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Happy Golden Jubilee to the Oblate Delegation of Pakistan



My Dear Oblates..!

The word "jubilee" is derived from a Hebrew word (Jobel) which means "ram's horn"; it was precisely that horn which was used as a trumpet, whose sound indicated to everybody the beginning of the jubilee year. The book of Leviticus, fabricates the significance of the jubilee year, a year of liberation "par excellence," which is at the end of seven weeks of years, the fiftieth (50th) year. "And you shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall be to you forty-nine years... And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants; it shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his family" (*Leviticus* 25, 8-10).

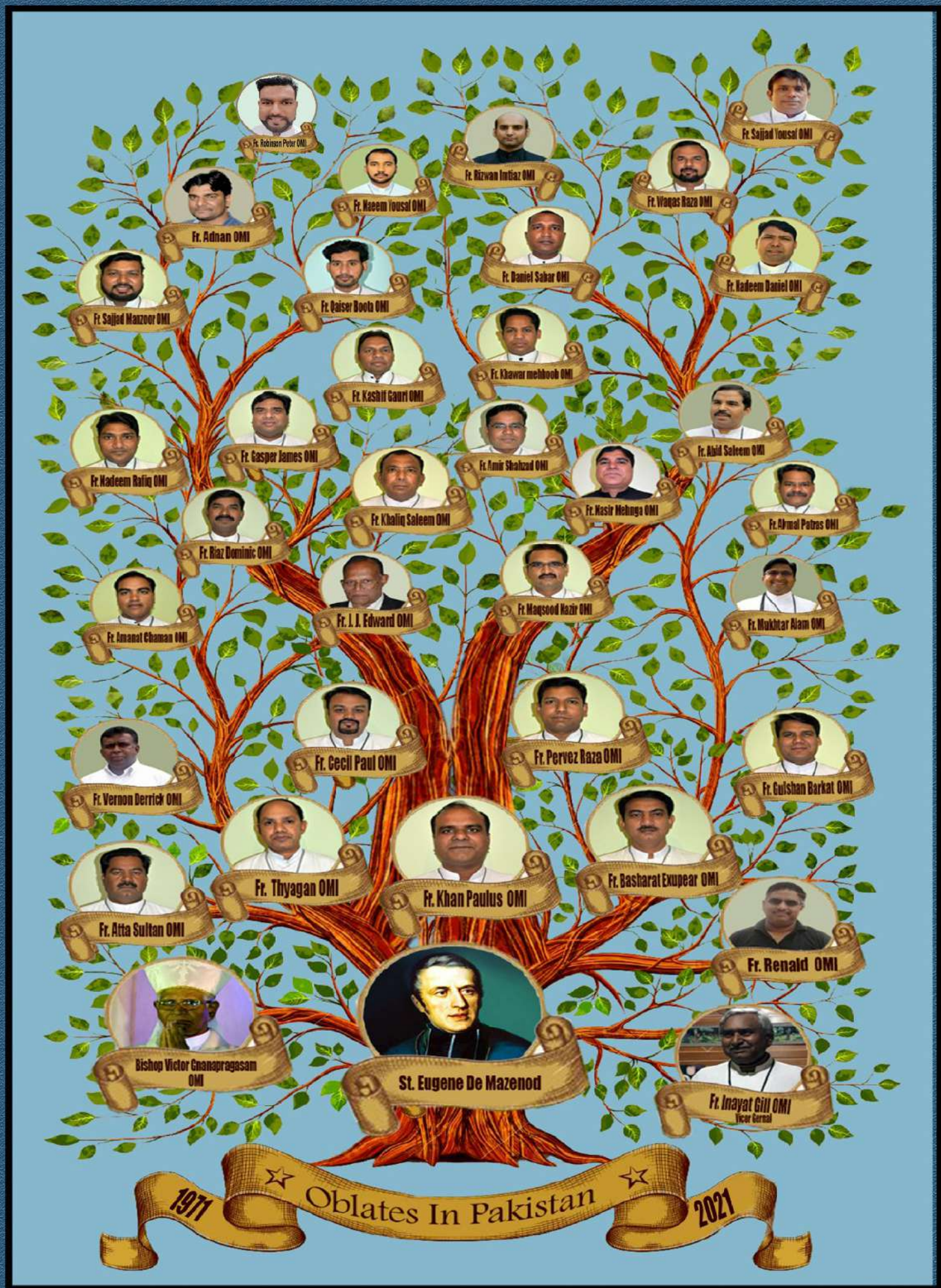
Indeed the 50th year for us the Oblates in Pakistan is a time of jubilation, joy and celebration. It is an occasion that proclaims to all the inhabitants of our country to acknowledge the faithful services of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate with the culmination of both the missionaries from (Ceylon, Poland, Canada, Austria and Indonesia) with local clergy. These Missionaries toiled very hard to sow the seed of faith and lit the flam of service, love, education, Unity and discipline within our country. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in South Asia is the world's fifth-most populous country with a population exceeding 207.8 million. In area, it is the 33rd-largest country, spanning 881,913 square kilometers. The country had experienced its difficult times after 9/11 attacks in America, two decades of war and terror damaged the name, fame and its economy at large missionaries. Unstable economical and political crisis gave rise to poverty, unemployment and insecurity to its citizens as well as the foreign investors. The extreme religious prejudice, abduction of minor females, violent attacks over religious minorities had been the common phenomena of our country then.

Amidst these difficult circumstances and extreme religious prejudices the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate enlightened the flam of hope, faith, love and charity among the downtrodden of our country. Therefore the past 50 Years have been a source of inspiration, encouragement and missionary zeal for many young and old Oblates within the country. The country is highly blessed with the gifts of vocations, which is a true sign of the missionary hard labor. They put up formations houses in Multan, Lahore, and Karachi recruiting the locals to serve the marginalized of our society and becoming the voice of the voiceless. The newly erected Mazenod College is the new dimension of Oblate's mission in Pakistan. The modern teaching equipments e.g. multimedia projectors, science & computer labs, cafeteria and highly qualified staff, paying the way to road of progress through education. Right now the Oblates are serving in three provinces namely Punjab, Baluchistan, and Sind. Their selfless services in different dioceses e.g. Multan, Lahore, Karachi, Rawalpindi Islamabad and Quetta Vicariate is like salt to the country.

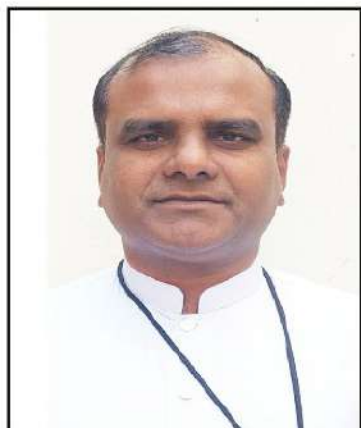
I as the director to the Oblate Media Center Pakistan congratulate and salute all the Missionaries who toiled hard and slept in the Lord may enjoy the eternal bliss in heaven. The Oblate Media Center also acknowledges and appreciates the efforts of the present administration to lift the delegation up to a new horizons of growth, maturity and progress.... Happy Jubilee to Us All...!

God bless us all
Rev. Fr. Cecil Paul OMI
Director Oblate Media Center Pak





Delegation Superior Pakistan



It is with great joy and a deep sense of gratitude to God that I write this message, as the Oblates celebrate fifty years of their presence in Pakistan. I am grateful to Late Bishop Benedict Cialio OP, who invited the Oblates from Sri Lanka to Pakistan to begin the new mission. I thank and appreciate all the great pioneers who came from Sri Lanka to start the mission in Pakistan and all those who joined them later from various parts of the world and labored hard to make the mission fruitful. The Oblates in Pakistan have worked hard in all the diocese of Pakistan, taking the most difficult missions, including Derrickabad desert and Baluchistan. During these fifty years the Oblates have embarked into various ministries like parochial ministry, education ministry, mission with the youth, JPIC ministry, formation, ministry with the special people, promoting the Marian devotion. Today the Oblates continue the good traditions, started by their elder brother Oblates. God has been so gracious to help the Oblates sail through all the challenges and difficulties in the mission, particularly for giving the inestimable gift of Mazenod College during the Jubilee year. The Delegation is able to send missionaries overseas. I appreciate and thank all the Bishops, Priests, Religious and lay friends of the Oblates who helped them, especially at the initial stages, to establish their mission in Pakistan. May the Good Lord continue to bless the Oblates, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Saint Eugene de Mazenod, to continue the mission of Christ and to meet the demands and challenges that come their way. Shabash (well done) dear Brother Oblates for the fifty years of dedicated and assiduous service to the Church in Pakistan! Happy Golden Jubilee of the presence of the Oblates in Pakistan!

Rev. Fr. Khan Masih Paulus OMI

Delegation Superior of the Oblates in Pakistan



Superior General Rome



Father Khan Masih Paulus, OMI,

Superior, Delegation of Pakistan

Rome, 11 February 2020

Dear Father Khan and all my Brothers Oblates of Pakistan,

Happy Anniversary! As you celebrate 50 years of the presence of the Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate in Pakistan, I join you in giving thanks to God for the graces with which we have been blessed through the sacrifice of the first Missionaries from various parts of the world. This seed planted fifty year ago has grown into a sturdy tree, full of fruits for the Church and the congregation. We have been blessed with vocations of Pakistani Oblates and flourishing communities of devoted lay people, dedicated to living the Gospel like the small amount of yeast in the dough.

Congratulations to all of you! Let us hold the first missionaries who came from abroad in high esteem and give thanks to God for their Dedication. A jubilee is a time to remember, to celebrate and to commit. Remembering and celebrating are often joyous and wonderful time that everyone enjoys. There is laughter, a few tears and a spirit of gratitude as we bring the remembering to prayer and celebrate God's gracious goodness among us.

The third part is real challenges: to commit ourselves to the mission with greater zeal and authenticity. This always is a call to conversion. St. Eugene expressed this to us when he wrote to Fr. Tempier and the first Oblate on February 18, 1826. The end of his letter said . " In the name of God, be saint!" The celebration of fifty years is the time to evaluate our personal life, our community life and our mission among God's People. Are we living the ideal of St. Eugene? Are we growing in holiness?

As you look Forward to the next fifty years of your young and growing delegation, I pray that the Oblates of the delegation of Pakistan will be witnesses to the holiness and justice of God. In apostolic communities, may you have intensely the charity so desired for us by saint Eugene. In your missionary outreach, may you live Saint Eugene's call to leave nothing undared to extend the Kingdom of Christ!

Congratulations to all of you! May Mary Immaculate, our loving Mother, bless you and help this young, sturdy tree, grow larger and stronger in holiness , by God's grace.

With my love and prayers for all of you in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr . Louis Lougen, OMI

Superior General



Colombo Provincial



Greetings from the mother province!

As the Oblates in the Delegation of Pakistan celebrate 50 years of their existence in Pakistan together with all the Oblates of the Province of Colombo, I congratulate and felicitate all the members of the delegation.

The first batch of missionaries from Sri Lanka, arrived Pakistan in 1971.

As time went on more Sri Lankan missionary Oblates were added to the number. The Oblates were given parishes to look after and they did their maximum following the charism and the good example of the Founder. Soon they got implanted and got rooted where the poorest of the poor are. Because of their closeness to the poor, the marginalized and the down trodden they were considered as special group of missionaries.

The missionaries slowly but steadily recruited the candidates from the local soil. It has been a delight to observe the growth and evolution of the Delegation since its inception in 1971. I thank and appreciate the vision and passion of all the missionaries foreign and local.

It has been a personal joy and a pleasure to me to be related to you as the Provincial of the Delegation. As the Oblates in Pakistan celebrate this historic year, let me on behalf of the whole Province congratulate the Delegation of Pakistan and wish all the members of the Delegation all the very best.

May God bless you all!

Fr. Roshan Silva OMI
Provincial,
Colombo Province.





Cardinal Joseph Coutts



1971 was the year when I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lahore, and it was also the year when the first group of three Oblates arrived in the Diocese of Faisalabad from Sri Lanka.

This was a time - shortly after Vatican II - when the Church was in ferment. It was a time of renewal, fresh ideas and hope. I was impressed by this group of young Oblates who very quickly adjusted to their new situation and got down to work. They brought a freshness in their pastoral approach by introducing the Basic Ecclesial Communities method.

Years later, as a bishop in Sindh - Balochistan, I was happy to be working with the Oblates. Whenever I made a pastoral tour in and around Quetta I was so well briefed before I arrived, and my tour so well planed, that I could make the maximum use of the time.

It is with great joy and appreciation that I write these few words for 50 years of the Oblates presence in Pakistan. Though few in number, they bravely accepted the challenge of working towards the creation of a new ecclesiastical unit in Balochistan, a very large, rough and tough area.

Their contribution to the Church in Pakistan is not only in the pastoral field but also in priestly formation. They set a part good professors for the Major seminaries and, when we were in the process of forming the NCIT, it was Fr. Clement Waidyasekera OMI who played an important role in its foundation.

Within a span of 50 years it is heartening to see a new generation of Pakistani Oblates working in a number of the dioceses of Pakistan. May the Good Lord abundantly bless them and the good work they are doing from the shore of the Arabian Sea to the mountains of Balochistan.

+ Joseph Cardinal Coutts





CELEBRATIONS FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE
OF THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE IN PAKISTAN
(14 February 1971 – 14 February 2021)

MESSAGE OF H.E. ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHE Z. EL-KASSIS
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO IN PAKISTAN

On the occasion of the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) in Pakistan, I wish to express my cordial greetings and congratulations to all the OMI Missionaries in this Country.

It is indeed a joyful occasion to celebrate fifty years of untiring and fruitful missionary work by the OMI Fathers and Brothers in some of the most demanding areas of Pakistan. I pray for all of you. May this anniversary year strengthen your faith in God's unconditional love and your commitment to bring the light of Christ to many, while working to enhance the religious, cultural and social life of the people in the many areas that you reach.

I invoke the protection of the Most Blessed Mary, Mother of the Church and of your Founder St Eugene de Mazenod, on all the OMI Members and on the people whom they serve in the beloved Land of Pakistan.

Islamabad, 25 March 2020

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

+ P. Christ. K.J.



General Councillor Asia Oceania



**Dear Fr. Khan
And all the Oblates in Pakistan.**

Greetings from Rome!

I wish you all Peace and Joy as you begin the Jubilee year of your mission.

The Jubilee year will be for you the occasion to remember your history and many stories about your early years. Also it can be a wonderful time of remembering the lives and works of all those early missionaries from various countries especially from Sri Lanka that came to be pioneers in this difficult mission.

We thank God for all of them, some already in heaven others have returned to their provinces or even to other missions.

Having had the joy of visiting you several times I have seen the many challenges that your mission faces.

Also I have seen the energy, strength and devotion especially amongst the younger Oblates. This is all encouraging and inspiring news.

Now on this occasion, as the whole Oblate family celebrates the blessings of the 194 anniversary of the approval of our Constitutions and Rules,

may you all live faithfully the two great calls that we have as Oblates. Pope Francis reminded us in his address at the end of the 36th Chapter, to be faithful to the two calls namely, to the Religious and to the missionary call to proclaim good news to all peoples especially the poor and abandoned.

So may this Jubilee year be a "kairos" a special time of grace for you all to deepen your religious life and increase your zeal for the mission.

Once again Congratulations and have a wonderful Jubilee year.

