

Obituary

Bro. Joachim Dias, CMSF (SFXP) (1938 –2018)



Bro. Joachim Dias left for his heavenly reward at 7.45pm on 28 October, 2018 after his fifty six year long journey in the Congregation of Franciscan Missionary Brothers. He was born on 22 February 1938 in Goa to the pious parents Mr. Deodato Sebastian Dias and Maria Couceicao Dias. After High school education he joined the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionary Brothers and gone through stages of Formation in different places. He was admitted into the Congregation as postulant in 1959. He entered into the novitiate in Telegaon in 1962 and made his final profession in 1968 in Mount Poincur, Mumbai.

He was trained in wood technology and had been in-charge of our Carpentry sections at St. Francis ITI, Mumbai and Seva Sadan ITI, Bangalore at different period of time. He knew his work well and devoted his entire time for the assigned responsibility. It is heartening to see that those whom he trained have been well placed in different parts of the country and abroad. His love for the poor cannot be forgotten. He had an ardent love for the poor, in particular, the workers, under him. He helped many other poor people who approached him with warmth of affection. He assisted poor children in their studies, financially whenever needed. He had the ability to personally motivate individuals, especially youngsters. He maintained a healthy relationship with the neighbors in all the places he worked.

He loved the congregation very much. He was prompt in following the time-table, participating in the daily Eucharist, the community prayer and other activities of the community. During the years in the Congregation, he was given many assignments and served joyfully in the following communities; Khera Khurd (Delhi), St. Francis Monastery (Mumbai), Seva Sadan (Bangalore), St. Anthony's Institute (Goa), Chillakallur (Andra), Anand (Gujarath), Gokhivera (Vasai), Rome and Jyothi Bhavan (Mumbai).

He was a pleasant person to live with. He enjoyed the company of people from diverse walks of life and celebrated life with them. His sense of humor, ready wit endeared him to many. He endured the unbearable pain in quiet and dignified manner, not a word of complaint was ever heard from him, showing his total dependence on the Lord and giving us an example of how to bear unbearable suffering. He surrendered himself fully, saying "Let the Lord take me soon." He had his warm but painful smile on him till the last. With that smile and trust in the Lord, he said good-bye to us on 28th evening.

We will miss him very much, but we firmly believe that he will be blessing us and interceding for us from heaven. May God welcome him to eternal life and perpetual Joy !

The Funeral obsequies will be held on 30 October 2018 at 3pm in our Chapel at Seva Sadan, Bangalore.

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Secretary General