God. It is a time to be grateful to the Lord for the great and wonderful deeds that He has done in our country, in the local Church, in the lives of the people, especially the poor, the marginalized and the abandoned through the instrumentality of the missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Sri Lanka.

Usually as families we gather together in our homes to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, wedding anniversaries of our parents etc. For such events we invite our relatives, friends, extended family members etc. It is a time of joy for the entire family and the well-wishers. In the same way, we, the Oblates are a family. So, it is important that we gather together to celebrate the important events such as jubilees. For these events we too invite our friends, other religious, ecclesiastical dignitaries, relatives, family members, benefactors and well-wishers. There is nothing wrong in coming together. Such events and gatherings will enhance our relationships, brotherhood and family ties. Such gatherings are moments to meet one another, to build up relationships, time to reconcile with one another, time to have a meal together, to dance and sing together. They

are moments to strengthen the emotional bonds with one another and such moments will create environment for open communications and sharing of life with one another. We need time to have fun and enjoy each other's company. There is a saying that *there is not an investment wiser than spending quality time together*. Coming together will enhance sense of belonging too.

Thus, we decided to celebrate our Jubilee for above reasons. Further, it is also a time for us to come to know other members of the church as well: other religious, our lay associates, the family members of our Oblates, the ecclesiastical dignitaries etc. It is also a time for them to come to know us, to be grateful to the Oblates, and to acknowledge the services of the Oblates. Therefore, we see many positive reasons why we should come together to celebrate.



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There are more advantages than disadvantages. I don't see any sin in coming together for such an important event, like 175 years of Oblate presence in Sri Lankan soil. Thus, this jubilee celebration should not be looked at in a very negative way. Don't those who criticize such celebrations travel? Don't they go on trips and picnics? Don't they eat? Don't they go for weddings? Don't they invite their friends to their communities and serve them with a good meal? Don't they entertain visitors? Unfortunately, for some of us there are reasons to criticize every action.

We, as administrations and Jubilee committees of both Jaffna and Colombo Provinces, have seen some positive reasons of holding a jubilee celebration.

However, in our later reflections and discernment, we were also discerning whether to have an excessive and elaborated jubilee celebration or not. We were trying to reflect deeply the economic situation of the country and the struggle that our people go through. Hence, after a careful discernment, we decided not to have an excessive and elaborated jubilee celebration, but limit it to a very simple Holy Eucharist followed by a simple lunch. We have also limited the participants only to the Oblates.

Though we have lowered the celebration to such a simple level, our purpose of coming together as Oblates, as a family cannot be compromised. **Hence, I expect and invite all the Oblates of both Provinces to attend this**

simple mass and meal on the 01st of December without fail.

Though we have cancelled the elaborated Jubilee celebration, we have decided to share our joy with the poor and the most abandoned by sharing dry rations with them, wherever the Oblates work and serve. Please get in touch with the Provincial Treasurer regarding this. I invite you to be in solidarity with the poor as much as possible. If not, the mere cancelling and suppressing of the jubilee celebration will have no meaning. I invite you to visit the families of your locality and identify the poorest of the poor and identify their actual needs. It may not be only food, but perhaps, medical assistance, supporting the children for education, getting a house done for them etc. You may be able to find a sponsor for one or two children. In that way, let us try to be creative and meaningful in celebrating this jubilee.

I wish all of you a very happy Jubilee. May St. Eugene continue to intercede on our behalf.



Fr. Roshan J. L. Silva. OMI

Fr. Roshan J. L. Silva OMI
Provincial Superior,
Oblate Province of Colombo,
Sri Lanka.



SACERDOTAL ORDINATION - 2022

Revd. Deacons Sameera Priyadarshana, OMI, & Lakshan Fernando, OMI, were ordained on 06 August 2022 by His Lordship Rt. Revd. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera, Bishop of Kurunegala.

Later the newly ordained priests were welcomed into the Oblate family at De mazenod house and their obediences were pronounced by Fr. Provincial Superior. Accordingly, Fr. Sameera would join the 'Nazareth' Preaching band community and Fr. Lakshan would begin his ministry as a Chaplain to the National Hospital, Colombo.

The newly ordained priests presided over the Holy Eucharist for the first time on 07 August 2022 at their respective parish churches, namely, Fr. Lakshan at St. Hugo's Church, Burullapitiya and Fr. Sameera at St. Sebastian Church, Sarikkammulla, Panadura. We wish them a very happy and blessed ministry ahead.