Yours in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate
16 February 2020

Peter Stoll Omi
General councilor for Asia Oceania



Mission Procure Germany



Dear Oblates in Pakistan

Taking the famous words of Jesus in the Gospel of St. Mk 16:15 "Go to every part of the world, and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation." Consoled by these very words of Jesus Our Founder St. Eugène de Mazenod sent the first missionaries into the world soon after the foundation of the Congregation that is still continued. Thus the young Ceylonese missionaries Oblates brought with them the Good News 50 years ago to Pakistan. Now it's a time to thank and praise God for the many graces, strengths, and missionary zeal bestowed on us for last 50 years in Pakistan. Our missionary service is for the most abandoned of our society. Let us continue with the same spirit for next 50 years ahead of us for our missionary services by taking care of the people through teaching, preaching and sacraments. May this good work of you bring further fruit so that God's love may be seen through the people in your country. I wish you all the Pakistani Oblates God's protection and blessing. Ad multos annos.

**Missionsprokur der Oblatenmissionare
P. Aloys Terliesner OMI**





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Dear Fr. Khan Paulus OMI Delegate Superior

And all OMIs in Pakistan

Accept my heartiest congratulations on celebrating 50 years of dedicated and committed Services in Pakistan.

I remember when I was a Novice, I met Fr. Shelton OMI, Fr. Clement OMI who were teaching in Christ the King Seminary. I admire their commitment for the training and formation of future priests.

I met Fr. Victor who was Parish Priest in Toba in Faisalabad Diocese. Later he became Bishop of Quetta and was the first Apostolic Administrator of Quetta Prefecture.

I met Fr. Temsy OMI, very hard working Priest. With his untiring efforts Derrikabad was established. He designed a very unique Grotto of Mother Mary in Derrikabad. Countless people receive blessings from this Grotto and also keep Late Fr. Temsy in their prayers.

We are privileged to have OMIs from different nationality serving in Pakistan. The pioneering OMIs came from Sri Lanka in 1971 and then from Canada, Indonesia, Poland, Bangladesh, Austria and later joined Pakistanis. All did their best as Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the Dioceses of Faisalabad, Multan, Quetta, Rawalpindi-Islamabad and Archdioceses of Karachi and Lahore.

OMIs are well known all over the World for their zeal for proclamation of the Gospel and priority to educate poor and marginalized children of society.

Your Services in the Archdiocese of Lahore are remarkable. May God bless you with more vocations so that you may continue the Mission Lord Jesus has given you.

With prayers,

Your brother in Christ,

+ Sebastian 7

+ Sebastian Francis Shaw, OFM
Archbishop of Archdiocese of Lahore,
Apostolic Administer of diocese of Multan



2nd February 2022, Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.





ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ISLAMABAD-RAWALPINDI

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Let us rejoice and thank Him at every moment

With sentiments of great joy, I take this opportunity to congratulate Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) who are celebrating 50 years of their presence in Pakistan and together with them give thanks to Almighty God who has bestowed upon them immense blessings during these years. As they celebrate the Jubilee it is a right time to say with St. Paul: *Let us rejoice always, pray without ceasing and thank him at every moment...* (1Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Jubilee is looking back and looking forward. According to the spirit of Jubilee seen in the book of Leviticus (25:8-28) it is an occasion of remembrance of the past events; of repentance for the faults committed; of redemption of what is lost; of return to the spirit of the founder, to the family; of rejoicing for the graces received; of reception of the freedom of the children of God, of recognition of God's mercy towards his people and of re-dedication looking forward for making 'the Kingdom of God at hand' (Mk.1:16).

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) are at present serving in 68 countries of the world. Their charism of evangelization of the poor is realized through working with the most abandoned of society. They are working with great enthusiasm for the uplift of Christian community and the society on the whole. Saint John Paul II once said about their founder, Eugene de Mazenod, that he had "a heart as big as the world". That legacy is still alive in many stories of their mission and their work among poor communities around the globe and in Pakistan as they continue "to bring the Good News to the poor".

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate came to Pakistan from Sri Lanka in 1971, and today they celebrate 50 years of their presence in a land of diversity of language, culture and faith. As we commemorate this significant event our hearts reflect on our legacy etched with faith, being mindful that, "*Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain*" (Ps 127:1). We thank the Lord for the innumerable ways in which He has nurtured our Christian community in its pilgrimage with the poor, with their many faces and for giving us men who are committed, dedicated and ready to serve the needs of the country and the Christian

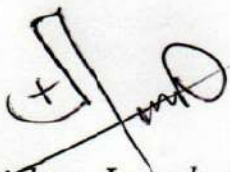
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community in many ways. Their generosity and the hard work has led to open up new and flourishing missions and communities in various parts of Pakistan.

On this joyous occasion, we remember with sincere gratitude the pioneering missionaries from Sri Lanka who sowed the seeds of the Oblate charism untiringly through their missionary zeal and commitment, and the many Missionary Oblates who followed them. We especially remember His Excellency Bishop Victor Gnanapragasam OMI, who was appointed the First Apostolic Prefect of Quetta in December 2001. We also remember Fr. J.J. Edward an Oblates priest who worked in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Islamabad-Rawalpindi, providing his services to Our Lady of Lourdes Minor Seminary as a rector and all the oblates who have served in our diocese with great dedication and those who are still serving especially in Gujrat with inspiring witness.

As the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) celebrate this milestone in Pakistan, I pray and entrust all the members of the Congregation, to the loving care of the Mother of God. May she help all to share the gifts we have received so that we may live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other's needs, and learn the joy of selfless service to others, bearing witness to Christ and glorifying His Holy name.




*+ Archbishop Joseph Arshad
Bishop of Islamabad-Rawalpindi*





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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE GOLDEN JUBILEE, 50 YEARS PRESENCE OF THE COMMUNITY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE IN PAKISTAN



Dear Fr. Khan Paulus OMI,

It gives me great joy to congratulate you and your Community of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate on this auspicious occasion of the 50 Years, Golden Jubilee Celebration of your presence in Pakistan.

The Oblate Community is well known to me and they have been part of my journey in the Major Seminary, in my Priesthood and now in my Episcopal ministry. They have not only been good friends but have been men of inspiration and commitment to me. They have been courageous to go into those missionary areas where others would not venture simply because their founder, St. Eugene de Mazenod, inspired them to do so.

I take this opportunity to compliment you and your Community members on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee Celebration and pray that the Oblates of Mary Immaculate may grow and flourish in the land of Pakistan and all over.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MUBARAK

With all best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,


†Benny Trivas
Archbishop of Karachi.



Dated: 4th February 2022





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Message from Bishop Khalid Rehmat OFM Cap

I am delighted to know that the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of their presence and services in Pakistan. It gives me immense joy to send best wishes and congratulations on this auspicious occasion.

While celebrating and enjoying the blessings of Golden Jubilee, we remember with gratitude and admiration the early Oblates Missionaries who came from Sri Lanka, Canada, Indonesia, Poland, Austria, Czech Republic and Bangladesh to serve the people of God in Pakistan, and with the passage of time, planted the Congregation. In fact it is their vigorous and tireless efforts that the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are now flourishing and serving in the six dioceses of Pakistan.

Moreover, my sincere thanks for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate who are serving with Missionary zeal in the Apostolic Vicariate of Quetta since last 40 years. I pray that the almighty God shower His countless blessings upon them and bless them with more vocations to carry out the mission of Christ more effectively.

May the Immaculate Virgin Mary always pray and be the source of wisdom and inspiration for all of them.

Khalid Rehmat

+ Khalid Rehmat
Apostolic Vicar of Quetta



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF FAISALABAD

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7th Feb. 2022

Dear Fr. Khan Paulus OMI
Delegation Superior
Lahore.



I am very happy to know that the Oblate of Mary Immaculate Community is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in Pakistan. Indeed, it a great joy that this congregation started its mission in Faisalabad Diocese in 1971 in Gojra and Chak 6/4.L. Okara Parishes. As the time passed it extended its ministry in Toba Tek Singh and Per Mehal. After fifty years again the Oblates are back to Faisalabad 36/37 Chak in Okara. I myself know the vigor and commitment of Oblates and have benefited from their transforming skills. Our Diocese is also grateful for all the Oblate Missionaries and remember them with great love. We are glad that God has blessed this congregation with many local vocations. We appreciate their services which they are rendering in the entire Pakistan and pray may the God Almighty bless this congregation and may Mary Immaculate accompany them in their evangelical mission in Pakistan.

Happy Golden Jubilee.

With prayers.

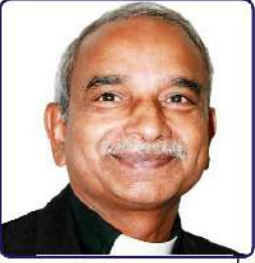
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فادر عیما نوئیل عاصی

1۔ آغاز اور آمد کا تاریخی وقت

فدا نین بیداغ مریم (او۔ ایم۔ آئی) کی مقامی کلیسیا پاکستان میں مشنری آمد، روحانی موجودگی اور پاسبانی خدمات کی گولڈن جوبلی (1971م۔ 2021م) مناتے ہوئے میرے لئے اپنے تاثرات لکھنا ایمانی فخر اور تاریخی شادمانی ہے۔ یہ اس لئے کہ میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی مشنریوں کی اوائل تین پشتوں کو شخص طور پر جانتا ہوں اور میں نے ان سے پاسبانی خدمات کے کئی شعبہ جات میں بہت کچھ سیکھا ہے اور اوائل مقامی کاہنوں کو میں نے 1981م سے لے کر کاہنہ تربیت کے دوران پڑھایا اور ان کی اعتکاف میں قیادت کی ہے۔ اور میں نے زندگی کے چھ ماہ (ستمبر 1989م۔ جنوری 1990م) کراچی میں ان کے گھر رہائش کی۔

پاکستان میں سری لنکا اور دیگر ممالک سے آنے والے او۔ ایم۔ آئی مشنری اور



مقامی کاہن اور برادرز کی خدمات کو خراج تحسین دینے سے پہلے میں عالمگیر سطح پر کلیسیا میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی راہبانہ گھرانہ کو بھی خراج تحسین پیش کروں گا۔ کیونکہ گولڈن جوبلی جیسے مقامی تاریخی مواقع اور یادوں کے جشن پر راہبانہ گھرانے کی عالمگیریت کو بھی یاد کرنا چاہیے۔ فدا نین بیداغ مریم (او۔ ایم۔ آئی) کی بنیاد یوہین ڈے میزے نوڈ نے مقدس پولوس رسول کی تبدیلی کی عید 25 جنوری 1816م کو فرانس کے ملک میں رکھی۔ اور اب اس راہبانہ گھرانے کو دنیا میں وجود آئے 205 سال ہو چکے ہیں۔ اس راہبانہ گھرانے نے عالمگیر کلیسیا کو چار مبارک، چار قابل تعظیم، دود خدا کے خادم، چھ کارڈ نیل، بارہ آرچ بشپ، نو بشپ اور چار اپاسٹالک وکر دیئے ہیں۔ دنیا بھر میں ان کے راہبان کی کل تعداد 3,786 ہے اور ان میں 2,741 کاہن راہبان ہیں۔

پاکستان میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی راہبانہ گھرانہ سری لنکا سے آیا تھا۔ راہبانہ گھرانہ کی تاریخ میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی سری لنکا میں 1847م میں آئے اور وہاں سے جاپان، کوریا، بنگلہ دیش اور پاکستان گئے۔ جون 2021م کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق سری لنکا میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی کے 106 کاہن ہیں۔

پاکستان میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی کاہن مشنری کا آنا 14 فروری 1971م میں ہوا

یوں پاکستان میں مقامی کلیسیا کے لئے یہ عالمی یوم محبت (ویلفارٹن دن) ٹھہرا۔ پاکستان کی دھرتی پر راہبانہ گھرانوں کی آمد 15 فروری 1856م سے جیہڑس اینڈ میری سسٹرز کے سیالکوٹ میں آنے سے شروع ہوئی۔ اس کے بعد ویٹیکن کن مجلس دوم کے خاتمہ تک 30 راہبانہ گھرانے پاکستان میں آچکے تھے۔ ان میں 17 خواتین راہبانہ گھرانے، 9 مرد کاہن راہبانہ گھرانے اور 4 برادرز راہبانہ گھرانے تھے۔ اور او۔ ایم۔ آئی راہبانہ گھرانے کی پاکستان میں آمد کے بعد تقریباً 25 راہبانہ گھرانے پاکستان میں آئے ہیں۔ اور یوں پاکستان کی سر زمین میں راہبانہ گھرانوں کی آمد کی 165 سالہ تاریخ میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی اس تاریخ کے عین وسط میں پاکستان میں آئے۔

او۔ ایم۔ آئی کی پاکستان میں آمد 1971م میں اُس وقت ہوئی جب دنیا بھر کی مقامی کلیسیاں ویٹیکن کن مجلس دوم (1962م۔ 1965م) کی تعلیمات کو متعارف کرانے کے جدوجہد کر رہی تھیں۔ اور بے شمار حلقوں میں ان تعلیمات کی سخت مخالفت کی جا رہی تھی۔ لہذا پاکستان کی مقامی کلیسیا میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی کی پچاس سالہ خدمات اس سیاق و سباق اور پیمانہ سے جانی پہچانی اور پرکھی جاتی ہے۔

پاکستان میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی راہبانہ گھرانہ کی آمد ایک اور اہم تاریخی تبدیلی کی طرف اشارہ کرتی ہے۔ ویٹیکن کن مجلس دوم سے قبل مقامی اور زیر بشارت تیسری دنیا کی کلیسیاؤں میں مشنریوں کی آمد کی تحریک دنیا کی شمالی کلیسیاؤں سے جنوبی کلیسیاؤں کی طرف تھی۔ مگر او۔ ایم۔ آئی راہبانہ گھرانے کا پاکستان آنا مشنریوں کا جنوبی کلیسیاؤں سے جنوبی کلیسیاؤں میں آنے اور خدمت کرنے کی اعلیٰ، مفرد اور پہلی مشنری مثال ہے۔ اور ان کے آنے کے فوراً بعد یکے بعد دیگرے سری لنکا سے ہولی فمیلی سسٹرز 1975م، گڈ شپرز ڈسٹریکٹ (1975م) پاکستان میں آئیں۔

2۔ بنیادی مسیحی برادریوں کا قیام

پاکستان کی مقامی کلیسیا میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی کی پاسبانی خدمات اور قیادت کے اوائل دو عشروں میں انہوں نے فیصل آباد کی ڈیویس میں تین چارپیش میں بنیادی



ان 50 سالہ پاسبانی خدمات میں ایک بتدریج اور مسلسل مشتری پھیلاؤ اور واضح پاسبانی وسعت نظر آتی ہے۔

فدا نین بیداغ مریم کے راہبانہ گھرانہ نے مقامی قیادت کی تربیت کے اداروں کی تشکیل و تعمیر اور راہبانہ تربیت کے کئی امکانات اور مواقع پیدا کیے۔ یہ تربیتی ادارے کوئٹہ، ملتان، لاہور اور کراچی میں ہیں۔ ان کے علاوہ وہ گاہے بگاہے مختصر یا طویل دورانیے کے لئے راہبانہ زندگی کے اُمیدواروں کو تربیت کے لئے سری لنگا بھی بھیجتے ہیں۔ البتہ انہیں ابھی کانہوں کی بیرون ملک اعلیٰ تعلیم پر مزید کام کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

