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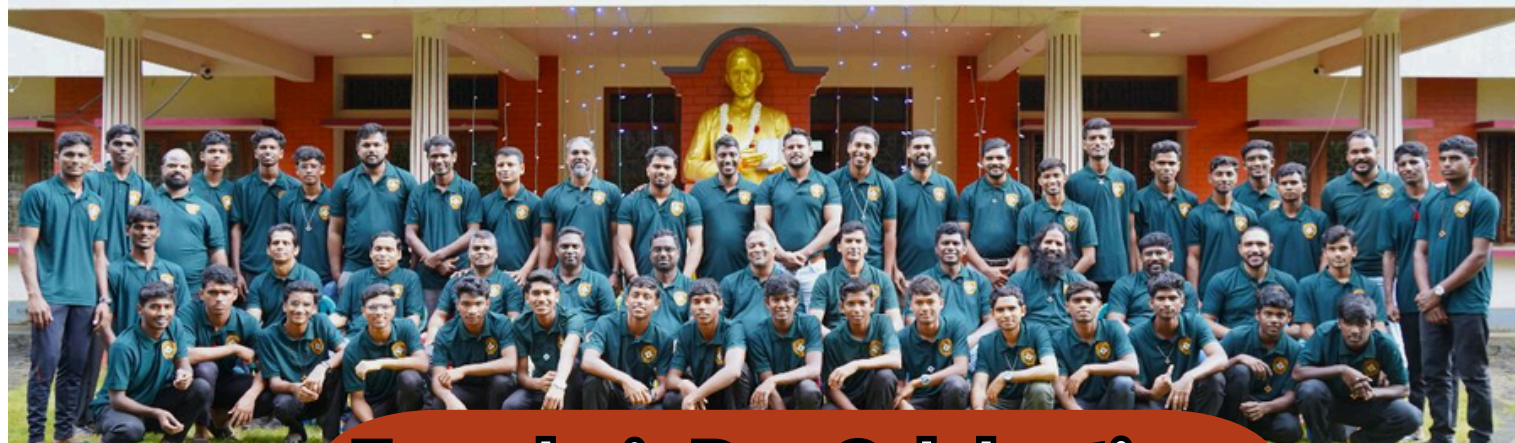


DEHONIANS INDIA

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DEHON VIDYA SADHAN



Founder's Day Celebrations



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Profound Passion for the Word and Prominent Passion for the World

We also live out our union with Christ by our availability and our love for all, particularly for the lowly and for those who suffer. For how can we really understand Christ's love for us, if not in loving as He did, in truth and in deed? (Cst 18)

Dear Confreres in the Heart of Jesus!

The month of August is a very special month for all the Dehonians around the globe as we have meaningfully commemorated the 100th Death Anniversary of our Founding Father Leo John Dehon. I had the privilege of celebrating along with all the major superiors of the Congregation at St. Quentin, France & at Brussels. Here in India, all our communities as well as the areas (Kerala, Andhra-Telangana, Odisha, Goa-Vasai, Chennai) had the special celebrations of the Centennial of the death of our Founding Father.

In this 27th Edition of Dehonians India Monthly Newsletter of August 2025, we will find some interesting news and information concerning the life and the mission of the SCJ India at various formative as well as pastoral communities. We have 3 articles from our mission communities: Srisaila Matha, Allapalli & Kundra (Odisha) which clearly depict the pastoral as well as spiritual elements of the Dehonian Mission that our confreres are engaged with. These missions are dedicated to our Founding Father to mark his 100th Death Anniversary.

Our formation communities such as DPN, CDJ, CDN, DVS, LDM (Leo Dehon Minor Seminary) have beautifully narrated the various formative activities that took place in the month of August. Besides this, our Missionaries have come up with some personal testimonies: Fr. Vinod shares about his missionary experience in Norway, the new parish in Molde which is entrusted to Dehonians, founder's day celebration etc and Fr. Moses Sayala (our Missionary from Albania) shares about his experience at Youth Jubilee in Rome (30 July-06 August); Br. Ravi Teja Madanu (our young missionary) writes about his experience in Manila as well as about his initial impressions on Macau where he is all set to begin his Theological Studies at USJ.

Brothers Amos & Gowtham share about their formative experience in Indonesia concerning the Final Vows Preparation; Br. Nirmal shares about his experience at DVK, Bangalore where he does his licentiate in Philosophy; Fr. Harish Kumar Barigala writes about his experience in Rome from 2021-2025 as he is all set to return to India; Fr. Prem shares about his experience at Pro-life Congress held in Bangalore.

So let us read these news articles and reconnect with our Dehonianness; and let us be grateful to the Lord for everything that He has been to us through the intercession of our Founding Father and let us continue to have the Profound Passion for the Word and Prominent Passion for the World as Dehonians to make a dignifying difference in this world of indifference.

Long live to the Heart of Jesus
Through the Heart of Mary

Fraternally Yours in the Heart of Jesus,

R. M. Augustine

Fr. Michael Augustine SCJ



Different events



“Making the Heart of Jesus Reign: A Mission of Love and Service”

Dehonian Mission in Odisha

The Dehonian mission in Odisha, inspired by the charism of Fr. Léon Dehon, is dedicated to the service of God and humanity, especially among the poor and marginalized. The mission centers around the Sacred Heart of Jesus, lived out through Eucharistic devotion, pastoral care, and social engagement. As Fr. Dehon once said: “We must make the Heart of Jesus reign everywhere.” With this spirit, the Dehonians in Odisha continue to touch lives in faith and service.