FIRST PROFESSION OF VOWS - 2022

On Monday, August 22, 2022, four brothers, Asala Cooray, Kavindu Shanaka, Nirod Niluksha (from the Colombo Province), and Dishon Assisian (from the Jaffna Province), professed the Evangelical Counsels for the first time. Let us pray that they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be always faithful to their profession.





37th THE GENERAL CHAPTER: MAKING GOD'S PILGRIMS FOR 21st MILLENNIUM

BY REV'D FR. JAMES JAYASINGHE,
VICAR PROVINCIAL



CENTRO AD GENTES

In its isolation within a controlled woodland CENTRO AD GENTES looks majestic with its storied structure on a hillock, believed to be created as a result of a volcanic eruption happened some millions of years ago. Rome's suburban town of Nemi, to which the center belongs, looks picturesque from its spacious terraces. On sunny and clearer days, the distant view of the border separating the land and the Mediterranean Sea is pleasant treat to the eyes. The continuous mild breezes from the valley keep the air always pure and clean. It is as if natures care of the place's inhabitants. Approximately a month long 37th General Chapter

of the Congregation was held at CENTRO AD GENTES run by the Dei Verbum religious order. Altogether, with 78 capitulants and the supporting staff, the number of Oblates occupying the place was little over 100, and for sure all enjoyed a pleasant stay till the conclusion of their all-

important duty-bound ministry for the chapter.

EMMAUS JOURNEY

Activities of the plenary sessions, language and regional level discussions, naming the members for committees, elections of the members of the new General administration, and voting for resolutions and amendments of rules and constitutions were all done in an atmosphere of prayer and reflection. At the outset, the Gospel narrative of two disciples of Jesus walking to Emmaus was presented as a fundamental metaphor to follow for all these activities. The capitulants were walking together, listening patiently to one another, expressing concerns and anxieties, recognizing the presence of





Jesus and His revelations, and recognizing the need for qualitative transformation communally and individually. The Chapter theme, "Pilgrims of Hope in Communion" was thus animated, made tangible, and given in a sense of flesh and blood by the very pattern of the behavior of the participants. The terms 'pilgrims', 'hope', and 'communion' were attempted to live consciously by them in their efforts of journeying to the depths of meaning of those terms. In their spiritual and rational interpretations and analyses of the terms, the capitulants looked to the need of taking into account the signs of the times and emerging social thoughts.

PILGRIMS, HOPE, AND COMMUNION

It came to stay powerfully at the Chapter the common conviction that the Oblates are pilgrims, who always keep walking, trusting the divine guidance of God, even though the destiny is not clear. The two senses to keep in mind while journeying are our origins as Oblates, and our path of walking. The Oblate identity

as pilgrims calls all Oblates to be rooted in the Church as followers of Christ. It is essential for the Oblates to be rooted in the 'Book of Rules', Oblate Constitutions & Rules, for it unites us as brothers in our pilgrimage, providing us inspiration, encouragement, and missionary guidance. In our continued growth as Oblates the area of ongoing formation is of

called to offer hope as a virtue to a broken world that experiences war, poverty, and destruction of the earth. Hope in Jesus Christ, calls us to offer explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord. A new reading and re-reading of the CCRR through the lens of Hope can immensely guide us along our journey. At the floor of the Chapter there was substantial concern for our 'common home' the earth and the work of the Oblates for the mission of hope should embrace the care of the mother earth.

Communion, at the Chapter, was viewed as a challenge following the invitation of Pope Francis. When the world is profoundly marked by divisions and selfishness, Oblates cannot content themselves by maintaining communion



immense value.

Hope is the foundational mission of the Oblates as well as the Oblate way of being in the Church. There was the faultless awareness of the Chapter participants that Oblates are required to recognize their missionary vocation of being

only among themselves, for true pilgrims of hope have to be sensitive to their living environments. There is the emerging need for the Oblates to be specialists in communion by spreading their communion to the world. The undebated view of the chapter was the Church's recent teaching on



Synodality and Fraternity should be vibrantly promoted and represented by the Oblates. In this respect Oblate work with the laity and intellectual community were highlights of the discernment of the chapter. The practice of interdependence was a benchmark for the capitulants to make communion visible among the Oblates.

LIGHTER NOTE

For capitulants Sundays were free for activities of relaxation and personal work. For Sundays, as optional programs, excursions to Christian places of historic value had been meticulously organized with knowledgeable priest-guides. Most of the capitulants, young and old, preferred to take part on these tours. The lunches served at each of these trips were delicious treats. These travelling were filled with lots of smile and humor, and teasing and jester which paved the way for much-needed freshness for the seriousness of the new week.

