

## Northern Circuit News



*The fearless, zealous, tireless and loquacious  
Fr. Pfeiffer on the move.*

### STEADY GROWTH

To our great joy the apostolate in the north is growing steadily. It now numbers about 800 souls with roughly 450 in the area surrounding Madras, 220 in Bombay, 40 in Goa, 40 in Dubai, 15 in Bangalore, 15 in Cuddapah and 50 more dispersed.

In the Bassein Fort north of Bombay, we have been asked to take over the orphanage school (140 pupils) but are unable to do so at the moment for lack of staff. Since increasing the Mass at the Bassein orphanage the congregation has grown and now, on Sundays, we are beginning to see the local villagers among the 120 strong congregation.

The arrival of the fearless, zealous, tireless and loquacious Fr. Pfeiffer has been a major factor behind the surge in the apostolate. Now that Fr. Chazal tours the north for 16 days per month instead of 11, the total number of priest days in the

north has risen from 11 to 32 days per month.

All is not roses, however, in Bombay we have been attacked repeatedly by a group of recalcitrant sedevacantists and have seen the departure of a number of faithful. We pray for them and give more time to those who have remained unmoved by their rather dubious syllogisms.

In Madras there have been a few notable reconversions to tradition. They are notable because the souls concerned have become co-adjutants to Mr. Pothiraj, our weapon of mass evangelisation. Their support of the priests deserves heavenly riches in abundance. We also rejoice at the generosity of Mr. Josephraj who has offered the entire 3rd floor of his school as a permanent chapel. If you see a Tamil carrying a large Indian flag at the Society Pilgrimage in Lourdes, then that will be Mr. Josephraj!

Another development of the apostolate has been in a village two hours from Madras called R.N.Khandigai. The village has been neglected by the local bishop for 11 years, but for the last few months we have been able to celebrate Mass in the village church every Sunday and, thanks to Mr. Pothiraj, we have been able to give catechism lessons to the children too.

Please keep our apostolate in your prayers.



*The Church of R.N.Khandigai*



*Fr. Francis Chazal sings the Alleluia Chorus of Handel's Messiah as an after dinner treat.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MENS' RETREATS

A 5 day retreat in Tamil will be preached at Palayamkottai (near the priory) in September to avoid the noisy Hindu festival at that time (exact dates to be announced).

#### CONFIRMATIONS

His Lordship Bishop Williamson will be visiting India in August to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation (exact dates to be announced).

Those who wish to receive this sacrament are requested to notify Father Brucciani at the Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.

#### REV. FR. ANTHONY-XAVIER

#### R.I.P.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Anthony-Xavier who died on .26th March 2008

Fr. Anthony-Xavier was one of the first priests to welcome the Society to India. He returned to the Tridentine Mass shortly after the introduction of the Novus Ordo and remained faithful to Catholic tradition thereafter.