

Priory of St. Bartholomew, India



The Madras pilgrimage began with a Solemn High Mass followed by all night adoration in the splendid new St. Anthony's Chapel.



Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer amidst the pilgrim throng climb St. Thomas Mount.



Fr. Tim Pfeiffer gives a sermon upon arrival at the foot of St. Thomas Mount.

PILGRIMAGES FOR VOCATIONS

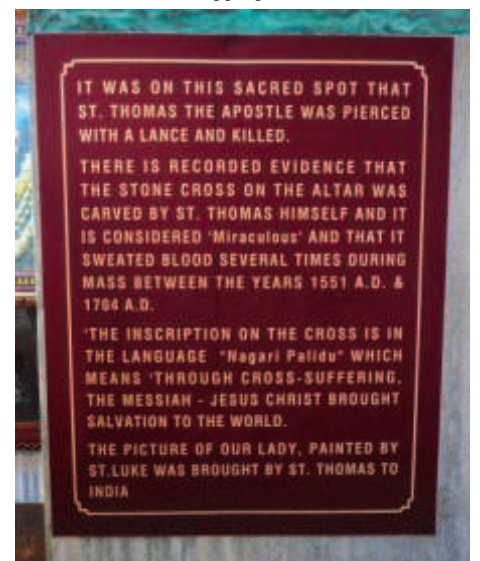
According to the Scriptures, our life on earth requires public confession of the Faith, involves us in a spiritual war and is a pilgrimage to our true home in heaven. In keeping with these truths and implementing the District of Asia vocations Crusade, SSPX Priests in India have recently hosted several Pilgrimages.

MADRAS

In Madras (Chennai) on 3rd – 4th September, Catholics from seven Indian Mass centers convened for a pilgrimage visiting the three “High” places of St. Thomas’ activity in Madras. On the 3rd, pilgrims



The Bleeding Cross of St. Thomas was discovered while digging foundations.



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convened at the Society chapel at the foot of little Mount, site of the cave in which St. Thomas spent many hours in prayer and the location of his catechizing the inhabitants of the area. Following a night of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, pilgrims proceeded 4 km Southeast to Thomas Mount, the location of the bleeding stone cross carved by St. Thomas and the site of his martyrdom. Next, pilgrims marched 12 km to the Basilica of San Thome, one of the nine Basilicas in the world which is built over the body of an Apostle. There the pilgrims venerated relics of the saint and then returned by bus to Little Mount for Solemn High Mass at our Chapel.

GOA

Goa, once the capital of all the Missions in Asia, witnessed a prophetic and symbolic event during the 1st annual Pilgrimage of Tradition. The Se Cathedral of old Goa witnessed the return of Tradition as the pilgrimage of 5th September ended there with a Solemn High Mass for vocations. Twenty participants filled the Cathedral with the ancient notes of the Kyrie and the bones buried in the floor of the old Church once more rejoiced in their old glory.

BOMBAY

Lest they be out-done, the Parishioners of Bombay walked all night from 14th

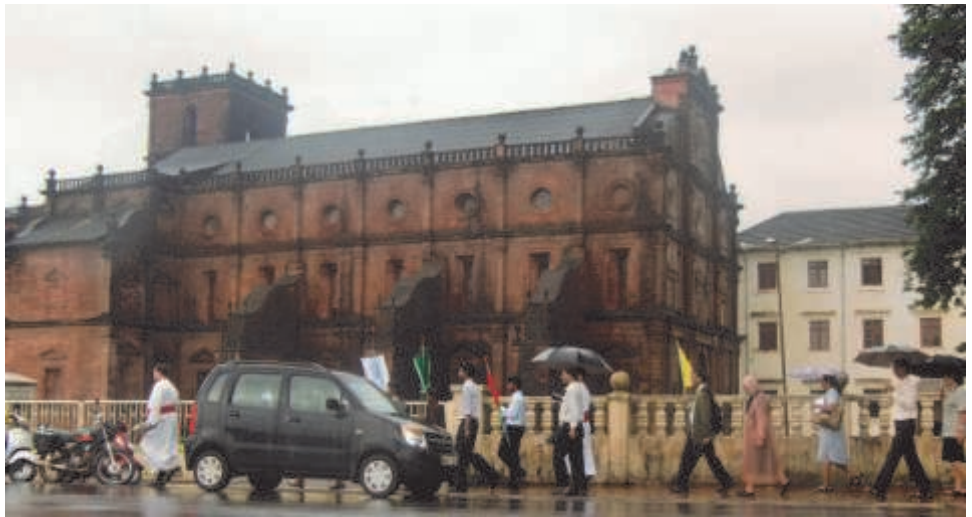


The Se Cathedral, the see of Missionary Asia for over 200 years, was the terminus point of the Goan Pilgrimage of Tradition.

September to the morn of the 15th, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Starting with an evening Solemn High Mass at the old Portuguese cross planted on the shore of Bombay Island in the 1500s, pilgrims walked all night following the traditional 16 km route of the Bombay Marian Pilgrimages. At the feet of Mount Mary in the early morning, Pilgrims assisted at the Solemn High Mass, praying the Lord of the Harvest and His Glorious Queen to send us many more labourers for the restoration of Catholic Tradition! Ω



St. Anthony's Chapel (see opposite page, far left) was built on the roof of St. Anthony's School. This is what it looked like before construction started.



Goa Pilgrimage: Pilgrims walking past the Basilica of Bom Jesu where St. Francis Xavier's incorrupt body is preserved.



Solemn High Mass was offered by Fr. Xavier-Ignatius at the high altar of the Se Cathedral for the first time in 40 years.