



*Fr. Beaublat assists Fr. Brucciani in the funeral procession of Arogya Mary, an old lady of Servi Domini Orphanage.*

Dear Friends & Benefactors,

Unlike Europe, the Americas and many other parts of the world, India has never lived through a Christian era in which its culture absorbed the law of Jesus Christ. The Hindu and Muslim cultures have proved so resistant to Catholicism that the proportion of Catholics in India has remained at a stubborn and measly 2% since the time of St. Francis Xavier.

While this has been a rather discouraging fact for the generations of missionaries who have laboured on this subcontinent, the present doctrinal and moral crisis in the Church makes the mission look next to hopeless. Having abandoned the teachings

of the Church in relation to family planning, having embraced the false ecumenism and religious liberty promoted by the Second Vatican Council, and having ignored justice towards God in pursuit of a worldly notion of social justice, the remaining 2% now look increasingly fragile. Where Hinduism and Islam have failed to stifle the one, true Faith, the Second Vatican Council and the forces of western materialism and secularism appear everywhere triumphant.

It would be easy to fall into discouragement in our present situation, but one only has to read of the victories over adversity won by missionary

priests throughout our Church's glorious history to realise that we have within us a force which is beyond human reckoning.

In the biographies of St. Francis Xavier, St. Edmund Campion, St. Isaac Jogues, or any number of other missionaries, one can read of danger, intrigue and disaster that would break the morale of the most optimistic and bravest of men who were he not on fire with love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For it was this love that was the force that made them accomplish the most extraordinary feats of bravery and endurance. Some of these great men saw the success of their labours, others saw everything



apparently come to nothing, but they all knew that none of their sacrifices were wasted because every one was a gift of self to their Beloved. Let us pray that all the priests, brothers and sisters of our society be inflamed with this same love.

Since Christmas, many good things have given us cause for rejoicing. In February two young priests from Goa came to the priory to learn how to offer the Tridentine Mass. They left three days later—dizzy with rubrics, but full of enthusiasm. In March, Fr. Therasian returned from a one month tour of chapels in the U.S. to raise funds for the mission. God bless America for its ever astonishing generosity. In Holy Week, all the children at the priory and orphanage attended their annual retreat. The theme was “*The Work of Redemption Hidden Within C.S. Lewis’ The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.*” They all stayed awake for most of it. On 13th May, Fr. Beaublat had the joy of administering 1st Holy Communion to 25 children at the village of R.N. Kandigai.



*Fr. Couture with members of a lay community based in Tuticorin. The community has given their lives to making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and will soon be constituted as a Pious Union under the authority of the Society of St. Pius X.*



*“Now, you there at the back, there’s no need to shake your watch—it’s working just fine.” Fr. Alphonsus Maria C.SS.R preached four weekend missions in India during May. They were a huge success, with over 100 general confessions and chapels filled to overflowing.*



*Fr. Gregory Noronha and Louis Popille of Bourgogne, France, prepare to incense the vegetable patch on a Rogation Day.*



*Br. Francis does battle with Alba the goat.*



*A rare example of teamwork from the boys to get the sweets (candy).*