

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, India



On the feast of the Immaculate Conception Fr. Brucciani and Fr. Valan engaged themselves for life to the Society of Saint Pius X before the Blessed Sacrament and in the presence of Fr. Couture and Fr. Du Chalard.

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Busses always come in threes—you wait for an age and then they arrive all at once. When I read what I wrote in the last *Apostle* about routines and plain sailing and nothing really happening, it was clearly a series of idle reflections in the calm before

the storm. This last three months has been a veritable maelstrom of activity. The chronicle below gives a comprehensive catalogue of happenings, but it cannot adequately capture the happiness that comes with the fruition of cherished desires of which these last few months have been blessed. The blessing of the new



Fr. Anthony Swami, Fr. Xavier-Ignatius, Fr. Methodius, Fr. Brucciani, Fr. Wailiez, Fr. Tim Pfeiffer, Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer, Fr. Valan and Fr. Anthony Swami after the priests' retreat in Nagercoil.



Lawrence Mohan, the brother of Jacinta and John (two of our orphans), made his annual visit to the priory over Christmas. This year was special, however, for he received the sacrament of baptism and made his first holy communion. Lawrence works in a shirt factory in Andhra Pradesh.

orphanage was one such occasion of happiness (Sr. Mary Immaculata was never so effusive in her joy). Similarly, the publication of the Tamil version of the Catechism in Pictures explained the unsurpassed jocularity of Fr. Valan and his faithful team of workers; they had toiled for two years on the project. The marriage of two fervent members of the faithful increases our hope for the future and then there were the first professions in the Third Order of St. Pius X followed a few days later by the reception of six young ladies into the Sodality of the Children of Mary.

We have had our fair share of trials of the last few months too. The local Social Welfare Dept., for example, ordered most of the orphans back to their home state of Andhra Pradesh. If this had happened then twenty children would have lost their home here, together with the real charity that inflames those who care for them. After many prayers and vigorous opposition, it seems as if this threat has subsided.

Planning permission for our new dormitory/workshop is still not forthcoming either. Usually we ask God to bring confusion upon our enemies, but in this case

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we pray that He grant them clear understanding and order!

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour. May the graces that He has won for be showered upon you through the hand of His and our mother.

In Jesu et Maria

Father Robert Brucciani.

CHRONICLE

▪ 3rd – 10th December: Mr. Schillerwein, Mrs Jasny and her son Mr. Christopher Jasny (all orphanage benefactors) stayed at the priory for the opening of the new orphanage.

▪ 5th – 11th December: Fr. Couture visited the priory for the opening of the new orphanage too.

▪ 5th – 18th December: Fr. Du Chalard, the “Cardinal Protector” of the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart, also stayed at the priory to officiate at the opening of the new orphanage and to cover for the priory priests while on retreat.

▪ 6th December: Miss Bridgette Bell, a school volunteer, returned to the U.S. to prepare for her marriage after a very fruitful six month stay.

▪ 8th December: Fr. Du Chalard celebrated Mass and officiated at the opening of the first phase of the new orphanage. Frs. Brucciani and Valan made their permanent engagements to the FSSPX at the Mass.

▪ 14th – 19th December: The Indian priests’ retreat took place at the Assisi Ashram, “Centre for Animation” in

Nagercoil. The retreat was preached by Fr. Benoit Wailliez, District Superior of Belgium and the Netherlands. We were also very happy to welcome our helper priests (Frs. Xavier-Ignatius, Methodius and Mathias) together with two guest priests: Frs. Antonyswami and Antonyswami. the retreat dwelt upon the beautiful prayer: *O bone Jesu, fac ut sim sacerdos secundum Cor Tuum.*

▪ 22nd December: Miss Laura Larson, another school volunteer, returned home after a 4 month stay. May God bless her for her kindness.

▪ 26th December: On the feast of St. Stephen, two more boys were elevated



Mrs. Jasny, mother of Pater Marcus Jasny of Neustadt., was overwhelmed by all she saw in India.

to the position of Junior Acolyte in the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen.



Generous benefactors from Tynong, Australia, donated five new bicycles for the boys for Christmas. They have all been in continuous use over the last two months. The prefects now ride their bicycles to school every day

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Mr Jebasingh Pius of Nagercoil married Miss Bhuaneswari Veronica at St. Thomas's Chapel, Nagercoil on 20th January.

▪ 30th December: Mr. Simon Bannwart of Oberriet, Switzerland arrived for an eight week stay to help teach and supervise the boys at the priory.

▪ 30th – 2nd January: Fr. Brucciani took the boys to Christurajapuram. Half of them fell ill with heat stroke on the second day. This was very odd because we spent no more time in the sun than usual—perhaps they were not drinking

enough... or perhaps there was a hole in the ozone layer (a chilling thought).

▪ 20th January: Jebasingh Pius, a pillar of the Mass Centre in Nagercoil, married Veronica of our chapel in Chennai, at St. Thomas' Chapel, Nagercoil. Solemn high Mass was celebrated by Fr. Valan assisted by Frs. Brucciani and Xavier-Ignatius. It was a happy day.



The reception of seven members of the faithful into the Third Order of St. Pius X on 29th January. These noble souls have committed themselves to be pillars of the apostolate by their interior lives, their sacrifices and their example.



Fr. Nély enjoys a picnic lunch under a shelter on the baking south coast.

▪ 20th—6th February: We were delighted to welcome Dr. Suneel Reddy, one of our two Indian seminarians, who returned home for his summer holidays from Holy Cross Seminary, Goulburn, Australia. Dr. Suneel, having completed his third year at seminary, is a now fully fledged philosopher. He will commence the first of three years of theology when he returns to the seminary before Holy Week. The orphans were overjoyed to see him again as he is also from Andhra Pradesh and was instrumental setting up Veritas Academy before going to seminary three years ago.



Dr. Suneel Reddy visited the priory and orphanage during the Holy Cross Seminary "summer" holidays.

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"I thought you said you knew all about plumbing," mumbles Joseph to Francis.

▪ 26th January: Fr. Nély arrived from Mumbai after spending three days at the Vasai Priory. In the evening the girls or-

phanage were kind enough to perform a number of interesting and amusing dramatic pieces for the distinguished guests.

▪ 27th January: The boys went on a trip to the beach south of Nagercoil with Fr. Nély. These littoral excursions are a wonderful way to unwind: the boys are happy to splash around and swim for hours, away from the noise of the town, and then return invigorated only to sleep profoundly in the evening.

▪ 29th January: Seven members of the faithful of Palyamkottai made their profession as members of the Third Order of the Society of St. Pius X during a Mass celebrated by Fr. Nély.

▪ 4th February: Fr. Gregory Noronha arrived at the priory from the Philippines to take up his new posting. Fr. Gregory has been posted to his native India to help with the expanding apostolate and to



An ox does an imitation of Mr. Simon Bannwart of Appenzell, Switzerland. Mr. Bannwart taught maths and supervised the boys.

cover for priests that must be absent for the purpose of renewing visas. Ω



Andrew Leese rides into the sunset and towards Mont Saint Michel in Normandy, France. Visit orphanride.com to see how brothers Andrew and Randall Leese are progressing on their round the world bike ride to raise money for the Servi Domini Orphanage.