



FRANCISCANS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PAKISTAN



PROFILE 2021 to 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Franciscans of St. John the Baptist is a charitable organization which looks after the two main aspect of our society as a whole in Pakistan, namely the **Health Care** of the poor and **Education** of the poor children of the society. We feel that health is one of the most vital areas for the poor people to look into and to up-lift them so that they may become better citizens in order to serve the nation. The Franciscans of St. John the Baptist Organization's main areas of concern are the poor in interior Sindh.

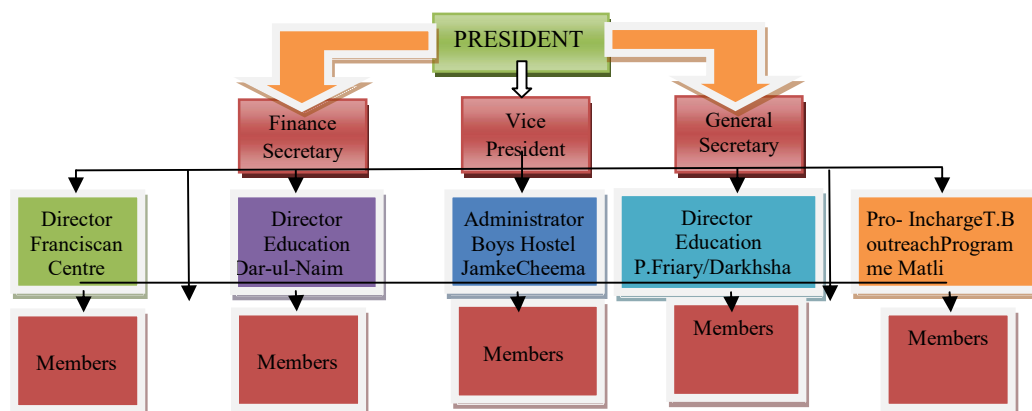
The second area of our concern is the education of the poor children. The Franciscans of St. John the Baptist look after the education of the youth in major cities of Pakistan namely Taluka Khipro, District Sanghar Taluka and Karachi, District East where they get full scholarship of boarding and lodging. We believe that these two areas of our life are very important to grow in the society. Therefore to uplift the society we have to serve and work for the poor, youth and less privileged.

INTRODUCTION:

Franciscans of St John the Baptist, Pakistan was registered on March 10, 2000, under Societies, (XXI Act of 1860). The Organization of Franciscans of St John the Baptist, Pakistan is a charitable Organization. It is a non-profitable, non-commercial, and non-religious entity. It also trains the Franciscan youth intellectually, spiritually, and culturally for as a professional Pastors/Teachers to be at the service of the people in Pakistan as a whole.

The main task of organization is to spread education, health awareness and to promote charitable works for the less Privileged people. Since then it is working actively in three sectors of human life, as follows Health, Education and Charity. During the Board of Directors meeting there were discussions in groups and after each presentation of every report. The purpose of these deliberations was to facilitate the formulation of a mandate for the up-coming new board members of the organization of Franciscans of St John the Baptist, Pakistan.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



WORKING AREAS OF PROJECTS

S.No	District/Talka/Tehsil	Name of Projects Implementing in the areas.
01.	Sanghar District, Talka Khiproo Sindh-Pakistan	Health Care Project.
02.	Gulshan-e-Iqbal East District Karachi, Sindh-Pakistan.	Education: Religious and Professional Studies

HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

Introduction of Health

Health is the foremost part of human life. Healthy people can form a healthy society. Human health depends on a balanced diet and clean environment. In order to have good health everybody needs to be well aware of clean and fresh food. Apart from that everyone must understand the effect of hygiene on human health therefore it is important to take care of the cleanliness.

If a person possesses good mental and physical health, then he does not fall victim to hopelessness and despair.

During the period of 2021 to 2022 there were people with cancer, tuberculosis and prevention. Health awareness in outreach, local water filter method, bringing patients to various hospitals, dealing with abuse of drug users, medical camps in different areas and community development program was part of healthcare project. Especially when entire world was struggling with CoVid-19 there were lot of initiative have been taken on prevention of CoVid-19 such distribution of face mask, hand sanitizer, food (Rasan) distribution to the needy and providing health assistance to CoVid-19 positive. It was a great contribution of the organization in the situation pandemic CoVid-19 when it is needed a most.

