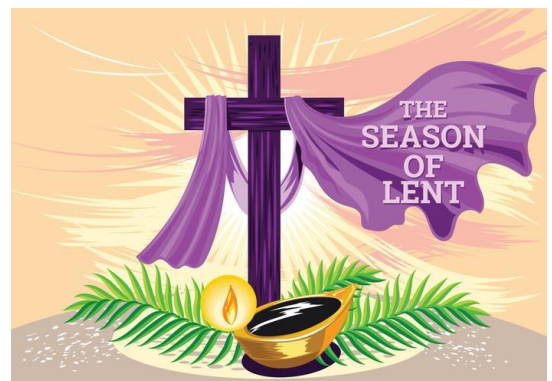


DEAR CONFRERES,

As we enter the sacred season of Lent in March 2025, we are invited to embark on a journey of profound spiritual renewal, a journey that resonates deeply with our Salesian charism. This season, marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, offers us a unique opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ and to rekindle the apostolic zeal that burns within our hearts. Lent is not merely a period of penance; it is a time of grace, where we are called to examine our lives in the light of the Gospel. It is a time to ask ourselves: Are we truly living as disciples of Christ, following the example of Don Bosco, who dedicated his life to the salvation of youth?



Let us begin this Lenten journey with renewed dedication to prayer. In the silence of our hearts, let us listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, who

calls us to conversion. Let us imitate Don Bosco, who found strength and inspiration in prayer, particularly in his devotion to the Eucharist and Mary Help of Christians. Fasting, in its broader sense, is about simplifying our lives, detaching ourselves from material possessions and worldly distractions, and focusing on what truly matters: our relationship with God and our service to others. Almsgiving is an expression of our love for God and our neighbour. It is a concrete way of sharing the gifts we have received, both material and spiritual, with those who are in need.



As we approach the Solemnity of St. Joseph, on March 19, 2025, our hearts turn with profound gratitude and admiration to the silent guardian of the Holy Family, the humble carpenter of Nazareth. In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, often filled with the demands of our mission, St. Joseph stands as a beacon of quiet strength, unwavering faith, and dedicated service. May St. Joseph, the humble carpenter of Nazareth, intercede for us, guiding us on our Salesian journey and inspiring us to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel.

29 General Chapter at Turin

Wishes and blessings of our father Don Bosco to you all, dear confreres, from Fr. Amaladoss, the Economer, and Fr. Robert Simon, the delegate, from Turin, a place so dear

to all of us from where the Salesian works began. It is indeed a blessing to visit the Basilica every day and spend some moments with our Blessed Mother, who was everything to Don Bosco. I do spend a lot of time praying for all our confreres, lay collaborators, and our young people of our province.

The General Chapter began on 16 February Sunday afternoon with almost 270 members, 230 participants, and other volunteers. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Cardinal Roberto Repole, Archbishop of Turin, in the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians. During the homily, he stated,



“It is not a question of tackling an organizational task but of embodying the mission of the Church: to bring the gaze of Christ to the world and to humanity, calling injustices by their name. Only He can defeat injustice and oppression.” During the inauguration at 6 pm, there were several dignitaries who addressed the chapter members. Some of them were the mayor of Turin, Stefano Lo Russo; Sister Simona Brambilla, prefect of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (the same one in which Cardinal Ángel Fernández Artime, SDB, was called to work); Mother Chiara Cazzuola, superior general of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA); and

Antonio Boccia, world coordinator of the Association of Salesian Cooperators.



Don Stefano Martoglio, President of the Chapter, expressed with a voice touched by emotion the task entrusted to this assembly: “redesigning the Congregation at all levels.” He highlighted how religious and consecrated life is characterized by a

specific challenge: “an authentic prophecy.” The Sons of Don Bosco live in a present in which the challenges are becoming ever greater: new forms of poverty are emerging, and from simple and hard-working people, a pressing request for help is raised. “We must let ourselves be shaken, not remain calm, and offer personal and institutional responses,” underlined Don Martoglio. “This is the path of the entire Church, guided by Pope Francis.”

