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Fr. George Nadackal SDB

Born : 31-10-1954

Ordained : 28-12-1983

Died : 02-08-2021

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Friends,

This particular issue of the Newsletter is dedicated to Fr. George Nadackal who passed away on 2nd August 2021. He had served as the Principal of DBTI Okhla for 18 years and his life here was full of dedication especially for the poor trainees. He was a man of prayer with full trust in divine providence. One thing he constantly told me was that he enjoyed God's grace and he experienced this blessing in his personal moments of prayers and while spending time in the chapel. This gave him strength and courage always to move ahead.



Another characteristic dear to him was that he never wanted to give any trouble to any one even when he was suffering from cancer. And we know that from 2nd August, 2021 onwards he is freed from all pains and sufferings as he is enjoying eternal peace and happiness together with all the saints and angles.

I would like to give you a gist of what had happened on the last day of his life. Five of us salesians were with him on 1st August, 2021 from 8:30 PM to 3:00 AM on the following day.

Fr. George had vomited 5 times on that day and there were blood stains in the vomits. These were not good signs. Cancer had spread to his spine and even the brain was getting affected slowly. At 7:00 PM he was given oxygen support as he had breathing difficulty. At 9:30 PM breathing problem persisted and the supply of oxygen was increased. ECG was checked every now and then and the doctors said that there is a danger of heart attack. At around 11:30 PM the main doctor came and told Fr. George that he would be alright and assured that all the doctors were with him. He was also told that he had water in the lungs and was highly Covid +ve. Therefore, it was mandatory that he has to be shifted to Covid trauma center in Sabdarjung.

A short while later the same doctor called us aside separately and told us that his condition was critical and the coming couple of days were crucial. Anything could happen.

His condition continued deteriorating each minute as I could see. At least two of us were with him in the room always taking turns as more people were not allowed. There were no sitting arrangements and so we were on our feet till 3:00 AM in the morning. Now and then we were asked by doctors to get medicines as per the directions given by them.

Finally, as his condition worsened further, a tube was inserted through his mouth and ventilator support was given but prior to this doctors had warned that anything could happen, even death.

I could see his struggle and his eyes remained open always as he was being shifted in an ambulance to the Trauma center. We five of us accompanied him in our vehicle to the covid trauma center at 3:00 AM after which we came away as we were not allowed to enter the covid trauma center.

The next information we received from the hospital was that he had passed away at 4:00 AM. May God bless his soul.

Br. Tom C. J. SDB, Principal

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ADIEU DEAR FR. GEORGE



Rev. Dr. Sajjan M. George SDB
Director, DBTI Okhla

“Please remember the wonderful person who is no longer with us today- his kind spirit, warm smile, and generous soul will be remembered fondly for years to come.”

Unto us a child was born on 31st October, 1954, to Mr. Varkey Nadackal and Mrs. Mariam Varkey. He was the fifth of the eight children. And his name was George who dared to leave behind his parents and seven of his brothers and sisters and just came off to an unknown land in North India. He dared to be different and loved the poor in particular. Therefore, he dedicated most of his life in technical field, reaching out to the marginalized and the under privileged. His pastoral heart always made him to reach out to his students and alumni equally. He found time to say a word in their ear, to wish them on important occasions and to make them realize (as per testimonies), that he was truly a father to them.

By the time, cancer wanted to have the better of him, he had already fought the good fight, and had finished his race. And on his return to his Father in Heaven on 2nd August, 2021 at 04:00 AM in the morning, he might have been already told by his Father, “well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in little things, so enter into the eternal glory”.

Speaking about Fr. George Nadackal, he was a tireless and hardworking Salesian who would go about doing his duties with precision and perfection. He was a man of strong principles who always gave predominant consideration to the truth and the work entrusted to him. He was a man with clarity and transparency in all his deeds. Speaking further about him, it is apt to state that his life was his sermon. His simplicity of life, professionalism displayed in his deeds are par excellence and won the admiration and hearts of his own students.

As we see that his mortal remains take leave of us, we assure you, you can't leave us and go away, for you are in our hearts.

Goodbye! Farewell! Till We meet again.

A MEMORY THAT WILL LAST FOR EVER!



‘Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts’. This is the feeling of everyone associated one way or other with Rev. Fr. George Nadackal who left for his eternal reward early morning on 2nd August 2021 due to cancer and other related complications.

Fr. George hails from Athirampuzha, Changanacherry Diocese. He was born on 31.10.1954, to Mariam and Varkey Nadackal and baptized on 16.11.1954.