Daily Eucharistic Mass and Adoration for the Tribal Faithful

At the heart of the mission is the Eucharist. In tribal villages of Odisha, daily Mass and Eucharistic adoration sustain the faithful in their struggles. These simple yet profound gatherings unite the community in prayer, offering strength against poverty and hardship. Adoration, especially, has become a space of silent communion with Christ, where the faithful encounter the love and mercy of the Sacred Heart. For many tribal Christians, the Eucharist is not just worship it is the source of unity, courage, and renewal.

Founder’s Day Celebration at Leo Dehon Minor Seminary, Dharmagarh

On 12th August, the Leo Dehon Minor Seminary, Dharmagarh, celebrated Founder’s Day in honour of Fr. Léon Dehon. The celebration began with a solemn Eucharist, reflecting on his spirituality of love, reparation, and social justice. Seminarians and local faithful enriched the day with cultural performances that blended tribal tradition and faith. A seminar highlighted the relevance of Dehonian spirituality in today’s Odisha, especially in forming compassionate leaders. The event strengthened the seminarians’ commitment to live as “prophets of love and servants of reconciliation.”

Independence Day Celebration 15th August

Dehonian communities in Odisha celebrate Independence Day with deep patriotism and faith. The national flag is hoisted in seminaries and parishes, followed by prayers for peace, justice, and unity. Cultural programs by tribal youth highlighted their love for the nation while reflecting local traditions. This celebration connects faith with nation building, reminding the faithful of their duty to serve society with honesty, justice, and compassion. The Dehonians see patriotism as a form of Christian discipleship working for the common good of all.

Visiting the Sick and Offering Medical Support

In the spirit of the Sacred Heart, the mission extends care to the sick and suffering. Many tribal families lack proper medical facilities, so priests and collaborators regularly visit the sick, offering prayer, sacraments, and medical aid. Medical camps are organized, medicines distributed, and families educated on hygiene and nutrition. These visits bring not only healing but also hope, showing the compassionate face of Christ. For the people, the Church becomes a true companion in their suffering.

Deanery Meetings in Rayagada Diocese

The Dehonians actively participate in deanery meetings with priests and religious of Rayagada Diocese. These meetings strengthen pastoral collaboration, share experiences, and address local challenges such as poverty, migration, and youth formation. Joint planning ensures more effective ministry and fosters unity in mission. Through collaboration, the Church in Odisha becomes a stronger witness of Christ's love and solidarity among the tribal faithful.

The Dehonian mission in Odisha embodies Fr. Dehon's vision of making the Heart of Jesus known and loved. Through Eucharistic devotion, celebrations, outreach to the sick, and collaborative ministry, the mission continues to bring faith, hope, and healing to the tribal communities. In the words of Fr. Dehon: "We love, we repair, we console, we save by the Heart of Jesus." This remains the guiding light of the Dehonians as they walk with the people of Odisha.

Odisha Mission Community
Fr. Sawon Kumar Nayak SCJ





August unfolded as a truly grace-filled month for our parish a time of renewal, learning, and vibrant mission. It was a season that invited us to deepen our spiritual roots while embracing the beauty of community life and national pride.

Founder's Day: A Celebration of Charism and Unity

We began the month by joyfully commemorating our Founder's Day, a cherished occasion that brought together all our communities in heartfelt fellowship. The celebration was more than a remembrance it was a living tribute to the spirit and vision of our founder, whose legacy continues to inspire our pastoral mission. Through prayer, song, and shared reflection, we renewed our commitment to walk in his footsteps, serving with love and humility.

Independence Day: Honoring Sacrifice and Inspiring Hope

On August 15th, we honored the courage and sacrifice of our freedom fighters during a vibrant Independence Day celebration. Fr. Jesu SCJ was invited as the chief guest at Shanthini Kethan School, where he had the privilege of hoisting the national flag. His message to the children and staff was both stirring and hopeful, reminding them of their role in shaping a just and compassionate society. The event was filled with joy, as children participated with enthusiasm singing patriotic songs, performing dances, and expressing their love for the nation. It was a beautiful fusion of civic pride and spiritual reflection.

Marian Feasts: A Month of Devotion to Our Blessed Mother

August also offered us the grace of celebrating two profound Marian feasts the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Queenship of Mary. These liturgical moments invited us to contemplate the mystery of Mary's role in salvation history and her maternal presence in our lives. Through solemn Masses, rosary processions, and devotional gatherings, our parishioners found renewed strength and comfort in her intercession.

Pastoral Outreach: Home Visits and Healing Presence

One of the most touching highlights of the month was the series of home visits conducted by Fr. Jesu, Dn. Bro. Arun, and our dedicated catechists. These visits were not merely pastoral duties they were moments of grace, where prayer met presence and compassion met conversation. Families welcomed them with warmth, and in return received spiritual support, blessings, and encouragement. These encounters strengthened the bonds within our parish and reminded us that the Church is most



“a lots of blessings in the month of August.”

We the St. Thomas More pastoral community at Veppampattu in சென்னையில் Mylapore Diocese had experienced a lots of blessings in the month of August. This month specially we as a parish dedicated to pray for our Nation India for its prosperity and religious unity. On the occasion of the independence day of our country we had special prayers and followed by flag hoisting, this month we had celebrated the our substation namely Railnagar feast of our Lady of Good Health and Fr Praveen was the main celebrant and our District Secretary Fr Moses also joined with us to pray for our parish people. This month our Catechism children went for a day picnic and they visited one of the Famous Church in Chennai, Divine Mercy parish church in kelambaakkam. Finally this month we had given farewell to our Church Pastoral council team as their fulfillment of 3 years generous service to our parish. In this month many of Scj conferers had visited our Pastoral Community in veppampattu and prayed for us, especially Fr. Chrisy Peter, Fr Balraj, Fr Micheal Augustine, Fr Praveen, Fr Moses, etc.. Thanks be to God, Thank you fathers and brothers for your geniune support and prayers for the growth of our St Thomas More Parish Church community. God bless you all!!!

