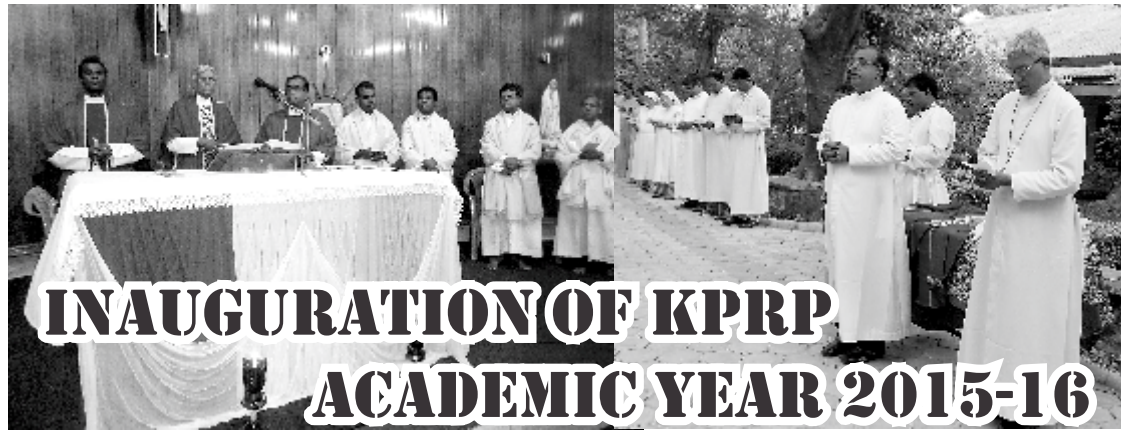


*"Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough." Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam*



On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015, on the feast of the Apostle, St. Thomas, Khrist Premalaya Regional Philosophate (KPRP) marked the inauguration of its new academic year. His Grace, Archbishop Leo Cornelio SVD, along with the staff and the invited guests, gathered at the grotto for a short prayer service. The Rector of KPRP, Fr. Godwin Viegas SVD welcomed His Grace, Leo Cornelio SVD with a flower bouquet. A special prayer for seminarians was led by Fr. Francis Viegas SVD, the Spiritual Director, along with the invited guests. From the grotto, the brothers led the procession to the chapel with songs.

In his homily, His Grace, highlighted the perils of increasing agnosticism in the world, and the shallow faith among a large percentage of Catholics. Drawing the brothers' attention to the faith-seeking doubt of the Apostle, St. Thomas, and the words of Our Lord, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe," His Grace, encouraged the brothers to seek the truth of Christian faith, through their study of philosophy.

At the end of the Eucharistic celebration, Fr. Biju Joseph CP, the Director of the Passionist Community, thanked all the fathers, sisters, brothers and lay

collaborators who graced the occasion by their presence and prayers.

The *Lectio Brevis* (brief lecture), is the high point of the Inauguration Day in major seminaries. Many fathers, brothers, sisters, Holy Cross novices and brothers from SVD Vidya Bhavan took active part in the event. The resource person, Dr. Fr. Johnney P. J., the Principal In-charge of BSSS College, delivered a scholarly lecture on the theme "Education: A Relevant Ministry of Priesthood." The lecture spelled out how the primary purpose of education is to enable one to draw out from oneself that which is best and make it perfect for a noble cause. Besides, the apostolate of education has to be modelled after Christ's own ministry of teaching, preaching and sanctifying, by imparted divine and human values through the example of the Sermon on the Mount. The participants took active part by their interaction with the resource person. The event ended with the vote of thanks by the Dean of studies, Fr. Florence Minz SVD, who thanked Dr. Fr. Johnney P. J. for his inspiring and thought-provoking lecture.

This year, KPRP is blessed with fifty-one students, of which, thirty-eight hail from thirteen dioceses, two of Holy Family Fathers, besides, eleven day scholars of the Passionist congregation.

**- Fr. Francis Viegas SVD**