

**Come! Make Mission a MOVEMENT!**



**Prayer to St Thomas  
– Apostle of India  
(Feast day: 3<sup>rd</sup> July)**

**O St. Thomas, the Apostle of India, Father of our faith, you spread the light of Christ in the hearts of the people of India. You humbly confessed “My Lord and My God” and sacrificed your life for love of him.**

**We pray that through your intercession we may be protected from all trials, dangers and temptations and be strengthened in the love of the Triune God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

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## Mary, Queen of the missions



## Pray for us

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**Church Time!**



**JESUS Time!**



**Games Time!**



**Team Time!**



**Meal Time!**



**Talk Time!**



**MISSION  
SUNDAY?**

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

# Evangelization, not conversion

Dear Friends,

'The pilgrim Church is missionary by her very nature' is the declaration of Ad Gentes # 2. The Church is therefore in continuous mission of proclaiming the Word of God. Proclaiming the Word of God is the crux of the mission of Christ which is transferred to his disciples.

There is a tendency to equate evangelization with conversion. The task that is entrusted to us is not therefore primarily conversion but evangelizing. If a person is touched and inspired by the Word of God and is able to encounter the Risen Lord, then change of heart takes place within that person. That is stimulated and triggered by the Spirit of God. There we can see conversion.



Encounter with the Risen Lord makes 'something burn in the heart' like those disciples on the way to Emmaus experienced. Then that person experiences the presence of the Lord and he/she will be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There he/she makes a commitment to Jesus, the Savior. When one is touched by the Word of God, he/she will desire Baptism like the eunuch who requested Philip. By proclaiming the Word we are creating a situation for the person to encounter the Risen Lord.

Hence, let us not be afraid of those who block our ways for proclaiming. If we do not proclaim the Word, we are wrong. "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" St. Paul says. "Woe to me" is not 'if I do not convert'. Conversion is not my responsibility. It is of God, of His Spirit.

They say that "Christians are converting". This is a 'conversionbogey' that is created by those who want to create suspicion and hatred. Christians love their neighbours and so they are preaching the Gospel of love. They love their neighbours by preaching the Gospel through the works of charity. They witness to the Gospel by laying down their life in order to give life to others. They sacrifice their comforts, their relaxation, their enjoyment, their happiness for making others happy by carrying the burden of others' suffering. This self-giving love is what we Christians have experienced from the Lord. That is what we extend to others through our life of sacrificing love.

We cannot run away from our responsibility of proclaiming the Good News as we are touched by the Good News. The Good News urges us from within to make known to others the joy that we experience because of the Good News. With John we too must say, "What I have heard, what I have touched, what I have seen, I cannot but proclaim".

Let us have the freedom of the children of God. Jesus our brother has made us children of God and inheritors of the kingdom. The children have freedom and joy of sharing life with the Father. The Father strengthens us with the power of the Spirit, Jesus nourishes us with his body and blood, The Spirit also inspires and enlightens. Then how is that we are fearful and hesitant? Let us march ahead to the ends of the earth reaching the Good News to all.

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