HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND
PRAYERFUL BEST WISHES

TO

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The New National Chairman
The Newly Constituted National Council of India with Bro. K.M. Joseph, the Assistant General.

The National Council had its first meeting on 1 and 2 July 2016 at the Provincial House of the North-East Province at Guwahati, Assam.


When in Rome, be like the Romans
TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

To whom shall we go when we are in a crisis? To whom shall we go when we labour and are heavy laden because of our weakness and all of its consequences? To whom shall we go when we need help? To whom shall we go when troubled by guilt? To whom shall we go when we are filled with fear, when we are anxious and worried? To whom shall we go when we become seriously ill? To whom shall we go when there is trouble and lot of problems? To whom shall we go when we are filled with doubt, when we need guidance and when we need strength? To whom shall we go when we lose our faith? To whom shall we go when all alone? To whom shall we go first in every crisis, in every need?

Going to the right person is very important. In purely material terms it is acceptable to go to those who are experts in their own fields. For the broken-down car we go to the mechanic. For repairs to the house we go to the builder. For the rewiring of the building we seek an electrician.

It is in spiritual crises that people blunder horrendously. Over and over again we wander from one counsellor to another. Now there is no denying that sometimes those counsels can give some help, but very often their words do not reach the heart of the problem. To whom shall we go? Some take different direction, they go their own way.

To whom shall we go for answers to these questions? The psalmist tells us, ‘Vain is the help of man’. To whom shall we go – in every crisis, in every need, material or spiritual? Jesus tells us: ‘Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.’ Go to Him, whatever the dilemma. Go to Him for forgiveness. He has come into the world to deal with its greatest problem, human sinfulness and rebellion against its creator. He has taken the guilt of our sin to Himself and so has suffered under its load – not for His own wickedness, for He had none, but for ours. Receive that peace which we know our sins have been forgiven by Jesus Christ.

Go to Him, for He has all the resources of heaven and earth at His command. Go to Him, for He is accessible always. Wherever and whenever we need Him, He is there. ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’, He says. He is never indifferent to our condition, never annoyed that we are troubling Him again, never untouched by our pain, and never too preoccupied with other things. He won’t mock us, nor turn us away. Instead, He invites us to come to Him, and He promises us rest. Go, then, to Him. To whom else can you go? The answer must be “Jesus”. He is “the Christ, the Son of the living God”. He alone has “the words of eternal life”.

Bro. Clement Kandulna
DON’T FORCE GOD THROW A STONE AT YOU

A young and successful executive was travelling down a neighbourhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something.

As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag’s side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting,

‘What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That’s a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?’ The young boy was apologetic. ‘Please, mister...please, I’m sorry but I didn’t know what else to do,’ He pleaded. ‘I threw the brick because no one else would stop....’ With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. ‘It’s my brother, ‘he said ‘He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can’t lift him up.’

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, ‘Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He’s hurt and he’s too heavy for me.’

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat... He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay. ‘Thank you and may God bless you,’ the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy! push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: ‘Don’t go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!’ God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don’t have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It’s our choice to listen or not.
The mercury was high till the middle of June and then a U-turn to cool the atmosphere. We had showers at different intravels. The monsoon entered Jharkhand as predicted by the Meteorological department. The inauguration of the monsoon was with heavy rains the whole day. The farmers’ faces glowed with hope. Most of the houses are made of local made tiles and during the summer wind many tiles are displaced. All most all the houses leak so they repair it after the first rain. We see most of them on the house top mending the roofs. They do not learn from the ants. They empty the leftover of last year from their barns and fill it in advance before the monsoon. The birds knew the monsoon is close and have made nests to bring forth the off springs. The tribal brethren forecast seeing the nests of the birds that whether the monsoon will be windy or mild. If the birds build the nests on the top of tree branches it means the wind will be mild.

We organised a motivational class for the Class X passed students. The purpose was to choose proper curriculum in the college. It is to choose relevant subjects for them according to their capacity. We had conducted written examinations on main subjects along with the volunteers of the village to assess their capacity. It had an impact on them. We very clearly told them of the mental frame work of college students. They need to guard themselves of from the peer groups. I gave three formula-guidance to the students to succeed in their studies- 1. Purpose, 2. Potential and 3. Passion. It can lead them to their destiny.

We are trying to reach out to interior villages and it is amazing to see the undeveloped situations of the vast majority of the people living in the villages. We have come across a crucial problem in village Bedadih. The high tension electric wire will be passing through the village ‘Sarna’ – (the sacred groove- the abode of the ancestral Spirits.) The Power Grid Corporation India is asking them to clear it. The people are not willing to part with the age old legacy. They sought our help and we had a meeting with the village people on 19 June, 2016. The men folk in large number gathered and discussed the matter. I gave my view that it is a temple of the Tribals and it is their identity. In India they do not destroy a temple even if it is on the middle of the main road, then why a ‘Sarna’? We have asked ‘Sarna committee’ to send letters to all the Sarna headmen and representatives of the villages to discuss the matter and stand united to fight against such moves in future. A petition has been sent to the District Collector and copy to the M.P. (member of Parliament) and MLA (member of legislative Assembly.)
This year we are sending 9 young men for ITI training at Hyderabad and one to Goa. We send them with a hope that they will make a difference in the economical condition of the families after two years of training. St. Mark’s ITI places all the students to job after completing the training. We are grateful to all the Brothers who have contributed to make a credible institution in the market sector.

