



LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The India Mission closes out the year 2006 with a flurry of activity in the priory, hostel, orphanage, academy, and circuit chapels. Certainly we can say that God rains down His graces with superabundance upon this parched land. Simultaneous with torrential downpours this monsoon season (with record-breaking levels of rain), the souls entrusted to our care have made great progress by a generous outpouring of divine favors. The months of September and October were witness to the long awaited visit of the Italian nuns from "Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart", a small but vibrant traditional religious community who made great sacrifices to come and spend some time with the ladies of the orphanage who desire to consecrate their souls to the Eternal Bridegroom. The first of November finished with a simple but moving "Lives of the Saints" production by the Veritas Academy children (thanks to many hours of behind the scenes labor from the teachers and staff). The orphanage also finished their purchase of a beautiful five acres of land some seven kilometers down the road from the Most Holy Trinity Priory. The feast of the Immaculate Conception was splendidly celebrated with a High Mass followed by a picnic outing. The construction of St. Thomas Church in Nagercoil is nearing its completion, to the great joy of the long-suffering parishioners in Ramanputhor. As you will see in the following pages which overflow with photographs, the India Mission continues its noble attempt to infuse the Catholicism into the lifeblood of India. As always, the priests and faithful of the India Mission shall not forget all of our dear readers in our prayers, especially in the joyous season of the Nativity of Our Lord.

In Maria, Fr. Patrick Summers



Above: The children, staff and the Italian sisters pray at the site of martyrdom of Devasahayam (Lazarus) Pillai, one of the first native martyrs in south Tamil Nadu. He was killed by the local Hindu king in 1752 when he was 40 years old.