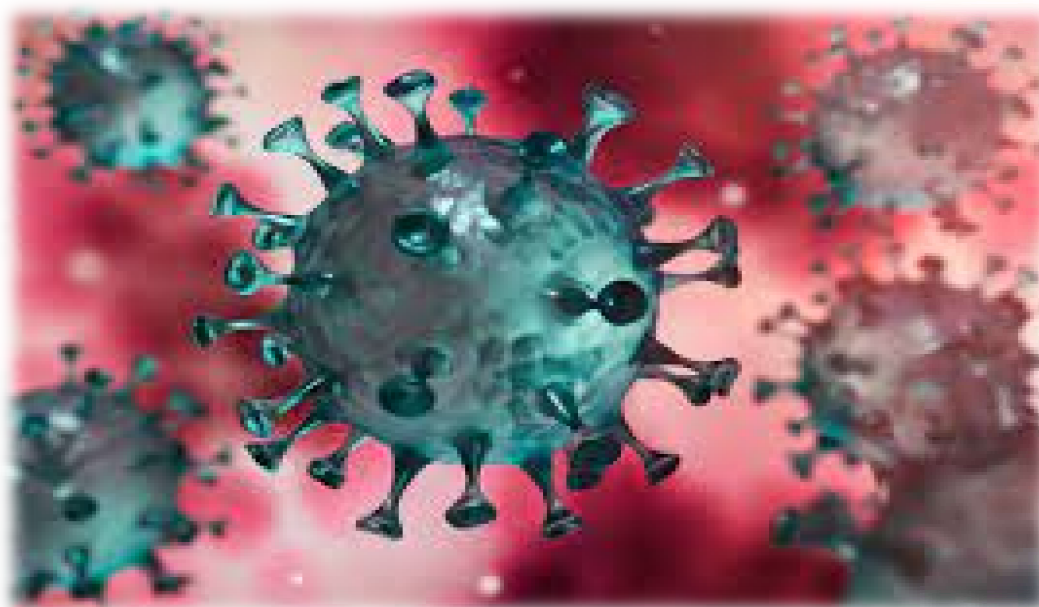
The organization has also supported people through look after their board and lodge. There were patients coming to our house from Quetta, Badin, Kotri, Kipro, Mirpurkhas for their treatment in Karachi. It has been a great help to them to sustain their health.

In addition to this, awareness of health & hygiene programs was conducted to overcome scabies and other issue of healthcare. In this regard awareness sessions/meetings/workshops were conducted in the different working villages.

After that the organization started treatment of scabies patients with the help of respected volunteers and Doctor and treated numerous patients suffering from scabies in the villages. Conducted Free Medical Camps for the patients of scabies and other related skin diseases wherein numerous villagers were came to treat their skin problems.

It gives me hope and tremendous joy, when I see patients who were close to death at one time, and after being taken care of, get cured and becomes a source of life for the family again. It feels as if a new life is returned not only to this person who was sick and is well now, but the whole family gets new life through this healing ministry. What a wonder!

COVID-19 AND OUR STRUGGLES



COVID-19

No country and no community have been spared the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of 7 September 2021, more than 220 million confirmed cases and more than 4.5 million deaths have been reported to WHO. The world is at a pivotal moment in the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. In many high-income countries, the pandemic has faded from public and political view as vaccination programmes succeed in decoupling cases from severe disease.

Pakistan has experienced, and adequately responded to three waves of COVID19 as of 30th June 2021, during which period we have had a total of 957,371 confirmed cases and 22,281 deaths (CFR= 2.3%). The most affected province in terms of severity being Punjab (CFR=3.1%) and least was ICT (CFR= 0.9%). More males are affected than females and most affected age group is the 21-30 years of age; more deaths have been reported in males than females as well.

Cases are declining in Pakistan, but our models are projecting a second Omicron wave similar to what we have seen in Europe and some US states. We expect the second wave to start in August. However, our long-term projections show that this second Omicron wave will be smaller than the previous one. The trajectory of Omicron after the second wave will be determined by the pattern of waning immunity from vaccination and infection. More recent studies do suggest that Omicron provides considerable protection against subsequent Omicron infection even from other subvariants. The combination of boosters and wider use of antivirals if available should keep the death toll in the winter down to levels far below the last winter.

Activities by Franciscans of St. John the Baptist, Pakistan

Distribution of food Packages to poor from July 2021 to June 2022

The fight against COVID-19 food distribution Campaign program is arranged at different places and food (Rasan) has distributed to poor.

Awareness Program In CoVid-19

The Fight against COVID-19, the Sanitizers, face masks and cleanliness is an important factor to prevent from pandemic COVID-19. Br. Walfred and Fr. Perviaz conducted a program they visits Families to make them aware of Corona Virus diseases. The fight against COVID-19, in Lahore is done by our Formation House DAR-UL-NAIM, a Student House in Lahore. The Hostel Students are given awareness about Corona Virus Disease. Also in Karachi the safety measure has been taken to save themselves from COVID-19.

