Dear Brothers,

On the Solemnity of St Paul the Apostle who is our ‘father, master, exemplar and founder’, we relaunch PaulsWave, the Official Online Bulletin of our Province. On this occasion, we acknowledge the pioneers and the close collaborators of the bulletin which used to be published from the Office of the Director General of the Apostolate.

This time around, we are broadening the scope of the newsletter to make it a platform to meet and share about our life and mission. Further, we also hope that the PaulsWave becomes an important document to systematically record significant events and happenings of our province.

Communication is at the heart of the Society of St Paul from its very beginning, in fact we were born for the communication apostolate. We who have discovered the power of the media to give life and to build communities, should profit to create communion through communication, thus, our Pauline vocation becomes more meaningful.

The Special General Chapter 1969-1971 of our congregation challenges us to become apostle communicators, beginning with our very communities, “Fraternal Communication—Our religious family and the house where we live must be the first field of our apostolate; to be in touch with one’s brothers is a duty since it is the law of the love of the Lord (Rom 12:10).” [354]

The success of the relaunch will largely depend on each one of us; the way one keeps supporting the newsletter with updated news items, and sharing of your views on our life and mission. May I appeal to all Superiors, Delegates and Directors to actively get involved in this noble cause of creating a culture of internal communication among us, for it is the communication which constitutes our life as religious with God and with one another.

I wish you all enjoyable reading!!!
During the Provincial Council meeting held in Mumbai on 4th & 5th June, 2019, the Provincial Superior with the consent of his Council deliberated the following Acts:

Accepted the resignation of Fr Joseph Tirkey, due to ill health, from the Office of the Provincial Secretary.

Appointed Fr Dominic Savio D’Silva the Provincial Secretary.

Decided to arrange and conduct a Retreat-cum-Renewal Programme for the Perpetually Professed members during the current academic year 2019-20. All Perpetually Professed members will participate in this programme which is recommended by the Provincial Chapter (Details of the programme will be communicated later).

Henceforth, Paulswave, our online newsletter will be published from the Office of the Provincial Secretary. It will report a wide range of news from all sectors of our life and mission.

Decided to purchase a small plot of land in Vijayawada in view of relocating Jeevandhara Book Centre and present it to the Superior General for approval. The plot in question is ideally located just opposite to the Gunadala Matha Shrine, on the national highway. The plot was seen and recommended by the General Councillors during the verification visit to the Province.

Decided to pursue the invitation and proposal of the Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh, Scotland, to open a Book and Cultural Centre adjacent to the Cathedral and to partner in the pastoral ministry of the Archdiocese.

Approved the revised plan for the “Minor Seminary Project” in Bangalore after having sought the suggestions from all the members of the Province and decided to present it to the Superior General for approval.

Informed about the formation of “ST PAULS JEEVAN VIKAS”, a Religious Trust, with its Head Office in Chennai. This is done at the advice of the Financial Consultant to make it easier to carry out direct religious activities. All our existing Trusts/Societies are charitable in their scope.

MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS (LIST 2)

