



New Administration of Pakistan Delegation



It was a moment of joy and happiness for the Oblate Delegation of Pakistan to have the new administration installed on 10 May 2024 in the chapel of Oblate Philosophate, Lahore. All the four district communities namely Lahore, Multan, Karachi and Quetta were represented. God bless the new administration with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A 'Big Thank You' to the former administration for its dedicated and committed service to the Delegation of Pakistan. The new administration comprises:

Very Rev. Fr. Basharat EXUPEAR OMI
Rev. Fr. Pervez RAZA OMI
Rev. Fr. Abid SALEEM OMI
Rev. Fr. Cecil PAUL OMI
Bro. Babar SHAHZAD OMI

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Transfers (*To be effective on 15th June 2024*)

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Rev. Fr. Sajjad MANZOOR OMI, Rector
Rev. Fr. Adnan BARKAT OMI, Assistant

Oblate Philosophate, Lahore

Bro. Babar SHAHZAD OMI, Assistant

St. Luke's Parish, Archdiocese of Karachi

Rev. Fr. Khan PAULUS OMI, Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Kashif GHOURY OMI, Assistant Priest

Holy Spirit Parish, Sangla Hill, Archdiocese of Lahore

Rev. Fr. Mukhtar ALAM OMI, Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Naeem YOUSAF OMI, Assistant Priest

St. Mary's Parish, Derekabad, Diocese of Multan

Rev. Fr. Khawar MEHBOOB OMI, Assistant Priest

Mazenod House, Lahore

Rev. Fr. Inayat GILL OMI, Superior Mazenod House
Rev. Fr. Cecil PAUL OMI, Administrator Mazenod College

Christ the King Parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Quetta

Rev. Fr. Pervez RAZA OMI, Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Qaisar BOOTA OMI, Assistant Priest
Rev. Fr. Ikram PHILPUS OMI, Assistant Priest

Sacred Heart Parish, Apostolic Vicariate of Quetta

Rev. Fr. Amir SHAHZAD OMI, Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Daniel SABAR OMI, Assistant Priest

St. Eugene's Parish, Nawan Killi, Apostolic Vicariate of Quetta

Rev. Fr. Rizwan IMTIAZ, Parish Priest

Holy Rosary Parish, Gujrat, Diocese of Islamabad-Rawalpindi

Rev. Fr. Adil SHAMAOUN OMI, Assistant Priest

Pak Bulletin (Official Newsletter of Pakistan Delegation)

Rev. Fr. Gulshan BARKAT OMI
Rev. Fr. Cecil PAUL OMI

Electronic Media (Facebook page, Website & WhatsApp) of Pakistan Delegation

Rev. Fr. Cecil PAUL OMI

Formation Committee

Chairman	Fr. Gulshan BARKAT OMI, Scholasticate Superior, Karachi
Member	Fr. Thyagan FONSEKA OMI, Director, Oblate Philosophate, Lahore
Member & Secretary	Bro. Babar SHAHZAD OMI, Assistant, Oblate Philosophate, Lahore
Member	Fr. Gasper JAMES OMI, Assistant, Oblate Scholasticate, Karachi
Member	Fr. Sajjad MANZOOR OMI, Rector, Oblate Juniorate, Multan
Member	Fr. Adnan BARKAT OMI, Assistant, Oblate Juniorate, Multan

Vocation Committee

Director	Fr. Adnan BARKAT OMI, Assistant, Oblate Juniorate, Multan
Member	Fr. Adil SHAMAOUN OMI, Lahore District
Member	Fr. Waqas RAZA OMI, Karachi District
Member	Fr. Rizwan IMTIAZ OMI, Quetta District

