

Missionary Priests from India

These priests have received a Full Scholarship from Xavier University for a Master's Degree in Education while residing at St. Bernard Church in Dayton Ky. St Bernard Church will pick up the next scholarship.



Fr. Babu Kurian MST

2009-2011

Catechism Director of Faridabad Diocese & Vicar of Blessed Marian Thressia Church, Delhi, India



Fr. Joe Anson MST

2011-2012

Principal, Mary Matha School, Chiplun, Maharashtra, India



Fr. Jayaprasad Joseph MST

2012-2014

Principal, Santhome Public School, Mandya, Karnataka, India



Fr. Bijumon Joseph MST

2014-2016

Principal, Saint Thomas School, Ujjain, India



Fr. Siju George MST

2016-2017

Principal, Alphonsa School, Miraj, Maharashtra, India

St. Francis Xavier helped his good friend, St Ignatius of Loyola, found the Society of Jesus. He is known for his missionary work in the East, where he spent much of his time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province there. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations.

Today, the Missionaries of St. Thomas (MST) help to continue this missionary work in India, especially in the field of Education. For the last 15 years, **Xavier University** has granted nine MST priests from India a full scholarship for a Master's Degree in Education.

St Bernard Church, a small parish of 160 households in Dayton, Ky, has hosted these priests, providing room, board, and health insurance. In return, these priests have said Masses for us while in residence here.

The MST priests come from India for 1 1/2 to 2 years, obtain their Master's Degree and then return to India to serve in the education field throughout their country.

Once a visa is approved for the next priest from India, **St. Bernard Church will provide his Full Scholarship, along with room and board, books and insurance.** He has already been accepted by Xavier for the Fall of 2025, provided he obtains his foreign student visa.



Fr. Jiby Antony MST

2017-2019

Manager & Principal, Sathome Public School, Sathyamangalam, Tamil Nadu, India



Fr. Sherit Thomas MST

2019-2021

Principal, St. Thomas School, Boath, Telangana, India



Fr. Roshan Varghese MST

2021-2023

Principal, Alphonsa School Sangli, Maharashtra, India



Fr. Binu Kurian MST

2023-Present

Finishing Special Education degree. Returning to India in July, 2025

Fr. Bijumon

Fr. Babu

Fr. Sherit

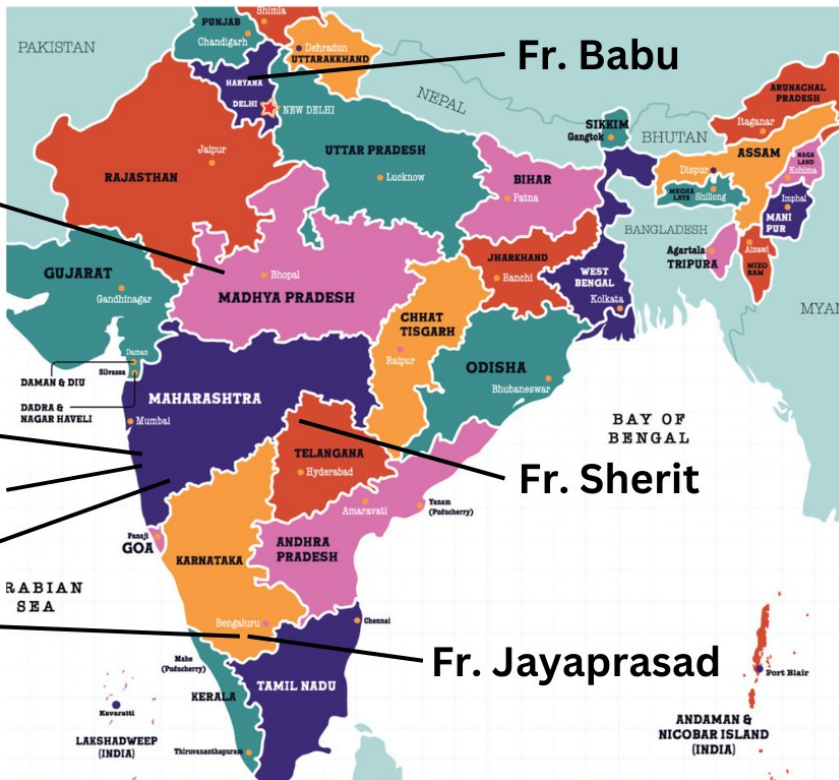
Fr. Joe

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Fr. Jayaprasad



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Testimonials From Our Indian Priests

One of the significant takeaways was the opportunity to develop valuable skills like problem solving and communication. The inputs I have received from the studies helps me a lot in the daily administration of the school. I have got different perspectives of school administration and its daily running. The approach taken in the different situation of school life was effected to the positive growth of the school. **The experience from Xavier university Cincinnati not only shaped my academic and professional trajectory but also personally fostering independence, resilience and global outlook.**

Fr Joe Anson MST
Manager and Principal
Mary Matha School
Kherdi Chiplun Ratnagiri
Maharashtra India

At the time of my appointment as Manager in December 2023, the school faced a difficult time with low admissions. My training at Xavier University has provided me with an international perspective to address the daily challenges in education. Through research methodologies, I have enhanced my skills and deepened my understanding of my work, ultimately improving the quality of education at Alphonsa School. Moreover, it prepared me to be a better administrator.

My experiences with St. Bernard and Divine Mercy parishes have also connected me with many kind-hearted individuals, enriching my priestly ministry. My time in the U.S. allowed me to explore a developed country and appreciate its diverse culture. I consider the U.S. my second home, filled with loving and caring people.

Fr Roshan Varghese MST
Principal
Alphonsa School
Sangli, Maharashtra, India

It certainly helped me very much during my two years of service as the Principal at St. Thomas School, Bathinda, Punjab from 2017 to 2019. This school in this Northern state of India was in its infancy stage at that time, started just a year ago. These two years was a time for me to experiment and put into practice some of the ideas and concepts I had come across at Xavier. Since June 2019, I have been rendering my services as the Principal of St. Thomas School, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. I can assure you that **Xavier has empowered and strengthened me to lead and guide some 100 staff and 2300 students** of this leading educational institution of the city in this Central Indian State.

Fr. Bijumon Joseph MST
Principal
Saint Thomas School
Ujjain, India

After my studies at Xavier University, I worked as principal in different schools in various parts of India.

During the spirit celebration at Xavier university in the year 2013, Fr spoke about how Xavier impacts thousands of lives in India through the students study and return to India. **I have experienced in my own life and work the real magnitude of the lasting impact Xavier has on the lives of thousands of students by playing a transformative role in making me an impacting teacher and educational administrator.**

Fr Jayaprasad Joseph MST
Principal
Santhome Public School
Mandya, Karnataka, India

Currently, I serve as the Principal of Alphonsa School in Miraj, Maharashtra, where I have 1,200 students learning and thriving. My coursework, particularly on the integration of technology in accelerating language learning for English as a Second Language (ESL) learners, has been invaluable. It equipped me to harness modern media and technology effectively to foster student engagement and knowledge acquisition, especially in the post COVID scenario.

In response to the challenges posed by the COVID 19 pandemic, I initiated an online quiz program called Mission Quest in 2021 for the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church across the globe. This initiative has grown significantly; in its third edition, it has reached participants worldwide, especially in the Syro-Malabar Church community. In just a few years, this program has engaged thousands of participants from each diocese of the Syro-Malabar Church, and I am confident it will continue to expand year after year. **Thanks to Xavier, ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!**

Fr. Siju George MST
Principal
Alphonsa School
Miraj, Maharashtra, India