**Provincial Secretary:**
Fr Dominic Savio D’Silva

**Director, Pauline Spirituality Centre:**
Fr George Kaitholil

**Master of Postulants, Nigeria:**
Fr Martins Obasi

**Editor, ST PAULS & BYB, Nigeria:**
Fr Gerard Tanko

**Principal, St Pauls College, Bangalore:**
Fr Thomas Mangamthanath

**Asst. Director, SPICE, Mumbai:**
Fr Plavendran Iruthayasamy

**Director, Marketing, Publicity & Sales, ST PAULS & BYB:**
Fr Joby Mathew

**Asst. Director, Marketing, Publicity & Sales, BYB, Mumbai:**
Fr Dominic Tirkey

**Director, Technical Department:**
Fr Francis Xavier J.

**Director, Psalm 33 studio, Mumbai:**
Fr Francis Xavier J.

**EFFECTIVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS (LIST 2)**

**Fr Paul Vechoor:**
from Bengaluru to Kochi

**Fr Michael Thekkekkutt:**
from Bengaluru to Kochi

**Br Vincent Minj:**
from Guwahati to Ranchi

**Fr Dominic Tirkey:**
from Ranchi to Mumbai

**Br Leo Kochelath:**
from New Delhi to Bengaluru

**Fr Sebastian Kattakal:**
from Bengaluru to New Delhi

**Br Beck Andreas Pancratius:**
from Allahabad to Eluru

**Br Jolly Thenamkalayil:**
from Chennai to Vijayawada

**Fr Plavendran Iruthayasamy:**
from Bengaluru to Mumbai

**Fr Praveen Chirathara:**
from Pune to Enugu, Nigeria

The Provincial and Team sincerely thank all the members who have accepted various responsibilities and transfers in view of our Pauline mission. We wish them all God’s grace.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- All appointments and transfers will come into effect on Friday, 05 July 2019.

- Frs Pius Nechikattil and Vincent Kuttikkatt will render their valuable services to the Editorial Sector of ST PAULS and BETTER YOURSELF BOOKS.

- The next Provincial Council meeting will be held from 12 to 14, August 2019.
**Canonical Visitation**

In June 2019, Fr Varghese Gnalian, our Provincial Superior, made canonical visitation to our communities in New Delhi, Jalandhar and Allahabad. From 27th June to 6th July, he continues canonical visitation to the communities in Chennai, Vijayawada and Eluru.

**We Welcome you with Love and Care...**

Fr Joseph Kandachamkunnel is back to the Province after his studies in New York. He will shortly be joining our community in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Fr Antony Swamy returns to India after five fruitful years of service in Nigeria. Fr Swamy has been nominated the Parish Priest of St Pauls Church in Bengaluru and will soon join our community there.

Br Maria Arockiam and Br Paschal Mbah have successfully completed the Charism course in Rome and have returned to their respective communities.

**We wish you a fruitful Pauline mission...**

Fr Berkmans David and Fr Praveen Chirathara will soon join our communities in Lagos and Enugu, Nigeria, respectively.

**Congratulation!!!**

Most Rev Fr Valdir José De Castro, our Superior General, has appointed Fr Joe Erupppakkat a member of the St Pauls Biblical Centre for a period of three years. We wish Fr Erupppakkat God’s blessings for his new assignment.

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**Fr (Dr) Dominic Savio D'Silva SSP**

Provincial Secretary

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**News in Pics**

**A New Look and Fresh Feel for St Paul Book & Art Centre Kozhikode**

**Awesummer 2019**

**Entrance to Postulancy**

**Entrance to Novitiate**
The Vocation Year of the Pauline Family

A year to rediscover with joy, the mystery of our Pauline vocation and to propose to the young people holiness as “the most beautiful face of the Church”.

A year to feel again that “the total gift of oneself to the cause of the Gospel is something wonderful that can give meaning to a whole life” (Papa Francesco).

A year in order to “go out and meet the young people where they are, rekindling their hearts and journeying with them” (Cfr. IL 175).

An intense year of prayer, reflection and of many vocational initiatives possibly organized at the level of “Family” and therefore thought and lived “together” by the Institutes present in the various territories.

A year illuminated by the vision of the Founder who, “projecting himself mentally into the future he felt that in the new century generous people would experience what he was feeling…” (AD 17); a year to make the appeal resonate “feeling ourselves deeply obliged to do something for the Lord and for the women and men of our time” (cf. AD 15) and therefore “to rekindle the gift of God that we have received”.

— Superiors General of the Pauline Family

Celebrating 50 Years of Youthful Pauline Spirit

Br Leo Kocheelath was born in Cheruvally in the district of Kottayam, Kerala on 26 October 1945 to parents Mr Abraham and Mrs Elizabeth as their 7th child. Having pursued his schooling, he experienced the call of God and joined Society of St Paul at Mumbai in 1964.

