

St. Thomas the Apostle Vice Province Congress – Part II



Joe Van Leeuwen was the preacher and Mike Higgins the celebrant for the Eucharist on Wednesday.



Joachim Rego proclaims St. Thomas the Apostle to be a Vice Province. Don Webber and Mike Higgins present the Proclamation to Antony X and council.



Joachim Rego begins election process. Nambikai Raj and Titus Chullikadu were the tellers.



Joachim Rego congratulates Tomy Kanjirathinkal on his election as Vice Provincial.



Tomy and new council at the Thursday Eucharist.



Tom McDonough preached on Wednesday. Notice glare on his glasses. He used an I Pad for his homily notes!



The formal welcoming ceremony for visitors from American, Australia, Japan, Korea, Indonesia and Rome was on Friday during the final Eucharist. Joachim Rego celebrated the Mass and Joe Moons was the preacher.





Some of the men formed a choir to cantor all the songs for prayer services and Eucharists during the five days of the Congress.



Sony Kannanaikal shows the backpack that was given to all the delegates and visitors.

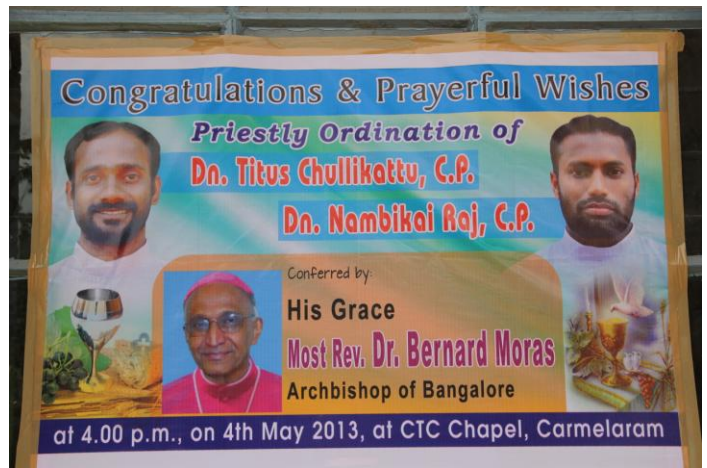


On the final day, a great banquet was held on the roof of the retreat center. Of course, in India there is always dancing after a special meal. Joe Van Leeuwen tries his 1950s dance steps.





This pedestal in the Chapel belonged to Bishop Leo Kierkels, C.P., first Apostolic Delegate to India and then, following the independence of the country, appointed Pro-Nuncio Apostolic, 1931-1952.



Two ordinations on Saturday, May 4, 2013.



Delegates and guests gather in retreat center courtyard for official Congress photo.