فدا نین بیداغ مریم کا پاکستان کی مقامی کلیسیا میں ایک اور عظیم کارنامہ ایک نئی ڈیویس کوئٹہ کے قیام کی تیاری، اس کی بنیاد اور ابتدائی تشکیل و تعمیر میں انتہائی محنت اور ولولہ انگیز پاسبانی صورت میں نمایاں ہوا ہے۔ یوں انہوں نے اپنا نام اور اعزاز پاکستان کی مقامی کلیسیا کی تعمیر کرنے والوں میں لکھوا لیا ہے۔

او۔ ایم۔ آئی کا اپنے نام کی مناسبت سے مقدسہ مریم کی تعظیم میں مقامی لوک رُوحانیت کو فروغ دینے کے لئے ڈیرک آباد میں مقدسہ مریم ”تھل کی ملکہ“ کی زیارت گاہ تعمیر کرنا اور وہاں باقاعدگی کی اور تسلسل سے سالانہ زیارت مقدسہ مریم کا اہتمام کرنا بہت بڑا پاسبانی کارنامہ ہے۔

او ایم آئی فادرز نے مقامی اور قومی راہبانہ و کاہنہ تربیت کے اداروں میں معلم و مدرس کی خدمات بھی ادا کی ہیں۔ تحریری ادبی سرگرمیوں میں بھی اُن کا فعال کردار ہے۔ گو اس خدمت کو مزید تسلسل و تواتر دینے اور پھیلانے کی اشد ضرورت ہے۔

پچاس سالہ گولڈن جوبلی کا ایک اور یادگار جوبلی کارنامہ لاہور (یوہنا آباد) میں یوجین ڈے میزینڈو کالج کا قیام ہے۔ راہبانہ گھرانوں کو مقامی کلیسیا کے نوجوان لڑکے اور لڑکیوں کی اعلیٰ تعلیم پر دلچسپی مرکوز کرنی اور توجہ مبذول کرنی چاہیے۔ پاکستان میں مجموعی طور پر کاتھولک کلیسیا اس ضمن میں دو تین مختصر کوششوں کے باوجود بہت ہی پیچھے رہ گئی ہے۔ جہاں کاہنہ اور راہبانہ تربیت کے اداروں کی تعمیر و قیام اور چلانے پر بے حد دلچسپی مرکوز کی جاتی اور بے انتہا نقدی خرچ کی جاتی ہے وہاں مل جل کر مومنین عوام کے تعلیمی معیار کو بڑھانے کے لئے کالج، میڈیکل کالج، یونیورسٹی کی تعمیر کرنے کا بھی سوچا جانا چاہیے۔ یقیناً اس نئے کالج کا افتتاح 2021ء میں ایک سنہری مثال رقم کرے گا۔

فدا نین بیداغ مریم کے راہبانہ گھرانہ کی 1982ء م کے آئینی ضابطہ کی دستاویز میں اُن کے کیرزم کی خصوصیت ”اولین طور پر غر باور محرموں اور بالخصوص اُن لوگوں کے لیے جو نجات کے لیے چلا رہے ہیں بشارت دینا“ تحریر ہے۔ او۔ ایم۔

مسیحی برادریوں کے قیام پر زور دیا۔ ایک طرف یہ ویٹی کن مجلس دوم کی تعلیمات میں مقامی کلیسیا میں مومنین کی تربیت۔ شراکت اور قیادت کا موضوع تھا۔ دوسری طرف لاطینی امریکہ میں 1960ء م کے لگ بھگ آزادی کی الہیات (لبریشن تھیالوجی) کے انقلاب کی وجہ سے اور تیسری طرف ایشیا کے بپشوں کی براعظمی تنظیم (FABC) کے انڈونیشیا میں باڈنگ (Badung) کے مقام پر شراکت کلیسیا کے موضوع پر ہونے والے 1990ء م کے ایک مشہور اجلاس کی تعلیمات کو عمل میں لانا تھا۔

بنیادی مسیحی برادریوں کے قیام کی کوشش میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی راہبانہ گھرانے کی خدمات انقلابی پاسبانی حصہ تھا۔ اُس زمانہ میں مین سیمزری میں منظم اعلیٰ تھا اور ہم بڑے جوش و خروش سے سیمزری کے طلبا بنیادی مسیحی برادریوں کے اس تجربہ میں متعارف اور گہرے ہونے کے لئے او۔ ایم۔ آئی کانہوں کے پیرش میں پاسبانی تجربہ کے لئے بھیجتے تھے۔ بد قسمتی سے پاکستان میں شراکت کلیسیا کے حوالے سے فیصل آباد اور کچھ کچھ آرج ڈیویس کراچی میں کسی اور ڈیویس نے نہ تجربات کئے اور نہ ہی کسی ڈیویس نے اسے پروان چڑھایا اور پھیلا یا اور نہ ہی اسے اپنا پاسبانی معمول بنایا۔



پاکستان میں مقامی کلیسیا کو اس ایک المیہ سے سنجیدگی سے بچنا چاہیے اور احتیاط برتنی چاہیے۔ ہمارے ہاں مقامی کلیسیا کا جوش و جذبہ رواجی اور روایتی اور معمول کے مطابق مختصر مدت کے منصوبوں اور پروگرام کرنے کی حد تک محدود اور معذور ہے۔ مگر سنجیدگی کے ساتھ تسلسل اور مستقبل مزاجی اور پائیداری کی کمی ہے اور طویل المیعاد منصوبوں کو قائم رکھنے کے عزم، جذبہ اور بصیرت اور نظریاتی دلیری کا فقدان ہے۔ اس وجہ سے مقامی کلیسیا کی تاریخ تواتر اور عدم تسلسل کا شکار ہے۔

3۔ مشتری خدمات میں واضح وسعت

فدا نین بیداغ مریم راہبانہ گھرانہ کی پاکستان میں مشتری خدمات میں واضح وسعت اور پھیلاؤ دکھاتی ہے۔ انہوں نے فیصل آباد ڈیویس (گوجرہ، ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ، پیر محل) سے آغاز کیا۔ پھر ملتان ڈیویس (خانپوال، ڈیرک آباد، چک 14، ملتان) پھر آرج ڈیویس کراچی (بلدیہ)، آرج ڈیویس لاہور (تصور، ساڈنگہ بل۔ لاہور) اور بالآخر پوری کوئٹہ ڈیویس کے پیرش میں پاسبانی خدمات ادا کیں۔



اور دُعا کرتے ہیں کہ وہ اپنی مشنری اور مقامی معیاروں پر قائم رہ کر اور راہبانہ کیرزم کے بیانیوں کو پھیلا کر وہ اگلے پچاس سالوں میں صد سالہ جشن کی پر معنی اور مؤثر تیاری کریں۔

5۔ اُمید اور دُعا

جس وقت میں پاسبانی خدمات کی گولڈن جوبلی پر خراج تحسین کے لیے یہ تاثرات لکھ رہا ہوں پوپ فرانس نے سلوہیس عالمی بشپ سنڈ 2023 م کا اعلان کر چکے ہیں اور اس کا موضوع

”اجتماعیت کی کلیسیا: رفاقت۔ شراکت۔ رسالت“ رکھا گیا ہے۔ پہلا اور اہم ترین مرحلہ یعنی مقامی کلیسیاؤں (پیش اور ڈیویس) میں مشاورت کا مرحلہ (اکتوبر 2021 م۔ اپریل 2022 م) شروع ہو چکا ہے۔ یہی وہ موضوع ہے جو ویٹی کن مجلس دوم کی تعلیمات کا محور، مرکز اور معراج ہے۔ اور یہی وہ پاسبانی خدمات تھیں جن سے او۔ ایم۔ آئی نے پاکستان میں اپنی تاریخی پاسبانی خدمات کا آغاز کیا تھا۔

خدا کرے ویٹی کن مجلس دوم کی رُویا جو پاسبانی خدمات کے آغاز میں او۔ ایم۔ آئی کی رُویائی پوپ فرانس کی قیادت میں پاکستان کی مقامی کلیسیا کی پاسبانی رُویا بن جائے۔

آئی راہبان کو ہمیشہ اپنے کیرزم کی اس خصوصیت کو یاد رکھنا اور بار بار دہراتے اور تازہ کرتے رہنا چاہیے۔

4۔ محنتی، منظم اور متحرک مشنری

فداکین بیداع مریم کے مشنری راہبان نے اُس زمانے میں پاکستان میں مشنری خدمات کا آغاز کیا جب ویٹی کن مجلس دوم کی تعلیمات کے فروغ کے عمل میں کلیسیا کے اندر نظریاتی کشیدگی کا ماحول تھا اور اس راہبانہ گھرانے نے کلیسیا میں مقامی کلیسیا کی تعمیر و تشکیل میں نظریاتی بے باکی سے مومنین کی تربیت۔ شراکت اور قیادت کی حمایت کی۔ بنیادی مسیحی برادریوں کے ذریعے شراکتی کلیسیا کی بنیاد ڈالنے میں کارہائے نمایاں ادا کئے۔ مختلف ڈیویس میں پاسبانی خدمات کے لیے اپنے پاسبانی بازو بھیلانے۔ مقامی لوک روحانیت اور زیارت کی روحانیت کو فروغ دیا۔ کوئٹہ ڈیویس کی تشکیل اور قیام اور پاسبانی پائیداری کے لیے خدمات ادا کیں۔ اور نوجوانوں کی تعلیم کے لیے سکول چلانے اور کالج کے قیام کی بنیاد ڈالی۔

ہم ایک طرف ماضی کی یادوں کے پس منظر میں فداکین بیداع مریم کے راہبانہ گھرانے کی پاکستان میں آمد اور موجودگی پر پاکستان کی مقامی کلیسیا میں پاسبانی خدمات کرنے والے مشنری اور مقامی او۔ ایم۔ آئی کو خراج تحسین پیش کرتے اور اُن کے محنتی، منظم اور متحرک ہونے کو سراہتے ہیں اور دوسری طرف مستقبل میں اُمید کرتے



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Coordinator: Sr. Rozina Emmanuel (Good Shepherd Congregation)



Innumerable are the blessings God has showered upon you and made you the channel of these blessings for the Church of Pakistan. The faithful enjoy the spiritual fruits of your Consecrated commitment and dedication.

We the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary joyfully wish you a very Happy Golden Jubilee of your presence in Pakistan.

May the Lord of all goodness and beauty continue to use you in His Vineyard as faithful stewards.

Sr. Victoria Rehmat



BIOGRAPHY

Eugene of Mazenod was born in Aix-en-Provence in France in 1782, the son of a wealthy aristocratic parents. His



father Charles Antoine de Mazenod, a member of the French nobility was the President of the Aix Parliament. His mother Marie-Rose Joannis, a member of the rapidly evolving bourgeois merchants embodied the practical and shrewd realism of this group. This union of complementary social and cultural values assured young Eugene all the requisites for a successful and comfortable life. This idyllic world was swept away by the French Revolution in 1789. After his father opposed the revolution, the entire family was obliged to flee into exile in Italy. In 1790, a new painful period began for Eugene.

These were years of family instability, material scarcity and danger. The family was forced to flee successively to Turin, Venice, Naples and Palermo.

Eugene's adolescence was impoverished. Deprived of friends of

his own age, unable to continue an orderly academic program, he was also separated from his mother who divorced her husband in order to return and reclaim family property in France.

COMING OF AGE

Eugene was 20 years old when he returned from exile. Upon arrival in France, his overriding desire was to live fully, to make up for lost time. Young, handsome, with a well known family name he also had the inherited wealth recovered by his mother. Among his head-strong ambitions and pretensions: Marriage with a young



rich heiress, a secure and prestigious position in society and access to the pleasures and amusements of the good life.

These dreams crumbled one by one starting the unexpected death of the



wealthy young woman. Eugene now 25 years old was forced to make a new balance of his life and person. He was not the extraordinary man that he had imagined himself to be. Certainly he had some good qualities, a strong character and a generous heart. Yet it was also obvious that he had yet to accomplish anything truly important. Superficial friendships and the easy pleasures of high society living were found empty and wanting.

Little by little the social and moral havoc resulting from the French Revolution had profoundly impacted on Eugene. He was moved by the distressing condition of the clergy and the tremendous religious ignorance of the people found everywhere. Endowed with a lively and imperious character and filled with noble intentions, Eugene resolved to play a part in meeting the urgent needs of the Church.

Initial steps of a Spiritual Journey

Eugene de Mazenod's spiritual journey and personality were profoundly influenced by his family's values and struggles amidst the insecurity and ambiguity of the Italian exile. During his time of exile in Venice (1794-1797), a holy priest, Don Bartolo Zinelli, introduced him to the spirituality of the Company of Jesus. From him as a young boy, Eugene learned how to pray and how to practice mortification. Don Bartolo also initiated him to a devotion to the

Virgin Mary "It was there" Eugene would later write, "that my vocation to the priesthood was born".

Special Graces, two interior graces transformed Eugene in his twenties. The first was a grace of "conversion". During the adoration of the cross on Good Friday in 1807, Eugene had a special experience of the love and goodness of Christ which culminated in the shedding of his blood to obtain the forgiveness of all sins. Simultaneously conscious of his own sins and filled with a sense of profound confidence in Divine Mercy, Eugene decided to make amends through the total gift of his life to Jesus his Savior.

A second moment of grace, which he describes as "an impulse from without" from the Spirit, led him to a decision for the priesthood. In 1808, he would enter the Seminary of Saint Sulpice in Paris and be ordained a priest at Amiens, on December 21, 1811. His dream was to be "the servant and priest of the poor".

Seminary Formation, from 1808 to 1812 as a member of the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, Eugene de Mazenod was guided by Monsieur Emery and Monsieur Duclaux. These holy men encouraged Eugene to continue developing a spirit of fervor, regularity and industriousness. Eugene, notwithstanding personal risk,



committed himself to faithfully serve and assist the Pope who at this time



was a prisoner of Napoleon at Fontainebleau.

Eugene's desire to become a priest of the poor continued to develop. Direct contact with impoverished youth and prisoners of war strengthened Eugene's desire to devote himself entirely to these forgotten people. Simultaneously he continued to harbor a desire to make atonement, both for his own sins and all Christians who had abandoned the Church. Thus he participates in the activities of the Marian Congregation and a missionary group established by his friend and confrere Charles de Forbin-Janson. Repeatedly he expressed the desire to cooperate with Christ in the salvation of the world, so that the shedding of the blood of Christ might be

efficacious for others as it had been for him.

OUR CHARISM

Our charism originates from a story; it is the story of a young man, Eugene de Mazenod. Throughout his life, he experienced in himself the merciful love of God, manifested in Jesus Christ, the Crucified Savior. We too, inspired by our Founder, recognize the power of **CHRIST** in us, and we want **EVANGELIZE**, that is to say, to make Him known and to show by our lives the joy of the Good News.

From Eugene's meeting with Jesus on the cross, he felt moved by the deplorable situation of the **CHURCH** of his time, and called to rekindle the flame of faith that was dying in the hearts of so many of her children, especially the poor. Therefore, it is to the **POOR** above all that we take this message of liberating joy: to the most abandoned humans, those whose situation cries out for justice before God.

For that reason, we live in **COMMUNITY**, a human group where we strengthen each other in faith, in charity, enriching each other from our discovery of God and of Christ who lives and works in us and in the world.



We are **MISSIONARIES**. Once Pope Pius XI referred to us as “Specialists in the difficult missions of the Church”. We want to dedicate our lives to all those who either do not know Jesus Christ or have forgotten Him in their lives, wherever they are in the world and therefore many Oblates serve in lands outside their own. In mission, we search for our way to holiness.