The next three days were spiritual days in preparation for the Chapter conducted in a wonderful manner by Fr. Pascual Chavez, the former Rector Major. I had already sent the entire talk to you in Uravu—WhatsApp. There was ample time for silence and reflection. Many of the confreres spent a lot of time in the Basilica and made a wonderful confession. The spiritual preparation for the 29th General Chapter concluded with the pilgrimage of the participants to **Colle Don Bosco**, a symbolic place of the Salesian origins. The first week of the chapter had the presentation of the report of the Rector Major, which included the reports of the Vicar, the sector councillors, and the regional councillors. We continued with discussion in 6 commissions and finally presented the challenges and priorities to the vicar at the end of 3 days. The discussion of the theme of the chapter will be taken in the coming week. As the election of the Rector Major and the General Council is planned for the last week of March, I exhort all of you to pray in a special way so that the Holy Spirit may raise up authentic leaders who will succeed Don Bosco and spread his charism in the present times.

All Commissions and Departments Meet

A meeting for all commissions and departments will be held on [March 01, 2025, at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Kallukuzhy](#). I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you, particularly the heads of the commissions and departments, for your dedicated efforts in executing the current academic year's programs according to the annual plan, with commendable engagement and enthusiasm. During this meeting, we will collaboratively develop the youth ministry plan for the upcoming academic year. Therefore, I request the presence of all members from the various commissions and departments. Please arrive prepared with your tentative annual plan for your respective commission or department, along with any relevant suggestions.

Diaconate Ordination

Cleric Antony Gunabalan Iruthayadhasan, currently studying at Don Bosco Theological College in Kavrapettai, will be ordained a deacon on [March 19, 2025](#). We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and offer our sincere wishes for a meaningful and fruitful diaconate ministry. We express our gratitude to Fr. Don Bosco Lourdusamy, the Provincial of Chennai, as well as to the Rector and staff of Don Bosco Theological College, Chennai, for their guidance and support over the past three years, which have been instrumental in his firm decision to serve the Lord as an ordained minister. He has been assigned to Therapuram for his diaconate ministry, where he will be engaged in preaching, administering sacraments, animating basic Christian communities, and organizing Easter blessings. We also congratulate the theology students who will be receiving the ministries of acolyte and lector.

Summer Apostolate

The students of theology except the second years from Kavarapettai will be available in our communities for summer ministry from [March 20, 2025](#). The second years from Kavarapettai will be available from [April 22, 2025](#). After the summer apostolate, all the students of theology will come to the provincial house for two days of animation and evaluation of the summer ministry before going to the theologate. The second-year students of Philosophy will be available for the summer ministry from [April 21 to May 22, 2025](#) and the first years from [May 01 to May 22, 2025](#).

Communities play a vital role in accompanying young Salesians who join us for their formative summer experience. I urge the entire community to guide and support these brothers during their stay and to participate collectively in all activities planned for the summer. Leaders must maintain the regular rhythm of the community, particularly the prayer moments, amidst the numerous activities. I request that Rectors submit their assessments of the clerics involved in the summer ministry to the Provincial office by the beginning of June.

Animation on Spiritual direction for Leaders

Following the successful and insightful first phase of the Animation on Spiritual Direction for Leaders, conducted by Fr. Wilson in November 2024, we are pleased to announce the continuation of this vital program from [11 to 15 March 2025 at Don Bosco, Manikandam](#). The initial phase provided a crucial introduction to the principles and practices of spiritual direction, equipping leaders with foundational knowledge and tools to integrate spirituality into their leadership roles. Participants explored the importance of self-awareness, discernment, and cultivating a deeper connection with the divine.