After the completion of his initial years of formation, he made his novitiate in Allahabad in 1967, and made his first profession on 16 July 1969 in Allahabad. He made his juniorate in Mumbai for 5 years and on 20 August 1974 he made his final vows on the occasion of the 60th foundation day of our congregation.

Bro. Leo was appointed as the press manager in Allahabad in 1974 which he served for two years. In 1976, he was transferred to Good Pastor International Book Centre at Chennai and served for 2 years. Meanwhile, the Bangalore community needed someone to take care of the vast field of 33 acres which he wholeheartedly accepted and served for four years from 1978 to 1982.

In 1982, he was transferred to Mumbai as the house bursar for 2 years during which he spent much of his time to distribute the Home life magazine throughout Mumbai.

In 1984, he was transferred to Calicut and along with late Fr Augustine Ampattukuzhy he worked to construct the house and to open our Calicut Book Centre in the small space at St Joseph Church.

In 1991, he was back in Mumbai to serve as the manager of the Book Centre at Bandra. Having served the Lord with lots of zeal, his service and hardworking nature was well appreciated by all as he celebrated his silver jubilee in 1994.

In 1994, he was appointed in-charge of the mobile unit in Vijayawada, and he visited many schools and places to spread the good literature till 1999. During this time, he also dedicated his time to oversee the construction of the community building extension.

In 1999, he was transferred to Bangalore and appointed provider to the large community for 2 years. In 2001, he was transferred to Allahabad to serve in the book centre where he remained only for 6 months as his service was required in Ranchi for the construction of the new building. He remained in Ranchi for 3 years and was sent to Pune for another 6 months for the construction of the first floor.

In 2006, Bro. Leo was appointed Book Centre manager in Allahabad. It was the time when Jalandhar Community required someone to revive our mission which was coming to an end and Br Leo was more than willing to go to Jalandhar where he served for 3 years as the delegate from 2007 to 2010. In 2010, he was transferred to the community of New Delhi as the Assistant Director of St Paul International Book Centre.
where he continues to render his apostolic service.
In his 50 years of professed life, Br Leo has been a man of commitment who has always carried out every responsibility with dedication and hard work. He is always available to every need and willingly accepts every responsibility. His disciplined nature keeps him ever fit and with good health.

Celebrations ....
Sunday, 16 June 2019, will go down as a memorable day as the community of New Delhi celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the First Religious Profession of Br Leo Kocheelath.

In the introduction, Fr Thomas Kulangara, the M.C of the day, explained about the Brotherhood and gave a brief biography of Br Leo.

At 11 am, the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr Varghese Gnanian, the Provincial Superior. Sharing his personal experiences with Br Leo, Fr Gnanian recalled how Br Kocheelath has been a person of Commitment, Dedication and has a sense of Loving care for the members of the community wherever he has been and he exhorted the congregation to embrace these qualities.

The Holy Eucharist was followed by a short felicitation programme in which Fr Gnanian along with Fr Joseph Thulumpenmakel, the Superior, felicitated Br Kocheelath and thanked him for the 50 years of untiring and youthful Pauline Spirit. The presence of our members from Delhi and Jalandhar, Sisters from PDDM and Daughters of St Paul, family members of the Jubilarian and many other Fathers, Sisters, Religious and well-wishers added much joy to the celebration which came to an end with a delicious fellowship meal.

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Rev. Br Jolly Thenamkalayil, ssp: Our Silver Jubilarian

Bro. Jolly Thenamkalayil, our Silver jubilarian, hails from Tharal, Thalassery Archdiocese, Kerala. He was born in a God-fearing family as the 3rd son of Joseph and Mary, on 23rd February, 1969. He has two brothers and four sisters, of whom one is a religious nun of the Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta. At present she is the Regional Superior of the Calcutta region.