After completing his SSLC in 1970, he entered the Aspirantate in Bandel, for Calcutta Province. He entered the novitiate in 1973 in Sunnyside, Upper Shillong and made his first profession on 24 May 1974. After his Philosophical and Humanities

studies in Salesian College Sonada, he had his Practical Training in Don Bosco Krishnagar (2 years) and Don Bosco Cossipur (1 year). He did his theological studies in Kristu Jyoti College, Bangalore from 1980-1984 and was ordained on 28th December 1983 in St. Mary’s Forane Church, Athirampuzha by Archbishop Anthony Padiyara (later Cardinal).

As a priest he spent most of his years in Technical Schools, both qualifying himself in technical studies as well as sharing the responsibility of giving technical education to poor and abandoned youth in Krishnagar and Okhla from 1985 to 2009, when he was appointed to look after street children in Don Bosco Ashalayam. During this period, he completed his Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Jamia University, in 2007, securing a Gold Medal. He was for two terms Rector in Don Bosco Okhla (2003-2009) and two terms in Ashalayam (2009-2015). He also served for two terms as Member of the Provincial Council from 2006 to 2012.

His pastoral heart always reached out to all his students who remember him with great love. His pastoral love found great expression when he was the Pastor at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Naugatuck, USA, from 2015-2019. In 2019 he was appointed as the Rector and Principal of Don Bosco Lucknow.

It was at Don Bosco Lucknow that he was diagnosed with cancer, for which he received treatment in AIIMS Hospital, Delhi. He developed complications including Covid and the Lord called him to himself on 2nd August 2021 early in the morning at 4:00 AM. We accept with resignation, fully believing that the Almighty knows the best. May the Lord grant him eternal rest.

DBTI ALUMNI ON FR. GEORGE



My first meeting with Fr. George Nadackal was when I came to DBTI in 1994 to get admission as a trainee. I had come alone without my parents because the financial condition of my family was not so good and my parents could not afford train tickets from Bihar to Delhi. This situation of mine was noticed by Fr. George and he arranged Indo German scholarship to support my training. I was also privileged to get hostel facility as I was a stranger in Delhi. The first year passed without much interaction with Fr. George but in my second year I was a little closer to him. In the final year he used to crack jokes with me which made me feel much more comfortable and I really felt at home with him. After passing out in 1997 he

became a friend indeed during the past pupils meetings which used to be held now and then. He loved to see his past pupils when the alumni meetings were held. During those moments of sharing of experiences and fun were enjoyed by everyone. He used to call the core members a month before to plan the details of the meetings. Though he looked very serious yet he was very gentle and kind. I had no job after completing my training. He gave me a job on temporary basis so that I could manage and survive. He was very loving but more caring to poor students.

Dear Fr. George, you may be away from our sight but you can't be away from our hearts!

Ajit Osta (Mechanical 1994-97)
President, DBTI Alumni, Okhla

“His smile was our vibe; his guidance was our strength; a mentor like him are very few.”

The person I know was with a big loving heart and was none other than Rev. Fr. George Nadackal. He was strict but at the same time very loving and caring especially to the financially poorer students. His concern for the poor people was very conspicuous and appreciative. Fr. George Nadackal had played a very important role in the community and society. His contributions cannot be compared with any other profession or occupation. We learned a lot from him from self-discipline, hard work, dedication, loyalty, spirituality to professionalism. He had been the guiding light in my life. It was a blessing for all of us to work and study under his guidance. He has laid a very firm, deep and strong foundation to our life and he will always remain in our hearts and minds.

I am deeply indebted to Fr. George for all that he had done for me. I sincerely pray that the good Lord may take care of his soul.

Jeenu Chacko Panicker
(Mechanical 1996-99)

My name is Amit (Salman) and I am a past student of Don Bosco Okhla (1995-98 batch)

I knew respected Fr. George Nadackal for the last 26 years. It was a wonderful journey of experiences under his guidance, love and care. He was a man of God who always

lived his life for the poor. Most of his past pupils kept constantly in touch with him as Fr. George had a special love for them. He has played a vital role in shaping the lives of many youngsters which they always remember and cherish.

He has always held my hand like a great *guru* and always guided me like a Father.

He has changed the life of thousands of poor students through his exemplary life. I am also fortunate to be one of them. Today when I take a look at my past journey of 26 years which started from Don Bosco Okhla in 1995, I see only his contribution in making me what I am today.

I was in touch with him in his last few days which I never thought would be his last days. For all of us he was a man of God. If we want him to live in our hearts forever, then we have to try to be like him and accept him as our role model. He used to say that we should also do little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.

I am so thankful to God for the gift of Fr. George and his influence in my life. I am so enriched by his guidance and inspiration. May God keep him close to Him in the eternal heavenly kingdom.