District Superiors

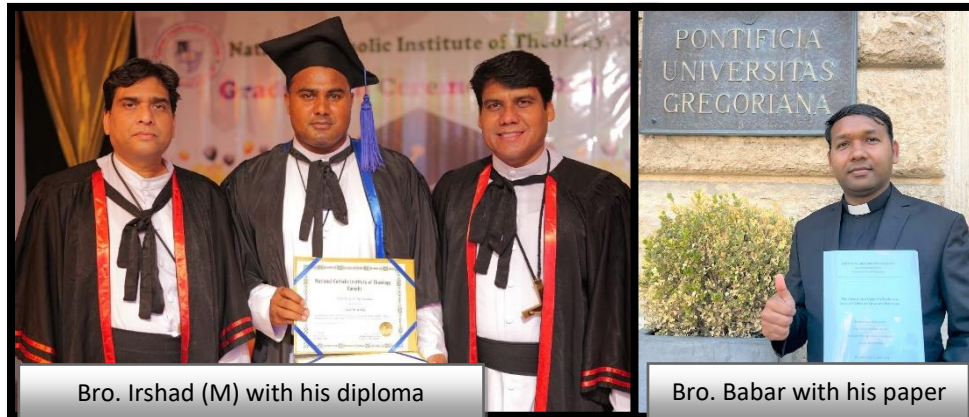
Rev. Fr. Naeem YOUSAF OMI, Lahore District
Rev. Fr. Adnan BARKAT OMI, Multan District
Rev. Fr. Gulshan BARKAT OMI, Karachi District
Rev. Fr. Qaisar BOOTA OMI, Quetta District

Perpetual Oblation of two Pakistani scholastics in Rome



On May 1st 2024, seven scholastics from the International Roman Scholasticate including two Pakistanis namely Bro. Noman ARIF OMI and Bro. Babar SHAHZAD OMI made their perpetual profession before Superior General Very Rev. Fr. Luis Ignacio ROIS ALONSO, OMI at the chapel of the General House. In his homily Fr. General urged them to receive their Oblation as gifts to the Church and the poor. “Growing in faith, hope, and love”, Fr. General said, “we commit ourselves to be leaven of the Beatitudes in the heart of the world (c.11) and through perpetual oblation, the candidates are part of God’s dream of seeking collaborators to proclaim the Good News to the Poor”. Congratulations and blessings to you dear brothers as you offer yourselves perpetually to serve God and His people.

Congratulations Bros. Irshad Asghar & Babar Shahzad



Bro. Irshad (M) with his diploma

Bro. Babar with his paper

The Delegation of Pakistan is thrilled to see that Bro. Irshad Asghar and Bro. Babar Shahzad have successfully completed their studies. Bro. Irshad finished his theological studies at the

National Catholic Institute of Theology in Karachi while Bro. Babar finished his Licentiate in Philosophy from Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Bro. Babar returned to the country on 2 July 2024. Congratulations dear brothers and welcome home Babar.

Oblate Scholasticate, Karachi

Presently there are 9 scholastics in Pakistan, two in the 2nd year and four in the 3rd year, one has taken a year off for discernment and two in the mission field having finished their studies, namely Bro. Irshad ASGHAR who having completed his theological studies, is serving in St. Mary's Parish, Chak 36-37, Okara while Bro. Babar SHAHZAD having completed his licentiate degree in Philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome has returned to the country and is serving in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kasur until the new academic year commences in St. Francis Xavier Seminary in Lahore where he will start teaching philosophy from September.

Having completed their 1st semester at the National Catholic Institute of Theology, Karachi 5 second-year students are now doing their pastoral semester (Feb-July) in the following Parishes:

- Bro. Taqueer YOUSAF OMI: St. Mary's Parish, Derekabad, Multan Diocese
- Bro. Joel YOUSAF OMI: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kasur, Archdiocese of Lahore
- Bro. Adeel QASIR OMI: Holy Spirit Parish, Sangla Hill, Archdiocese of Lahore
- Bro. Fahad WARRIS OMI: Holy Rosary Parish, Gujrat, Islamabad-Rawalpindi Diocese
- Bro. Kashif KHALID OMI: St. Eugene's Parish, Sibi, Apostolic Vicariate of Quetta

Two scholastics namely Bros. Ashbeel ZULFIQAR and Suleman YOUSAF have successfully finished their first year of theology with good results.

Renovation work at the scholasticate was completed on 6th December 2023 just before the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The renovation work included marbling of the roof, washroom renovation, floor cleaning, painting of the whole house, renovation of the chapel with new carpet and pews.

