



ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Teachers, Parents and Children,

November 18, 2022

Tomorrow being the 80th death anniversary of Brother Paulus Moritz, Founder of the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionary Brothers, the school will remain closed. Following is a brief information about Brother Paulus Moritz for your kind information. I request your prayers for the Brothers and our Institutions all over the world. Wish you all God's blessings.

BROTHER PAULUS MORITZ (1869-1942)

Founder of the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionary Brothers

Being inspired by the MISSION and the MESSAGE of Saint Francis of Assisi, Brother Paulus Moritz left his home and the country, Germany and came to India at the age of 26 in the year 1895 to spread the message of BROTHERHOOD and PEACE.

Convinced of the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood lived by Saint Francis of Assisi, Brother Paulus Moritz sowed the seeds of BROTHERHOOD among his early followers and people. He founded the Congregation of the Missionary Brothers of Saint Francis of Assisi, *Congregatio Missionaria Sancti Francisci* (CMSF) in 1901 in India.

Brother Paulus began his MISSION taking care of the orphan children in Mount Poincur, Borivaly, Mumbai. What started with 16 orphan children in 1908 have now reached its MISSION to almost all the states in India and several countries and now in the African Continent.

The life of Brother Paulus was a unique blend of holiness and humanitarianism. He was a beacon light of solace and comfort to the Church of the poor. He embraced Sister Death on November 19, 1942 at Mount Poincur, Mumbai.

Today, eighty years after his death, the Congregation he founded remains as dedicated as ever for the cause of BROTHERHOOD and WORLD PEACE through works of compassion, education and love.

With love and affection,

Brother Sanil Tharayil
Principal