The second phase aims to build upon the foundation, offering participants an opportunity to further explore and refine their understanding of spiritual direction, develop practical skills for providing spiritual guidance, and integrate spiritual direction into their leadership practice. We are fortunate to have Fr. Wilson OFM Cap, continue as the animator for Phase Two. His expertise, wisdom, and compassionate approach were invaluable in the first phase, and we are confident that he will guide participants on an even deeper journey of spiritual growth and leadership development.

I invite all the leaders of our communities to join the program focused on deepening spiritual lives and developing effective spiritual guidance skills. This opportunity will enrich our personal journey and contribute to the spiritual renewal of our province.

Zonal Meeting for Clerics

The zonal meeting for the clerics who are in Thoothukudi zone has been scheduled on [08 March 2025 at Don Bosco, Keela Eral](#). I am sure all the clerics will attend these meetings joyfully as it is an animation at the province level. The details of the meeting will be communicated by the Vice Provincial.

Meeting For Clerics Due for Perpetuals

A meeting for clerics due for perpetual vows will be held on Saturday, [March 22, 2025](#), at [Don Bosco Provincial House, Kallukuzhy](#). Fr. Xavier Michael, the Vice Provincial, has already communicated the details to the clerics. Let us pray for these young Salesians as they enter an important phase of religious commitment.

Applications for Perpetual and Renewal

Clerics due for Perpetual Profession and Renewal of Vows are to submit their applications to the Rectors of their respective communities during the Holy Eucharist on [March 19, 2025](#). Rectors are requested to forward these documents, along with the opinion of the house council in the prescribed form, to the Provincial Office on or before [March 25, 2025](#). Please include two admission forms and the applications only for those seeking Perpetual Profession. I encourage all community members to support our young Salesians in their discernment journey. The Province Secretary has already distributed the list of clerics due for Renewals and Perpetual Professions, along with the necessary documents, to the Rectors. I urge all leaders to ensure prompt response and cooperation in this matter.

PROGRAMME OF THE MONTH

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| 01 | Sat | All Commissions and Departments meet, Youth Ministry Core Team Meet (Afternoon) @ DBPH, Tiruchy |
| 05 | Wed | Ash Wednesday |
| 08 | Sat | Zonal meeting for those in Initial Formation @ Keela Eral |
| 11-15 | Tue-Sat | Animation on Spiritual direction for Leaders @ Manikandam |
| 17 | Mon | Interim Audit @ DBPH, Tiruchy |
| 22 | Sat | Meeting for those due for Perpetual Profession @DBPH, Tiruchy Administrators Meet @ DBPH, Tiruchy |

RECALLING EVENTS

Diaconate ordination of Cl. Leo Nepolian and Visit to Belgium

Cl. Leo Nepolian who is in Belgium on temporary contract, doing the theological studies, was ordained a deacon by Mgr. Luc Van Looy SDB at Don Bosco, Oud-Heverlee, Belgium on February 02, 2025. We wish abundance blessings of God during his ministry. I had the privilege of attending the ceremony along with Fr. Amaladoss. It was a well-organized remarkable ceremony with the participation of good number of Salesians of BEN province and lay people. I express my sincere gratitude to Fr. Bart Decanq, the Provincial of Belgium North and Netherlands (BEN), Fr. Wilfried Meert, the Rector, and the other confreres of BEN, for their unwavering support and generosity for our mission



through various ways, for their warm welcome and hospitality. May God bless them and their ministry and their generosity.

Visit to Ireland

Before the start of the General Chapter, I made a visit to the province of Ireland along with Fr. Amaladoss. I met Fr. Eunan McDonnell, the provincial and the two confreres of our province Cl. Maria Jerin and Cl. Maria Aswin who are doing their theological studies. Both are exemplary in their religious life and contributing their best to the province. I am very grateful to Fr. Eunan McDonnell and all the other confreres of Ireland for the joy and hospitality they extended towards us during our visit and the enormous support they offer for the mission of our province. May the blessings of God be upon them and all their endeavours.