Again, the after-supper ‘socials’ were held on most of the days. These were beautiful occasions

to come to know each other. Though the knowledge of language was bit of a constraint, many found creative ways of communicating their information and sentiments to the other. Thus, socials were surely natural learning experiences about Oblate units, regions, ministries, as well as political, social, and cultural situations of the countries. Everybody looked forward to these evening ‘socials’ for such were the occasions for experiencing brotherhood, establishing friendships, and for some getting their future visits arranged to places.

HISTORIC FIRST

The 37th General Chapter has created history by being the first ‘paperless’ chapter in the Oblate Congregation for the objective of economizing to reduce expenditure. To make it as such, months ahead what is to be done were professionally looked into. On the very first day of the Chapter, each capitulant was given a tablet each, and a session was devoted to give them a quick training on how to use it. A

shared drive was made available to all for them to retrieve any document relevant to the chapter, such as agendas, liturgical services, reports, even photos etc. Each day, materials of continued discussions were updated. This way, the facility was made available for the capitulants to browse any piece of literature for quick reading, before intervening oneself with comments or suggestions in the sessions. Even voting, apart from the election of the members of the new General Council, was done online. No wonder, towards the end of the Chapter capitulants have become ‘tablet-experts’ in every sense.

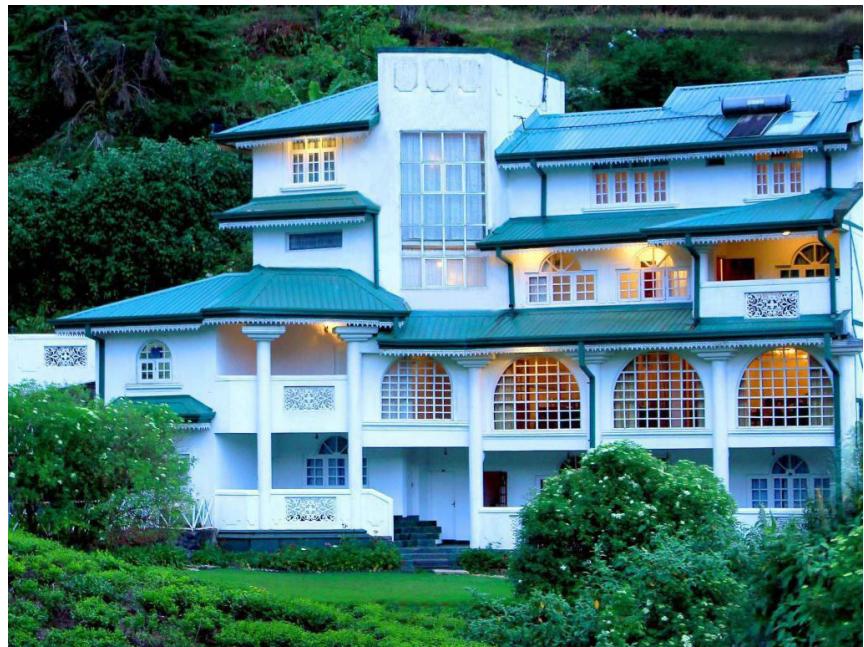
CENTRO AD GENTES housed Oblate capitulants excellently. It made itself a beautiful home for all of them. For one full month, it has silently worked together with the Oblate leadership of the world in search of life-transforming and life-renewing new resolutions for the coming six years of the life of Oblate Congregation.



NOTRE-DAME D'ARCADIA

Have you heard silence speaks? When silence speaks it remarkably touches the truth, at least the fringes of truth. Listen to the voice of silence being at 'Notre Dame Arcadia', Nuwara Eliya, located at the border of the rainforest sanctuary of Piduruthalagala mountain range. It tells how the hearts' positive feelings saturate the turmoil of the innermost, of the healing power of the angelic murmurings of pure flowing water, of the wisdom of the panoramic views to quench the longings of the soul for beauty and harmony, and of the grace of the universal rhythms emanated by ceaseless, cool, and smoothing gusts.

Having learned all these from silence, stroll just 2 kilometers down to the terrains of the city of Nuwara Eliya to feel the pulse of the breathing of living nature amidst incessant chilling breezes. It is always possible to enhance your experience by sipping a glass of craft beer sitting at an open portico of a cocktail cafe. It is assured that nothing prevents you from becoming rejuvenated. Enroll yourself to be a privileged guest at Notre dame Arcadia, for these unforgettable unique experiences. Our fascination always is to be respectfully yours.



