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Dear and Rev. Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings from Provincial House Amalapuri! In the tenor of article 239 (b) of our Constitutions, the Provincial Council held on 6th May 2008, has made the following appointments for the Formed Houses, Houses and Centres of our Province for the coming three years.

Priors

1. St. Joseph's Monastery, Devagiri : Fr. Joseph Edappadiyil
2. Lourdes Monastery, Koodathai : Fr. Paul Chakkanikunnel (Sr.)

Sub Regional Superior

1. Jammu&Kashmir : Fr. Joseph Paikada

Superiors

1. Arul Nilayam, Gudallur : Fr. Chacko Illiparambil
2. Fatima Matha, Kalpetta : Fr. Joseph Vayalil
3. Silver Hills, Paropady : Fr. Thomas Theneth
4. St. Thomas Mount, Marikunnu : Fr. Sebastian Adichilath (Rector)
5. Mount Sinai, Lakkidi : Fr. Mathew Mangalathil (Rector)
6. Carmel Hill, Thalapuzha : Fr. George Ezhanikatt
7. Little Flower, Thaliparamba : Fr. Babu Kuzhumbil

Prefects

1. Provincial House, Amalapuri : Fr. George Kochuvelikkakath
2. St. Joseph's Ashram, Edappuzha : Fr. George Kasamkulam

Directors

1. CMI Ashram, Iritty : Fr. Mathew Edakkara
2. CMI Bhavan, Kanhangad : Fr. Bibin Manjapallil
3. Holy Family CMI Bhavan, Bekkie : Fr. Thomas Purappanthanam
4. Ashagram, Chelannur : Fr. Thomas Koottianiyil
5. Ashraya, Peruvayal : Fr. Mathew Kulappuram
6. Chavara Bhavan, Gundlupet : Fr. Chacko Puthukulangara
7. Little Flower School, Begur : Fr. Saji Kizhakkenputhuppally
8. Yesupal Ashram, Jammu : Fr. Joseph Paikada
9. St.Mary's CMI House, Lamberi : Fr. Tomy Vattukulam

10. Christ School, Poonch	: Fr. Emmanuel Puthenpura
11. Christ Niwas, Nowshera	: Fr. Issac Konganpuzha
12. CMI Bhavan, Sunderbany	: Fr. Joseph Aippanparambil

Rectors

In the tenor of article 97 (c) of our Constitutions Rev. Sebastian Adichilath is appointed the Master of Novices.

In the tenor of article 91 of our Constitutions, the following Rev. Fathers are appointed Rectors of the respective Aspirants' Houses;

1. Assumption Aspirants' House, Lakkidi	: Fr. Mathew Mangalathil
2. Amala Aspirants' House, Devagiri	: Fr. Biju Chackalayil

Vicars of Parishes

1. St. Joseph's Church, Devagiri	: Fr. Joseph Edappadiyil
2. Lourdes Matha Church, Koodathai	: Fr. Paul Chakkanikunnel(Sr.)
3. St. Thomas Parish, Amalapuri	: Fr. George Kalathil
4. St. Joseph's Parish, Edappuzha	: Fr. Francis Moonnanal
5. Mount Sinai Parish, Lakkidi	: Fr. Mathew Mangalathil
6. Carmel Hill Parish, Thalappuzha	: Fr. George Ezhanikkatt
7. Arul Nilayam Parish, Gudalur	: Fr. Chacko Illiparambil

Principals of Unaided Schools

1. Silver Hills Public School, Paroppady	: Fr. Joswin Thundathil
2. Silver Hills HSS, Paroppady	: Fr. Johny Kanjirathinkal
3. Devagiri Public School, Devagiri	: Fr. Johny Mannarathara
4. Morning Star HSS, Gudallur	: Fr. Kurian Kizhakkemalil
5. Christ CMI School, Kanhangad	: Fr. George Punchayil
6. CMI Christ School, Iritty	: Fr. Mathew Edakkara
7. Little Flower School, Begur	: Fr. Saji Kizhakkanputhuppally
8. Christ School, Poonch	: Fr. Mathew Nelledam
9. Christ School, Nowshera	: Fr. Peter Marottickathadathil
10. Christ School, Lamberi	: Fr. Joji Thuruthipallil
11. SAHARA, Jammu	: Fr. George Pallickamadathil

Vocation Promoters :

1. Fr. Emmanuel Ponparackal
2. Fr. Bipin Manjappally

A joint meeting of the Provincial Council and the newly appointed Superiors/Prefects/Directors and the Principals of unaided schools of our schools, will be held on **12th May 2008 from 10 am to 12 pm at Amalapuri, Calicut**. All are requested to attend. Patents of appointment will be handed over to them after the meeting.

The members who are appointed Priors, Superiors, Prefects, Directors and Rectors are requested to take charge of their respective offices latest by **25th May 2008**.

The Principals of our Schools are requested to take charge of their office latest by 15th May 2008

Vicars of the Parishes will take charge on the date given in the Patent to be issued by the Bishops.

Leadership course for Priors and Superiors : May 15-17, 2008 at Prior General's House
May 26-28, 2008 at Prior General's House

Leadership course for Prefects/Directors : May 19-21, 2008 at Prior General's House
June 22-24, 2008 at Poornodaya Bhopal

HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE OUTGOING SUPERIORS AND PRAYERFUL WISHES TO THE NEW SUPERIORS

With love and prayer,

Yours fraternally in Jesus

Fr. Sebastian Poonolly CMI
Secretary

Fr. John Panamthottathil CMI
Provincial

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Dear and Rev. Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings from Amalapuri! The Second Session of our 11th Ordinary Provincial Synaxis was held at Pushpadan Carmelite Spirituality Centre in Calicut from 14th Monday to 18th Friday April 2008. In the session the following were elected to serve our Province for the coming three years.