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
FAREWELL TO PARISH COUNCIL
MEMBERS
03.08.2025



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Greetings from Srisaila Mary Matha Mission Church, Sunnipenta!

As we celebrate the Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years since the inauguration of our parish church, we are preparing to make this milestone deeply meaningful. As part of the jubilee celebrations, we have introduced daily silent adoration before Mass. Every first Friday, we hold Holy Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour), during which parishioners and the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (FIHM) share reflections on the Word of God through Lectio Divina.

Our parishioners are eagerly preparing for a Bible quiz to be conducted at the parish level in the coming months, focusing on the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. We continue to experience God’s mighty blessings and the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother. Parishioners frequently share testimonies in church about the miracles Jesus has worked in their families.

Attendance at Sunday Holy Eucharistic celebrations continues to grow, and we are cultivating the habit of praying the Rosary in families. Each week, a family takes the initiative to lead the Rosary in their home for the intentions of the parish.

I continue to make house visits to better know my parishioners, who are loving, respectful, and welcoming. I also visit the sick, offering them comfort and support. While our community is responsible and regular in attending Sunday Mass, we face a significant challenge due to water scarcity in the village. Water is available only once every ten days or, if fortunate, once a week often on Sundays.

The parishioners generously volunteer their time to clean the church and its premises, reflecting their dedication to our sacred space. We are blessed to have the FIHM Sisters in our parish, who run a school for underprivileged children. Their active involvement includes maintaining the church, preparing for daily Mass, handling decorations, and managing sacristy work. I am deeply grateful for their selfless service. I have introduced Lay Dehonian Formation classes to share the spirituality of the Sacred Heart and the legacy of our founder. The parishioners’ enthusiasm suggests that a Lay Dehonian group may soon be established. Additionally, we recently formed a Legion of Mary group with 25 members, which will be officially recognized on September 8 through an oath-taking ceremony. Every Saturday, they will pray the Rosary in the church, participate in Mass, and hold a meeting afterward.

I am also teaching music to parish children interested in learning the keyboard, kango, and vocals, which enlivens our liturgy. Each day, I tend to the church grounds gardening, planting, and growing vegetables to enhance our premises.

Please continue to support us through your prayers. We extend heartfelt thanks to the Indian District Administration for their generous assistance to the parish.

Fr. Syam Kumar Siddabathula, SCJ
Srisaila Mary Matha Mission Church,
Sunnipenta



“August: A Month of Celebrations, Unity, and Renewal”

The month of August brought abundant blessings and graces from God Almighty to our community. In keeping with our Dehonian spirituality and tradition, we held an hour of Holy Adoration on the first Friday of the month. United in prayer, we immersed ourselves in the grace and blessings of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

August holds special significance for our congregation as we celebrate Founder’s Day and reflect on the mission and vision of Venerable Leo John Dehon. As one community, we began our preparations with the support and guidance of our SCJ fathers.

Day of Celebration

SCJ fathers and brothers from various communities gathered to commemorate Founder’s Day. The celebration commenced with an insightful session by Rev. Fr. Tom Cassidy SCJ, who spoke on the vision and mission of our founder. Commemorative T-shirts were distributed, and a group photo was taken to mark the occasion.

Games and Activities

All fathers and brothers participated in the games with renewed spirit and enthusiasm. It was a time of encouragement, learning, and joyful fellowship. A quiz competition for our brothers was conducted by Rev. Fr. Kiran SCJ. In the evening, cultural events took centre stage. The participation of our fathers in dances, skits, and singing was a highlight of the celebration, evoking fond memories of their seminary days.

Eucharistic Celebration and Inauguration

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. McQueen SCJ, with many fathers and sisters from neighbouring communities joining in the Mass. Following the celebration, our District Superior, Rev. Fr. Michael Augustine SCJ, inaugurated a religious article shop, a fruit of the dedicated efforts of Fr. Thambi Mada SCJ.

Independence Day and Environmental Stewardship

As proud Indians, we also celebrated Independence Day together as a community. In a gesture of care for creation, we successfully completed the planting of mango saplings, symbolizing hope and growth for future generations.

Br. Rusin MJ SCJ
Dehon Prema Nilayam



“Called to Serve, Formed to Lead”

The month of August has been a great blessing for our community. From the day we moved into this new house, we have experienced the providence of God and His guiding presence in abundance. With the help of nearby friends and the dedicated efforts of our brothers, we were able to organize everything to establish this house as a formation center. This included preparing the chapel, clearing the bushes around the house, and leveling the ground in front.

Formation and Learning

Regular classes have been organized for our students in subjects such as English grammar, spirituality, prayer, sacraments, and good manners. We strive to keep the students engaged in both study and work. To deepen their vocational awareness, we arranged a day for them to spend time with the Capuchin brothers in Navelim. This experience was meant to inspire them and help them understand the seriousness of their calling. In addition to academics, we encourage them to read the Bible and the lives of the Saints.

Pastoral Outreach

We fathers also engage in pastoral work to support the parishes and people around us. Fr. McQueen and I conducted a day retreat for the pro-life members. Fr. Prem gave a Triduum talk for the MC sisters in Quapem and organized a one-day prayer service for the MC inmates in Cotto. We continue to do our best to meet the spiritual needs of the surrounding community.

We hope and pray that the Lord may continue to bless our community and guide us in our mission.