We are “**OBLATES**”. That means, missionaries totally given, unconditionally and without return, to the God to whom we already belong and to the brothers and sisters to whom we are sent. **CONSECRATED LIFE** is the “frame” within which we live our oblation. Oblation means that radical dedication, without reservation, to the work of her.” That is why when Eugene contemplates Mary, he calls her “Mother of the Mission”.

A Missionary Community is born, Eugene began his ministry by rejecting a prestigious diocesan position to reach out to the poor, the workers, the youth, the sick and the imprisoned of Aix Overwhelmed by the demands and possibilities of this ministry, he soon realized that he needed to gather a group of zealous priests to work with him. The goal: to awaken “a faith that had all but died in the hearts of so many”.

In September 1815, he experienced another “impulse from without” that set him firmly on the path of apostolic

action. He gave himself body and soul to the realization of his plans to establish a society of missionaries. On January 25, 1816, the society of the Missionaries of Provence was born.

Father de Mazenod invited his companions “to live together as brothers” and “to imitate the virtues and examples of our Saviour Jesus Christ, above all through the preaching of the Word of God to the poor”. He urged them to commit themselves unreservedly to the work of the missions, binding themselves by religious vows. Because of their small number, they initially limited their zeal to the neighboring countryside. Their fondest wish, however, was “to embrace the vast expanse of the whole earth”, as the founder had written in 1818.

Pope Leo XII on February 17, 1826 formally approved the newly founded Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Its motto: “He has sent me to evangelize the poor” expressed both its charism and way of life.

Eugene’s Spiritual Struggles and Growth, during his first years as a priest, Eugene continually struggled to find a balance in his life between prayer and service to others.

After a series of initial successes, there was a period of deep and painful purification. From 1827 to 1836,



Eugene was tested time and time again: conflicts, defections, bereavements, temporary loss of his French citizenship, even suspicion from the Holy See. Along with making him seriously ill, these events led to moments of discouragement and depression. Eugene discovered, first hand, the cost of discipleship and service of the Church. He came out of this experience bruised and humbled, more understanding towards others and much stronger in his love and faith.

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him and in him we shall be at one among ourselves”.

ELECTION OF FIRST SUPERIOR GENERAL

Superior General and Missionary, all the while, Eugene continued to serve as Superior General of the Oblates. After accepting a mission in neighboring Corsica in 1834, starting in 1841, the small Society began a period of great expansion. Eugene received many requests from abroad. In spite of limited personnel, he responded in faith. In 1841 the first Oblates arrived in Canada. Soon they ventured into the vast plains of the West and within a few years had reached the Arctic Circle. Other countries followed: England in 1842; the United States and Ceylon (today Sri Lanka) in 1847, South Africa in 1851 and Ireland in 1855. Always a prolific writer, Eugene corresponded unceasingly with his missionaries. In his voluminous correspondence he reveals himself as a caring pastor, involved in all aspects of their life and mission. Always an apostolic man, he was able to encourage, advise, correct and support. He harbored a profound sense of spiritual paternity and lived in intense union with his sons as they shouldered the many heavy burdens in distant missions. Although he never traveled beyond the borders of Europe, with the exception of a short trip to Algeria, Saint Eugene nurtured in his heart a concern for all the churches. A

visiting bishop remarked after meeting Saint Eugene: “I have met the apostle Paul”

His Spiritual Horizons, De Mazenod’s most basic attitude before humanity is one of trust and faith. Two very solid convictions explain this attitude. First: everything which occurs on earth, on the personal as well as the civil and social level, depends on Divine Providence. Second: God wants all to be saved, and all, both rich and poor, have been purchased by the blood of Christ.

In his pastoral letters, he emphasizes the following points:

All are called to salvation and holiness. He proposes to the Oblates: “We must strive first of all to lead people to act like human beings, and then like



Christians, and finally, we must help them to become saints.

To remain on the road to sanctity and make progress, Christians should look upon themselves with the eyes of faith. No matter how poor or destitute they might be, in the eyes of faith all are “children of God” “brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ” and “heirs of His eternal kingdom.”



Holiness consists in conversion of heart, fidelity to the law of God and to the inspiration of his grace, in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. To love the Jesus Christ is to love the Church. The journey to holiness demands a constant ongoing conversion

Oblate Constitutions and Rule, Saint Eugene's spiritual synthesis is found most clearly in the Rules and Constitutions of his Institute. These reflect both his own personal experience and the perception of the needs of the day. When writing the Oblate Constitutions, Saint Eugene borrowed copiously from Sulpician and Jesuit mentors as well as missionaries he admired such as Charles Borromeo, Vincent de Paul, and Alphonsus de Liguori.

The Constitutions reflect his unique personality and Gospel rootedness. "The spirit of total devotion for the glory of God, the service of the Church and the salvation of souls is the spirit proper to our Congregation", he wrote in 1817. He further stated, in 1830, that we must look upon ourselves "as the servants of the Father of a family commanded to succor, to aid, to bring back his children by working to the utmost, in the midst of tribulations, of persecutions of every kind, without claiming any reward other than that which the Lord has promised to faithful servants who have worthily fulfilled their mission".

Final Words to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, towards the end of his life, Eugene had become very free. Faced with the prospect of the cardinalate which had been promised and which slipped away from him because of political considerations, he had this to say: "After all, it is all the same whether one is buried in a red cassock or a purple one; the main thing is that the bishop gets to heaven".

Shortly before his death on May 21, 1861, in keeping with his temperament, the elderly and seriously ill bishop said to those around him: "Should I happen to doze off, or if I appear to be getting worse, please wake me up! I want to die knowing that I am dying".

His last words to the Oblates were a testament that summed up his life: "Practice well among yourselves charity, charity, charity, and outside, zeal for the salvation of souls". Saint Eugene died on Pentecost Sunday to the prayer of the Salve Regina, It was his final salute on earth to the one he considered as the "Mother of the Mission".

CANONIZATION

Pope John Paul II reflects on Saint Eugene de Mazenod Canonization Celebration – Dec 3, 1995 – Rome, Italy



“We are living in the second Advent of the world’s history. Eugene de Mazenod was a man of Advent, a man



of the Coming. He not only looked forward to that Coming, he dedicated his whole life to preparing for it, one of those apostles who prepared the modern age, our age.

Eugene de Mazenod knew that Christ wanted to unite the whole human race to himself. This is why throughout his life he devoted particular attention to the evangelization of the poor, wherever they were found.

By patiently working on himself, he learned to discipline a difficult character and to govern with enlightened wisdom and steadfast goodness.. His every action was inspired by a conviction he expressed in these words: “To love Church is to love Jesus Christ, and vice versa”. His influence is not limited to the age in which he lived. But continues its effect on our time.

His apostolate consisted in the transformation of the world by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What Saint Eugene wanted to achieve was that, in Christ, each individual

could become a fully complete person, an authentic Christian, a credible saint.

The Church gives us this great Bishop and Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate as an example of heroic faith, hope and charity.”

DEFINATION OF AN OBLATE

Who are the Oblates?

The word ‘Oblate’ comes from the Latin word “Oblatus”/ “Oblatio” which means an offering, or surrendering oneself. The act of offering, anything offered or presented



in worship or sacred service, (Murray, 1978, p. 18). Oblation signifies an action through which the Christian, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, gives oneself to God. It is total commitment into the hands of God. The concept of Oblation is found in the writing of Eugene de Mazenod, when he was a young and going through the period of exile in Venice.

In answer to his uncle Canon Charles-Auguste-Andre who asked him if he wanted to be a priest he said: “Would it not be a great honor for our family to end

with a priest.” The word “Oblate” appeared for the first time in the



writings of Father de Mazenod on October 9, 1815, when he was founding the Missionaries of Provence. While writing a letter to his uncle, he mentioned that “in my congregation, you will find genuine Oblates, men ready to do any good work”. So,



Eugene de Mazenod found a religious congregation of Priests and Brothers in the Church under the Patronage of Mary Immaculate.

What is Mission?

The word “mission” is derived from the Latin word ‘Missio’ which means to be sent on an errand or journey. It is to be sent to proclaim the Good News



to the World.

Jesus Christ is the prophet and missionary par excellence who was sent by God the Father to bring life to

human kind and the whole world by doing His holy will. The fulfillment of the Father’s will was the first and foremost task of Jesus’ earthly life. The will of God is to bring peace and harmony into the world. A history of evangelization has its roots in the message of Jesus Christ and that is based on the prophecies of prophet Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring Good News to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners...” (61: 1).

When the disciples of John the Baptist questioned Jesus as to who he was, he answered, “Go and tell John what you hear and see; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the Good News brought to them” (Mt 11: 4-5). Comblin explains that for Jesus his mission is not just a function or a task or a profession, but his whole being and life. Jesus assured that he is like the one who has been sent.

The Mission of the Oblates, Prophets are sent or mission begins whenever there is injustice, exploitation, hatred, corruption, and evil activities in the society.



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go to the extremes, warmest in the summer and coldest in winter. The Parish covers a huge area today it includes Muzafargarh, Dera Ghazi Khan and Kot Adhu. It takes a long time to reach the sub-stations from the main Parish. The Oblates, besides their busy timetable, measure up to the needs of the faithful whether they be social, cultural, spiritual or financial.

In 1975 the Mission at Derekabad was started by a Diocesan Priest Fr. Derrick Misquita. He accommodated many faithful Christian families coming from different parts of the country to better their lives. After Father Derrick Misquita the people suffered neglect till the Mission was handed over to the Oblates. Before the arrival of the Oblates, the educational level of the parishioners was very low. In 1985, Fr. Temsey Croos OMI was appointed the first Parish Priest by Bishop Patras Yusuf, of Bishop of Multan Diocese. Fr. Temsey began living in a hut. He started working with the people day and night. His prophetic services were visible and well appreciated by the people of the area. He was the one who could build houses for the poor parishioners. His first step in the prophetic role was the opening of schools for the children. While supporting the parishioners to earn their livelihood, Father Temsey Croos OMI also constructed a Marian Shrine for all the faithful which is

known today as “Shrine of the Queen of the Desert”. Every year people from all over the country come in pilgrimage to visit and have personal devotion to the Malka-e-Thal. Fr. Temsey’s untiring efforts to witness the Gospel through his words and deeds were wonderful and prophetic.

Because the churches were to be constructed, people gathered under the trees for Eucharistic celebrations and other spiritual exercises. In fact there was no electricity in those areas and



people managed with oil-lamps. It was Fr. Temsey’s prophetic effort in 1992 which could make electricity available for the parishners. He was a man of action and could take strong steps for the achievements of Christian rights (Perera, Derekabad Mission, 1993). Armando, Trindade, Bishop of Lahore was glad to see Father’s tremendous work in the desert. He was highly impressed that the Oblates were great missionaries and that they had contributed a lot to the Local Church.





Invitation for the Oblates to the Holy Rosary Parish in Quetta on 5th of May, 1980 Bonaventure P. Paul OFM the Bishop of Hyderabad Diocese wrote to Rev. Fr. Bernard Quintus the Oblate Provincial in Sri Lanka.... "I have not approached any other congregation. I am holding on to the Oblates from Sri Lanka for..."

(a) They being Asians, are in a better position to adjust themselves to the country and the people.

(b) I appreciate the type of work being done by the Oblates in the Punjab, and I wish that they work along the same lines in the Diocese of Hyderabad too; to promote lay apostolate and bring



about a sense of responsibility to the local Church".

The Area of the Parish, in March 1981, two oblates, Fr. Maximux Peter Fernando and Fr. Percy Mariathas were sent to Quetta Parish to observe the situation. In the parish a priest had to cover the whole city and the out stations as well. The Christian communities were spread far and wide all over the mountainous territories in Baluchistan. It included the sub-stations in Loralai, Zhob, Pishin, Chaman, Sibi, Mach, Mastung, Muslim Bagh, Dalbandin, Gulistan, Sheila Bagh, Kalat, Noshki, Ahmedwal, Nokhundi, Kolpur, and Dhadar.

Holy Rosary Parish Officially Handed over to the Oblates, the Oblates took the charge of the Parish on the 10th of September, 1982. After finishing his studies in America, Fr. Theogenes Joseph (Theo) returned back in September 1982, and was appointed the first Oblate Parish Priest in Quetta. After spending some time and having had concrete observations Fr. Theo wrote to Fr. Victor Gnanapragasam, the Delegation Superior, reminding the words of Bishop Bonaventure "One of the great, great drawback of Quetta is the sharp, sharp, sharp distinctions". We the Oblates here, feel that Bishop is right in his saying because we need to take up this challenge with the proper animation and coordination of the Parish. Our first priority should be the most abandoned Christian faithful. His ministry of evangelization is based on three levels which are: institutional



level, social level and basic level. He arranged regular gatherings of the parishioners to evaluate the situation of the Parish and to present some helpful solutions. Father demanded great patience from the parishioners for the dreams of success. After eleven years of hard work, Fr. Theo was able to run the Parish in the right direction. There were forty Sunday schools in different places in the whole Parish. These Sunday schools were run by the lay faithful. They were teaching the basic catechism to the children. The literate volunteer teachers took these responsibilities for the mission of God. There was a better understanding and collaboration among the priests and the parishioners. A priest could not go to every substation due to the vastness of Parish and shortage of priests in the diocese. Fr. Theo took the bold step to prepare the lay people who could take this responsibility willingly to work in their own communities. The best thing done by Fr. Theo was to ensure discipline in everything, such as Sunday schools, choir groups, and liturgical celebration and in the Parish records.

Holy See Announces Quetta as Prefecture, the mission of Quetta was given to the Oblates in 1982 by the diocese of Hyderabad. Then, there was only one parish (Holy Rosary) The Holy Father John Paul II made an announcement of the establishment of the Apostolic Prefecture of Quetta on 7th December 2001. The official ceremony was held in Quetta when his

Excellency Alessandro D'Errico, the Apostolic Nuncio to Pakistan read the papal bull and proclaimed Rev. Fr. Victor Gnanapragasam OMI as First Apostolic Prefect of Quetta Prefecture on 6th of April 2002.

After eight years, the Quetta prefecture had expanded to eight Parishes. On 29th of April 2010 Pope Benedict XVI elevated the Apostolic Prefecture of Quetta to Apostolic Vicariate and very Rev. Fr. Victor Gnanapragasam OMI, was appointed the first Vicar of the Apostolic Vicariate of Quetta. The Episcopal Ordination Ceremony took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral Karachi on 16th of July 2010. Bishop Victor served more than forty years in Pakistan. He rendered his services in different capacities such as Apostolic Vicar, Delegation Superior, Delegation Councilor, Formator in Juniorate and Scholasticate, Teacher, Spiritual



Director, and Parish Priest. He was the most senior and experienced man in



the Delegation of Pakistan. After forty years in Pakistan, he was well equated with urdu and Punjabi languages, culture, situations, and difficulties. Most of the Oblate Priests in Pakistan are his students.

Missionary Endeavors in Loralai, the adventures and missionary works of the Oblates are well appreciated and highly regarded in St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Loralai, in Baluchistan. Although this parish was erected in



2000 as an independent parish, the Oblates had been rendering their services over there since 1982. It has ten substations which are very far from the parish. Sometimes for a number of families a pastor has to travel hundreds of miles. The pastoral team has to stay with the parishioners because they cannot come back to the parish on the same day due to the long distances. The area of the parish is very vast. There are almost 342 Catholic families in the parish. The parish is located on the border with Afghanistan which makes the area unsafe. There are many cases of kidnapping and killing by

Taliban. The public transport is very slow and uncomfortable because of the mountainous area. The roads are very narrow and dangerous for the traveler. Facilities for the communication are very limited on the way while travelling. Inspire of all these challenges and difficulties, the Oblates are there to share their time, thoughts, talents, pains, joys and happiness with the Christian faithful.

