

14th March 2019

Dear brothers,
Greetings.

Hope you are all fine.

As we are advancing in the process of becoming an Independent Delegation in our Congregation, I invite you all cordially to reflect in your communities about a suitable name you want to give to the Independent Delegation of Kolkata.

As per the advice of Fr. Superior General, I am writing you asking for your suggestions regarding the name of the Independent Delegation. In the recent history of our congregation, we observe different names given to the newly erected Major Organisms as a result of the revision of positions coming from the last two General Chapters. Thus the former major organisms of Spain, Portugal, UK-Ireland, Italy and France have come together to form 3 provinces with a name proper to their regions, such as, Santiago, St. Paul and Fatima. The same thing took place when the provinces Argentina- Uruguay, Chile and the mission of Paraguay under the Province of Aragon, Spain, formed the province with the name San Jose del Sur. Equatorial Guinea and Gabon formed into a Major Organism with the name the Independent Delegation of Fr. Xifre who started the mission there. Our brothers of St. Thomas Province took up the name of St. Thomas, the apostle for the historical reasons of his preaching of the Gospel in India.

In this background, I am pleased to animate you look for a suitable name to our Independent Delegation of Kolkata that has to comprehend all the realities of the region and Claretian background to present an instant identity.

While discussing about this with Fr. General, I asked him whether we could go to name our Major Organism after Fr. Dirnberger. He replied me to discuss it with Rev. Fr. Joseph Callistus, the Provincial Superior of Germany and Fr. Rex Constantine, the Delegate Superior of Sri Lanka and find out whether they have any plan of having Fr. Thatha's name for their Independent Delegation. Since both of them agree to allow us to have the name of Fr. Dirnberger for the Independent Delegation of Kolkata, you may reflect about this possibility too in your community dialogue.



Therefore, I ask the Superiors of our communities to call for a community meeting for this purpose and chart out two names in the order of 1st and 2nd priority and send your results to Fr. Lawrence, the Delegate Superior of the Dependent Delegation of Kolkata on or before 22nd of this month of March, 2019. Reading all your proposals the council of the Delegation will send its proposal to the Provincial Superior who will officially ask Fr. Superior General to approve the proposed name as an official name for the Independent Delegation of Kolkata.

Hoping that I have explained the plan for your understanding, I remain.

Take care and pray for me

Thanks a lot,

Fraternally yours



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Provincial Superior.