Br Jolly joined Society of St Paul on the 23rd June, 1988, in the community of Mumbai. After having completed his Intermediate and the Postulancy, he started his year of Novitiate on the 29th June, 1993 in the community of Bangalore. After having completed the Novitiate Br Jolly made his First Religious Profession on the 30th June, 1994.

As Br Jolly showed much interest in the academic studies, he was sent to Mumbai to do his three-year degree course (BA) at St Andrews College, Bandra, which he completed in flying colours. After the degree we find him in Bangalore for five years: First year was the year of Regency and the next four years he did his Philosophy and Theology at St Peter’s Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore. This really prepared him to give himself totally to the Lord and to the Congregation by making his perpetual profession on the 30th June, 2002.

From 2002 to 2009 Br Jolly was in the community of Mumbai, engaged in the Bookshop Apostolate (Bandra Book Centre and Examiner Bookshop as the Director), and Press apostolate (Manager of the Press). These responsibilities in fact equipped Br Jolly to be a zealous Pauline missionary in Nigeria where he rendered his valuable services for four years in the communities of Ibadan and Enugu. As the climate there did not suit him, he had to return to India in 2014, and he rendered his services for one year each in Good Pastor Book Centre, Chennai and St Pauls Intl. Book Centre, New Delhi. In 2015, the Bishop of Thanjavur asked for a Pauline to run the Velankanni Shrine Book Centre and Br Jolly most willingly and lovingly accepted this responsibility to run this Bookshop. Now after having served this Bookshop for four years Br Jolly shares with us that of his 31 years of Pauline Religious Life, the most challenging and rewarding mission was the one at Velankanni where he could see the ocean of humanity flowing almost every day to the feet of the AROKIAMATHA. Every day the Shrine Basilica
welcomes thousands of pilgrims from around the globe. The Shrine Book Centre is open 365 days a year, from 7.00 a.m. to 7 p.m! All the pilgrims could see in Br Jolly the apostolic zeal of St Paul our Patron and Blessed Alberione, our Founder.

True to his name Br Jolly is always jovial and cheerful in his apostolic life. He endeared himself to everyone of the Shrine Book Centre staff that all of them literally wept and would not let him come away from the Book Centre. The Superior who went to bring him had to FORCEFULLY take him out. Wherever Br Jolly exercised his Pauline Ministry, this was the most characteristic feature of his life and mission. From Br Jolly we have learned the truth: To be active in God’s work is one thing; to be effective in God’s work is another thing.

When contacted Br Jolly for a message at the occasion of the SILVER JUBILEE of his Religious Profession this is what he shared:

“The service of Christ, is the BUSINESS of my life;
The knowledge of Christ, is the WEALTH of my life;
The presence of Christ, is the JOY of my life;
The will of Christ, is the LAW of my life, and
The glory of Christ, is the CROWN of my life.”

Dear Br Jolly, the entire Province is very proud of you and when you celebrate the SILVER JUBILEE of your First Religious Profession we, your confreres, wish you many more jubilees—Ruby, Golden and Diamond!! AD MULTOS ANNOS!

**St Pauls Church Celebrates its Annual Feast Day**

St Paul Church, Nagasandra, Bangalore is all set to celebrate its Annual Feast on Sunday (30/06/2019). Most Rev. Dr Bernard Moras, the Archbishop Emeritus of Archdiocese of Bangalore will preside over the Feast Day Mass. There will be the Evening Mass in English at 5.30 which will be presided over by our Superior Rev. Fr Sebastian Ambattu, followed by a car procession, Eucharistic procession, Benediction and fellowship meal for all.

“Common life is for putting together energies, intelligence, ability, counsel. It is to submit our thought, our work, our written article and our initiative in that particular task etc. One has to listen to the others’ views and we correct one another, help one another because from everything there is something to take away and something to add. Common life is reduced to nothing when everyone does things by himself.”