PARISHES

St. Luke's Parish Baldia Town, Karachi, St. Luke's Parish is one of the parishes of the Archdiocese of Karachi, Pakistan. The Oblates were offered this mission in 2006. Three energetic Oblates namely Rev. Fr. Khaliq Saleem OMI (parish priest), Rev. Fr. Rukmano OMI (assistant) and Deacon Mukhtar Alam OMI pioneered this mission. Since then a number of Oblate priests, deacons and brothers have been serving the Lord and His faithful with full zeal and zest.



Keeping in mind the Charism of their Founder St. Eugene de Mazenod, all have made the efforts to let the Good News of God's immense love be preached to the poor and the most



abandoned. At present, three Oblate priests are serving the parish namely Rev. Fr. Mukhtar Alam OMI (parish priest), Rev. Fr. Gasper James OMI and Rev. Fr. Naeem Yousaf OMI (assistants).

St. Luke's Parish has 13 small and big out stations with the capacity of 1750 Catholic families, approximately. The Oblates are involved in teaching and preaching mission of Christ, wholeheartedly. The parish has also four schools and among them two are administrated by the parish priest. Thus, among the top priorities, the Oblates see to the education of the children and faith formation of the faithful.

The Oblates have participatory spirit in the parish, thus, have organized many lay-groups in the parish like Church Committee, Christian Basic Community, Sunday School, Altar Servers, Lectors, Choir, Youth, Security (Peace Enforcers), Legion of Mary and Bazm-e- Rooh Duaia Shifaia group. All the groups work hard, voluntarily with the Parish Pastoral Team to bring new life in the parish.

Besides the pastoral care of St. Luke's Parish, the Oblates are entrusted with the pastoral care of Baluchistan Mission, a part of Quetta Vicariate. The Oblates offer pastoral services to the three substations namely Hub Chowki, Sonmiani and Vinder.

As Oblates of Mary Immaculate their focus remains on promoting Marian Devotion in the parish. The group, Legion of Mary (Lushkar e- Mariam) is very active and plays avital role to promote Marian Devotion by visiting the families and reciting Rosary with them at their homes. The Oblates initiated the Novena Prayers and Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each year, they organize Marian pilgrimage, Ziarat-e- Muqadsa Mariam, in which a big number of people participate. People are inspired and admire the Oblate spirituality.

Thus, the Oblates continue the Mission of Christ with full pastoral commitment for the spiritual growth and faith formation of the people of God for the glory of his great Name.



Our Lady of Sorrows' Parish Kasur

Kasur is a city located in south of Lahore, in the province of Punjab, Pakistan. The city serves as the headquarters of Kasur District, and is located near the border with neighbouring India. Founded by



Pashtun migrants in 1525, Kasur is now the 20th most populous city of Pakistan, and is renowned as the burial place of the legendary 17th century Sufi-poet Bulleh Shah.

Physical features

The district is bounded by the Ravi River in the north-west and river Sutlej



in the south-east. Whereas the old course of Beas River bifurcates the district into two equal parts locally known as Hither and Uthar or Mithan Majh. Both of the areas have a height differential of approximately 5.5 meters. The natural surface elevation of the district is 198 meters above the sea level, having a general slope from north-east to south-west. Whereas the east and west ends of the district

comprise the flood plains of the rivers Satluj and Ravi, characterized by breaching of looping river Channels braided around meander bars. Kasur district is attached with Lahore from east, attached with Nankana Sahib from north, attached with Faisalabad from west and attached with Okara and India from south.

Our Lady of Sorrow Parish is one of the oldest parishes of the Archdiocese of Lahore. The Christian community living in Kasur is simple, devoted Catholics very strong in their faith. The founder of the parish was Fr Jerome a Capuchin Priest. Late Bishop Andrew Francis also worked there numbers of years ago. Fr Benjamin Joseph a senior priest from Archdiocese of Lahore served for maximum years as compare to others. The others renowned priests who worked there are Fr Inayet Bernard, Fr Emmanuel Asi, Yaqoob Barket and Georage Daniel. Kasur parish consists of 8 stations which are Latif Pure, Khara, Salamat pura, Raja Jung, Nazampura, Sheikh Amd, Daukay, Baheminia Wala, Hari Har etc. There are eight catechist involved in ministry to look after the spiritual needs of lay faithful.



It was in April 2007 when the Oblates took over this parish from the diocesan



priests Fr. Yaqoob Barkat, Emmanuel Asi and Mushtaq Piyara. Fr Pervaiz



Raza was the first Oblate parish priest in Kasur with the two other oblate pioneers Fr Atta, and Fr. Cecil Paul. After them number of other brothers and priests who also rendered their selfless services in the parish were Fr Bashart OMI, Fr Gasper OMI and Fr. Akmal, Fr. Amir. Presently Fr Nadeem Rafique OMI, Fr Waqas Raza OMI Fr Qaisar OMI.

Holy Spirit Parish Sangla Hill

The Holy Spirit Parish, Sangla Hill is situated in the Archdiocese of Lahore with the neighbouring parishes of

Sheikupura and Mariamabad. It is 125 km away from Lahore, the capital of Punjab Province of Pakistan with the population of around 230,000 Muslim and 7000 Catholic faithful. This parish was established by the Belgian Capuchin Missionaries on 1st November 1911 rendered their services to bring Good News to poor.

Later it was taken care of by the



diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Lahore. On 14 September 2009, the Holy Spirit Parish was handed over to the Missionary Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The oblate priests who have served in the parish include Fr. Eric Lakhman (First Oblate Parish Priest), Fr. Khaliq Saleem, Fr. Nadeem Daniel, Fr. Amanat, Fr. Akmal, Fr. Mukhtar.



The Holy Spirit Parish, Sangla Hill made headlines in the global press when in 2005 Islamic fundamentalists set fire to the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, The Presbyterian Church, St. Anthony High School for girls and the Parish house. A number of Christian families fled the area. Afterwards a peace accord was reached between Muslims and Christians of Sangla Hill in which promise was made on the part of Muslims never to repeat such atrocities against Christians. Since then the Muslims and Christians in Sangla Hill are living in harmony and peace.

Holy Rosary Parish Gujrat

Gujrat is a city in Punjab Province in Pakistan. It is the capital of Gujrat District and the 18th largest city of Pakistan. Along with the nearby cities of Sialkot and Gujranwala, Gujrat forms part of the so-called Golden Triangle of industrial cities with export-oriented economies

Geography

Gujrat is an ancient city of Pakistan located between two famous rivers, Jhelum and Chenab Rivers. It is bounded to the northeast by Jammu and Kashmir, to the northwest by the Jhelum River, to the east and southeast by the Chenab River, separating it from the districts of Jatan, Phalia, Mandi Bahaudin, Malkwal, Bhember. There are number of religious communities rendering their tireless services sharing different

responsibilities with the parish such as Boys' hostel is run by the Charity Brothers, and School by the Dominican nuns.

First Pakistanis priests who worked there was the present Rev. Fr. Samson Shukardin the present (Bishop of Hyderabad Diocese) along with him Fr Victor John OFM. Later number of other diocesan priests namely Late Fr Rehmat Hakam, Fr Nasir Javid, Fr Anthan Ilyas, Fr Nasir William who served as an administrator of the holy Rosary Hospital. Oblates took over



Holy Rosary Parish in 2016 from Fr Robin Anoosh and Fr. Willy during the time of Bishop Rufin Anthony. The



first Oblate Parish priest was Fr Thyagan Fonsheka OMI with two assistants Fr Nasir Mehnga OMI and Fr Khaliq Saleem OMI. At present Fr. Atta Sultan OMI is serving as parish priest. There are several groups Laskhr e Mariam, Youth Group and Sunday Schools which are rendering there volunteer services within the entire parish of Holy Rosary Gujrat.

St. Martin de Porres Parish Hasilpur

Introduction

Saint Martin de Porres Parish, Hasilpur is handed over to the Oblates on 29th July 2018. Fr. Akmal Patras OMI as Parish Priest with his assistant young ordained priest Fr. Daniel Sabar OMI are -appointed to serve the Lord



representing the Oblate Charism in the new Parish.

Location of the parish

The parish house is in a small city known as Hasilpur. It is surrounded by a Christian settlement of 133 families. It is about 150 km away from the city of Multan. On the eastern side the parish borders with Indian state Rajasthan. Geographically a big parish but population wise only just over 510

Catholic families reside. The parish has five substations namely Chishtian, Bahawalnagar Khairpur, Haroonabad and Fortabbas. There are 4 full time catechists while 1 is a part-time serving in the parish.

Situation of the parish

Saint Martin de Porres Parish, Hasilpur is a vast parish of having 510 catholic families. The majority of the people are sanitary workers. There are some government teachers and few are employed in health sector. There are 52 villages in which Catholic families reside. In those villages the Catholic families are working on the agricultural land of landowners for daily-wages. There are human rights issues where they are sometimes denied rest and proper wages.

Activities in the Parish

We have 4 full-time catechists and one part-time catechist. We have



Sunday masses and weekday masses. We go for house visits regularly. We visit the sick and the neglected ones. We have different groups in the parish helps us in different ways.

- A. Church choir
- B. Youth group



- C. Sunday school children
- D. Rosary group
- E. Church security group
- F. Altar servers

Its only 3rd month of Oblate presence in this parish. We are trying to visit the people and to know them. There is always a possibility to make things better. We are trying to get adjusted with the new place and the people's mentality. Although financially weak, we are trying to do whatever is possible to serve the people of God. With the spirit of St. Eugene and Oblate Charism we will continue to serve the poor, the abandoned and those neglected.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Prison Ministry in Pakistan

The Oblates have great love for the prisoners too for they are considered the herald of freedom to the captives, sight to the blind and Good News to the poor. A number of Oblates have been visiting time and again, the prisoners in Central Jail Mach, Baluchistan. Their main concern was not only to visit them but to help them in their faith-formation, spiritual growth and medical care. The ministry for the prisoner was done through the fraternal support of Mr. Khaliq Masih who had been serving the prisoners for forty years. This prophetic witness of the love of God for the prisoners could win many souls for Christ. They could bring hope and courage to be reconciled with the Lord and their families once again.

FORMATION HOUSES

Oblate Juniorate

From the beginning the Oblates had a vision to collaborate with locals while recruiting young men to become Oblates to help not only the diocese of



Faisalabad but whole of Pakistan. To materialize this idea it did not take long for the Oblates to break the ice.



At the initial stage, Oblate candidates were sent to Dar-ul-Naim (Franciscans Minor Seminary), Lahore, where they stayed with the Franciscans. Having experimented for some time, the Mission Council of 1984 thought it fit to have own formation house somewhere in Lahore close to formation houses of other congregations so that Oblate students could also attend classes at nearby St. Mary's Minor Seminary (Diocesan Seminary).



This plan In Multan, first it was thought to have the formation house close to the Pastoral Institute but again that idea was scrapped because Pak Arab Fertilizer factory was adjacent to it and its caustic smell was a health hazard. Then a place was found outside the main city of Multan in the Industrial Estate area. The land was bought during the time of Bishop Bertrand Boland OP (1966-1984) in 1984 who gave oblates the stamp paper which states that the land is the oblate property and they are free to sell it. Later Bishop Patras Yousuf (1984-1998) also encouraged this move because Louis Colony (a settlement for Christians) was already established there. Bro. Alfred RAYPPU, OMI (RIP) (later priest) supervised the building and in September 1986, Oblate Juniorate was inaugurated and he was appointed as the First Rector.



Presently the Oblate Delegation of Pakistan has 29 local oblate priests because of this Juniorate.

“Today, in the local milieu of Pakistani Church, there is a general impression that the Oblates are doing quite well. The local oblate priests are appreciated for their hard work for the growth of the local church”, remarks Bishop

Victor Gnanapragasam, OMI. We are contributing to the local church through our personnel. Bishop Victor Gnanapragasam said, “For me, the very fact of having local oblates carrying on the Mission of Christ imbued by the charism of our founder



is the dream of my life come true”. Presently the Oblate Juniorate has 19 students with two formators Fr. Gasper James OMI with Fr. Waqas Raza OMI.

The aim of the Oblate Juniorate is to inculcate the missionary zeal according to the Charism of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate through human development, ethics, religious formation, and to mold the young men as gentlemen to hold some responsibilities within the local as well as the universal Church.

Oblate Philosophate Lahore

The Oblate Philosophate is situated in Yohannabad Lahore Pakistan is a second house of formation for the Oblate students those promoted from their first house of formation the Oblate Juniorate, situated in southern Punjab in the city called Multan. This second phase of formation is purely based on philosophical studies for those who decide to become future



Oblate Priests or Brothers. This House of Formation particularly known as the (Oblate Philosophate Yohannabad) erected in late 1997 under the supervision of the Delegation Superior then Late Fr. Shelton Pereira OMI and his councilor Fr. Inayat Gill OMI. Yohanabad is one of the largest Christian localities started in 1970 by two Capuchin priests namely late Fr. Hennerly OFM Cap and Late Fr. Emeric OFM Cap. Since its completion number of Directors and students had been part of this house.

By the end of 1996 the number of students in the Oblate Juniorate Multan



was getting increased, so a need for a new formation house was felt very strongly. The Oblates then saw a dream to build an Oblate Philosophate in order to meet the urgent most need for the philosophical studies of their students. To give a concrete reality to that dream Late Fr. Lusion Schmitt OMI the provincial German Province, a great benefactor for all times to the delegation of Pakistan step in to help and donate handsome amount of money to purchase a big portion of land for the construction of the Oblate Philosophate in Yohannabad, Lahore.

The 2 hector land was bought under the guidance; of Late Fr. Shelton Pereira OMI the delegation superior then, with the kind collaboration of Fr. Inayat Gill OMI his assistant fulfilling all the necessary requirements to register the land in the name of the Oblates in Pakistan. It took about one year to build this new house of formation which would later be known as Oblate Philosophate. This 2 hector piece of land comprised two big houses the first known as the Oblate Philosophate a formation house and the second little further down house is known as “De Mazenod House or Superior’s House” where the Delegation superior with his bursar resides and sit in their offices.

The first badge commenced its formation in 1997 in this house was from different parts of Pakistan, at present they all are ordained priests. Among them are (Fr. Cecil Paul OMI, the present Director to the Oblate Philosophate, Fr. Maqsood Nazir OMI, Fr. Atta Sultan OMI, Fr. Mukhtar Alam OMI) they were all under the kind and gentle care of their first Director Rev. Fr. J.J. Edward OMI. At present Fr. J. J Edward OMI is the permanent professor at the National Major Seminary known as St. Francis Xavier that provides with the Philosophical studies to the students here in Pakistan.



Oblate Philosophers

“Wonder is the feeling of the philosopher, and philosophy begins in wonder.” *Plato* Philosophers are commonly called “thinkers,” but really, that is not an adequate definition of a philosopher. A philosopher looks at the world in wonder. He seeks the underlying meaning of things; he wants to understand it and codify it into a system of thought. If he succeeds in this task, he often feels compelled to share his system with the world, even knowing it is likely futile. This is because he loves the world, despite the difficulty it has given him. Similarly the Oblate Philosophers too always searching for the ultimate reality and truth lays hidden within the entire universe. Searching for the wisdom and knowledge is the primary task of the Oblate School of thought here in Oblate Philosphate.