Pre-novitiate, Sri Lanka

On 12 February 2024, three Pre-Novices namely Babar, Henry and Mohsin were sent to Sri Lanka to begin their Pre-Novitiate. Babar, unfortunately decided to leave the Oblates and returned to the country after a month. Henry and Mohsin are doing well.

Priestly Ordination of two Oblates



Fr. Ikram (L) & Fr. Adil (R)

On 10th April 2024, Deacon Adil SHAMAOUN OMI and Deacon Ikram PHILPUS OMI were ordained at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Lahore by His Grace Sebastian Francis Shaw, OFM. In his homily, the archbishop emphasized the responsibilities of priesthood, the missionary aspect of

the Oblate congregation, and the vows particularly the vow of obedience. The priestly fraternity consists of 36 priests, 34 Pakistani priests of which two are serving in foreign missions and 2 Sri Lankan priests.

Oblate Philosophate, Lahore

With Fr. Thyagan, Director of Philosophate two assistants were changed due to their needs elsewhere namely Fr. Rizwan IMTIAZ, later transferred to Oblate Juniorate as rector, Fr. Robinson PETER left for the USA to obtain a visa for Guatemala to serve there as a missionary.



College & philosophy students with Philosophate Director Fr Thyagan in Lahore

Philosophate got three new students last year for philosophical studies and four students to study at Mazenod College. Two students graduated from St. Francis Xavier Seminary last year and one student graduated June 2024 with *Magna Cum Laude Probatas*. Presently Philosophate has nine students and we expect three more students to join in September.

Fr. JJ Edward moved from the Mazenod House to the Philosophate as a resident priest. He will continue teaching at St. Francis Xavier Seminary. Bro. Babar SHAHZAD, who has just returned

from Rome after completing his studies in philosophy, will join the Oblate Philosophate community as the Assistant Director soon. He also will be teaching at St. Francis Xavier Seminary.

Gathering of Oblate Candidates & Scholastics in Oblate Juniorate, Multan

The event started with an opening Mass led by Fr. Gulshan BARKAT, Chairman of the Formation Committee, who highlighted the significance of Oblate vocation, formation, and mission.



Oblate students & scholastics with Delegation Superior & Formation Committee at Oblate Juniorate

On July 10, Fr. Gulshan warmly welcomed the students and formators. He laid out the goals of the gathering: building relationships across all stages of formation, learning from each other's experiences, and strengthening their Oblate vocation. He stressed the importance of appreciating and respecting each other's languages, cultures, and backgrounds and encouraged everyone to deepen their love for Christ, the Church, Mother Mary, St. Eugene de Mazenod, and Oblate spirituality. He emphasized that Oblate formation is fundamentally missionary and intercultural.

Fr. Adnan BARKAT, Assistant at the Oblate Juniorate and Vocation Director, spoke about Oblate Identity. He called attendees to be missionaries, religious, community-minded, and apostolic men. His talk was followed by students sharing their vocation stories in small groups, which fostered a deeper connection among them.

Fr. Gasper JAMES, Assistant Formator at the Oblate Scholasticate, took the stage next to discuss the five pillars of Oblate Charism: Option for the Poor, The Cross, Apostolic Community,

Missionary Spirit, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. His insights offered profound guidance on living these values.

The day continued with Fr. Sajjad MANZOOR, Rector of Oblate Juniorate, who spoke on the divine gift of vocation. He stressed its importance within the Oblate mission. The session was followed by a moving Eucharistic Adoration.

On July 11, the focus shifted to the digital world with an online talk by Fr. Bonga MAJOLA, Director of the OMI General Service of Oblate Communication in Rome. He addressed the role of social media in evangelization, its challenges, and offered effective guidelines for navigating this new digital mission territory.

Fr. Henricus ASODO, General Councillor for Formation, delivered a recorded message on the need for intercultural formation and mission. He urged attendees to adhere to the principles of the 37th General Chapter and the Constitutions and Rules, and to keep their horizons wide to embrace the world as missionary Oblates.

Fr. Basharat EXUPEAR, Delegation Superior, wrapped up the talks with his thoughts on “Initial Formation: Journey of Accompaniment.” He encouraged a communal and missionary approach to formation.