—Bl. James Alberione

**St Pauls Annual Book Fest 2019**

The community of Pune is organizing the 12th Annual Book Fest from 3rd July 2019 to 13th July 2019. Over the last few years our Book Fest has gained a lot of appreciation and good will among the literate crowd in Pune, especially the JDV Campus. This year too there are more than two thousand titles from more than 500 publishers and distributors on display. The Fest provides ample opportunity for the students at JDV, students, teachers and parents from the schools and colleges in Pune and the general public to benefit from a variety of books ranging from theology, philosophy, politics, economics, current affairs, literature, spirituality, Catholic faith and many more. The fest has been the initiative of our Juniors in Pune. Congratulations to Fr. Sunil and all the community members for this initiative.

**Kudos to our Juniors**

Five of our Juniors have completed their degree studies at Christ College, Pune with flying colours. Three of our brothers, namely Br. Ezekieal, Emmanuel and Nelson have scored high distinction while Br. Precioustone and Br. Amit have scored high first class. Congratulations to our brothers who have made us proud through their hard work and dedication. Their achievement is really an inspiration for our Juniors who are beginning their degree studies at Christ College this academic year.
Br Maria Arockiam shares his experience of the Charism course in Rome

We, the 21 students of the Pauline charism (2018-2019) began our course on 24 September 2018 with the Eucharistic Celebration in the Sottocrita of the Regina Apostolorum Shrine and with a few days of community experience in Ariccia.

As we belong to the one family of Blessed Alberione we quickly got along with each other and began to share and live our fraternity in love and fellowship among us. All of us considered it as a fraternity of special grace of God to be among the chosen ones to this marvellous group of unity in diversity.

This unitary group of ours can be considered as a microcosm for the Macrocosm of the Pauline Family all over the world. This refers directly to the vision of our Founder to live and give to the world the epitome of compounds giving Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our representation of the whole Pauline Family was enriched by our study of the life of our Blessed Founder James Alberione and his works. We worked together as a family in the school of our Founder and ultimately in the school of Jesus the Master.

After deepening the study of the Constitutions of our Congregations we had a rich sharing with the Aggregated Institutes of the Pauline Family. In fact, their commitment and consecrated life lived in the world, with its challenges and its joys, have been a beautiful and convincing testimony for us and remains in our hearts the sign of a great love for the Lord, the Church and this marvellous Pauline Family.

We also have studied to understand, reflect and live the totality of humanity of Jesus (mind, will and heart) and the totality of the divinity of Jesus (Way, Truth and Life). Enriched by our many meetings, sharing of our experiences and retreat we have acquired a greater knowledge of the Pauline Family through a continuous deepening study of the writings of our Founder Blessed James Alberione.

A nice novelty, in our itinerary, was the pilgrimage to the Birth place of Blessed Alberione, the Mother house of the Pauline Family with the privilege of visiting the Cathedral of Alba, and everything connected with Blessed Alberione. In fact, walking on the same place where Blessed Alberione had walked, lived, prayed and founded the Pauline Family was an enriching experience and an indescribable grace for all of us.

Our study of Christology of Alberione led us to understand that the Trinitarian aspect of God and the two natures of Jesus Christ has an application to our day-to-day life and mission of the Pauline Family. Our Founder compares the three persons of the Holy Trinity, having perfect relationship with one another as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is the perfect example of our life of unity in diversity. As our ultimate goal here on earth is to be with this Triune God we strive to reach this Trinitarian God by following Jesus the Way, Truth and Life.

Our founder says if the faculties of our mind, will and heart are without any mutilation or fragmentation we belong to the “whole Man” and if these faculties are mutilated we become inhuman and no more belong to the “whole man”. Therefore if our “whole man” has been mutilated we must turn to Jesus our model. Since the human nature of Jesus has also the faculties of mind, will and heart and never mutilated He becomes the perfect model for our wholeness. As Jesus is presented as the Way, the Truth and the Life in the Gospel of Saint John (Jn 14,6) we having the faculties of our mind, will and heart by having the same mind, will and heart of Jesus will become like Christ. Thus Christ the way, the truth and the life becomes the unifying element of the Pauline Family as long as we remain united and undivided in the process of living and giving the whole Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life to the world. This Way, Truth and Life method indicates the unity in diversity of the Pauline Family.