Clerics Zonal Meeting

Two zonal-level meetings were held for the clerics who are in Tiruchy Zone and Salem Zone. The Tiruchy zonal meeting was held at Sengipatti Farm on 15 February 2025. The clerics were animated by Fr. Suresh Felix. The Salem zonal meeting was held at DBAI Salem on 22 February 2025. Fr. Casimir Raj and Fr. Arockia Selvakumar animated the clerics. I appreciate the animators and the vice provincial for coordinating the meetings.

Don Bosco Past Pupils National Council Meeting

The National Council Meeting of the Don Bosco Past Pupils Association was held on February 22-23 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bangalore, bringing together 28 members from across the country. Fr. Henry Dominic, Provincial Delegate attended the meeting with two other members. The discussions focused on life membership, the database, the national project 'DB Connect,' and challenges faced by provincial federations. The resolutions passed during the Extraordinary General World Assembly (EGWA) was also presented to the members. I appreciate Fr. Henry Dominic and the other two members for their valuable participation.

Anniversary of the Deceased Salesians

02.03.2015 – [Fr. Xavier Rodriguez](#) died at Tiruchy at the age of 84.

CONDOLENCES...

On behalf of the province, I offer my sincere condolences,

- To [Fr. John Madasseril](#) at the demise of his brother [Mr. Joseph Madasseril](#) (83) on 06 February 2025.
- To the [Provincial and confreres of INM Province](#) at the demise of [Rev. Fr. Sebastian Francis](#) (65) on 15 February 2025.

- To [Fr. Mohan Christuraj](#) at the demise of his father [Mr. Lourdusamy](#) (88) on 21 February 2025.

May the soul rest in peace!

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

BR. GEORGE JOSEPH SDB A SALESIAN BROTHER AS DON BOSCO DREAMED

The Salesian province of Tiruchy is in tears at the demise of Br. George Joseph SDB on 27 February 2025 at 2pm at KMC Hospital, Tiruchy. He is almost 87 years old. I am sure our father and founder, Don Bosco, would welcome him into heaven with wide-open arms, saying, "Most welcome, my dear son. You have lived the life of a Salesian brother as I had dreamed. Come and enter heaven, the place prepared for you today." Yes. It's true, Br. George was indeed a Salesian brother after the heart of Don Bosco every day of his life. A wonderful spiritual son of Don Bosco, who will always intercede for us all from heaven.

Early Life of Br. George Joseph

Br. George was born on 3 June 1938 at Ulagampatti, near Thadikombu, Dindigul Dt, about 12 km from Dindigul town. He was the eldest son of Mr. Soosaimanickam and Mrs.

Irudayamary, and both were teachers. He had two younger sisters and a younger brother. The first one, Mrs. Stella Mary, is married and has a family. The second sister, Rev. Sr. Josephine FMA, who was very dear to him until the end of his life, belongs to the congregation of the daughters of MHOC. She has been serving as a dedicated nurse in Therespuram, Thoothukudi, for so many years. The younger brother Lawrence, who was also in a religious institute, died some years ago. I remember the house of the family was just outside the village, and the father of Br. George lived for long and died at an old age. The family was known for religious faith and an exemplary life.

Br. George, as I know him, was not attached to his family at all. I do not remember him going on holiday or spending a lot of time with his family members. Not that he did not love them, but he was detached from his family and riches. Though several of us insisted that he go home at least to visit his father, who was sick for many years, I have seen him going home for a short while and returning to the community at the earliest. The Salesian congregation was his home, and the community where he belonged was his house. Such was his attachment to Don Bosco. Even when the family members visited him a few times,



he would not allow them to stay on for days but gently sent them away as early as possible, giving reasons that he was busy at work, etc.

Beginning of His Salesian Life

Br. George, when he was around 20 years of age, joined the technical school in Basin Bridge, Chennai, where he learned many of the trades like carpentry, welding, electrical, and electronics. The missionaries found that he had a technical mind and trained him in skills.