E d u c a t i o n

Education being the fundamental human right stands most important element in evolution of human progress and nation development. It develops capabilities to fight against injustice, violence, corruption and many other social evils. Sustainable socioeconomic development of a country depends on substantial investment in its human capital through education and skill development. Educated people work as an effective tool in accepting and adopting innovative ideas and means of productivity/technologies, ensuring the elimination of economic and social ailments. An educated and skilled nation is productive enough to accelerate economic growth through expanded vision, creativity and, innovations in the country. In 2021-2022 Pakistan literacy rate has improved and raised up to 58%

In rural areas, shortage of teachers and absenteeism, ghost schools, lack of supervision and cultural constraints (for girls) are the main factors of illiteracy.

Franciscans of St. John the Baptist, Pakistan since its inception has been playing a vital role in the field of education especially in rural area and has been conducting awareness program among the boys and the girls on career guidance and the importance of education. Many children have shown their interest in the field education and they like to continue their education. It is a great power to form a strong nation. We have also hostels where many poor and deserving children comes for admission. We are so happy to serve our nation through education. We are also supporting 20 girls who are staying outside in the hostel and school. We are looking after their other needs also such as books, uniform, boarding and loading.

CELEBRATION OF FEAST IN DIFFERENT ENTITY

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

This is feast of pattern saint of the Franciscans of St. John the Baptist Pakistan. On this event every community in their own region have conducted this event to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This is grand celebration and we invite many guest to join us on this event.

Christmas

Christian is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. This fall every year on 25th December and all over the world people celebrate this event with great zeal and enthusiasm. On this event we aim to help deserving and poor people because this foremost goal of the Christmas that we must help people who are really in need. In the year 2021 we celebrate this event with joy and help many people economically, food (Rasan) packages, clothes, helping the sick.

Easter

Easter is the celebration of three days. It starts from lent and in this season we keep fast for fourty days. In this time everyone oblige to collect from money in order to help the poor on the Easter day. This year 2022 we have celebrated this with its spirit and help many people. On this event different entity come together for this celebration.

Other events and programs

- In the end of July 2021 all the member of Franciscans of St. John the Baptist Pakistan come together in Karachi for retreat for one week.
- One of the member of Franciscans of St. John the Baptist Pakistan have become the permanent member of the organization.
- In October and November 2021 four of our member have anointed to the priesthood.

A BRIEF REPORT OF FORMATION HOUSES

Introduction

Franciscans St. John the Baptist Pakistan has the initial formation houses Dar-ul-Naim (a house of blessings) is located in Lahore (north) Punjab and the other two Darakhshan (Light) Novitiate House and Portiuncula Friary Karachi. This report consists of one year activities and life of formation house of St. John the Baptist Pakistan in 2021-2022.

Dar Ul Naim

In Dar Ul Naim we have four years programs. In the first and second year students learn basic Urdu speaking, spoken English and basic faith formation. In the third year students go for collage and this year include first year and second year intermediate. In the fourth year we begin the postulancy. At the moment there are 30 students and we have to take care of their boarding, lodging, fees, medical, electricity bills, Gas bills, phone bills, water bills, house maintenance, petrol and etc. This house cost us around Rs. 4,500,000. After completing the four years of study in Dar-Ul-Naim 6 students are promoted to Novitiate House Karachi.



Darakhshan Novitiate house

In the Darashan Novitiate house we have two years program one year for the Novitiate and second year for the post-Novitiate and then they move to Friary this is whole Novitiate house program. In this house learn art of living in day to day life such as gardening, cleaning, management, cooking and many more by which they learn to live independent. There are seven students and two formatters in the Novitiate House. In this house we have to take care for diet, gas bills electricity, fees, house maintenance, petrol and etc. this coast us around almost Rs. 1,500,000. After staying two years in the Novitiate House students moved to Portiuncula Franciscan Friary.

Portiuncula Franciscan Friary

This is final stage for the students and Friar Student lives for six years. This is our basic formation house. Here student do two year program of Franciscan religious course and this is based on philosophy. This course is meant to be broadening the perspective of student and widening the rage intellectual. Then they go for four year theological studies altogether student lives six year in this house. This is professional training toward priesthood. It is free choice that student wants to priest or they want live without priesthood. In this house we have nine students out of which two Friar student are in religious formation course and seven are doing their theological studies. This formation house cost us lot money because this is one of the oldest building we have in Karachi since 1940. Most of the expense goes in study fees and maintenance of the house. In this house we have to take care for diet, medical, Gas bills electricity bill, internet, landline, house maintenance, petrol, solemn professions and ordinations. In a year this house coasts us around almost Rs4,500,000.