As we have concluded our study of Charism on 25th May 2019 with a greater knowledge of the Pauline Family through a continuous deepening of the writings of our Founder Blessed James Alberione it is now a call and a challenge to rededicate ourselves totally to Jesus Christ in living the charism of the Founder and help other members of the Pauline Family to enter into the school of Jesus Master and be qualified for the mission.
First Year Aspirants in Ranchi

In our Ranchi community we began the new scholastic year on 17 June 2019. This year, we are blessed with fourteen candidates from seven different states. Three each from Jarkhand, Odisha, Meghalaya, two from Bihar and one each from Manipur, Assam and Maharashtra. Three of them have completed their Plus Two and the rest are high school passed. Kudos to all our vocation promoters who have worked hard to bring these candidates.

First Year Aspirants in Bengaluru

Our province is blessed to have fourteen young and dynamic aspirants in Bengaluru this year. They belong to three different southern states, namely, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamilnadu. Among them two have done their intermediate studies and rest of them have completed SSLC. They feel at home in the new atmosphere in our community. They are guided by Fr Rony Lewis, the master of Aspirants and Br Nelson. They are given the best of everything with regard to their formation. It is a wonderful and enriching experience for them to have the first-hand experience of our Pauline way of life. “Well begun is half done”. The new academic year was begun on the 11th June invoking the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit during the Holy Mass which was celebrated by the Superior Fr Sebastian Ambattu.

Entrance to Postulancy and Novitiate

30 May, 2019, Guwahati. During the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration, Fr Varghese Gnalian, Provincial Superior, presided over the ceremony of entrance of six Aspirants – Islay Nerswn, Kerketta Anup, Kerketta Suresh, Kollappallil Stephen, Kujur Kuldeep and Vengathadathil Aneesh - to the year of Postulancy, and two Postulants – Joms Sajan Kizhakel and Kanikathottam Mobin Jose - to the canonical year of Novitiate. The Provincial explained to the candidates regarding what is expected of them during the year of Postulancy and Novitiate respectively. He emphasized that they need to always be attuned to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially during these years of spiritual growth and discernment of their vocation.

During the ceremony, Fr Varghese marked their entrance to the year of Postulancy and Novitiate, by presenting a copy of the Holy Bible. He then entrusted the Postulants to the care of Fr K.V. Sebastian, Master of Postulants and the Novices to the care of Fr Saji Antony, Novice Master.

First Religious Profession

31 May, 2019, Guwahati. The Four Novices of the Society of St Paul, India - Chakkananickal Thomas, Kunkal Albert, Paga Nikhil Christu Raj, Tete Atish – professed their firm will to follow Christ the Master more closely for the rest of their lives. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr Varghese Gnalian, Provincial Superior. Fr Varghese challenged the newly professed to be relevant to the time and place they would be called to live their commitment to follow Christ, their Master.

Present on the occasion were also Fr Aneesh Peediyekal, Director of Formation, members of the community, members from the community of Jorhat, Members of the Pauline Family, and other Priests, Religious and well-wishers.
A NEW LOOK AND FRESH FEEL FOR ST PAUL BOOK & ART CENTRE, KOZHIKODE