Knowledge of some philosophical traditions

The Oblate Philosophers are analytic in their approach, using language is full of assumptions that philosophers can try to confirm or get rid of the false perception. Likewise our philosophers use their knowledge, wisdom and understanding to get filmier with the basic traditions, customs, systems and precepts of this house to live in accordance with them.

Writing & Teaching

The philosopher needs to transmit the knowledge and information he is focused on. The ancient philosophers formed groups of followers known as ‘schools’. Then some of them exerted influence via books, later by their position in universities. Similarly the Oblate School of thought displays and practices its ideas, theories, knowledge and information through meaningful writings, plays dramas and debates etc.

Contrary to popular belief, we the Oblate Philosophers do not need anything besides this burning desire to understand things and to connect ourselves with them. Our daily classes on philosophical ideas, terms, and hypothesis reading books and writing tutorials help us to discover inner being within us which sharpen our thinking as more or less of a philosopher.

The Oblate Philosophers are the people who live in a deep contemplative mood, discovering themselves through studies, art & music, singing and dramas, discovering and inventing new ideas, hypothesis, and philosophies of their present modern age is included in our daily observances. All this is accomplished through long hours of meditation, studies, reflection, reading and writing assignments etc.

Formation & Studies

The Oblate Missionary formation is a lifelong process, of Initial and Ongoing formation. Since its



foundation, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate have been convinced that the future of the mission can only be assured by well-formed Oblates, who gradually become imbued with the spirit of the Charism of the Congregation. This is why formation, whether initial or ongoing, holds a central place in the life and mission of the Oblates here in Pakistan. It is an integral formation in accordance with the Oblate Charism, which takes into account the human, spiritual, intellectual and missionary/pastoral aspects.

We both the formatters (Fr. Rizwan Imtiaz OMI & Fr. Cecil Paul OMI) trying our level best to inculcate the Oblate values, spirit, wisdom and knowledge in our Students. Therefore we have introduced different topics related to Oblate Mission/Pastoral life into our monthly program in order to form them a better human, person, and candidates for the Oblate Mission in Pakistan and around the world.

Library

In order to increase the intellectual knowledge and comprehension the Oblate students are also allowed to use Oblate Philosophate Library within the house, to spend their time in reading and writing their research papers etc. However this library needs to be upgraded, on urgent basis which requires some funds. Moreover the students also visit St. Francis Xavier Library and other religious house i.e.

Dominicans, Capuchins, and Franciscan. We are also trying to get accesses to the E-library with the help of some benefactors in Rome let us see how it works.

Internet

It is quite evident that we are passing through the world of innovative, technologies and inventions. Through internet the fast medium of communication are modern day's



tools. Therefore it is highly recommend by the National Philosophical Major Seminary St. Francis Xavier to use latest E-books, articles as well as journals, available on Wikipedia and other reliable websites and resources for their research papers etc.

Hence, we the Oblate Community

also allow our students to use internet over a desktop a common community



system to produce some good quality and authentic research paper. To help our students to use internet the PTCL Broad Band connection has been fixed that can only be used during their studies hours.

Oblate Spirituality

Kneeling before the cross on Good Friday in 1807 St. Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Oblates, experienced something that changed his life. On that day Eugene became profoundly aware of his own sinfulness and at the same time, of the deep Mercy of God. This powerful experience would lead him to commit his life to Jesus Christ and to share the good news of the Gospel so that others might have the chance to encounter this same transforming love of God. Eugene chose priesthood as the vehicle for his ministry, and it was the forgotten people of Southern France, the Eugene directed his energies. He would reject a comfortable diocesan position and become a priest of the poor. He went on to work in the rural



areas, with labourers, prisoners, and young people. However the focus of the Oblate Philosophate is entirely

based on this same experience of St. Eugene our founder and master. Our students go and visit those places where none of the Diocesan priest is ready to go or to serve the lost sheep of scattered heard of the Lord. In short the focal point of the Oblate Spirituality here in Pakistan particularly within the Oblate



Philosophate is to promote the Marian devotion through rosary, holy hour, retreats, confessions, seminars, talks, exposures to different Marian shrine within the country.

Spiritual Guidance

The primary focus of this integral formation is to provide spiritual nourishment through various channel namely community and personal prayers, day of recollection and retreats, Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions, Novena Prayers, Parish Mass, personal spiritual guidance according to their wishes, are the few main components of our living together under the same roof. In addition to that once a month an orientation program is held to the Oblate way of life, a talk is given by some experienced Oblate.





Prayer & Community life

Oblate religious /missionary life is based on personal and community prayers without this exercise one cannot stand straighten in line with religious life of priesthood and brotherhood. According to the Charism of the Founder the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are bond to live a community life that contains, prayer, meals, games, exercising ministry together in common. The Oblate Philosophate community also stresses over these above mentioned values. All these elements are full of life, guidance, wisdom, and knowledge to understand one another.

Pastoral Exposure

From Monday to Friday our boys are engaged in their Philosophical formation and studies in the National Major Seminary St. Francis Xavier Yohannabad, Lahore.

Besides their intellectual formation our boys also have daily spiritual exercises as mentioned above in the timetable. We also expose our students to various other houses where they experience the wounded reality around them in the shape of elders, orphans, widows,

disable, and mentally retarded etc. So on every Saturday our students go to different houses mentioned here below to give their free services, and thereby gain some good life experiences for themselves.



Manual Labour/ Sports/ Music

The oblate philosophate community emphasizes over manual labour within the house or outdoors in the gardens. In order to create fun, interest, and a healthy competition among the students game time is fixed every evening after the house jobs; Cricket, Basketball, and Badminton are the main sports that our boys like most. Besides the outdoor games we too have some indoor games i.e. Luddo, Cards, and Carmbord etc. Recently we bought some musical instruments



like guitar, violin, and some flutes etc. Once a week choir practice have developed a great interest and confidence within our students which was seen by all on the Ordination



ceremony on Oct 23rd, 2018 in the Cathedral.

OBLATE SCHOLASTICATE KARACHI

In the beginning the Oblates were cautious about recruiting local vocations before they were established reasonably well in the new mission they did not opt for candidates lest they be left in the lurch. in 1980s the Oblates started recruiting local vocations in earnest.

In September 1979 Fr. Clement Waidyasekara OMI with three candidates started the Scholastics formation in a section of the Major Seminary Karachi. In



February 1980 the Scholasticate was shifted to a house at Gulshan-e-Iqbal Karachi which was purchased for this purpose. until now different rector namely Fr. Alfred Groleau OMI, Fr Vernon Derrick OMI, Fr. Christy Silva OMI and Fr Khan Paulus OMI presently delegation Superior of pakistan.

Most of the students from Scholasticate are priest at present and serving the Delegation within the country and overseas.



MAZENOD COLLEGE LAHORE, PAKISTAN

‘Where your dreams come true’ is the slogan of Mazenod College Lahore. The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Pakistan since 2000s dreamt of putting up an institution of higher learning, as education is an important element of the Oblate Charism. Where to have such an institute, was a question. After serious discussion and survey, Youhanabad the biggest Christian settlement in Pakistan, of approximately 200,000 Christians



where majority professes Catholic faith, was chosen. In Youhanabad there were a number of good high schools but no college. We saw the difficulty of the poor families to get their children educated after the matriculation, since they had to travel far in the city. The Oblates saw the need and hence began to explore



various possibilities of realizing this dream of putting up an institution of higher learning in Youhanabad, where the poor Christian boys and girls may continue their higher studies in the field of medical science, technology, engineering, commerce, computer sciences, and art.



In order to actualize this dream a big sum of money was required for this mega project. God showed the way to the Oblates to make this dream a reality. Fr. Khan Paulus OMI, the Delegation Superior and the former Bursar Fr. Basharat Exupear OMI visited their Brother Oblates in Germany in December 2018. The dream was shared with Fr. Aloysius Terliesner OMI, the mission procurator of the Central European Oblate Province. Fr. Khan and Fr. Basharat, along with Fr. Terliesner had the privilege of meeting a generous and kind hearted lady Miss Anne Marie, a teacher of Biology and German language. She remained single throughout her life. At the request of Fr. Terliesner OMI, she donated all her savings for the construction of Mazenod College Youhanabad, Lahore.



Foundation of Mazenod College

Mr. Babar Wazir the contractor with his team was given the task of constructing the building. The ground breaking ceremony of Mazenod College building was held on 15 June 2020. It was witnessed by a number of Oblates from Karachi, Multan, Kasur and Lahore. The domestic staff members of Oblate House were also present. On 30 June 2020, the **foundation stone** was laid by the Delegation Superior Rev. Fr. Khan Paulus OMI, accompanied by a number of Oblates.

Inauguration of Mazenod College

Finally, the day came when the long-awaited dream of the Oblate Delegation of Pakistan became a reality. The building was completed under the supervision of Fr. Basharat Exupear OMI and Fr. Rizwan Imtiaz



OMI. God gifted the Delegation with the beautiful gift of Mazenod College during the Jubilee year of their presence in Pakistan. An important milestone was achieved by the Oblates in Pakistan to help secure the future of our coming generations. We are extremely grateful for the generous help given by the Mission Procure Germany and the Oblate

Province of Australia for furnishing and equipping the college. Mazenod College was inaugurated on 2 October 2021 by the Delegation Superior Rev. Fr. Khan Paulus OMI, was dedicated and named after Saint Eugene De Mazenod, the founder of the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. To witness the occasion, some of the Oblate Priests, the staff and students joined the ceremony.

Solemn Blessing of Mazenod College

Mazenod College, Lahore was blessed on 16 February 2022 by His Grace Sebastian France Shaw OFM, Archbishop of Archdiocese of Lahore. All the members of the Oblate Delegation of Pakistan, many priests, religious, the staff and students of Mazenod College were present at this auspicious occasion.

The Pioneers

Fr. Pervez Raza OMI was appointed the first administrator of Mazenod College, Lahore by the Delegation Council on 8 July 2021 while Mr. Shakeel Earnest as the first principal of the college.

God has blessed the college with a very dedicated and qualified staff and one hundred and forty-seven students in the first year of its existence. Long live Mazenod College!



Special Ministry !

OBLATE MEDIA CENTER PAKISTAN

The Oblate Media Centre is the new ministry started by Fr. Cecil Paul OMI to help the delegation be known within Oblate world by our Pictorial view, News and writings through Facebook, Website, Twitter and YouTube channel. The Delegation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Pakistan has achieved another historical mile stone in launching their own website on the auspicious occasion of the “Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady on Dec 8TH, 2018”.



With immense joy I extend my hearty congratulations to all the Oblates serving within the country and overseas that in deed we as small group has come to a stage to introduce ourselves proudly to the rest of the Oblate world through *Website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube*. I also congratulate Fr. Khan Paulos OMI our Delegation superior and his councilors who willingly entrust me with this mega responsibility to construct this website *www.oblates.pk*. This webpage will certainly be an open door to learn

about the missionary endeavors being rendered by the missionary oblates of Mary Immaculate in an Islamic Country like Pakistan.



This website would be a medium of fast and modern communication between you and we (*the Oblates*) that will certainly be presenting the actual picture of the Mission being taken care in Pakistan by the Oblates, before their audience on their Desktop, Hand Sets, and Laptops.

The Roman Catholic Church in Pakistan is well aware of the fact that the advancement in technology, like Digital and social media play an increasingly important role in evangelizing the poor across the borders. That role varies across three continuous stages: SOW, REAP, DISCIPLE. At any phase, hundreds of millions of people globally are at each stage in their Christian faith — ranging from a complete lack of interest in Christianity to a mature, growing faith.

SOW— This early stage is a phase where people aren't actively seeking Jesus. But digital and social media can play a role in influencing the



REAP— This is a second stage which extends when someone reaches a place where they're beginning to seek awareness, to a decision to follow Christ. Digital and social media provide a unique and safe environment for people to struggle and question, often in more vulnerable ways because of the perceived anonymity and safety of technology.

DISCIPLE— After someone becomes a believer, the lifelong journey truly begins. Digital and social media can help people connect with a local church, provide resources and connections to deepen in the faith, and provide encouragement and tools to share Christ with others.

Key aspects of digital and social media

Here are some of the key roles digital and social media can play in the work of *Evangelization*.

Authenticity

We should be as Christian online as we are offline, so that our friends know we're Christians. Even on Facebook.

Vulnerability and perceived anonymity

Something deeply psychological happens when someone seeks answers to tough questions using digital or social media. They're often willing to be far more vulnerable and transparent than they might otherwise be in other

settings (in person or on the phone, for example).

Accessibility

Google has changed our world fundamentally. It may have started as an easy way to find information. But when searches take on the form of existential questions — like “Who is Jesus?” — you can see that “Googling” has reached a new level of meaning. This makes find ability critical in today's world. By creating good content and using search engine optimization (SEO) techniques, you can place the Good News seconds away from any search globally.



Indirect Evangelism

Particularly in the SOW stage, it's critical to note that your content doesn't need to be explicitly evangelistic. In fact, you could argue that a bulk of the digital and social engagement in the SOW stage should not be overtly evangelistic.

Platforms

In the REAP and DISCIPLE stages, platforms provide us with the tools to



reach massive numbers of people. Technologies include web pages, chat rooms, instant messaging, videos, curriculum, location and more.

Leveraging world news / cultural moments / memes

We live in a world where the news of a minute attracts massive attention. Rather than trying to drum up our own attention and interest, we should consider leveraging existing world events and cultural moments to evangelize, particularly in the SOW and REAP stages.

Content

Today, quality content is highly demanded by the audience, however we can assess that “The Holy Bible” gives us content on every issue related to the human condition. As wise and creative Christians, we need to be committed to creating and sharing evangelistic content for all three stages: SOW, REAP, DISCIPLE.

Social media communication tools have profoundly changed our lives, especially how we interact with one another and the world around us. Here are the top areas in which it has affected our daily lives:

Source of information

Friends on social media are increasingly becoming people’s trusted sources of information, even more than

search engines for students as well as launching a business etc.

Connecting with people

Social media helps find and maintain both old and potentially new friendships

Place for authenticity

The goal used to be to make sure that we always appeared to be in complete control; but this is shifting, in part, because of social media. The paradigm is now no longer to try to appear perfect but to be more transparent with your thoughts and feelings, to reveal your humanness.

Power to influence

Even if we have few followers on Twitter or friends on Facebook or subscribers to our blog, the average person’s influence increases as communication channels become more open and fluid. The Internet has brought media to a global audience. The Web has opened a tremendous opportunity to reach a great number of participants directly with targeted messages.

Benefits

Let me share some of the benefits of social networking:

Tolerance: Networks are good for handling diversity. Behind our screen we can be any color, any nationality, without the fear of not being accepted.



Friendship: Networks are about connections people making with one another. Usually we get connected to each other very easily and there are no limitations or lack of trust.

Change: Networks are so versatile that everything can still operate effectively whether on a large scale or for smaller, close-knit groups.

Communal: Groups are created so that people join and feel welcome in a community.

Equal, small versus big: For example Amazon.com vs. Waterstones. The latter is probably the biggest and most well-known bookstore in the United Kingdom and Europe at large. At one stage, nobody thought anything could surpass its size and reputation; especially not Amazon.com, which started offline on a much smaller scale. Now Amazon has become a multinational sensation. With social networking, both types of businesses can be put on the same footing.

Fair: In previous years, the television producers and radio executives decided what featured in the media. However, there has now been a redistribution of power; not only does the average person sitting at home get to have a say in what they experience in the media, but they also have the chance to actually participate.

