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Servant of God Fr. Canisius: A Great Interpreter of the Word of God

God does take the initiative in Fr Canisius to respond to the call of holiness heroically, and living the life of faith, hope and charity in this world. He was a living saint and a person with right integration of scholarship and holiness. He was a prolific writer, teacher and orator and especially a great interpreter of the Word of God. According to SG Fr Canisius the whole universe and everything in it are crystallizations of the creative Word of God. He thinks that God's Word comes to us in diverse forms, namely, in the form of a Book (the Scripture), in the Voice of God's Holy Spirit, through our brethren, through daily events of the day-today life and finally in human form in Jesus Christ.

This word of God should assimilate by man in various means, namely, through our body, through our intellectual light and through the supernaturally elevated spirit in us. The assimilation of the Word of God happens through a creative process. It is possible through different methods of meditations and through infused contemplation. One has to keep the purity of heart and the dangers should be averted in day-today life for the assimilation process of the Word of God. SG Fr Canisius interpreted the Word of God creatively for his brethren and at the same time, he assimilated and absorbed the fruits and gifts of the Word of God in his own personal life.



Editorial

Message

Once you seek the will of God, then you will find the truth and divine providence. By being an agent of God's Good News, we need to seek the will of God and seek only and always the will of God. Servant of God Fr Canisius was such a beautiful soul who was always seeking the will of God and only the will of God and always the will of God. Through the intercession of SG Fr Canisius, many are receiving the graces and blessings from God to seek the will of God in their life. Let us try to abide with God and try to seek the divine plan and divine providence in our life and let us try to live a life where there is abundance of life. Let SG Fr Canisius intercede for all of us.

Fr Sunny Punneliparambil CMI Vice Postulator

"I want to become a saint; want to fulfill God's will in each moment; want nothing of this world; want Jesus alone....... God's will, that alone, and that in full. Let guide us at any moment." – says SG Fr Canisius. The great personality of Fr Canisius invites us to reflect up on our total surrender to God's will. Even though we are in this age of insecurity we should not lose the sense of God's presence. SG Fr Canisius reminds us about the importance to grow in the awareness of providence of God. This growing pandemic fear has shaken many minds in their faith aspect. The online spirituality has been watered-down the real spirituality of many especially among the youth and the children. In the midst of all these difficult times SG Fr Canisius give us a model worthy of imitation for how to grow in the awareness of God's presence.

This news letter will give you an idea with regarding the new publications and platforms to know more about SG Fr Canisius. And it also shares some personal experiences those who worked behind for the cause of SG Fr Canisius. These may inspire the all readers to know more about Fr Canisius and to seek his mediation in prayers to achieve blessings from the heaven.

Bro. Remi Vadakkan CMI Pune Editor



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A New Book Released

On the joyful occasion of Province Day celebration of Devamatha Province, Thrissur, on 14 November 2020, a new book on SG Fr Canisius, entitled "Divyakarunyathinte Koottukaran" was released by Rev. Fr Provincial by handing over it to Rev. Fr Francis Kurissery, our Vicar Provincial. This book was edited by Rev. Fr Antony Mannummel. Very hearty congratulations to Father Antony on his great effort and initiative.





Fr Antony Mannummel CMI Amala

"Canisius Kootam" – A Canisian Quiz Series

"Canisius Koottam" is an initiative taken to make SG Fr Canisius more known. As an initial step we conducted a Canisius Quiz for all the Brothers in our province. After all the ten rounds were over, three of our brothers proved that they know Fr Canisius more. May we hereby express our sincere gratitude to all the Brothers who participated in this event and were a part of this great effort. Bro.Abhin Valiyaveettil from our Novitiate House stood first in this quiz and Bro. Iwin Veliyan and Bro. Alwin Arackal from Elthuruth stood second and third positions respectively. Congratulations to all the winners and participants.