His keen interest and focused learning earned him a practical sense, which later helped him to become a jack of all trades. He then went to Yercaud for the novitiate in 1961, and after profession, was sent to Sagayathottam for practical training.

Sagayathottam was a land flowing with milk and honey in those days. There were many cows and chickens on the farm. Vegetables and fruits were in galore. Br. George used to get up early in the morning, carry the milk cans, the eggs, the meat, and whatever produce from the farm that could bring income, drive to Chennai city, and return back to the house by 6.30 am for meditation. We cannot imagine the quality of the roads and the vehicle, but such was the hard life of the Salesians in the early years. But Br. George did everything with joy and optimism.

Later, when he was sent to Katpadi, Vellore, his expertise was shown in the beginning of new trades and giant growth in the number of boys. Music training was started by the renowned bandmaster, Mr. Devasagayam. The carpentry trade saw many orders, and with the wonderful skill of Br. George, the house supplied furniture to many of the houses of the province. Those years were the golden era of technical school. When Br. George was sent to Polur, the new technical school Don Bosco Agro Tech was started, and hundreds of poor boys from the villages earned their livelihood there.

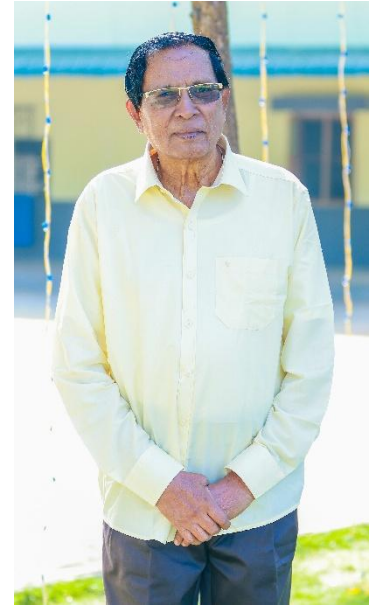
Wherever Br. George was placed, he was always surrounded by boys and young people. He started Boscotronics, a company of his own, and started making souvenirs and artifacts, which attracted the boys and the people. "An idle mind is the workshop of the devil," he used to say, and he always kept himself busy. He updated himself with the knowledge of electronics and shared the new innovations with others. Though he lost one of his fingers during a minor accident while working with the machines, his interest and enthusiasm never ceased; rather, he was active, working very hard until the end of his life.

His Last Days

Br. George did not claim power and importance in his life. He was ever ready to be sent anywhere in the province. Mostly he was in the technical schools and Anbu Illam houses,

where he enjoyed his ministry with the poor boys. He was a lover of the neighbourhood and used to visit the houses of people who became very friendly with him and remembered him even today.

He was in the community of Amsam during the current academic year. He requested me to place him in Trichy as he was sick and needed to visit the doctors now and then. He had many tools and machines and so asked the Economer to get ready a small shed near his room, close to the corridor. He used to work in that shed and prepare souvenirs and handicrafts, which he distributed to many of the religious and benefactors. He was keeping well and went about his normal duties from June 2025. He used to visit the dentist now and then but never complained about problems. He did not take the normal food because he could not bite and chew, so he used to prepare some liquid food by himself in the room. He jokingly commented now and then that he had finally reached Amsam, the place of the cemetery, and waited for the Lord to take him away. We always replied to him saying, "Don't worry, brother. You will send many more to the cemetery first, and only later you will die." It was also true because he was the one who made the cemetery ready whenever a confrere died in the province.



During the last week of February 2025, he seemed to have informed his sister Josephine FMA that he was not feeling well and that he would not recover. Some of the relatives also had visited him during those days. He was in his usual spirits, and hence the Salesians did not worry about his health. On 26 February, Wednesday evening, he complained of respiratory problems to the vice provincial. The confreres wanted to take him to the hospital for a check-up, but Brother told them that he could sleep and go to the doctor on the next day. On 27 February, Thursday morning, he was taken to the Child Jesus hospital, where an ECG and echo were taken. The results showed some differences, and so they advised him to be taken to KMC hospital. Though the sisters requested him to go in a wheelchair, he went by car as usual, and initial tests were taken in KMC hospital. The doctors said that he was rather critical and must have had an attack earlier, and because of his old age, he did not realize the pain. They went ahead for the angio. They found two veins had 100 percent blockage and another two 85 percent. As they were deciding on the mode of treatment, Br. George had another massive attack and could not be revived even after several attempts. He was finally declared dead at 2pm.