Christu Dehon Jyothi Community

Fr. Prem Kumar K. SCJ





“August Blessings: Honouring Legacy, Leadership, and Liberty”

The month of August was truly a feast for all the SCJs, as we celebrated the life and legacy of our Founder, Venerable Fr. Leo John Dehon. This year, 2025, marked the 100th death anniversary of our beloved Founder a momentous occasion that filled our hearts with reverence and gratitude.

In addition to this, the Leo Dehon community joyfully celebrated the 14th Priestly Anniversary of our Rector, Fr. Rinu Jose SCJ, on August 10th at St. Mother Teresa Parish, together with the parishioners. We were deeply blessed by Fr. Rinu's presence, especially for his unwavering dedication and guidance to our community. The Holy Mass, celebrated with the parishioners, was a joyful and grace-filled occasion.

For the first time in Odisha, we celebrated Founder's Day on August 11th. Parishioners were invited to join us in this special feast, making it a memorable experience shared between seminarians and the faithful. Following the Holy Eucharist, we enjoyed a vibrant cultural program and a love meal with all, strengthening our bonds of fellowship.

On August 15th, the Leo Dehon family commemorated the 79th Independence Day of India. We began with a solemn Mass celebrating both the Feast of the Assumption and Independence Day, followed by a flag-hoisting ceremony. The day was marked by meaningful and joyful celebrations, one after another, leaving us with cherished memories and a deep sense of unity.

Fr. Ashit Lima SCJ
Dehon Minor seminary



“Sint Unum”: A Month of Victory, Vocation, and Vibrant Brotherhood.”

“The month of August was blessed with many prosperous and joyful events in our community. In the very first week, we experienced great joy by winning the Bible Quiz Competition conducted by the MSFS congregation. Out of nine participating groups, our CDN community proudly secured the first prize a historic victory after sixteen years of waiting. This achievement brought immense pride to our congregation.

Another significant occasion was the priestly ordination of Fr. Jayaraj SCJ, which coincided with our Founder’s Day. These two celebrations, held one after the other, were a beautiful sign of our Dehonian brotherhood and unity. Our community came together to honor Fr. Jayaraj’s ordination, beginning with a solemn Mass and concluding with a joyful agape.

The following day, we travelled to the Guntur Minor Seminary community for the Founder’s Day celebrations. It was a cherished and unforgettable event, filled with enriching experiences that deepened our identity as true Dehonians.

Independence Day & Marian Feast

Another remarkable day was the celebration of the 79th Independence Day in our community. On the same day, we also celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day began with a solemn Mass, followed by the flag hoisting ceremony led by our Rector and Superior, Rev. Fr. Dr. Sunder Raj Mallavarapu SCJ. It was a deeply patriotic moment, as we recalled and honoured our freedom fighters with great joy.

Community Celebrations

We also celebrated the birthdays of two of our cherished and active scholastics Br. Nithin and Dn. Satish adding to the joy and vibrancy of our community life.
Living the Dehonian Spirit

This month was especially meaningful as we lived in remembrance of our beloved founding father, Leo John Dehon, who showed us the true path to the Heart of Jesus. We were blessed to come together as one Dehonian family, striving to keep alive the true Dehonian spirit. As Fr. Dehon himself invites us, we continue to live in Sint Unum brothers united in community.



“August Grace: A Month of Mission and Fraternal Joy at Dehon Ashram”

The month of August was indeed a blessing for our community at Dehon Ashram. Various pastoral needs were joyfully met by our members, reflecting the vibrancy and dedication of our mission. Fr. Martin animated the Youth Day Celebration in his respective ministry area, inspiring young hearts with faith and enthusiasm. Meanwhile, Fr. Siju Solomon SCJ led a two-day retreat at Mary Queen Parish Church, Vandanam, as part of the spiritual preparation for the parish feast. His guidance brought moments of reflection and renewal to the faithful.

In the midst of these pastoral engagements, our community also shared in the joy of attending the wedding of the granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah, the gracious house owner of our rented residence. It was a moment of heartfelt connection and celebration. Despite our busy schedules, we continued to prioritize fraternal sharing, finding time to come together in unity, laughter, and mutual support. These moments of togetherness remind us that mission is not only about service, but also about communion.

**Fr. Thomas Raju SCJ,
Arthungal**



Faith and Freedom: Celebrating August with Heart and Heritage”

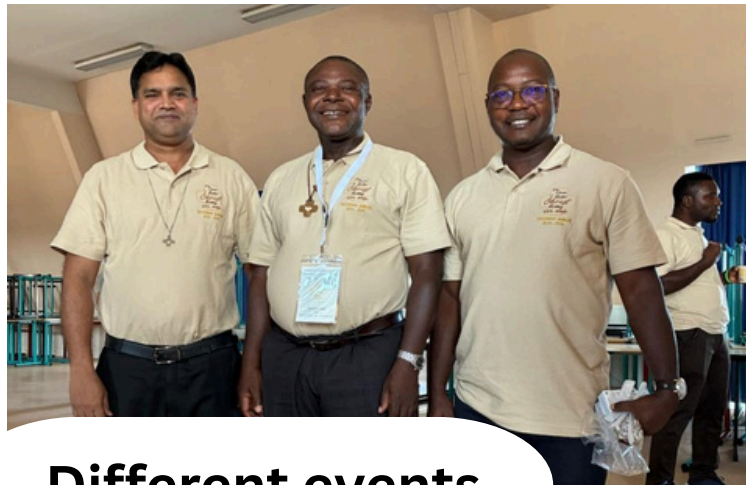
Dear friends we the Dehon Vidya Sadhan community like to share some of experiences and events of August. It was a blessed and meaningful month for our community. All of our brothers are engaged in their regular classes in their respective colleges. The community work together to better our community life and the study of our brothers. On 10th the community was blessed to thank the Lord for the Priestly Vocation of Fr.Christy Peter. The community joyfully celebrated the Priestly Ordination Day. August 12th and 13th together with the Kerala Area we celebrated The Dehonian Jubilee and Founder's Day. On 12th we had spirit filled day. Had a Spiritual talk, which is given by Fr.Sharmin SCJ. He gave us clear idea about the Dehonian Jubilee. All had the opportunity for confession. The celebration was very meaningful and inspiring. What give happiness is that the Area members worked together to make this event meaningful. We felt the presence of all the members. On 15th August with gratitude, we thank the Almighty God for our Nation and also celebrated the Solemnity of Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Jose Richard was the main celebrant for the Holy Eucharist. On 31st we had the community celebration of Onam. The parents of Orientation students were present for the celebration. The Initiation students left for the holidays after the celebration, together with their parents. The second year Degree students went to Divine Retreat centre for 5 days of Retreat. The community thanks the Lord for His constant blessings and care.

