

**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN** {ISAIAH 9:6}

**Dear friend in Christ,**

We again have been preparing to celebrate the glories of Christmas. What blessed people we are to know the love of God and to be invited to remain in His midst forever.

During the first three Sundays of Advent, we have heard from John the Baptist, from the prophet Isaiah, and from Jesus himself, as they all helped us prepare a way in our lives for Christmas. The fourth Sunday of Advent we hear from the Blessed Virgin Mary and from the Angel Gabriel. All of these Advent messengers are there to help us and to guide us along our Advent journey. For them and for their message, we give thanks.

The celebration of Christmas encourages us to reflect upon God's greatest gift to us, His son, a gift prompted by God's great love for us.

The first to adore and bring gifts to the newborn Babe were the shepherds. As shepherds of the present time, what gift are we going to offer Him? You can give yourself as your generous gift to express your adoration of Christ, the son of God.

May the warmth and love that surround us in this Christmas season fill us all with a joy that sheds radiance over the year that lies ahead.

Thanking you

In the Friendship of Christ,

Fr Zevier H. Arockiam, HGN (Mary Queen of Apostle Province)

Priest Administrator, Pacific County Catholic Parishes.

**Advent is a grace-filled Season. We are invited to make a new Journey**

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**Be watchful for the Lord's Coming with hope.**

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**Prepare the Way for the coming of Lord with peace**

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**Rejoice in the spirit of the Lord, for the Lord is near.**

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**Let your longing lead to the Father with Faith in Love**

## **PACIFIC COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISHES**

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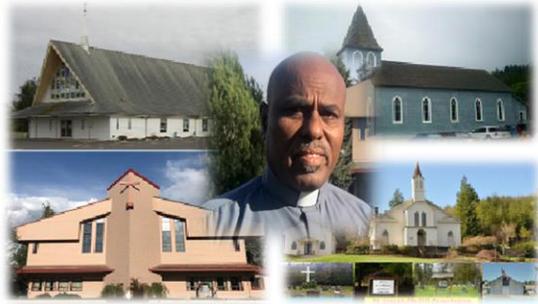
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**St Joseph (Polish), St Joseph (German) and Holy**

**Family Cemeteries**

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## Some Highlights from my Missionary Responsibilities and my Family Sentiments



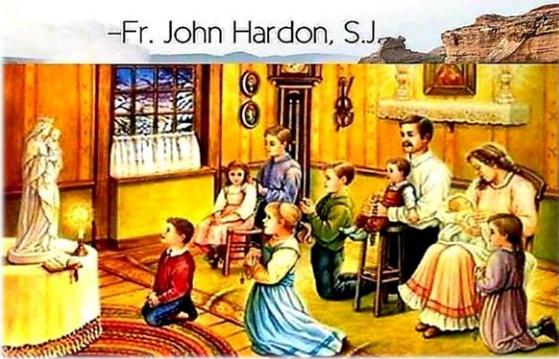
**Ministry in the Pacific County Catholic Parishes**, God has blessed me to do His works in Three (3) Parishes, Two (2) stations and Three (3) Cemeteries. Though there were so many challenges due to pandemic I was able to help people in their spiritual and Pastoral needs. There is No Staff due to the financial shortage in the parish but with valuable Volunteers' involvement I could accomplish most of the ministry with satisfaction. I could accomplish the renovation of McGowan station which was kept on postponed for more than 7 years.

God has inspired me to extend the assistance to the **Missionary Childhood Ministry in Papua New Guinea**. A high school girl (Eleanor) and a high school boy (Kingsley) requested to support their higher studies in the universities according to their higher score in the high school. I could guide them remotely to find support some extend for their first-year studies. They are in need for another three more years to be supported. I strongly believe that God will provide by inspiring some to help with their generosity. Please pray for them.



"Ordinary Catholics will not survive this age, only heroic Catholics will survive!"

—Fr. John Hardon, S.J.



### **COVID – 19 and ITS IMPACT**

The news is all doom and gloom as it has been since the outbreak of the coronavirus. It is too hard for even the most optimistic among us to stay positive. It is true that we need to take this virus seriously. Even after many months, we are still living in the shadow of this coronavirus pandemic. We see people's lives have been shattered. They have lost loved ones; they've been cut off from their families. They have seen their livings and futures fade away in uncertainty. As pastor, I feel with our people. This outbreak has isolated our plans and priorities, too. I think we understand what St. Paul meant when he said, "There is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches." Hoping with prayers for the healing of the situation. Pray together even as we are apart.

**Some News from back Home (India)**, My Mum, my siblings with their family, Friends, HGN (Missionary Society) Priests and Seminarians are doing well. It is true, everyone is affected by the COVID-19 indirectly. The regular studies of their Children and our Seminarians, winning of the daily bread due to long lockdown, family celebrations are challenged as we have here. There was a marriage of one of my nephews with their feeling of missing me (August 24, 2020). There are four (4) first born babies three (3) male and one (1) female in the families of nephew and nieces. One of them is born after twelve (12) years of marriage of his parents. They are waiting for my vacation to be baptized (January 31, 2021) along with their uncle and my nephew for his Marriage (January 27, 2021). One (1) Cousin and two (2) nieces wait for blessing their newly built houses and thank the Lord for His blessings.

We will be having General Assembly of **Our Missionary Society of Heralds of Good News** to elect Superior General and his Council Team in the month of January 2021. It will be held from January 18 – 24, 2021. I am selected as a delegate to participate in this General Assembly. Yes, five (5) Provinces of HGN are doing wonderful ministries according to the in the field of Education through Playschools to High Schools, Pastoral Ministries in various Dioceses/Archdioceses in India and missionary works in some other countries like Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Holland, Italy, Australia, Germany, Canada, USA, etc. according to the needs of people in these countries.

I am taking Vacation for four (4) weeks to take part in the General Assembly of our Missionary Society in India and visiting my Mum, Brothers, Sisters and Friends. Pray for me and for my travel in the challenging time of Pandemic.