Amit (1995-1998 batch)

DBTI ALUMNI REMEMBERS THE MAN WITH A BIG HEART



Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening, but no matter how hard death tries, it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories either. In the end, life is stronger than death. This is the consolation of the DBTI alumni at the departure of their former principal who was their mentor and guide during the period of training at DBTI Okhla and after that as well. The person referring to is none other than Rev Fr. George Nadackal SDB who passed away at 4:00 AM on 2nd August, 2021 due to cancer and other related complications. The news of his sudden departure has left everyone shocked and hearts full of sorrows.

The alumni gathered together on 8th August, 2021 at 10.00 AM

to commemorate the departure of their mentor, Fr. George Nadackal. About forty past pupils gathered for a memorial service at DBTI Okhla. There was Holy Mass at 10.00 AM presided over by Rev. Fr. Sajan M George, the Director of the institute. Fr. K. A. Joseph shared his thoughts on Fr. George during the sermon. Mr. Sonu Dey was at the key board and the choir sang all the hymns so melodiously and in a prayerful manner fitting to the occasion. Mr Roby gave the vote of thanks at the end of the Mass.

Soon after the Holy Mass everyone gathered in the hall to cherish the memories. At the outset Mr. Ajit Osta, the president of the alumni, invited Br. Tom, the current Principal and delegate of the alumni, to speak on Fr. George Nadackal.

Br. Tom spoke and gave an elaborate detail of exactly what had happened on 1st August, 2021 the last day of Fr. George Nadackal. There were five Salesians in the hospital that evening till 3.00 AM on the following day morning as Fr. George's condition had deteriorated drastically. Fr. Sajan M. George was invited to give an introductory talk and to introduce the Salesians. After that Mr. Ajit Osta shared his thoughts and invited the representatives to share their views and thoughts on Fr. George Nadackal. Six of them shared and several of them were in tears during their sharings.

Towards the end of the gathering, Mr. Ajit Osta said that Fr. George had a big heart especially for the poor trainees and so to keep his legacy and dream alive he proposed to start a scholarship program "George Nadackal Memorial Scholarship" for the needy trainees of the Institute. This suggestion came first from Mr. Roby George. The idea was welcomed by everyone and the first one to contribute was Mr. Alias Pinto, the Vice President of Motherson Sumi company as he contributed rupees one lakh. Mr. Jomon too contributed Rs. 21,000/ in cheque.

Others are expected to contribute once the account is opened but the following past pupils have confirmed to contribute the following amount.

- Mr. Roby George : Rs.25,000/-
- Mr. Amit John : Rs. 11,000/-
- Mr. Denzil Schoffil : Rs. 50,000/-
- Mr. Ajit Osta : Rs.11,000/-



After the memorial gathering everyone had a sumptuous lunch after which as a token of love for Fr. George, 150 lunch packets were distributed to the poor people of the street in and around Sukhdev Vihar.

There are no goodbyes for us. As you are in heaven dear Fr. George, you will always be in our hearts. When someone we love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Mr. Ajit Osta
President, DBTI Alumni

Scholarship Fund Bank Account Details	
Account Name	: Bosco Technical Training Society (GNM)
Account No.	: 179501000005717 (Savings Account)
IFSC	: IOBA0001795
Bank Address	: Indian Overseas Bank, New Friends Colony, ND-25

FR. GEORGE NADACKAL BORN TO LOVE AND SERVE

Born	31.10.1954	Athirampuzha
Baptism	16.11.1954	St. Mary's Forane Church, Athirampuzha
Confirmation	31.12.1961	St. Mary's Forane Church, Athirampuzha
School	1970	St. Aloysius High School, Athirampuzha
P.U.C	1972	Salesian College, Sonada
Philosophy & Graduation	1977	Salesian College Sonada
Theology	1984	Kristu Jyoti College, Bangalore
Diploma 1984 with Gold Medal: Jamia Millia University, New Delhi		
First Profession	1974	Sunnyside, Shillong
Perpetual Profession	1980	Sacred Heart College, Shillong
Ordination & First Mass	1983	St. Mary's Forane Church, Athirampuzha
May 1984 - Dec 1984		Boys' Town, Calcutta Asst. Parish Priest

