



ROGATE VOICE

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SEND O LORD, HOLY APOSTLES INTO YOUR CHURCH!



Pope Francis' message for All Saints' Day: “Blessed are the peacemakers”

... Let us take, for example, a very topical beatitude: “Blessed are the peacemakers” (v. 9), and we see how the peace of Jesus is very different from that we imagine. We all long for peace, but often what we want is not really peace, it is to be at peace, to be left in peace, to have no problems but to have tranquility. Jesus, instead, does not call blessed the calm, those who are in peace, but those who make peace and strive to make peace, the constructors, the peacemakers. Indeed, peace must be built, and like any construction it requires effort, collaboration, patience. We would like peace to rain down from above, but instead the Bible speaks of a “sowing of peace” (Zech 8:12), because it germinates from the soil of life, from the seed of our heart; it grows in silence, day after day, through works of justice and works of mercy, as the luminous witnesses we are celebrating today show us. Again, we are led to believe that peace comes by force and power: for Jesus it is the opposite. His life and that of the saints tell us that the seed of peace, in order to grow and bear fruit, must first die. Peace is not achieved by conquering or defeating someone, it is never violent, it is never armed. I was watching the television programme “A Sua Immagine” (“In His Image”) – many saints who have fought, have made peace but through work, giving their own lives, offering their lives.

How then does one become a peacemaker? First of all, one must disarm the heart. Yes, because we are all equipped with aggressive thoughts against each other, and cutting words, and we think to defend ourselves with the barbed wire of lamentation and the concrete walls of indifference, and between lamentation and indifference we complain, and this is not peace, it is war. The seed of peace calls for the demilitarization of the field of the heart. How is your heart? Is it already demilitarized or is it like that, with those things, with complaint and indifference, with aggression? And how does one demilitarize the heart. By opening ourselves to Jesus, who is “our peace” (Eph 2:14); by standing before

his Cross, which is the cathedra of peace; by receiving from him, in Confession, “forgiveness and peace”. This is where we begin, because being peacemakers, being saints, is not our ability, they are gifts, it is one of his gifts, it is grace.

Brothers and sisters, let us look within and ask ourselves: are we peacemakers? In the places where we live, study and work, do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace, forgiving those who have offended us; do we care for those who are at the margins, do we redress some injustice by helping those who have less? This is called building peace. A final question may arise, however, which applies to every beatitude: is it worth living this way? Isn't it losing out? It is Jesus who gives us the answer: the peacemakers “will be called children of God” (Mt 5:9): in the world they seem out of place, because they do not yield to the logic of power and prevailing, in Heaven they will be the closest to God, the most like him. But, in reality, even here those who prevail remain empty-handed, while those who love everyone and hurt no one win: as the Psalm says, “there is a future for a man of peace” (cf. Ps 37:37).



ROGATE BHAVAN

Feast of Guardian Angels

Rogate Bhavan community was so happy to celebrate the feast of the guardian angels. The community greeted the regent brother Melbin Joseph for his valuable service to the community. The community thanked him during the dinner together with some cultural programmes arranged by the brothers.

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Anticipated Mission Sunday conference

On the last Sunday of the month the community celebrated the mission Sunday. During the Holy Mass at parish church Fr. Francis Nellikunnel gave the mission Sunday message speaking on the importance of being a missionary and supporting the Church's mission. To deepen our understanding about mission the whole community participated in the virtual gathering conducted by the Rogate Visual Media Center.



Birthday of Fr. Pradosh Plakudiyil

The Rogate Bhavan had the anticipated birthday celebration of Fr. Pradosh Plakudiyil on this day. In the morning the community joined him during the Holy Mass praying for himself and his family on this wonderful day. The first year seminarians have organized their batch parogaramme on that day, having the priests and religious from the nearby parishes and convents as spectators for his wonderful programme. The Novitiate community too joined us for this birthday celebration.



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Founder's Day

On 29th of the month the community celebrated our Father Founder's day. On this day the community reflected on Fr. Hannibal's exemplary and extraordinary devotion to St. Antony. In the evening a paper was presented on this topic, followed by an open discussion.



Conclusion of the Rosary Month

On the last ten days of October, which is observed as the month of Rosary, the Rogate Bhavan community held solemn recitation of the holy rosary honouring our blessed Mother. Every day the rosary was prayed with the exposition of the blessed sacrament and a Marian sermon by the brothers.

Inauguration of the Sports Fest

The sports fest of the academic year 2021-22 was officially inaugurated today. Rev. Dr. Luke Thadathil, Professor in the Pontifical Institute of Theology and Philosophy Always was the Chief Guest for the said function. He inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the olympic torch and handed it over to the captains of the three groups. He spoke on the importance of sports in the life of a seminarians. The logo for the Sports Fest 2022-23 was unveiled by Fr. Albert Kollamkudy followed by a friendly Basketball mach with the Novices. The theme chosen for this year's sprots fest is 'Unity unites the Unique'.