Thanks to each one of you.

Fr. Christy Peter SCJ







Different events



The month of August has become a landmark, creating ample memories to cherish and opening countless avenues to experience brotherhood, unity, and diversity. Throughout this month, I witnessed many events that fostered a meaningful ambience, even amidst routine academic commitments.

As a community, we embarked on a half-day trip to the Kengeri Christ University campus and dairy farm, where we shared in the joy of togetherness through activities such as playing, cooking, and dancing. This experience offered a beautiful invitation to deepen my relationships with fellow brothers and fathers.

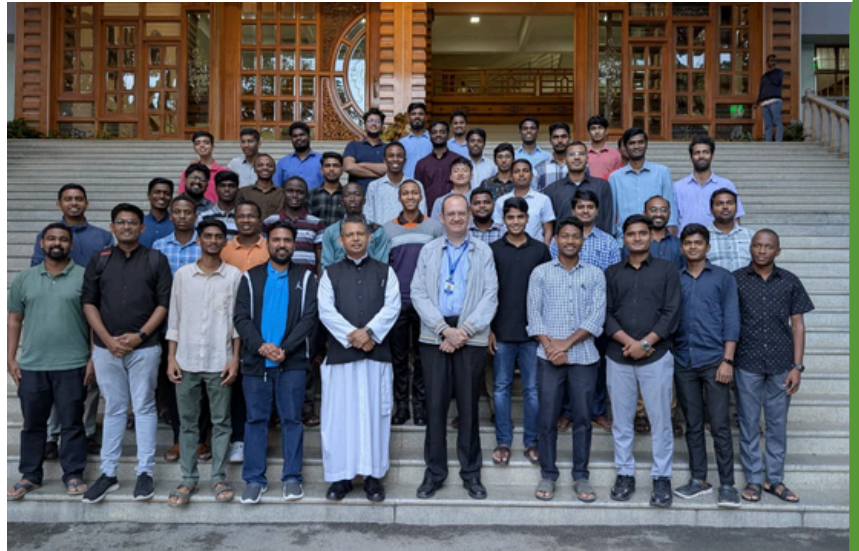
We celebrated our Founder's Day meaningfully on August 12th with a solemn Eucharist presided over by Fr. Edward, a Brazilian Scalabrinian. I had the privilege of sharing about our Founder at the beginning of the Mass. It was truly a unique experience to celebrate alongside many brothers who are non-Dehonians, enriching the spirit of unity.

Recently, I visited the Christ University campus in Yeswanthpur for a gathering of the Bangalore Academy of Philosophers (BAP), where I attended a thought-provoking talk on the nature of Artificial Intelligence and Human Consciousness. It was a worthwhile occasion to engage with numerous professors, licentiate scholars, and doctoral researchers.

Although the month was filled with numerous programmes, I found abundant opportunities for learning and growth. I truly had a beautiful time within the community, nurturing relationships that transcend measurable borders.

Br. Nirmal Kumar Uppati SCJ





Dear Fathers and Brothers in Christ,

Warm greetings from the SCJ Norway community. It has been a while since I last shared my experiences with you. By God’s grace and through your continued prayers, I am doing well in the mission entrusted to me. I have successfully completed three years of service here, and the journey continues with renewed hope and purpose.

We are currently engaged in pastoral ministry within the Prelature of Trondheim. While we have made progress in learning the local language, we continue to improve our fluency. We are also working towards obtaining our driving licenses to better serve the community.

I would like to share with you a few significant updates from our mission:

New Parish in Molde

We are blessed to announce that our congregation has been entrusted with a new parish. The Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (SCJ) will officially take charge of St. Sunniva Church in Molde on September 1st, 2025. The bishop has expressed his joy and appreciation for our presence and mission. Molde, located approximately three hours from Trondheim, offers a wonderful opportunity to extend our charism and spirituality to a broader community.

Founder’s Day Celebration

As SCJ missionaries in Norway, we meaningfully commemorated the 100th anniversary of the death of Fr. Leo Dehon, our beloved founder. The celebration was held in collaboration with the Bridgettine Sisters in Tiller, followed by a joyful community outing. It was a day filled with gratitude and cherished memories.

Feast of St. Olav

On July 29th, we celebrated the feast of St. Olav, a revered king and saint of Norway. The day witnessed a large number of pilgrims gathering to honor and seek the intercession of this great saint. It was a spiritually enriching experience for all.