INSTITUTIONS/COMMUNITIES SERVED AND POSITIONS HELD

Dec 1984 - May 1985	Berhampore Parish Asst. Parish Priest
May 1985 - May 1988	Don Bosco Krishnagar Prefect of Studies Technical
May 1988 - Dec 1990	Don Bosco Tech. Okhla Student
Jan 1990 - Jan 1992	Don Bosco, Park Circus Student
Feb 1992 - May 1997	Don Bosco Tech. Okhla Superintendent Technical
May 1997 - May 2003	Don Bosco Tech. Okhla Principal & Vice Rector
2006 - 2012	Provincial Councillor
2008 Feb - April	Acting Provincial during General Chapter
May 2003 - May 2009	Don Bosco Tech. Okhla Rector & Principal
May 2009 - May 2015	Don Bosco Ashalayam Rector, Director of Ashalayam
May 2015 - May 2019	St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Naugatuck, U.S A, Pastor
May 2019 - July 2021	Don Bosco Lucknow Rector & Principal



DBTI Celebrates Independence Day

The institute celebrated 75th Independence of India. There was a prayer service/mass at 7:00 AM presided over by Rev. Fr. Sajan M. George, the Director of the institute. In spite of Covid-19 restrictions, about 25 students turned up for the flag hoisting ceremony which was held at 8:00 AM. The Director of the institute hoisted the flag and Nishi, one of the trainees gave a thought provoking speech on the occasion. The content of the speech is as given below.

Today all of us are here to acknowledge our privilege of being born in a free country, India, and celebrate the 75th Independence Day of our country. There is hardly anyone who woke up on 15th August, 1947 to hear India's tryst with destiny. We are born in an Independent country and probably understand very little about the challenges and insecurities of being governed by a foreign power.

On this occasion, our thoughts turn first to Mahatma Gandhi, the man behind our struggle for freedom and the Martyrs who made supreme sacrifices for our country's liberty. We are also reminded of the relentless struggle of our great patriots who liberated our motherland from colonial rule.

As a youngster of the nation, this day captures immense significance in the core of the Indian citizens living in any corner of this world. Holding it to be a national holiday, this seems to have an ambience of hoisting the national flag

at all institutions as well as in our homes, as a tribute to the memory of those who fought for the freedom of India. The identity of being an independent country where sovereign power of deciding our destiny rests with us, brings about a huge responsibility on our shoulders. We, in particular who are in this campus have got two-fold responsibilities to dedicate our services and life for the progress of the nation expecting that the outcome of this institution will lead the nation forward.

The founding fathers of this nation, along with the numerous freedom fighters who gave their lives for the country, wanted this nation to be independent and happy. Over the last seven decades, India emerged towards becoming a global power to fulfill it. If each of us decides to work with dedication in our own fields, we will make great contributions towards the nation and this institute. Let us take a pledge to do that and take our country forward. May the exemplary life of the great leaders who fought for the freedom, keep on guiding us in creating an incredible and prosperous India, and make it a better place to live in.



Nishi Kindo



**Rev. Fr. George Nadackal SDB with his community members
at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Lucknow**



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DBTI invites applications for
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in the following

MECHANICAL		
Course Duration: 2 Years		
Name of the Course	Certification	Eligibility
Draughtsman	NCVT	Class X with Maths & Science with Minimum 45% in Maths for General Students & 35% in Maths for Christian Minorities & ST/OBC students & have sufficient knowledge of English
Machinist	NCVT	
Machinist Grinder	NCVT	
Turner	NCVT	
COMPUTER		
Course Duration: 1 Year		
Name of the Course	Certification	Eligibility
Computer Operator & Programming Assistant (COPA)	NCVT	Class X and proficiency in English
Computer Hardware & Networking	Don Bosco	Class XII and Proficiency in English
O'Level	NIELIT	Class XII with minimum of 50% aggregate and Proficiency in English
BCA	GGSIPU	Class XII (Condition Apply) Duration:3 Years

PRINTING		
Course Duration: 2 Years		
Name of the Course	Certification	Eligibility
Offset Printing Technician(CVE)	CISCE	Class X with Maths & Science with Minimum 45% in Maths for General Students & 35% in Maths for Christian Minorities & ST/OBC students & have sufficient knowledge of English
Graphic Design Technician (CVE)		
DON BOSCO CERTIFICATION		
Name of the Course	Duration	Eligibility
CNC Turning	3 Months	Degree/ Diploma/ ITI. Mech Trades Or Persons working in industry
CNC Milling	3 Months	Class X
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	3 Months	Class X
Electrician	3 Months	Class X
Plumbing	3 Months	Class X
Advance Welding	3 Months	Class X
Off set Printing	1 Year	Class VIII
Graphic Design	1 Year	Class XII
General Machine Operator	1 Year	Class VIII

Admission Process Extended: Spot counselling and Interview till 20th September 2021
Hostel run by sisters will be available for girls who seek admission in DBTI

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