On August 15, 2022, Colombo Province obtained the deeds to the purchased holiday resort at Nuwara Eliya. The house will be open for visitors from the end of September 2022. The refurbished Holiday House at Nuwara-Eliya, "Notre-Dame D'Arcadia" was declared open by Very Rev. Fr. Roshan J. L. Silva, OMI, on September 06, 2022 for the use of the Admirers of nature's tranquility and serenity. The house has eight rooms, a dining room with a centre lounge and a chapel.





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RENOVATED HOSTEL AT NOVITiate



Fr. Provincial blessed and entrusted the renovated and refurnished brothers' hostel at the Sacred Heart Novitiate Bandarawela to the brothers today. Hats off to Fr. Anton Grecian, provincial bursar, for a job well done.

INITIATION TO THE NOVITiate - 2022



20 brothers were initiated into the novitiate on the eve of 21st August 2022, for the Novitiate-year 2022-2023. We will pray for these young men so that they may be led by the spirit of the Lord, to discern God's will for their lives, and be more effectively ushered into the Oblate way of life.

VOCATION CAMP AT THE JUNIORATE



An Oblate Vocation camp was held from 7th to 9th August 2022 at Oblate Juniorate, Kohuwala with the participation of 35 candidates, conducted by Rev. Fr. Randil Fernando, OMI, the Vocation Director.

PARENTS' DAY AT JUNIORATE, KOHuwALA



The St. Joseph's OMI Juniorate held its annual Parents' Day and Prize Giving on November 04, 2022. The event's main guest was Very Revd. Fr. Provincial. A traditional dance, group singing, orchestra, pantomime and an excerpt from the play '*Gurutharuwa*' were just a few of the juniorists' many talents that added color to the day. At the occasion, a digital edition of the biennial Sinhala magazine '*Rasa Dhahara*', which is published by the Sinhala Literary Association of the Juniorists, was also released.



ONGOING FORMATION SESSION ON INTEGRATION OF LIFE: SEARCH FOR WHOLENESS



The Ongoing Formation Team of the Province held four ongoing enrichment sessions for Veteran and Senior Oblates, from 20th – 30th June, 2022 under the common theme “Integration of Life: Search for Wholeness”. All the four gatherings were held at De Mazenod House, Colombo-15 and they were facilitated by a team led by Rev. Fr. Baylon Perera SJ. Rev. Frs. Chrishantha Jayalath OMI, Subash Fernando OMI and Reginald Jayamaha OMI were the members of the team. The Ongoing Formation team appreciates all the Oblates who participated in the sessions in spite of all the difficulties they faced in travelling. The remaining three groups of Oblates will have their sessions as the situation of the country improves.



ONGOING FORMATION SESSION: “TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION”



A study session on the subject of “Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission” was organized by the ongoing formation team on 5th and 6th of October 2022 from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Centre for Society and Religion, Colombo 10. Rev. Fr. Vimal Thirimanna, CSsR, was the guest speaker. A great number of Oblates attended these sessions.





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT PADAVIYA



Five children from the Parish of Padaviya received the First Holy Communion on 30th October 2022 at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Padaviya. Revd Fr. Anton Grecien, OMI, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. Revd Fr. Chamika Sudarshana, OMI also was present.

RECONSTRUCTED CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, UDUGAMPOLA.



On October 2, 2022, His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith reopened and blessed the rebuilt Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Udugampola. Revd. Fr. Subash Fernando, OMI, the parish priest in charge at the time, started the constructions in 2012, and his successor, Revd. Fr. Dudley Saparamadu, OMI, carried them out. Revd. Fr. Indika Prasad, the current parish priest, completed the project. Consecration Mass was officiated by His Eminence, Revd. Fr. Subash Fernando and Revd. Fr. Dudley Saparamadu concelebrated the Holy Eucharistic celebration.

OBLATE PREACHERS CONDUCTING FOUR GRAND MISSIONS



Oblate Preachers at 'Nazareth' community has conducted Four Grand Missions in the last two months: at the Church of Our Lady of Good Health Polgahaagara & Our Lady of the Poor, Polgahawaththa from 17th to 28th August 2022; at St. Xavier's Church, Nuwara Eliya from 10th to 23rd October 2022 and at the Church of Our Lady of Fatima Maradana, from 12th to 25th September 2022.





THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION COURSE, 2022-POST O/L BATCH



The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of The English Language Immersion Course, 2022-Post O/L batch was held on September 20, 2022, at the Mazenod English Institute in Katuwapitiya. The batch included 83 students. This Course for the 2022-Post O/L batch began on June 20, 2022, and ended on September 20, 2022. The lectures were given by Revd. Fr. Lakshman Chrishantha, OMI, the current director of MEI, Revd. Fr. Chamika Sudarshana, OMI, and Revd. Fr. Eric Lakman, OMI.

ENGLISH DAY AT MAZENOD COLLEGE, ANURADHAPURA



Mazenod College held the English Language Day at Swarnapali College Auditorium on 02 September 2022, graced by Mrs. Nilusha Sumudu Pitigala, English Instructress of the North Central Province. The theme of the English Language Day was, "United we can rise". The excellent performances by the students were very much appreciated and praised by everyone present on that occasion.

A WEEKEND PROGRAMME FOR THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



Sri Lanka University Catholic Students Movement conducted two day residential leadership programme for the Catholic Youth leaders in the State Universities on 13th and 14th August, 2022 at Andiambalama. The Students were animated and motivated by Revd. Fr. Eric Lakman OMI.

CHILDREN'S AND TEACHERS' DAY AT MAZENOD COLLEGE, ANURADHAPURA



The international Children's Day was organized and conducted at Mazenod College on 30 September 2022. The children were given a very delightful and dialogical presentation, quite adapted to the daily needs of the children by Mrs. Nilukshi Thilakasiri, Mid-wife and Psychological Counselor. It was also a day to thank and honour the teachers who provide a very valuable service.



A WORKSHOP FOR THE WORKERS OF THE RUBBER ESTATE



Five day training Programme for the workers of the rubbers estate at St. Vincent's Home, Maggona was held from 15th to 19th August 2022 conducted by Mr. Pushpakumara, a Senior Instructor of the Rubber Development.

A CHILDREN PROGRAMME AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, PADAVIYA



Children program for the Sunday School Children was conducted on 02nd October 2022 by Revd. Fr Sameera Fernando, OMI and his team in honour of the International Children's Day.

ELDER'S DAY AT SUBASETHGEDARA



A day for the Elders was organized at Subasethgedara, Buttala.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT BERUWALA



Revd Fr. Subash Chaminda Fernando, OMI participated in a Peace-day Celebrations organized by the Young Inter Religious Gathering of Beruwala on 22nd September 2022.



FAREWELL TO FR. JANITH ARAVINDA, OMI, A MISSIONARY TO CZECH REPUBLIC



Revd. Fr. Janith Aravinda, OMI, who would travel to the Czech Republic on 22 October 2022 to serve as a missionary, was blessed and bade farewell by the Members of the Province on the previous day evening. A number of Oblates and Fr. Janith's Parents attended the farewell ceremony at Mazenod House, Mattakuliya. Our best wishes are for Fr. Janith's future mission.

TWO DAY PROGRAMME FOR MAMI AT OBLATE NOVITIATE BANDARAWELA



Some members of MAMI were able to participate in the two days program at Oblate Novitiate, Bandarawela. They had the opportunity to know about the Oblate life, the formation at the Novitiate, some knowledge about the international community, our missions and the role of a lay associate. They also had the opportunity to have a discussion with the novices coming from Colombo, Jaffna, Bangladesh and Pakistan which was a unique experience.

WORKSHOP FOR THE PARENTS, MAZENOD COLLEGE, ANURADHAPURA



A workshop for the parents of the Students of Mazenod College, Anuradhapura was conducted by Mr. Mahinda Namal on 29 October 2022.

REVD. FR. GEORGE PERERA, OMI GIFTS PARENTAL INHERITANCE TO THE PROVINCE OF COLOMBO



Allegiance is shown in fascinating and beautiful ways such as celebrating events together, making promises and vows, exchanging valuable gifts. They become metaphors of mutual commitment and belonging. Yet, when one offers his entirety of valuable parental inheritance to the Province it surely goes beyond ordinary allegiance. It is mark of mutual ownership pronounced.

When Revd. Fr. George Perera, OMI legally transferred his 26 perch property at 262/A, Kohalwila Road, Dalugama, Kelaniya 11600, and 4 storey structure therein to the Province on 22nd October 2022 he may have uttered silently, "My heart has been always wishing to beat peacefully in your care and love. I am yours and you are mine."



VISIT OF THE CLC MEMBERS TO THE PARISH OF KUCHCHAWELI



CLC members visited Kuchchaweli parish with Revd. Fr Emil, SJ on 29th October 2022.

MOTIVATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE STUDENTS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



The Catholic Undergraduates of the Peradeniya University celebrated the Annual feast of Our Lady of the Seat of Wisdom in the university chapel on 29th & 30th October 2022. Revd Fr. Dudley Saparamadu, OMI Officiated the Vesperse and Revd Fr. Andrias Fernando OMI Presided over the festive High Mass.

MOTIVATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE STUDENTS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Two days Workshop and motivational program for the students of St. John Paul II international school, Puttalam was conducted by Revd Fr. Randil Fernando, OMI on 29 & 30 October 2022 at St. Anne's shrine, Thalawila.

OBLATE REQUIEM MASS - NOVEMBER 2022



A requiem Mass for the departed oblates was held on November 4, 2022 at 4 p.m. at the Borella Cemetery. Revd. Fr. James Jayasinghe, OMI, Vicar Provincial presided over the Holy Eucharist.



FAREWELL, DEAR FR. THIRU

Rev. Fr. Jacob Thiruchelvam, OMI was born to a devout family of Mr. Jacob Pillai and Mrs. Annamma Pillai on 29 July 1943 at Mirisuvil in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. He entered St. Joseph's Juniorate in Kohuwala, Sri Lanka, on February 15, 1959, after completing his primary education at the Roman Catholic School in Mirisuvil. He began the Novitiate at Mont Eden in Kalutara, Sri Lanka, in 1962, and on May 31, 1963, he made his First Religious Profession. He took his Final Vows in 1966, and was ordained on 21 December 1971, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Jaffna, by Most Revd Dr. L. R. Anthony, Bishop of Trincomalee.

His first obedience was to serve as an assistant parish priest at the Jaffna Cathedral. He has since worked in plenty of other parishes, including Rathnapura, Karaveddy, Kanattan, Lunugala, Haputale, and Galgamuwa. He

was assigned as a missionary to the Indian Oblate Delegation in 1981, and for almost ten years he worked as a formator at the House of Formation in Madras. He returned to Sri Lanka in 1990 before making a second trip to India in 1993. From 1999 to 2000, he worked for the Bangladeshi Delegation as well.

Fr. Thiru joined the staff of the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Bandarawela for a year after finishing his missionary commitments. After that, he served as a Spiritual Director at the Oblate Scholasticate in Ampitiya until 2012, when he moved to Amala Utpavam, Jaffna, to enjoy his retirement. At the age of 79, he was ushered into eternal rest on November 6, 2022. We ask the Good Lord to bless Fr. Thiruchelvam, His obedient servant and our dear Oblate, and may He receive him into the Eternal Glory of God. May he rest in peace.



FUNERAL CEREMONY OF REVD. FR. THIRUCHELVAM, OMI AND REVD FR. FREDRICK A. THEVARAJAH, OMI AT JAFFNA - 07 NOVEMBER 2022





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WE CONGRATULATE OUR NEW GENERAL COUNCIL

O.M.I. General Council

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- ❖ **Mrs. Emalin Rathnasuriya, beloved mother of Fr. Ashok Stephen OMI** passed away on 16 August 2022. The Funeral took place on 20 August 2022 at 3.00 p.m. at Ranpokunugama, Nittabuwa.
- ❖ **Mrs. Mercy Laticia Morias, the elder sister of Rev Fr. Irwin H. Morias, OMI** passed away on 29 July 2022. The Funeral took place on 30 July 2022 at the Sacred Heart Church, Rajagiriya followed by the burial at the General Cemetery, Borella.
- ❖ **Mr. Colvin Perera, the beloved father of Bro Scholastic Amila Perera, OMI** passed away on 10 October 2022. The Funeral took place on 12 October 2022 at Bro. Amila's Residence followed by the burial at Roman Catholic Cemetery in Weliweiya.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

- ❖ Very Revd Fr. Roshan J. L. Silva, OMI, the Provincial Superior and Very Rev. Fr. James Jayasinghe, OMI the Vicar Provincial, were in Rome from 13 September 2022 to 15 October 2022 to attend the 37th General Chapter.
- ❖ Rev. Fr. Janith Aravinda, OMI, traveled to the Czech Republic on 22 October 2022 to serve as a missionary

CELEBRATIONS AHEAD

175TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 01, 2022 at 10.00 am.
At De Mazenod House, Mattakkuliya.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS OF THE
RETIRED OBLATES**
DECEMBER 21, 2022
At Marian Grove, Kohuwala.