Visit of Our Confrere

We were blessed by the visit of Fr. David Marsden, who previously served as a missionary in India. His time with our community was uplifting and filled with fraternal joy.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and intercessions. May God bless us all abundantly in our mission and journey of faith.

**In the Heart of Christ,
SCJ Norway Community**



A Journey of Learning and Mission in the Eternal City of Rome

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I arrived in Rome on 18th December 2021 to pursue my Licentiate in Communications. The initial days were marked by challenges particularly learning the Italian language, adapting to the culture, climate, and cuisine which I embraced with perseverance to continue my studies effectively.

During my academic journey at Casa Generalizia in Rome, I was blessed with remarkable opportunities to collaborate with the Church at significant global events. I actively participated in the **World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, 2023**, collaborated with the communications team for the **General Chapter** of the Congregation, and worked with the **Vatican News Press Office of the Holy See** during historic occasions such as the **funeral of Pope Francis**, the **conclave and election of Pope Leo XIV**, and his **installation ceremony**.

I also contributed to international **gatherings of religious representatives preparing for the Jubilee 2025** and again collaborated with the **Vatican Press Office during the Jubilee of Youth**.

My time at the Generalate also allowed me to deepen my knowledge of our Founder, Venerable Father Leo John Dehon, and to experience the beauty and diversity of cultures through fraternal life with brothers from around the world. This period greatly broadened my worldview and helped me grow in fraternity, spirituality, and unity.

Additionally, I completed a **three-month internship** at the **Communication Office of the Claretian Generalate**, further enriching my experience in ecclesial communications.

Crowning these years of study and service, I successfully completed and defended my Licentiate thesis titled ***"Analysis on the Impact of the Divyavani Channel and Systemic Investigations for New Development Strategies."***

Today, I feel deeply grateful and confident that my studies, pastoral experiences, and collaborations have equipped me to serve fruitfully in the field of Church communications, contributing to the mission of evangelization through modern media.

Finally, I express my sincere gratitude to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for His constant guidance and blessing. I am also deeply thankful to the General Administration, the Indian District, Rome II, and all those both within the community and at the university who supported me during my stay in Rome. Your encouragement and help have been invaluable in enabling me to live according to the values expected of a Dehonian.

Fr. Harish Kumar Barigala SCJ
Rome, Italy



Personal experience



Youth Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Rome • Frascati • Tor Vergata 30 July – 6 August

This summer, we experienced the profound joy of joining thousands of young people from across the globe for the Youth Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope. We, the Dehonians from the Albanian mission, together with other Dehonian entities from Europe, had the privilege of accompanying youth from our parishes to this extraordinary celebration of faith, joy, and unity.

From the very first moment, we were deeply touched by the energy and enthusiasm of the young pilgrims their songs, their smiles, their openness, and above all, their unwavering faith. One of the most moving moments was the prayer vigil with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Imagine a million young hearts gathered in silence no distractions, no noise listening intently to the Pope's voice, praying together in unity. It was a moment of serenity and grace, culminating in a joyful chorus: "Jesus Christ, you are my life, alleluia!"

For us, this Jubilee was not merely a pilgrimage it was a true encounter with the Risen Lord, reminiscent of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Through prayer, sharing, and the Eucharist, our faith was nourished and renewed. A highlight was the inspiring reflection shared by our general superior, Fr. Carlos SCJ, at the Dehonian parish of Christ the King.

We were especially blessed to bring a small group of girls from our parish in Boriç (Albania). For them, this was a first-time experience of the universal Church in such a powerful and tangible way. They entered through the Holy Doors in Rome, prayed at Tor Vergata, and participated in days of reflection and fraternity with young Dehonians from Italy, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Croatia, Poland, and beyond. Each group brought something unique songs, dances, traditions, testimonies and together, it became a beautiful exchange of spirituality, culture, and hope.

The girls from Boriç shared their impressions with us. They were especially moved by the arrival of the Holy Father at Tor Vergata, surrounded by the joyful presence of so many young people. They described the entire event as a celebration of friendship, faith, hope, dance, games, and prayer. Though physically tired from the intense days, they returned home filled with happiness and gratitude.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who made this participation possible, especially the Dehonian Fathers who welcomed us with such generosity in Frascati. These days were truly a gift of grace a seed of hope for our youth, and a powerful sign that the Church is alive, vibrant in the hearts of young pilgrims walking toward Christ, the Lord of Life.

Fr. Moses Sayala SCJ
Boriç i Madh, Albania



First and foremost, I wish to express my profound gratitude to God for His blessings, kindness, and love throughout the month of August. It has been a period marked by significant transition and grace.

This month was distinguished by two formative experiences. The first was a brief but meaningful visit with Fr. Showreddy, SCJ, in Manila. As I concluded my time in Cagayan De Oro, the opportunity to visit the theology house was a most gracious gift. It was particularly touching to learn that the lay community associated with the house still fondly remember Dn. Sajeevan, SCJ, and Fr. Matthew, SCJ.

Secondly, on the 14th of August, I arrived in Macau to commence my theological studies. I was warmly and generously welcomed by my formator, Fr. Stan, SCJ. I am now residing in a community with four other fathers who are diligently engaged in various ministries: Fr. Daniel, SCJ (Brazil), Fr. Edwardo, SCJ (Argentina), Fr. Nam, SCJ (Vietnam), and Fr. Santoso, SCJ (Indonesia). It is inspiring to witness their dedicated service, which includes teaching at the university level and undertaking important work within the diocesan offices.

In conclusion, I wish to once again extend my sincere thanks to all the fathers whose guidance and support were instrumental in helping me reach this final stage of my journey. I embark on this new chapter in Macau with a heart full of gratitude and anticipation.