10 June 2019, Kozhikode. "Those who say nobody reads books are simply people who do not like to read books. They spread this false rumour. The reality is, those who love books continue to read good books, despite the onslaught of digital media," said Bishop Dr Varghese Chakkalakal, Bishop of Kozhikode. He was speaking at the blessing and inauguration of the newly renovated ST PAUL BOOK & ART CENTRE, KOZHIKODE on Monday 10 June 2019 at 10 am. Bishop Chakkalakal was all praise for the media mission of the Society of St Paul and the Pauline Family in General. He exhorted those present to read books, get inspired and inspire others. He said that as a young priest he used to frequent the store and felt very happy to bless the new look store after 32 long years of our presence in Kozhikode. He felt that the new look store will encourage more and more people to frequent the store and make the best use of the services available. Despite the morning rain, a good number of our patrons including Msgr (Dr) Thomas Panackkal, Vicar General of the Diocese of Kozhikode, a number of Provincial Superiors from different religious congregations in the city attended the function. Everyone was extremely pleased with the look and feel of the entire store. The renovation and upgrading of the book store in Kozhikode was a project taken up under the leadership of Fr Felix V, the Director of the Centre and was completed in record 45 days. Fr Sebastian Thomas (Director General of Apostolate) and Fr Joby Mathew (Director, Marketing & Publicity) coordinated the final look and feel of the Book Centre as well as its immediate promotion and publicity before the inauguration. We congratulate Fr Felix, Br Anthony, Fr Pius and their dedicated team of staff at the Centre for patiently carrying out the renovation work while continuing to keep it open for our patrons.

FR JOSEPH GRADUATES FROM FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

21 May 2019, New York. Fr Joseph Kandachamkunnel graduated with a Master’s degree in Pastoral Mental Health Counselling from Fordham University (a Jesuit Institution) in New York, on Tuesday, 21 May 2019. For the specialization in pastoral mental health counselling, he completed a 60-credit program with 600 hours of supervised clinical experience. The course focused on various counselling theories and practical skills of mental health counselling in a multi-cultural context, from a pastoral perspective. While doing the course, Fr Kandachamkunnel gained immense supervised clinical experience at St Francis of Assisi counselling centre, Manhattan. This Master’s degree qualifies him to apply for a license from the American Counselling Association.

The Provincial Superior, his team and the members of our Province congratulate Fr Kandachamkunnel on his praiseworthy achievement.

AWESUMMER 2019

30 May 2019, Mumbai. It is never too late to learn something new.

Awesummer 2019 was organized by St Andrews College, Mumbai in collaboration with St Pauls Institute of Communication Education, Mumbai, The Diocesan Youth Centre and St Andrew’s Centre for Philosophy & Performing Arts, from 22nd April to 30th May, 2019.

From the very beginning of the AWESUMMER concept, the Society of St Paul (SSP) was keen to collaborate with the mission of the Church in Bombay.

The summer programme created a platform for SSP to make known some of its apostolic activities to the youth of the Archdiocese of Bombay. The courses conducted across 2 venues- St Andrew’s College and St Pauls Institute of Communication Education - offered the youth -- aged between 16 years to 25 years, curated activities across genres to hone their interests, cultivate hobbies or simply to learn something new.

The participants benefitted this wide range of summer time courses, where options included a wide range of lineups- basic French, dancing, youth entrepreneurship, photography, mystery writing, graphic design, better

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communication, handwriting analysis and even baking! One of the main highlights from Awesummer 2019 was the celebratory ‘Graduation Dinner’ which took place at St Andrew’s School Quadrangle, on 30th May 2019 with Bishop Barthol Baretto in attendance. This is where all successful candidates received their certificates. The Students excitedly walked up to collect their certificates from the dignitaries presenting them— which included the who’s who of the Archdiocese of Mumbai— from Bishop Barthol, The Paulines, the Jesuits, the Salesians and the parish team from St Andrew’s Bandra. Bishop Barthol Baretto thanked St Pauls Institute of Communication Education for the collaborative efforts to provide the classrooms, the multimedia labs and faculty required to make communication-media and design studies accessible to all interested students.