Rev. Fr. John Panamthottathil	:	Provincial
Rev. Fr. Sebastian Poonolly	:	Vicar Provincial, Councillor for Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry
Rev. Fr. Thomas Koottianiyil	:	Councillor for Social Apostolate
Rev. Fr. John Kanjirathingal	:	Councillor for Education
Rev. Fr. George Kochuvelikkakath	:	Councillor for Finance
Rev. Fr. Mathew Pathrapankal	:	Provincial Auditor

The Synaxis proceedings were organized in such a way as to become an experience of prayer and community living. The work reports of the last three years were presented by the out-going Provincial Rev. Fr. Francis Thonippara and other departmental secretaries and the provincial auditor, followed by in depth discussions on them. The Prior General Very Rev. Fr. Jose Pathaplamthottiyil addressed the Synaxis members in one of its sittings. The Prior General in his message stated that the priorities of the congregation in the next six years should re-launch the community as a spiritual movement, expand its global mission, be concerned with the interests of the little ones and provide affordable quality education for all.

A brief account of the decisions and directives arrived at the Provincial Synaxis, is given below.

Decisions of the Provincial Synaxis

1. The Third Session of the Synaxis will be held on 15th and 16th of August 2008 and the Fourth Session on 27th and 28th of October 2008, both at Silver Hills House at Paropady.
2. The Co-ordinators of our fathers working in the USA and Germany will be special invitees to the Third and Fourth Sessions of the Synaxis.
3. In the tenor of the Provincial Statutes, the Convener of the Provincial Planning Committee presented its report to the Synaxis. After the discussion on it the Provincial Planning Committee was re-constituted as follows:

- Rev. Fr. Mathew Chalil, - Convener
 - Rev. Fr. Joseph Vayalil - Member
 - Rev. Fr. Thomas Panthaplackal – Member
 - Rev. Fr. Sebastian Adichilath – Member
 - Rev. Fr. John Mannarathara - Member
4. The Committee appointed to study the Way of the Cross from Adivaram to Lakkidi along the Wayanad ghat road, presented the results of its work. For follow-up this committee was constituted:
- Rev. Fr. Sebastian Poonolly – Convener
 - Rev. Fr. Mathew Chalil - Member
 - Rev. Fr. Joseph Vayalil – Member
5. The proposal to erect a Sub-region in the Karnataka area of our Province was discussed in detail. The members were favorable to the proposal. A consensus was arrived at that the Provincial Council take appropriate decision.
6. The following Committee was constituted to submit proposals for the revision of our Provincial Statutes:
- Rev. Fr. Sebastian Poonolly – Convener
 - Rev. Fr. Francis Thonippara - Member
 - Rev. Fr. Joseph Vayalil – Member
7. It was decided to conduct renewal programmes and retreats for the members of the Province. The details will be worked out by the Provincial Council.
8. Discussion was held on the need for constituting a Personnel Board for the selection of candidates for higher studies. Understanding was reached that each provincial departmental council propose members for special training and higher studies necessary for the programmes of the respective department. The Provincial Council will make the selection.
9. It was decided to add in the Provincial Statutes the provision that our members working in our educational institutions wear the religious habit while at service.
10. It was decided to hold provincial gatherings to explain to the members the decisions of the provincial synaxis.
11. All our houses should become welcoming communities. For this special care should be taken in guest reception.
12. The Provincial Synaxis unanimously decided to submit the following petitions to the General Synaxis;

- a) The re-acceptance of the Carmelite Rule (Regula) as an inspirational document as prefix or appendix to our Constitutions.
- b) Henceforth our Constitutions and Directory may be printed as separate books.
- c) The requirement of two-third majority in certain decisions of the General Synaxis may be re-considered.
- d) **Residual Powers:** The following sentence may be dropped from article 189 of the Constitutions. “He is also the repository of all residual powers within the Congregation”. And the following may be added as a separate article. “ **Residual Powers:** Residual powers within the Congregation are exercised by the General Synaxis when it is in session and, when it is not in session, by the Prior General, after consulting the provincials and with the consent of the General Council.
- e) **Residences of Major Superiors:** The directory article 215 may become sub-section (b) of the article and the following may be added as sub-section (a): “The residence of the Prior General is erected in a particular place or transferred to another by the General Synaxis; the residence of a Provincial is erected in a particular place or transferred to another by the provincial synaxis concerned and with the approval of the Prior General given with the consent of the General Council.”

Instructions:

The Provincial Synaxis also decided to give the following the instructions:

1. The proposal to erect a shrine at Darsana, Thaliparamba may be further studied and appropriate decision may be taken.
2. The Provincial Council may take appropriate decision regarding setting up of provincial archives and appointment of full-time vocation promoters.
3. Clean guidelines should be given regarding resource mobilization for the development of our educational institutions.
4. In our Province all members who are interested should be given opportunities for pursuing post-graduate studies.
5. As certain uniformity in the pay scale of the staff of our self-financing educational institutions in welcome, a study may be made on this matter and appropriate decision may be taken.
6. Opportunities may be provided to our brothers under formation, to have greater social and pastoral exposure.
7. The proposal to send some to our scholastics for theological studies in seminaries providing opportunities for pastoral training suitable for the service of the various areas of our Province may be considered.
8. Urgent steps may be taken for the construction of our house at Edapuzha and new school block at Iritty.
9. The synaxis found that Rs. 1250/- would be sufficient for meeting the ordinary personal expenses of the members who have completed formation.

10. Detailed discussions were held on our Poonch-Rajouri mission. It was decided that top priority should be given for its growth during the next three years.

Fr. John Vellakada, CMI
&
Fr. John Mannarathara, CMI
Synaxis Secretaries

Fr. John Panamthottathil, CMI
Provincial