Br. Ravi Teja Madanu SCJ



Greetings to everyone.

May the lord Jesus Christ Bless us all. I would like to share my experience of my Pastoral ministry since the time I joined the St. Teresa of Child Jesus Parish Pushp Vihar. It is located in the South Delhi and demographically it is the first largest Parish of the Archdiocese of Delhi comprising of 1000 plus registered families as well as there are many families which are unregistered and they join our Parish activities. Majority of the people in this parish are from Jharkhand and Chattishgarh. Daily we have two Masses; one in the morning and one in the evening, and on Sundays all together four Masses.

I attended two Priestly recollections of the Diocese and I was warmly welcomed by the Archbishop Anil J. T. Couto and Dipak Tauro the Auxiliary Bishop as well as the Priests of the Archdiocese. Most of them they know us as previously we have worked in the Arcdiocese and they are happy to see us back.

My Parish Priest is from Karnatka who has completed his 27 years of Priesthood. He is a musician as well as holds Doctrate in Liturgy from Rome and the Secretary of Catechetics commission of the Archdiocese as well as of the Diocesan Regional commission consists of Delhi, Chandigarh and Jalandhar Diocese.

Past month we have celebrated the Annual BEC Day and the National Youth Sunday in our Parish.

I also would like to thank the generosity and support of Mr. Jai Chand and Mrs. Dorothy Ekka both husband and wife of my previous Parish who brought for me their Scooty for my daily and Pastoral use as long as they don't ask back. It was not much used so they gave me to use it and when I got it ...has travelled just 1998 Kms. May God bless them and their family!!!

Fr. Ajit Baxla Scj





My one-month journey to Indonesia was more than a program it was a sacred time of encounter, transformation, and deep inner renewal. Staying at the Theology House with brothers and fathers, I experienced a profound sense of unity, joy, and fraternity that reminded me of the beauty of religious life.

Each day began and ended in prayer, and in between were moments of deep learning, sharing, and reflection. Yet beyond the classroom teachings, what touched me most was the simple, daily living together eating meals, sharing stories, washing dishes, laughing, praying in silence, and supporting one another. These ordinary moments became extraordinary, revealing the heart of community: a life shared in love.

I came to Indonesia with expectations of learning, but I returned with something far more precious a renewed heart. I rediscovered why I first said “yes” to God. In the quiet moments of adoration, in the brothers’ laughter, in the silence of the retreat house in Bakauheni, and in the simplicity of local life, I heard God whisper again, “I have called you by name; you are mine.”

There were moments of challenge too cultural differences, language barriers, fatigue, and inner questioning but these became graces in disguise. They taught me patience, humility, and the gift of listening. I realized that the true mission is not about doing great things, but about being present with love, being available, and being authentic.

The retreat especially touched me deeply. In the silence of nature and the rhythm of prayer, I felt God gently removing my fears and renewing my joy. I saw my journey with new eyes not as a path I walk alone, but one I walk with Christ, who constantly says, “Do not be afraid. I am with you.”

As I prepare for my perpetual vows, this experience has given me strength, clarity, and peace. I am not perfect, but I am deeply loved. I desire to give my life completely, joyfully, and trustingly to the One who first gave everything for me.

I leave Indonesia with a grateful heart. I carry with me the brothers and fathers I met, the memories I made, the lessons I learned, and above all, the love of God that became so real during these sacred days. I may leave the place, but the experience lives on in my heart forever.

Br. Amos Lakra SCJ



Final Vows Preparation.

This year, fifteen brothers from Indonesia, Vietnam, and India gathered at the Skolastikat SCJ in Yogyakarta for our Final Vows preparation. Though from different nations, we were united in one vocation: to follow Christ in the spirit of our Founder, Fr. Leo John Dehon. What unfolded over four weeks was not only a program of inputs but a true pilgrimage of renewal, fraternity, and mission.

Week One: Spiritual Renewal

The opening week invited us to turn inward, rediscovering our personality, authenticity, and values in the light of God’s love. Holiness, we were reminded, is not worldly perfection but transparency before God. Fr. Dehon’s spirituality spoke powerfully: the Incarnation as God’s closeness to humanity, the Cross as reparation and transforming love, the Eucharist as the heart of Christ, and Adoration as the silence of love. Community life deepened this renewal as we prayed, ate, and laughed together across cultures. The Indonesian word *sukacita* which means joy became a fitting prayer for this time.

Week Two: Charism and Community

The second week widened our horizon. We reflected on the Dehonian path ways of merciful love, immolation, reparation, reconciliation and the call to make justice, fraternity and mission tangible realities. Sessions on social teaching, psychosexual integration and community life reminded us that celibacy is not isolation but integration of love, leadership is service, and community must reflect the very Heart of Christ. Working in intercultural groups allowed us to experience *Sint Unum* in action.

Week Three: Vows and Mission

The third week focused on the evangelical counsels. We rediscovered obedience as a listening heart, poverty as trust in God and solidarity with the poor and chastity as a radical “yes” to universal love. Far from burdens, the vows emerged as true paths of freedom. We were also reminded that mission is the very identity of the Church and *Sint Unum* is not uniformity but communion. Learning the history of our congregation in Asia filled us with gratitude for our roots and courage for the future.

Week Four: Retreat

The final week was a sacred pause. Guided by Fr. Aloysius Suyoto, SCJ, we entered into silence, prayer and companionship with Christ. His wisdom and deep Dehonian spirit led us closer to God, to our Founder and to the essence of our vocation. In this calmness, our hearts grew ready to renew our wholehearted “Yes” in final profession.