We entered into a new village Mera. There are 35 families. It is 25kms from the Block headquarter. The houses are on a hillock. All the 3 wells have dried up. There is a tube well that supports them for all the purposes. Most of them are Christians. The electricity poles without electric wire tells the poverty of the people. It seems the transformer was a little away from the village. It was stolen but no one made any complaint to the department. Most of them go for daily wage labour to the nearby town. The children are going to schools. We are trying to unite them for action.

Bro. Jacob Panjikaran SG

Montfort Niketan, Konbir-Noatoli

Now children are back to the hostel after the long summer holidays. Bro. Pratap Kerketta and Bro. Anand Pradhan have joined the community. Bro. Naween left for Cuttack on 12th of June to join the new community and Bro. Roshan Rekha left for Bengaluru on 17th of June, both of them have rendered their service faithfully and with great dedication to this community for one year. We thank them whole heartedly and wish them best of luck for their future mission. We have still scarcity of water in our campus. We are waiting for good rain. Classes VI to X have started their FA-1 examination on 27th of June.

Bro. Xavier Tete
On 2nd June Bro. Gilbert Pinto went for his home visit. He had relaxed time with his family members in Pune. Now he looks very relaxed and energized.

On 13th of June Bro. Herman and Bro. Naween joined Cuttack community. Bro. Johnson was present at the station at early dawn to receive the Brothers. The train was late by nearly two hours. The same day the community gave farewell to Bro. Pratap Kerketta in the presence of all the members. A sumptuous lunch was arranged in honour Bro. Pratap. Bro. Johnson gratefully recalled the dedicated service of Bro. Pratap during his tenure.

On 14th June a new group of FSI Sisters joined Cambridge. Sr. Christina, Who returned after the gap of 5 years and two more new Sisters, joined their Community. On 16th June, Bro. Johnson arranged a welcome dinner for the Brothers and also newly joined Sisters in Brother’s residence.

After the long summer vacation, the school re-opened on 17th June. Bro. Johnson introduced and welcomed the new Vice-Principal, Bro. Herman and Bro. Naween in the Morning assembly. There was a warm reception from the staff and students of Cambridge for the newly appointed Brothers.
On 17th evening Bro. Johnson and Bro. Herman went to Ranchi to attend the Council meeting and returned on 19th June. In the evening we were invited by the Parish Priest for his birthday celebration. We were also introduced to other Religious groups during the function. On 21st June Bro. Johnson was invited to inaugurate the international yoga day by officials of the NCC headquarter Cuttack. A good number of NCC cadets from different schools were present in the Bose Cricket ground. He inaugurated yoga day and gave a Yoga day lecture in the presence of the army men and other dignitaries.

On 21st evening we had the first Community meeting. The Meeting started with short prayer and welcome address by the Superior. Community responsibilities were allotted to Brothers in the same day. On 25th Bro. Frederick and a team of auditors came to Cuttack to audit the account. After successfully completing the auditing, Bro. Johnson took them to show Mahanadi Sangamam and the 2000 year old Barabati fort. They returned in the same day evening.

On 29th morning Bro. Herman left for Guwahati to attend the National Council meeting. He will be back on 7th July. Now with the regular activities students are preparing for their first Unit Test which is scheduled on 4th July. Nowadays we are getting plenty of rains and the temperature is very pleasant in Cuttack

Bro. Naween
Once upon a time there was a painter who had just completed his course. He took 3 days and painted beautiful scenery. He wanted people’s opinion about his caliber and painting skills.

He put his creation at a busy street-crossing. And just down below a board which read - "I have painted this piece. Since I’m new to this profession I might have committed some mistakes in my strokes etc. Please put a cross wherever you see a mistake.”

While he came back in the evening to collect his painting he was completely shattered to see that whole canvass was filled with Xs(crosses) and some people had even written their comments on the painting.

Disheartened and broken completely he ran to his master’s place and burst into tears. This young artist was breathing heavily and master heard him saying “I’m useless and if this is what I have learnt to paint I’m not worth becoming a painter. People have rejected me completely. I feel like dying”

Master smiled and suggested “My Son, I will prove that you are a great artist and have learnt a flawless painting. Do as I say without questioning it. It WILL work.”

Young artist reluctantly agreed and two days later early morning he presented a replica of his earlier painting to his master. Master took that gracefully and smiled.

“Come with me,” master said.

They reached the same street-square early morning and displayed the same painting exactly at the same place. Now master took out another board which read - "Gentlemen, I have painted this piece. Since I’m new to this profession I might have committed some mistakes in my strokes etc. I have put a box with colors and brushes just below. Please do a favor. If you see a mistake, kindly pick up the brush and correct it.”

Master and disciple walked back home.
They both visited the place same evening. Young painter was surprised to see that actually there was not a single correction done so far. Next day again they visited and found painting remained untouched. They say the painting was kept there for a month for no correction came in!

**It is easier to criticize, but DIFFICULT TO IMPROVE!**

*So don’t get carried away or judge yourself by someone else’s criticism and feel depressed...*

**JUDGE YOURSELF! YOU ARE YOUR BEST JUDGE!!!**

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We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.
AUGUST
01. FELICIAN JOSEPH
06. JOHN OF GOD
09. BONIN
10. BASILIO MARIA
14. LOUIS BUREAU
15. FELICIAN
22. GABRIEL MARY
31. ALOYSIUS

AUGUST
01. MANOJ KUMAR LUGUN
05. SUNIL INDWAR
10. KULDEEP KUJUR
18. JAMES DUNG DUNG
25. VIJAY KUMAR TIRKEY