The news of the death of Br. George came as a shock to me and others here attending the General Chapter. I informed everyone, and we prayed for the repose of his soul. I personally went to the statue of MHOC and recited a rosary for the repose of his soul and

also prayed specially near the casket of Don Bosco. Several of us watched the funeral online, and many Salesians who knew him were very sad that he is no more.

After all the formalities were done, the body of Br. George was kept in the mortuary, and the news of his death was informed to the family and relatives. On Feb 28, early in the morning, the body was taken to the shrine of our Blessed Mother, Amsam. People of the parish came in big numbers to visit him and pray for him. The FMA sisters, together with Sr. Josephine, also came to the church and were in tears, unable to be consoled. The staff and the boys of the technical school gathered around the body of Br. George, paying their homage to one whom they loved much. The Salesians and Salesian family members started to arrive, getting ready for the funeral.

The Funeral of Br. George Joseph

At 10.45 am, the fathers started vesting for mass, and a brief history of the life of Br. George was read. About 90 priests marched in procession as the entrance hymn was sung. The mass was presided over by Archbishop Chinnappa SDB. The introduction was given by the Vice Provincial, Fr. Xavier Michael, who described the last moments of Br. George and some of his good qualities. Fr. Camillus preached a memorable homily, sharing his emotions about Br. George. He brought out the exemplary life of a brother, particularly driving home his simplicity, hard work, good relationship with people, and love for the poor boys.



During the funeral oration, the bishop shared about his contact with Br. George with some life experiences. Fr. Maria Arockiam Kanaga spoke briefly, portraying brother George as one true Salesian brother as Don Bosco dreamed. Fr. Edwin Vasanthan read the condolence message of INM Provincial Bosco and shared about the brother's contribution to the technical schools in Vellore and Polur. Fr. Amalraj Susai shared his memories about brother and Sr. Rosy FMA remembered the great love of brother for the sisters. Mr. Arockiaraj, staff of ITI, spoke about the uniqueness of the brother, and Mr. Vincent finally thanked everyone on behalf of the family.

The final prayers were said by the archbishop, and the body was carried by the Salesians to the cemetery as the final song was sung. Fr. Maria Arockiam Kanaga blessed the body at the cemetery, and all the Salesians and the people paid their last respects as the body was laid in the tomb.

Exemplary Life of Br. George Joseph SDB

We are grateful to the Lord for the wonderful person of Br. George Joseph SDB, who has lived an exemplary life as a Salesian brother till the last breath of his life. He was an ardent lover of our Blessed Mother and a worthy son of Don Bosco. He was always young because he was always with the young people. There is no doubt that he is with the Lord because he was indeed a holy and righteous man all his life. Let me enumerate some of the salient qualities of Br. George.

A Salesian Rooted in Prayer and Devotional Practices

His faith in God was the foundation of his life. He was deeply rooted in prayer. Whether it be work or travel, he used to be the first one in the chapel, and if he could not participate in the mass in the morning, he would never be complacent the whole day. He can never forget the holy days of our Blessed Mother, Don Bosco, and the Saints. In fact, he used to remind the community by placing notices and reminders in the chapel and on the notice boards. His trust in Divine Providence was unshakable, and he saw God in his every small act of charity. Whenever he had time, he used to be found in the chapel or reciting the rosary. He not only was a man of prayer but also made all efforts to make the boys pray.