The session concluded with a celebratory Mass by Bishop Yousaf SOHAN of Multan Diocese. On July 12, the students capped off the gathering with a joyous picnic, sharing the joy of community life and reinforcing their bonds and commitment to their shared mission.

Annual Assembly & Retreat



The Oblate Delegation of Pakistan gathered at Mazenod House, Lahore from 11th to 12th April 2024 for the Annual Assembly facilitated by Fr. Gaspar JAMES. Later the Oblate Fraternity went into annual retreat from 14th to 17th April 2024 at the Renewal Centre in Lahore. The preacher Fr. Patrick Samuel OFM Cap in his input highlighted priestly commitment in Pakistani context.

Visits of Very Rev. Fr. Roshan Silva to Pakistan

Very Rev. Fr. Roshan Silva, Provincial Superior of Colombo Province visited the Delegation of Pakistan from 25th Oct to 2nd Nov 2023 to have consultation process for appointment of the new administration of the delegation of Pakistan. He again visited Pakistan to give animation to the new administration of the Delegation of Pakistan from 24th June to 1st July 2024. The animation sessions were held at Mazenod House, Lahore.

Appointment of Fr. Gulshan Barkat at the GFC

It was a great joy and honor for the Pakistan Delegation that one of its members Fr. Gulshan Barkat, Superior of Oblate Scholasticate, Karachi was appointed in October 2023 by the General Administration, as a member to the General Formation Committee representing Asia-Oceania Region. We congratulate and extend best wishes for his new mission.

Priestly Ordination of Deacons Adeel Amir & Tasneem Nawaz, April 2023



Newly ordained priests Fr. Adeel (L) & Fr. Tasneem with the Archbishop

Congratulations to Rev. Frs. Adeel AMIR & Tasneem NAWAZ for being ordained priests of God by His Grace Sebastian Francis Shaw, OFM, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lahore in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Lahore on 21 April 2023. Earlier they had made their perpetual oblation on 9th November 2022 in the chapel of the Renewal Centre, Lahore and on

10th November 2022, they were ordained deacons by Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw in the same chapel.

Annual Assembly and Annual Retreat

On 4th November 2022, membership of the Oblate Delegation of Pakistan gathered at Renewal Centre in Lahore for their annual assembly in which different areas of interest to the Delegation were taken up and discussed.

Then from 5th to 9th November 2022 the membership went into the annual retreat. A Capuchin friar Fr. Mehboob EVEREST gave inspiring talks based on his long experience as a priest for over 40 years.

Information

- Fr. Basharat Exupear, Delegation Superior went to Rome to attend the Orientation session for the Provincial Superiors, Delegation Superiors and Mission Superiors from 6th to 24th June 2024.
- Fr. Gulshan Barkat, Scholastic Superior went to Rome to attend the meeting of the General Formation Committee from 19th to 25th February 2024.
- Scholastic Joel YOUSAF OMI has decided to take one-year break from the Scholasticate. Fr. Abid SALEEM has been appointed to accompany him during this period.
- Fr. Thyagan FONSEKA went to Sri Lanka for his mother's first death anniversary on 19 February 2024 and returned to Pakistan on 21 March 2024.
- St. Martin de Porres Parish, Hasilpur in the Diocese of Multan which was given to the Oblate on the 29th July 2019 was taken back by the diocese on 25th May 2023. The last serving priests were Fr. Riaz DOMINIC & Fr. Adnan BARKAT. The Oblates served the parish with oblate zeal and zest. We are thankful to the bishop and the people of God of the parish and blessings to them.
- Fr. Vernon DERRICK, a Sri Lankan priest who had been serving in the Delegation of Pakistan from September 1993 to 2023 left for Sri Lanka to attend to his medical needs on 11th March 2023.

Forthcoming visits & travels

- Rev. Fr. Charles RENSBURG OMI, Treasurer General will come to Pakistan Delegation for visitation in August 2024.
- Rev. Fr. Khaliq SALEEM OMI will go for the Mazonod Experience in September 2024.

Condolences

- Scholastic Adeel QAISAR lost his sister Mrs. Gulnaz on 18 June 2024.
- Fr. Akmal's father Mr. Patras Masih passed away on 22 July 2024.

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