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TER WATER ACCESS FOR THE FRIARS IN THE FRANCISCAN FRIARY FORMATION HOUSE AND THEIR NEIGHBOURS

Beneficiaries of this project

Friary house and Novitiate house have continued cultivation of the land as it is a part of their formation to do manual work. Franciscan community is very grateful to have this water boring access because of this our Friary house and Noviciate these two building are well benefited. The work and life in the farming field is flourishing again. Earlier we were facing lot of difficulties to work manually but due to water we are restoring our field and even people from outside and nearby are very happy to come and to fetch water from us and fresh vegetable from our field. Due to proper water supply in the fields our trees are growing and producing fruits especially coconut. Sometimes the people from outside come for help to take vegetables and water for their house uses. We feel privileged to support and help the poor. Much production of the vegetables and coconut we are able to contribute in the formation. Nowadays we are facing the problem of the shortage of water and this water boring helps us to benefit our neighbourhood and in our day to day needs. The water not only is a source of life for human being but for the nature as well. Therefore we are very happy that due to water we are contributing a lot as friars to take care of the mother earth. By plantation we are beautifying our common home which is earth. Friary has been always a place for nice and beautiful environment therefore people love to come and visit it. Due to water boring once again we are able sustain it beauty and greenery.



List of Staff Franciscan of St. John the Baptist Pakistan

S. No.	Name of Staff	Designation	Gender	CNIC Number	Nationality	Based
Based in Franciscans of St John the Baptist Pakistan:						
1.	Mr. Moghal Masih	Administrator	Male	42301-9655687-9	Pakistani	Karachi
2.	Mr. Pervaz Daniel	Accountant	Male	42301-0556358-3	Pakistani	Karachi
3.	Mr. Azeem Lawrence	Office Secretary	Male	42201-4570108-7	Pakistani	Karachi
4.	Mr. Venay Asoke	Internal Auditor	Male	42301-1308119-3	Pakistani	Karachi
5.	Mr. Rafaqat Masih	Office Assistant	Male	42201-2930289-5	Pakistani	Karachi
6.	Mr. Yaseen	Cook	Male	13502-3315477-9	Pakistani	Karachi
7.	Mr. Shaid	Genitor	Male	42101-5190361-3	Pakistani	Karachi
8.	Mr. Aamir	Driver	Male	42101-3261385-7	Pakistani	Karachi
Portiuncula Friary Karachi Teaching Staff/ Domestic Staff:						
9.	Mr. Eric Rassani	Student Master	Male	42000-0505482-9	Pakistani	Karachi
10.	Mr. Shahrukh Bhatti	Guardian	Male	42401-1162625-7	Pakistani	Karachi
11.	Mr. Frank	Cook	Male	42201-5003512-3	Pakistani	Karachi
12.	Mr. Adial	Genitor	Male	42101-5709220-3	Pakistani	Karachi
13.	Mr. Asif Shana	Maintenance	Male	42201-4507419-7	Pakistani	Karachi
14.	Mr. Anwar	Gardener	Male	42201-7622371-1	Pakistani	Karachi
15.	Mr. Suchal	Gardener	Male	42201-4112564-3	Pakistani	Karachi
16.	Mr. Aman Gul	Watchmen Day	Male	42101-0761183-9	Pakistani	Karachi
17.	Mr. Sadar	Watchmen Night	Male	42201-2104144-5	Pakistani	Karachi
Darakhshan Novitiate House Karachi Teaching Staff:						
18.	Mr. Azeem Lawrence	Director	Male	42201-4570108-7	Pakistani	Karachi
19.	Mr. Joseph Shamo	Teacher	Male	44103-6518418-3	Pakistani	Karachi
Franciscan House Karachi/Domestic Staff:						
20.	Mr. Augustine	Watchmen Night	Male	42201-0578436-7	Pakistani	Karachi
21.	Mr. Iram	Cook/Genitor	Female	35202-3580908-2	Pakistani	Karachi

Dar-ul-Naim Lahore Teaching Staff/Domestic Staff:						
22.	Mr. Dildar Michael	Director	Male	32304-3169147-3	Pakistani	Lahore
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24.	Mr. Parkho Sono	Teacher	Male	44202-3731829-5	Pakistani	Lahore
25.	Mr. Javed Albert	Cook	Male	35202-7612972-7	Pakistani	Lahore
26.	Mr. Azaim Ali	Gardner	Male	33105-4140269-3	Pakistani	Lahore

Conclusion:

As Chairman of the Organization of Franciscans of St. John the Baptist visited our project sites twice year to evaluate their program activities and see how they could perform better for the service of our poor brothers and sisters.

I am satisfied and very happy that the working and teaching staff fulfil their responsibilities in the field of Health and Education with full commitment and dedication.

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