The experience of Indonesia itself enriched our journey. We encountered the beauty of Yogyakarta and more importantly, the warmth and hospitality of its people. At our farewell, Indian and Indonesian traditions met: we offered shawls in gratitude, and in return received Batik shirts, a lasting sign of Sint Unum. A final pastoral experience at St. Barnabas Parish with Fr. Petrus SCJ and the parishioners, showed us the joy of living close to the people in simplicity and zeal.

Conclusion

We return home with renewed commitment to live as Dehonians: men of reparation, builders of unity, and missionaries of love. Our final vows are not the end of a journey but the beginning of a deeper mission—to carry the charism of Fr. Dehon into the world with joy and fidelity. With hearts full of gratitude, we lift our thanks first to God Almighty, who accompanied us every step of this journey and filled our days with grace and joy. We are deeply grateful to our District superior, Rev. Fr. Michael Augustine SCJ and his administration for their trust and encouragement, and to the Indonesian Provincial Rev. Fr. Andreas Superman SCJ and his administration for their generous hospitality that made us feel at home in Yogyakarta. Our special thanks go to Fr. Yulius Sunardi, SCJ, the Director of this program, for his vision and guidance, and to the Superior and community of Yogyakarta for embracing us as brothers. We remember with affection and gratitude all those who gave us input sessions Fr. Jenli SCJ, Fr. Michael Augustine SCJ, Fr. Wahyu SCJ, Fr. Nguyen Huu Loc SCJ, Fr. Daniel Ribero SCJ, Mr. Bambang, and Fr. Aloysius Suyoto SCJ whose wisdom and witness nourished our minds and hearts. Finally, we thank our fellow participants, brothers from Indonesia, Vietnam, and India, whose sharing, laughter, and fraternity made these weeks a living experience of Sint Unum. Truly, this time of preparation has been a gift, and our hearts echo only one word: sukacita...joy in God, in community, and in our Dehonian vocation.

**Yours in Heart of Christ,
Br. Gowtham Kanchi SCJ.**





Personal experience



A Testimony from the 4th International March for Prolife – Bangalore, August 2025

I am truly delighted to share my experience of participating in the 4th International March for Prolife, held in Bangalore on August 9th, 2025. Along with 18 fellow Prolife members, I traveled to Bangalore with great excitement and anticipation for what lay ahead.

We arrived on the afternoon of August 8th and were provided accommodation to refresh ourselves. After lunch, our Prolife team proceeded to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral to set up the exhibition that was scheduled to take place prior to the march. The team worked diligently throughout the afternoon and returned in the evening. After a brief rest, we gathered for the Eucharistic celebration, which spiritually prepared us for the next day.

On August 9th, we rose early and returned to the cathedral to finalize our exhibition setup. At around 9:30 AM, the exhibition was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, in the presence of:

- **Archbishop Andrews Thazhath**
- **Archbishop Francis Kalist**
- **Auxiliary Bishops Arokiaraj Satis Kumar and Joseph Susainathan**
- **Numerous priests from Bangalore and across India**
- **Prolife members from various regions**

The exhibition powerfully depicted the threats faced by unborn children and highlighted the suffering endured by girls and boys due to physical and sexual harassment.

Following the exhibition, a monument was inaugurated in memory of aborted, unborn, and abused children. This was followed by a solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Archbishop Peter Machado. The homily, delivered by Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, President of the CBCI, was deeply moving and emphasized the sanctity of life and the urgent need to protect it from the moment of conception. Over 40 priests concelebrated the Eucharist.

After the Mass, a multi-faith ceremony was held, where leaders from Islam (various sects), Sikhism, and Jainism spoke in support of life and its sacredness from conception. Their presence and words added a profound sense of unity and shared purpose.

Then began the March for Life. Leading the procession were bishops, priests, and religious leaders, followed by students from various schools, youth groups, and Prolife members. The march echoed with powerful slogans such as:

- They say no life, we say Prolife
- Abortion is not healthcare
- Life is life, no matter the size
- Band kar, band kar, abortion band kar

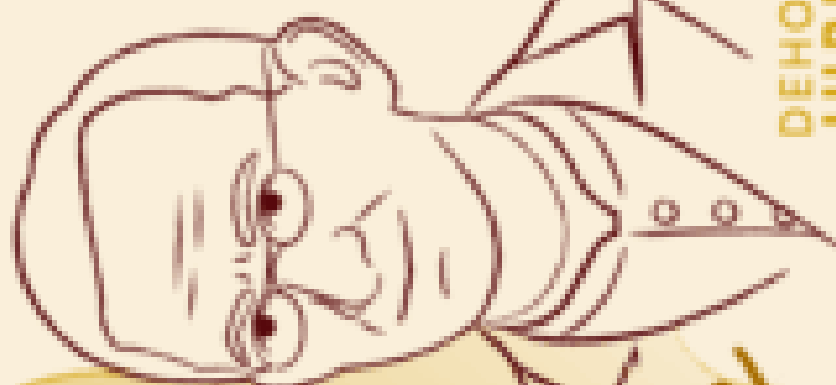
According to the data, over 3,000 participants joined the march. What truly amazed me was that half of them were young people teenagers and children aged 12 and above boldly standing for life, morality, and justice.

A sobering statistic shared by Archbishop Francis Kalist revealed that 15.6 million abortions occur annually, and every 2 seconds, one child is aborted. This stark reality deepened our conviction and commitment to the cause.

At the conclusion of the march, the banners were ceremonially handed over to the next organizing city. Thus, the 5th International March for Prolife will be held in the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, Chennai. (https://youtu.be/YxnJfrEV_y8?si=IfPnDisHi_P-6J74)

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