THE TEENAGER TODAY – BORN WITH A CLEAR MISSION

19 June 2019, Mumbai. The Teenager Today, established in November 1963 in Allahabad (U.P.) by the two Visionaries – Fr J. Maurus (pioneering Pauline missionary) and Fr Aloysius G. Rego (great educationist of his time) is heading towards 56 years of uninterrupted publication, maintaining its unique record of being the oldest surviving youth magazine in the country. In its success journey, the magazine has outlived practically every other youth magazine in the country, some of which were owned by media barons like The Times of India (Youth Times), India Today (Target), Statesman (Junior Statesman), and Religious Institutions like Salesians of Don Bosco (Friends of Dominic Savio – FDS), to mention only a few.

In spite of the professional, human, and financial resources available to them, none of them could save the above periodicals from meeting a premature death, while The Teenager has passed the test of time, and is moving ahead, simply because The Teenager was born with a clear mission: in addition to providing the young people with healthy and wholesome literature, the magazine has proved itself to be a vehicle of national integration, uniting the youth of our country, divided by regional, lingual, religious and caste barriers. Though the magazine was to be run on commercial lines, profit making was not the reason for what it was founded. Within less than ten years of its foundation, The Teenager had already become a “Brand” to which thousands of young people identified themselves, and continue to do so during their teenage years and even later. To some extent, this is true of the magazine even today, while none of the above periodicals could give young people this sense of belonging and so had to wind up much earlier than they could think of!

However, The Teenager did not grow with the same pace, during the latter half of its life as it grew and spread its wings across India in its early years. Moreover, though a lot of money was invested seemingly “to give it the much-needed face-lift”, the contrary happened, and the magazine lost its sheen, and even “disappeared” for some time as many really thought, from the public eye or at least not seen by people as was expected. The circulation took a downward plunge touching an all-time low figure (8600 copies) by March 2018.

Over the past one year, we have been addressing the various factors that led to this fall in circulation, starting with a “visibility campaign” to make sure that the magazine is seen by as many prospective readers/subscribers as possible. We posted nearly seven thousand copies of back issues to the above group, in the months of July-August 2018, alone. In addition, every month we are dispatching a minimum of 150 copies to different schools/individuals who are not presently subscribing to the magazine. The result is clearly seen from the many enquiries we now regularly receive, and the number of new subscriptions that are coming in.

We are constantly monitoring the renewals from the schools that are subscribing to large number of copies. With the possible exception of two or...
three schools, all the subscribing schools have renewed their bulk subscriptions, adding to their existing numbers, in addition to the new ones reaching us. At least 10 days a month are set aside for promotional visits to schools and junior colleges in different regions of the country.

During this month we have received two major orders of 1000 and 500 copies from two schools in Chennai city alone.

Establishing a national Award in memory of Fr J. Maurus, the Founder-Editor of The Teenager, is a significant step in the right direction. The first ever Award – J. Maurus National Award for Innovative Teacher/Principal - was conferred on Dr Jagdish Gandhi, the Founder-Director of Lucknow-based City Montessori Schools on December 10, 2018. Coinciding with the 55th Birth Anniversary of The Teenager (Today), and as part of the above Award Ceremony, a half-day training programme for the city School Principals of Mumbai was also organised by the magazine, on the same day in which over 100 Principals and senior teachers of the city schools participated.

All possible efforts are also being made to improve the quality of the magazine, its cover and content, to better suit the taste of the readers, and make it more appealing to the specific target readership. Reviving The Teen of the Year national Pageant, though not at all easy, will surely help us re-establish the “brand” value the magazine had gained with the help of the zonal events held in the different regions.

As a result of the various steps taken over the past one year, the latest print order has crossed, as of now, 13,000 copies, a very positive sign of the growth and onward journey of the magazine. Moreover, with the various promotional schemes we have proposed to educational institutions, and with the wholehearted support we are receiving from the Pauline Communities across the country, the circulation of the magazine is bound to hopefully double during the present academic year.

— Fr Alfonso Elengikal, Editor