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EDEN ROGATIONIST ASHRAM

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Visit of Philosophy brothers

Our Rogationist brothers from Aluva, Rogate Ashram Study House Community, who are studying Philosophy, came here for a one day outing. We had a common Holy Mass and thereafter they went for some sightseeing. They enjoyed the whole day. Afterwards they all returned on the same day back to Aluva. *



Fr. Dino, New Member of the Community

Fr Dino is assigned as the Juridical Member of Eden Rogationist Ashram. He reached the community accompanied by Fr Robin and Fr James. He will be doing two years of studies in Electricals at St Thomas ITI at Mannarkad. He will be staying there in the ITI hostel while being the Juridical member of this community.

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ST. ANTONY'S BOYS HOME

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Turn Over Ceremony

The turn over was held on October 22 at St. Antony's boys Home Chapel, Srilanka. Fr. Rohan CSSr, the delegate of the major superior presided over the celebration. CSSr parish community joined along with our community for the function. Fr. Dino handed over the responsibility of the boys home into the hands of Fr. Jinto.



**Feast of St. John Paul II
and the Conclusion of Rosary Month**

PUNJAB MISSION



ROGATE SNEHA BHAVAN NALGONDA

Feast of Guardian Angel

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Rogate Sneha Bhavan community celebrated the feast of the Archangels. The feast is meant to be the special day of the brother assistants. The day began with the Holy Eucharist during which the community raised her special prayers for Bro. Abin Malpan RCJ – the Brother Assistant of the community. Everyone extended their greetings and prayers. The community shared the joy at the delicious dinner in the evening.



HAPPY DIWALI

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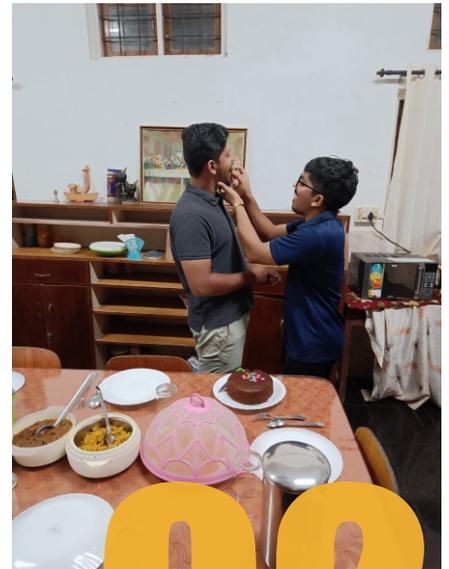
Rogate Sneha Bhavan community with joy celebrated the traditional festival – Diwali, the festival of lights. The celebrations began with the Holy Eucharist in the morning during which the community remembered the Lord – the real light of the world. The celebration continued throughout the day. The house was decorated with lights and flowers and crafts. The celebration reached its peak with the Rosary in the evening after which there was the solemn dinner. Everyone enjoyed the occasion by setting firecrackers and lights. The complete participation made this day a meaningful and memorable one.

AIMURY COMMUNITY

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Birthday Fr.Lijo

We celebrated the birthday fr.lijo. we had small celebrations in the community. Fr. Shajan and other counsellors were present for the celebration.



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Feast of guardian Angeles

The community celebrated the feast of guardian Angeles in our Community. We had a small Celebration in our community and community gave a small gift to him.

Updates From Aimury Community

Construction works of both bakery and smart angeles are in progress. We almost finished the structure of both Buildings, still many works has to be completed.we hope to begin this new venture on next month.



ROGATE ASHRAM

Founder's day

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The 5th founder's Day of this academic year 2022-23 held on 5th Oct. The topic of the founder's day conference was 'Marian devotion close to the Heart of father Founder'. The conference was in the evening. All the Fathers and brothers of Rogate Ashram community attended the conference.



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Rogate Ashram community organized one day community outing on 6th Oct to the 'Wonderla' (The Amusement Park) in Kochi. It was a joyful and refreshment time for the community members. We began our trip in the morning soon after the Holy Mass and spend there up to evening. We had a Movie in the Cinema Theater Aluva and after the supper around 12.30 am we came back to Rogate Ashram.



Three different classes

Rogate Ashram community organized three different classes based on the topics Media, Introduction to Medical Aid and Hospitality. The classes were held on the dates 7 th , 8 th and 12 th of Oct respectively. Class on 'Media' was taken by Rev. Sr. Florence CMC. The class on the 'Introduction to Medical Aid' by Rev. Sr. Dr. Smitha Ushas FCC and class on 'Hospitality' by Mr. Joy Stephen.

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Sharing

Philosophy brothers conducted there sharing in Rogate Ashram Palakkad with the presence of their prefect Fr. Lijo Kalarickal. Theology brother, conducted there sharing in Ernakulum with the presence of the superior Fr. Cineesh Palathingal.

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ROGATIONIST ACADEMY



FANCY DRESS COMPETITION