A Man of Hard Work and Tireless Service

Prayer was work, and work was prayer for Br. George. From dawn to dusk, he dedicated himself to work and prayer, never wasting a moment. Even on the last day of his life, he walked to the hospital on his own before a sudden cardiac arrest took him away. He was a Salesian who truly understood the meaning of a religious vocation, “work till the end and rest only in heaven.” His unwavering spirit and self-discipline were evident in everything he did. He could not sleep on the bed; hence, he had an easy chair in which he used to rest even at night. “Keep busy, keep cheerful” was the caption found in his workshop, reminding everyone that we need to work hard all the time.

A Genius Craftsman and Technician

He was a creative, hardworking, and resourceful person. He could put his hand into anything and repair all sorts of machinery and equipment, including musical instruments. He was not a qualified man but a prodigy of experience and practical sense. A true scientist at heart, Bro. George was always experimenting, finding new ways to engage young people and make their learning exciting. He had an immense passion for technology and

innovation, constantly exploring the latest tools and machines. His workshop was his laboratory, filled with gadgets, machines, and projects that reflected his creative mind and technical brilliance.

He was a master of many trades, a skilled carpenter, an inborn electrician, a notable plumber, and a civil engineer with practical wisdom. As a member of the building committee, he has monitored all the constructions in our province in the past twenty-five years. His ability to repair and restore was legendary, fixing even imported different types of electronic organs in most of the parishes in different dioceses. He had an eye for beauty and craftsmanship, creating artistic frames, intricate handicrafts, and thoughtful religious gifts.

A Missionary to the Poor and the Young

He was a lover of the poor. He enjoyed giving things to the poor, sponsoring the education of the poor boys, and quietly giving them food and clothes or whatever he could find helpful to them. He is a role model for social ministry by creating for the young a safe space to learn, grow, and dream. His ecological concern was also as strong as his love for people.



He personally planted and nurtured plants and trees in all the different places where he served.

He was a very friendly person, particularly with the young people and children. He was Santa Claus in the neighbourhood. Always ready to meet people and help people in need. Wherever he was, he initiated evening education programs for poor children, giving them the tools they needed to build a better future. I remember one of my friends from Tirupur who sent a few sacks of clothes that

remained from the export orders. I gave them to my brother for distribution. Everything was over in one evening. Such was his contact with the poor and needy. He used to beg from many of the confreres in well-to-do houses in order to help the poor boys of his evening study centres.

An Exemplary Brother Like Artemide Zatti

Br. George could be compared to St. Artemide Zatti, a Salesian of joy and selfless service. Despite his extraordinary skills and wisdom, Br. George remained humble and approachable. He was a true brother to all, treating everyone, young and old, with respect and kindness. He was a mentor, but also a lifelong learner, always seeking new knowledge, updating his knowledge, and staying relevant to the modern generation.

He did not just teach; he empowered the young. He did not just work; he transformed the lives of youngsters. He was instrumental in the growth of Salesian vocations, especially to Brotherhood, by encouraging young men to follow their calling to Salesian religious life through his life and example. He was not just a Salesian; he was a unique Salesian. He called a spade a spade. No compromise in his life. He was simple and straightforward and, of course, with a sense of humor all the time. When he was the administrator at Kristodayam Theologate, he used to remind all the brothers to give the bills on time for accounting. "Don't worry, brothers, the Rector is yet to give the bills," he used to comment wittily. But no one got hurt by his remarks because he was a man of love and kindness.

Conclusion

We must thank Bro. George for his incredible life. A man who gave life to so many, a Salesian who was a brother, a mentor, a teacher, a friend, and above all, a faithful servant of God. We bid farewell, but not goodbye. His legacy lives on in every young person he guided, every skill he imparted, and every life he touched. God be with you, dear Br. George, till we meet in heaven. Intercede for us all that we may live like you as true sons of Don Bosco.

Prayerful best wishes to all in the Family,

Yours Affectionately in Don Bosco



Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam SDB
Provincial – Salesian Province of Tiruchy, INT.



**St. Joseph,
Pray for Us!**