Open: Those who are ready for experimentation are able to do so freely. They can reach other users open

to new things around the globe. This is how simple “home videos” end up having a few million viewers on sites such as YouTube.

Authentic: Everyone has his or her own identity; no two “profiles” or blogs are ever exactly the same. People can express their individuality through personal touches, without the restrictions of conformity.

Global: There are no borders or obstacles in connecting.

Participator: Using their own online ID, everyone can participate in any discussion.

Seekers: The new rule of the information age: if you don’t, someone else will.

Conclusion

I believe that it would be unjust for us the Church and its members that if we do not make a use of this valuable modern tool or source of information and evangelism which is known as Mass Media. Through the medium of social media one can spread the Gospel through videos from conversions to apologetics. Likewise, the Church can use social media to spread powerful and possibly life-changing articles which open the eyes of people to the truth or spark an interest to learn more. The social media is the fastest tool of communication in human history. It has changed the way people interact so



on our Facebook, Twitter and WebPages etc. I humbly take this opportunity to thank and appreciate I appreciate our students (Philosophate community) instrumental to accompany me in this venture to complete this mega project within a set time, which consumed lots of our energy, time, and attention to make this webpage as an attractive, beautiful and meaningful for all our users.

Finally I also thank and appreciate all the Oblates near, far and flung for their generous help and support to make this project a successful one, certainly without your help in time with AV aids (audio visual) I wouldn't have completed this website etc. Happy Jubilee to you all...!

much: tweeting, blogging, texting, live chatting, posting on Facebook and other social networks, sharing their views and opinions with the world. They share their minds instantly.

Social media gives us the opportunity to make new connections online. The world lies at your fingertips. You can reach out to a large number of users. Statistics show that the total number of Facebook users worldwide is 1.2 billion and that 98 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds use social media. Therefore the key responsibility lies on our shoulders the leaders Bishops, Priests, Brothers, and Nuns to re-evangelize the poor in faith with some useful life changing material be posted

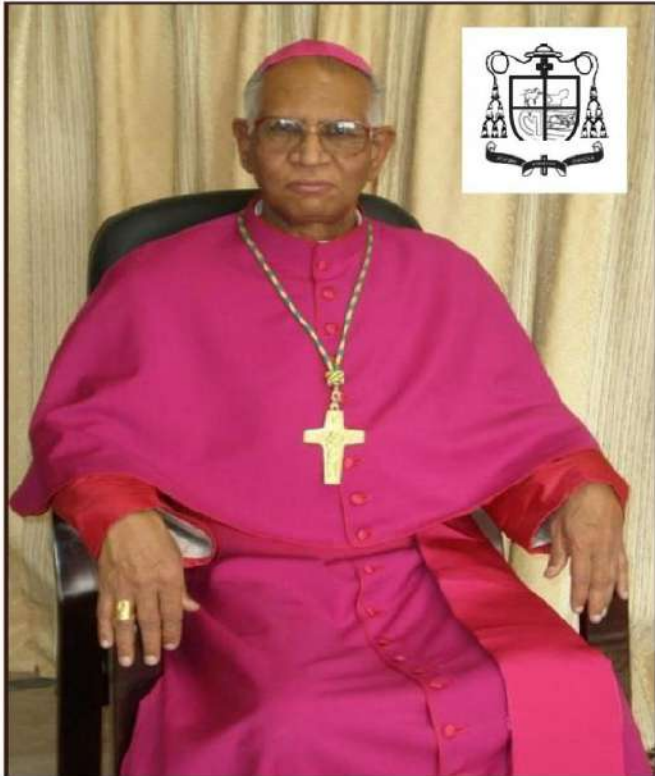


OBLATE SCHOLASTICS IN ROME



A Zealus Missionary

He was born in Jaffna, Sri Lanka to Sri Lankan Tamil family. He completed his novitiate with the Missionary



Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Kaluthara (1959), then the studies of philosophy and theology at Our Lady of Sri Lanka Seminary in Kandy (1960–1966). He took his final vows and was ordained a priest on December 21, 1966.[1] He has served in Pakistan as a priest since 1973 and is a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Pakistan. He has been a parish priest in Gojra, Diocese of Faisalabad, from 1976-77. He attended a training course in Youth Ministry in Manila, Philippines from 1977-1979. He was parish priest in Toba Tek Singh, Diocese of Faisalabad from 1978-1980. He was parish priest at Khanewal, Diocese of Multan, from

1979–1985; Superior of the OMI

Date of Birth: 21 November 1940

Place of Birth: Jaffna, Sri Lanka

First Vows: 31 May 1960

Final Vows: 31 May 1963

Ordination to Priesthood:

21 November 1966

Missions in Sri Lanka:

- Kotahene (March-April 1967)

- Maradana (May-Oct. 1967)

- Nilaveli (Nov. 1967-Nov. 1969)

- Preaching Band, Jaffna

(Nov. 1969-April 1973)

Arrival in Pakistan: 19 May 1973

Missions in Pakistan

- Gojra/Toba Tek Singh/Khanewal

- Oblate Scholasticate, Karachi

- Oblate Juniorate, Multan

- Mission Superior of Pakistan (1977-1979)

- Delegation Councillor

(1991-1997)

- Delegation Superior of Pakistan (1979-

1985, 1997-2001)

Appointed, 1st Apostolic Prefect of Quetta:

7 Dec. 2001

Installed, 1st Apostolic Prefect of Quetta: 7

April 2002

Nominated Bishop: 29 April 2010

Ordained Bishop: 16 July 2010

Installed, 1st Apostolic Vicar of Quetta: 25 July 2010

Death: 12 Dec. 2020

Funeral Rites: 15 Dec. 2020

Delegation in Pakistan, 1980–1982 and again parish priest in Gojra from 1982-1986.

He was once again parish priest in Toba Tek Singh from 1987–1989; undertook studies in Psychology and Spirituality at St. Anselm Institute in Kent, England and then later courses in Spirituality at the Angelicum, Rome, 1989-1992. He was parish priest in Gojra for a third time from 1992–



1993; Assistant in the formation house of the Oblates in Karachi, 1993–1997 and First Counselor of the OMI Delegation in Pakistan from 1997–2001. He was appointed to the post of Apostolic Prefect Of Quetta in December 2001. Fr. Victor was also at the Vatican for the Ad limina Apostolorum visit of the Pakistani Bishops in June 2008. On 29 April 2010 Pope Benedict XVI elevated the apostolic prefecture of Quetta, to the rank of Apostolic vicariate, with the same name and territorial configuration as before. He appointed Fr. Victor as apostolic vicar of the new ecclesiastical circumscription and the titular bishop of Timida. He was consecrated Bishop at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Karachi on 16 July 2010 by the apostolic nuncio to Pakistan Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana. The Principal Co-Consecrators were Archbishop Evarist Pinto of Karachi and Bishop Max John Rodrigues of Hyderabad.

The Holy Father St. John Paul II made a declaration of the establishment of the Apostolic Prefecture of Quetta on 7th December 2001. The official ceremony held in Quetta by his Excellency Alessandro D'Errico, the Apostolic Nuncio to Pakistan read the papal bull and proclaimed Rev. Fr. Victor Gnanapragasam OMI as First Apostolic Prefect of Quetta Prefecture on 6th of April 2002. On 29th of April 2010 Pope Benedict XVI elevated the Apostolic Prefecture of Quetta to

Apostolic Vicariate and Very Rev. Fr. Victor Gnanapragasam OMI, was appointed as the first Vicar Apostolic of Vicariate of Quetta. He died on December 12, 2020, because of a heart attack. The funeral of Bishop Gnanapragasam took place at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Quetta on December 15, 2020. The funeral service was led by Cardinal Joseph Coutts accompanied by all the bishops of Pakistan. He was buried in the garden



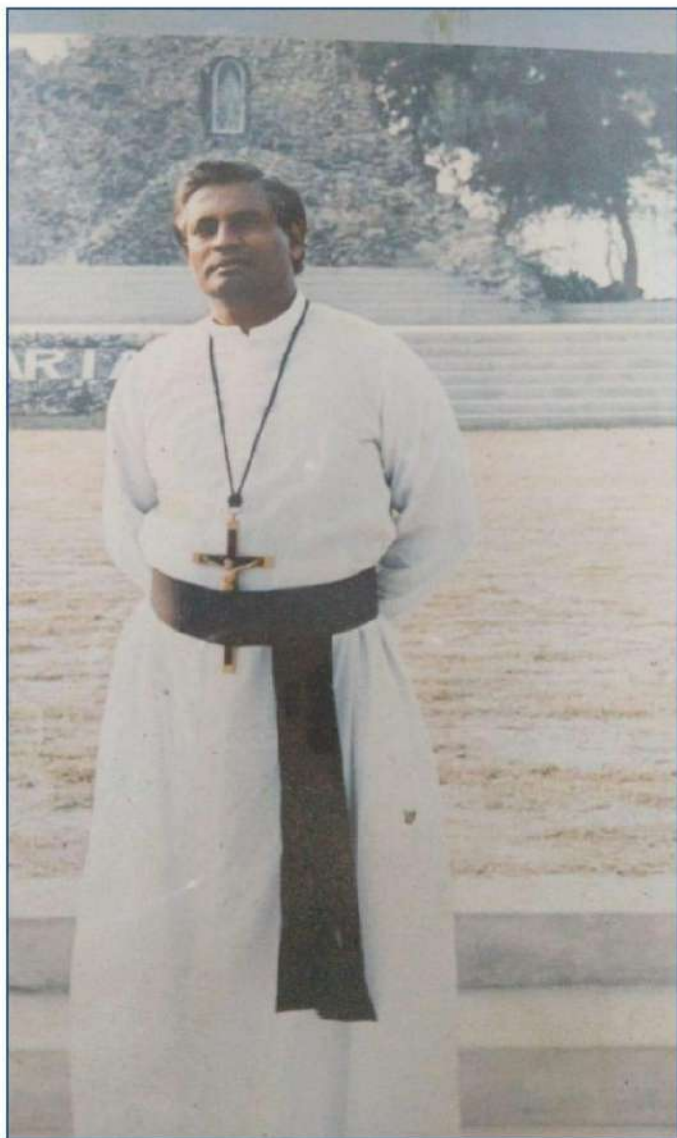
of the Cathedral.

On January 1, 2021, Pope Francis named Father Khalid Rehmat OFM (Cap.) of the Archdiocese of Lahore as the new vicar apostolic of Quetta.



A Passionate Visionary Missionary of the Desert Thal

Rev. Fr. Temsy Cross OMI was renowned Missionary in Pakistan. He was Sri-Lankan by Nationality and man of conviction. He was first Oblate to serve in Noorpur Thal particularly



in the area known as Derekabad where Christians came from all pockets of Pakistan in order to get the ownership of the land. It had been very hard to cater the spiritual and social needs of the poor. When Fr. Temsy Cross OMI was appointed as a parish priest to St. Mary's Parish 587/TDA, Derekabad.

He had very difficult times only sand dunes without any facilities of drinking water, electricity, gas and roads. He had a small hut and used to sleep under his vehicle shade. He became a true shepherd in the desert to his sheep. He was endowed with talents. He started schools for the children. His motto was to educate his people while helping them for forming houses and castles to counter poverty. His personal spirituality was breaking himself in order to give life to his flock in the desert of Derekabad.



He constructed many schools and small chapels in different chaks in the desert of Derekabad. St. Michael's English Medium High School, Chowk Sarwar Shaheed



St. Eugen's English Medium School , Chak No. 548 / TDA , Jhangi Adda

St. Joseph's Middle School, Chak no. 584/TDA, Derekabad

St. Mary's Middle School, Chak no. 587/TDA, Derekabad

St. Anthony's Primary School, Chak no . 5/ Azizabad , Tobi

There are two more schools in Azizabad ,



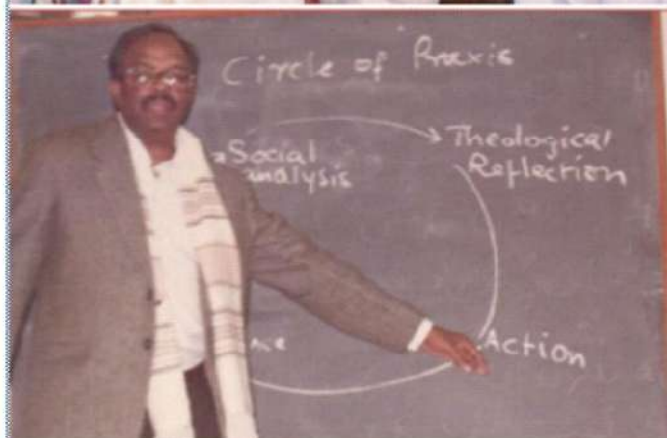
Man of Media & Communication



Fr. Alfred Rayappu was born at Patthwathai, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, on 12 March 1941. He was

5th in a devout Catholic family of six children. In 1958 he joined the Oblates as a postulant for the Oblate Brotherhood. Having completed his novitiate, he made his First Vows as an Oblate Brother on May 31, 1960. He got training in Germany and France in Catechetics and Mass Media. For ten years he served in the Archdiocese of Colombo in the field of Catechetics. In February 1978 along with Fr. Temsey and others, he came to Pakistan. After a course in Urdu language he served in Gojra Parish. In 1985 supervised the construction of Oblate Juniorate in Multan and in 1986 was appointed as its first Director. At the request of Bishop Patras Yousaf of Multan Diocese he organized catechetical programs in the diocese and set up a Diocesan Catechetical Centre. While serving in this capacity he felt that he was called to serve the Lord as a priest. After a crash

course in Theology at Christ the King Major Seminary in Karachi, he was ordained priest on 12 July 1996 at Holy Redeemer Cathedral Multan by Bishop Patras Yousaf. In October the Parish Priest of newly carved parish of Pir Mahal. He died in Pir Mahal on the morning of 16 January 2002 due to cardiac arrest. He was laid to rest on 17 January 2002.





Fr Paulus Khan OMI
Delegation of Pakistan

9 February 2022

On behalf of the Australian Province, I would like to congratulate the Delegation of Pakistan on its Golden Jubilee Celebration. I wish you every blessing on this wonderful and auspicious occasion.

We are privileged and humbled to share in your success with two missionaries from Pakistan serving in the Australian Province. Thank you for your generosity and support. We hope our partnership will grow and be strengthened in the future.

May the Lord continue to Bless the Delegation of Pakistan and the good people of Pakistan in the years to come.

Yours in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate.

Fr Christian Fini OMI





I congratulate the Delegation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on this auspicious occasion of their 50 years of presence in Pakistan to celebrate their Golden Jubilee. It is indeed and certainly a great milestone uninterrupted fifty years achieved by the Oblates in Pakistan. It is indeed a time of joy, celebration and thanksgiving to God the Father in Heaven, who bestowed his graces, blessing and spiritual guidance to labor the vineyard of the Lord in Pakistan.

The Oblates under the leadership of Most Rev. Fr. Khan Paulus OMI, President Major Superiors Leadership Conference Pakistan (MSLCP) making progress in the country. I am proud to mention that the Oblates were invited by late bishop Francis Benedict Cieleo OP, an Italian Missionary. The Oblate took Gojjra Parish in Faisalabad Diocese as their first mission. The Delegation took really solid steps to serve the most abandoned, neglected and marginalized of our society in Pakistan. It is worth mentioning that Bishop Victor Gnanapragasam OMI is the first Prefect of the Catholic Apostolic prefecture of Quetta, Balochistan. I also appreciate your timely decision to establish a Mazenod Boys College in Yohanabad, Lahore.