The second section of this quiz meant for the laity was also conducted. People from various places starting from Kerala, Maharashtra and Gulf were a part of this learning event. The all winners of this event are from our Pullur parish community. Ann Treasa Xavier, Sandra K F and Axilin Xavier sheared the first, second and third place in the quiz respectively. Congratulations to all the winners and participants.

To make the life and works of SG Fr Canisius more known to people at large we are planning to conduct a "Mega Canisian Quiz", which will include all our educational institutions and parishes. Hope you will all cooperate wholeheartedly in the venture. The province extends very hearty congratulations and best wishes to brothers Jerin Tharayil and Joel Chiramal, on all their initiatives taken to make this event successful.





Bro. Jerin Tharayil CMI Samanyaya



Bro. Joel Chiramal CMI Dharmaram





On the Horizon of Heaven

"On the Horizon of Heaven" is a 'SMYM Ramanathapuram' initiative to introduce the future saints of Kerala to the public. It is a 'You Tube' Chanel created by the Holy Trinity Cathedral unit. Through "On the Horizon of Heaven" – Episode -6, Ms. Elma Tony presented SG Fr Canisius to the public. We appreciate and extend our congratulations on the efforts taken by the SMYM team, very specially by Ms. Elma Tony and Rev. Fr Shinto.



8th Anniversary celebration

Logo Animation

In the era of modern media and technology Rev. Fr. Alex Kizhakkepeedika has come up with a new initiative of logo animation to present Canisius Logo in a more attractive format. Congratulations to Rev. Fr Alex.



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Fr Alex Kizhakkepeedika CMI Bombay

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Canisius Calendar – 2021

A all new calendar for this New Year 2021 is ready for circulation. A big thanks to all those people worked for this Canisius Calendar 2021. The calendar is available at the office.

Let the children may know SG Fr Canisius

With the intension to introduce SG Fr Canisius to the children a new cartoon book after the life of SG Fr Canisius is being prepared. The book was released on 8 of December, 2020 at Ambhazhakad, by Rev. Fr Davis Panackal by handing it over to Rev. Fr Rijo Payyappilly. Mrs. Simmy Simon and Bro. Linston Olakkengil are those who worked behind this endeavor starting from making the story line up to drawing reserve all our appreciations for their tireless work.





Servant of God Fr Canisius Thekkekara CMI



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"When I was asked to work on this cartoon book on life and work of SG Fr Canisius, he was fully a stranger for me. But when I happened to read some books on his life and work he became a spiritual guide for me. Reading books on his life gave me an eye wetting experience. I strongly believe that SG Fr Canisius was a man of great spirituality, for that was the experience what I had while reading his books. I thank God for giving me a golden opportunity to do this work and to seek SG Fr Canisius' mediation and I did this work under a special intention, with a strong faith in his mediation."

Simmi Simon



A Short Life Sketch on YouTube

Fr Raphy Kadavi CMI Bangalure

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A short life sketch of SG Fr Canisius in English is now available on you tube. Rev. Fr Raphy Kadavi prepared and published this video on his you tube channel on 21 December, 2020. We extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to dear father, for your great initiative and effort.



An idle brush of eternal artist

Fr. Senjo Naduvilpeedika CMI Ambazhakkadu

"I am a thrown away idle brush", who is being used by the eternal Artist..." Awesome words of heart!

Colors are different, canvases may change, still the painting brush always be in the hands of the artist. If it is using by the divine artist and the brush has the knowledge of his artist, it is always wet with the colors though damaged. This comprehension might leads servant of God Fr Canisius to write the beautiful words that "I am a thrown away idle brush". He expressed these words in his interview on September 1984 at CSR Pariyaram. When I started to draw few pictures on him I came across the beautiful relationship of an artist, Fr Canisius with the divine artist. Fr Canisius was an artist who designed his life on the canvas given by the divine. He had the talent of drawing pictures of modern art. An artist always has the colors of patience, imagination and happiness that may not be able to understand by the fellow being. As an artist I could feel the wave length of such colors that Fr Canisius had. Which always force me to dream on it, that I could say glory to His name!



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