Remembering all the departed Oblates served in different capacities, producing much fruit with remarkable effects may enjoy the eternal bliss in heaven. My wishes and prayers are with every single Oblate Priest, Brother and Students may you all grow in fraternal love, charity, piety wisdom and service. May the Father of Jesus Christ through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin the Oblate Madonna bless you all.

Happy Golden Jubilee to you all...!

Very Rev. Fr. Younas Shahzad, OP.,
Prior Vice Provincial &
Chairperson of all Males Religious Congregations in Pakistan

Dear Oblates in Pakistan!

Celebrating a Golden Jubilee is an act of gratitude for the many gifts, graces, and blessings that has been showered upon you as the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Pakistan. We the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chambery witness the love of God when we look at your loving & caring presence in Pakistan; as unbreakable, unshakable, unconditional and infinite. We pray may you all stay happy in your vocation and the mission to build up the Catholic Church, particularly in Pakistan, to take care of the youth and basic community building.



Happy 50th Anniversary to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Pakistan!

Regional Coordinator Lahore Sisters of St Joseph of Chambery Sr. Shakila SCJ





Dear Oblates in Pakistan..!

Thanksgiving to God for the fifty years of Mission in Pakistan (1971 -2021)

Today we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) Congregation serving in Pakistan. I would like to congratulate the Congregation for their untiring and significant service to the Pakistani Community. I must also acknowledge that OMI priests in Pakistan have taken up mission in very challenging and remote areas of Quetta, Multan as well as busy Archdioceses like Karachi and Lahore over these years. Their role in formation is of great importance and they have produced a number of priests, who are continuing the mission with same enthusiasm with Christ as center of their mission.

In his Letter to Priests for the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, Pope Francis thanks those priests "who make their lives a work of mercy in regions or situations often inhospitable, distant or abandoned, even at the risk of their own lives". He thanks them "for their courageous and constant example" and invites them not to be discouraged, because "the Lord is purifying His Bride and is converting all of us to Himself".

One important thing which We all should keep reminding ourselves is that we, as priests are called to 'proclaim the Gospel', as Jesus commissioned his disciples: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Following the footsteps of disciples is very challenging but what makes us strong is a prayerful life. As Pope Francis has always said that: the priest needs to be, above all, a man of prayer. It is union with God, he says, that overcomes the countless temptations of evil.

Pope Francis describes the priest as a decentralized man, because at the center of his life there is not him but Christ. In his homily during the Jubilee for Priests in 2016, he said: "In the Eucharistic celebration we rediscover each day our identity as shepherds. In every Mass, may we truly make our own Christ's words: 'This is my Body, which is given up for you'. This is the meaning of our life: with these words, in a real way we can daily renew the promises we made at our priestly ordination".

As the OMI Congregation celebrates the 50 years of mission in Pakistan, let us thank God for all the strength and blessings He has given to the Religious Congregation of Omi Priests for their mission in Pakistan. And may they continue to serve the people of God like Good Shepherds and motivated community leaders.

Rev. Fr. Francis Gulzar

Vicar General & Parish Priest St. John's Catholic Church Yohanabad
Archdiocese Lahore, Pakistan.





Dear Oblates in Pakistan

I am privileged to praise God and congratulate Rev. Fr. Khan Paulus (Delegate Superior) in Pak and rest of the Oblates on the occasion of five decades of Golden presence in Pakistan. In spite of new culture, language and land the Ceyloni Oblate continued to serve the neediest and suffering with compassion through word & sacraments. We the Holy Family Sisters were and are part of your wonderful ministry. Hence on behalf of the Holy Family Community I congratulate on this historic milestones and pray that through the intercession of Mother Mary the immaculate, God may bless you with many faithful, strong and zealous vocations to continue the Mission and Ministries according to the plan of God to fulfill your founder's dream to go beyond the boundaries.

Happy anniversary and all the best in the years ahead.

Sr. Densilla James Delegate Superior Sisters of the Holy Family Gojjra

Dear Oblates in Pakistan

Lahore 28, August, 2021

Thousands of greetings and blessings from the Daughters of St. Paul to you and to your Congregation for the 50th anniversary of your presence in Pakistan! We are one with you in thanking the Lord for all the blessings bestowed on your Congregation during these 50 years in Pakistan, for all the beautiful vocations with which He has blessed and enriched your Congregation, for all your apostolic activities to the most "abandoned poor" whose condition cries out for salvation". Thanks for being Christ centered and putting at the heart of your mission "the people", as Jesus did. Thanks for your effort to promote a culture of justice and peace, to guard the integrity of creation and for being present in the most isolated and challenging mission areas. With your presence, the local Church is able to help and reach thousands and thousands of people. Congratulations with thousands blessings for the future!



Sincerely yours,

Sr. Ida Porrino, FSP Delegate Superior of the Daughters of St. Paul, Lahore





It gives me great joy to know that Oblates of Mary are celebrating Golden Jubilee of their tremendous services in Pakistan. How wonderful it was that at the invitation of our beloved Dominican Bishop Benedict Cialeo OP, Bishop of Lyalkpur/ Faisalabad the Oblates of Sri Lanka very graciously accepted invitation of Bishop Cialeo and sent their community members to the Diocese of

Lyallpur on 14th of February, 1971 and thus the mission in our country. From the bottom of my heart I Congratulate Very Reverend Fr Khan Paulos OMI, Delegation Superior of Oblates of Mary in Pakistan all priests, brothers and students of your community.

It gives me immense joy to see how you have progressed in all these 50 years and that all of your apostolates and especially for the parishes, poor and abundant people, education of the Christians and Muslims alike, as well as speaking and raising your voice very loudly for justice for the oppressed and deprived Christians and Muslims and making every effort for peace and interfaith harmony. Your leading role in the religious formation of young boys in the formation houses and seminaries is really marvellous and it so wonderful to see many local vocations and ordained priests.

You also gave one Apostolic Vicar in the form of Bishop Victor Prenagas (please put the correct spelling) for Apostolic Vicarate of Quetta.

I pray that your Oblate community may further flourish abundantly all over Pakistan through the intercession of our Mother Blessed Virgin Mary! God bless you!

May you celebrate many more Jubilees in the coming years!

Fr James Channan OP

Director

Peace Center, Lahore

Former, Prior Vice- Provincial,

Ibn-e-Mariam, Dominican Order, Pakistan





Greetings, love and best wishes from Australia.

I am Fr. Nadeem Daniel OMI from the OMI Delegation of Pakistan. I have been ministering for the last five years as a missionary and studying as a part time student here in Australia. I am very grateful to the OMI Delegation of Pakistan for providing me this opportunity to preach the Gospel of Christ on this beautiful continent.

It gives me great joy to write something on the Golden Jubilee of the OMI Delegation of Pakistan. I thank God for all the great missionaries who started the Oblate mission in Pakistan under the charism of our beloved founder St. Eugene De Mazenod. We as Oblates of Mary Immaculate are marking an historical mile stone in this wonderful celebration of our fifty years' presence in Pakistan. The Golden Jubilee of our OMI Delegation is an occasion of thanksgiving and rejoicing. With deep appreciation I thank our Oblate brothers for our fifty years of dedicated service to God and his people. Through our different ministries we have served and are still serving in a most special way in the vineyard of the Lord. May this Golden Jubilee be a time of sharing many blissful and blessed memories in our OMI Delegation and may the years ahead be filled with many graces and blessings. I take this opportunity to congratulate all of you on the Golden Jubilee of the OMI Delegation of Pakistan. May God bless all of us and may Mother Mary protect and help us in our mission.

Fr. Nadeem Daniel OMI

Australian Province Melbourne





Jubilee is a time of celebration, joy and festival. So, I heartly congratulate the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Pakistan as they are celebrating their 50 golden years of service in Pakistan. OMI abiding devotions and faithful services to our Lord have touched countless hearts and inspired many souls- What a blessing OMI Pakistan are to all of us. I am also heartly thankful to the whole

OMI council board for giving me this great opportunity to serve at Mazenod College Lahore as a Principal.

It is a great pleasure to be appointed as the first principal at Mazenod College Lahore. I firmly believe that education is the greatest gift that enables us to not only UNDERSTAND the world around us but also RESPOND to it in a positive, meaningful and progressive way. Education gives us the knowledge we need in order to make something out of ourselves and making the world a better place while doing so. With the 21st century society more connected, fast-paced and demanding than at any other point in our history, we need to make sure that we, as an institution, are preparing our students for the skills they need for a dynamic and uncertain future, but also for a future with great potential and promise. This is what we do best here at Mezenod College. During your time here, you'll obviously get a top quality academic- and skill-based education. But we offer you more – much more – We aim to CHALLENGE you, NURTURE you and INSPIRE you, so that you can fulfil your potential and achieve things you've never even dreamed of. Because ANYTHING is possible. This is the place where your dreams really CAN come true If and only If you put in the hard work

Shakeel Earnest

Principal Mazenod College Lahore



OUR DEDICATED OBLATE FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

2021

Our Mission

We envisage to achieve our goals in collaboration with the local church through parochial ministry, preaching, promotion of Marian devotion formation of youth, education, striving for Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation and other special ministries in response to the signs of our time.



Late Bishop
Victor Guanapragasam
OMI



Late Rev. Fr.
Temsy Croos
OMI



Late Rev. Fr.
Shalish Perera
OMI



Late Rev. Fr.
Alfred Rayappu
OMI



Late Rev. Bro.
Don Francis Dematagodage
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Alfred Groleau
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Yohanes Daminus
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Rev. Fr. Thomas Anthonypillai OMI, Rev. Bro. Henry Mendis OMI, Rev. Fr. Lester Silva OMI

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Our Vision

We, Oblates of Mary Immaculate are Christ Centered Missionaries living in Apostolic community committed to the integral liberation and evangelization of the most abandoned poor. We accomplish this, under the patronage of Mary our Mother, with our people, by a life of simplicity in a Spirit of generosity.



Days to be remembered within the Oblate Delegation of Pakistan

S.N	Priest & Brothers	Prayer for Mission	Birthdays	First Vows	Ordination
1	Fr. Khawar Mehboob OMI	OMI Canonization Causes	Jan 02/1983	Aug 22/2011	Nov 17/2016
2	Fr. Nadeen Daniel OMI	For Religious in Pakistan	Jan 02/1979	Aug 22/2003	Mar 29/2008
3	Fr. Nadeem Rafiq OMI	Universal Church	Jan 03/1980	Aug 22/2005	April 10/2010
4	Bro. Tasneem Nawaz OMI	Oblate Parishes in Pakistan	Jan 05/1992	Aug 22/2018	
5	Fr. Nasir Mehnga OMI	Delegation of Thailand	Jan 06/1980	Aug 22/2008	Mar 29/2010
6	Fr. Amir Shahzad OMI	Province of Colombo	Jan 14/1980	Aug 22/2005	Mar 29/2011
7	Fr. Daniel Sabar OMI	Central European Province	Jan 18/1987	Aug 22/2013	Mar 29/2012
8	Fr. Rizwan Imtiaz OMI	Deceased Oblates	Jan 24/1988	Aug 22/2012	Mar 29/2013
9	Fr. Abid Saleem OMI	World Peace	Jan 29/1979	Aug 22/2003	Mar 29/2014
10	Fr. Qasir Boota OMI	Mission in China & Korea	Feb 02/1985	Aug 22/2013	Mar 29/2015
11	Fr. Mukhtar Alam OMI	OMI Schools/Staff/Students	Feb 05/1974	Sep 08/2002	Mar 29/2016
12	Bro. Irshad Asghar OMI	Province of Indonesia	Feb 15/1992	Aug 22/2020	
13	Fr. Inyat Gill OMI	Elderly & Sick Oblates	Mar 01/1954	Dec 23/1980	Dec 05/1986
14	Fr. Pervez Raza OMI	Mazenod College Administration	April 03/1974	Sep 08/1996	Oct 23/2004
15	Fr. Kashif Ghouri OMI	Mission in Laos	April 04/1983	Aug 22/2009	Nov 08/2014
16	Fr. Khan Paulus OMI	Genral Administration	April 05/1974	Sep 08/2000	Nov 24/2010
17	Bro. Noaman Arif OMI	MAMI	April 18/1993	Aug 08/2018	
18	Fr. Adnan Barkat OMI	Delegatoin of Bangladash	May 03/1987	Aug 22/2012	Nov 11/2017
19	Bro. Baber Shahzad OMI	Quetta Vicariate	May 5/1992	Aug 05/2018	
20	Fr. Amanat Chaman OMI	Provincials & Superiors	May 06/1979	Aug 22/2006	April 30/2011
21	Fr. Raiz Dominic OMI	Delegtion Administration in Pak	May 05/1975	Aug 22/2004	Feb 17/2009
22	Fr. Naeem Yousaf OMI	Benefactors & Donoers	May 07/1987	Aug 22/2012	Nov 11/2017
23	Fr. Robinson Peter OMI	On-Going Formation Program	May 08/1991	Aug 22/2014	Feb 17/2022
24	Fr. Khaliq Saleem OMI	Oblates & OMI Congregation	May 25/1970	Sep 08/1996	Sep 25/2002
25	Fr. Derrick Vernon OMI	Province of Jaffna	May 28/1964	Sep 08/1986	Aug 22/1992
26	Fr. Akmal Patras OMI	Oblate Philosophate	May 30/1982	Aug 22/2006	April 30/2011
27	Fr. Atta Sultan OMI	Province of India	Jun 16/1972	Sep 08/2002	Mar 24/2007
28	Bro. Rimal Eric OMI	Mission of Japan	June 26/1990	Aug 22/2019	
29	Fr. Waqas Raza OMI	Oblate Vocations	July 09/1985	Aug 22/2008	Nov 22/2014
30	Fr. Sajjad Manzoor OMI	Province of Philippines	July 14/1978	Aug 22/2012	Oct 23/2018
31	Fr. J.J. Edward OMI	JPIC & Persecuted Christians	July 26/1944	May 31/1960	April 06/1970
32	Fr. Gasper James OMI	Oblate Juniorate	Aug 13/1978	Aug 22/2004	Feb 17/2009
33	Bro. Ikram Adan OMI	Oblate Brothers	Aug 16/1991	Aug 22/2019	
34	Fr. Maqsood Nazir OMI	Oblate Priests	Sep 01/1975	Aug 24/2001	Mar 24/2007
35	Bro. Adeel Shamaun OMI	Domestic Staff & Families	Oct 07/1994	Aug 22/2019	
36	Fr. Thyagan Fonseka OMI	Pre-Novices & Novices	Oct 20/1971	Sep 08/1992	Aug 07/1998
37	Fr. Sajjad Yousaf OMI	Oblate Ministries in Pakistan	Oct 22/1980	Aug 22/2012	Aug 07/2020
38	Fr. Gulshan Barket OMI	Oblate Scholasticate	Nov 08/1980	Aug 22/2004	April 21/2012
39	Fr. Renard Remindran OMI	Mission in Turkmanistan	Dec 11/1967	Sep 08/1990	Feb 23/1995
40	Fr. Cecil Paul OMI	Oblate Media Center, Pakistan	Dec 24/1974	Aug 24/2001	Mar 24/2007
41	Fr. Basharat Exupear OMI	Overseas Missionaries	Dec 28/1976	Aug 22/2004	Feb 17/2009
42	Bro. Adeel Amir OMI	Relatives & Friends	Dec 28/1987	Aug 22/2018	





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