



FRANCISCANS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PAKISTAN



BiannualProgressReport

July2024 –June 2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Franciscans of St. John the Baptist is a charitable organization which looks after the two main aspects 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.

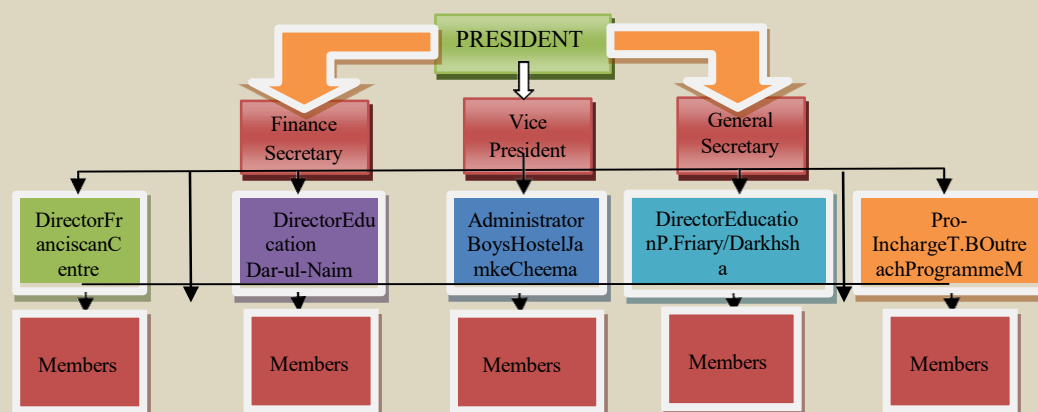
The second area of our concern is the education of the poor children. The Franciscans of St. John the Baptist look after the education of the youth in major cities of Pakistan namely Taluka Khipro, District Sanghar Taluka and Karachi, District East where they get full scholarship of boarding and lodging. 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.	Gulshan-e-Iqbal East District Karachi, Sindh-Pakistan.	Education and Professional Studies
02.	Dar-ul-Naim	Formation House, Academic Student Lahore
03.	Sanghar District, Talka Khiproo Sindh-Pakistan	Health Care Project.

HEALTH CARE 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 Jul 2024 to June 2024, the health awareness in outreach, local water filter method, bringing patients to various hospitals, dealing with abuse of drug users, medical camps /were organized in different areas and community development program was part of healthcare project. The organization has also supported people through looking after their board and lodge. There were patients coming to our house from Quetta, Badin, Kotri, Khipro, 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 issues 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 become 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!



Education

Education being the fundamental human right stands most important element in the 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 2024 Pakistan literacy rate has improved and raised up to 65.35%. 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 25 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.

Christmas: Christians celebrate 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 is the foremost goal of the Christmas that we must help people who are really in need. We celebrate this event with joy and help many people economically, food (Razan) packages, clothes, helping the sick.

Novena- Festivities due to (Birthday of Mother Mary): On the last day of August till 8th September Rosary, Holy Mass and Benediction and Festive Celebration.

Other events and programs: In the end of July 2024 all the members of Franciscan of St. John Baptist Pakistan come together in Karachi for retreat for one week.

- Annual Day of the Retreat get together with all the Franciscans Members

ABRIEF 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 biannual activities and life of formation house of St. John the Baptist Pakistan in 2024.

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14th AUGUST 2024.

- The day start with Holy Mass by Fr. Victor Savera and preaching by Fr Pervez Daniel and group photo with Franciscan students.

THE CRICKET MATCH DAY

The Cricket Match Day started with Pray offer by FR. Flex D'souza with Franciscan Boys, In the Cricket match the team has played amongst the four team name Franciscan's, Dominican's, OMI's and CKS. The winner team are Franciscan's and CKS is the Runner up and prize distributed amongst the teams.



Feast of St. Francis : This is feast of pattern saint of the Franciscan of St. John Baptist Pakistan. This event every year in month of 03rd October our community in their own region have conducted this event. The all the Franciscan's Communities members are come at Custody house having get-together with all. The Custos Fr. Azeem Lawrence made the speech and thanking to all the Franciscan Communities members for coming and celebrating the Franciscan Feast.

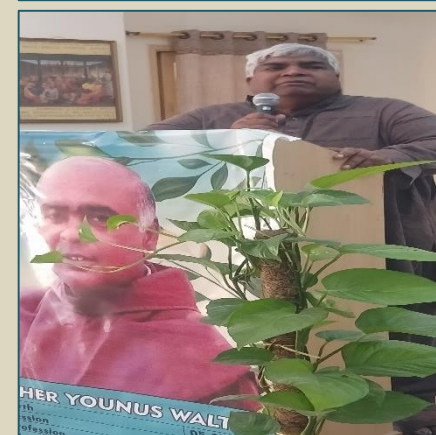


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On the next day 4th October every year we had celebration with all the campus students and staff members.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Friar's student has Birthday Celebration with Franciscan's Rev. Fr. Pervaiz Daniel with students, birthday of Br. Saqib with Fr. Victor Sewera and students birthday party. The World Disability Day made with the Franciscan centre students the Bishop Sebastain Sha spend the day with them and welcome the guest to visit the Centre with Br. Khushi Lal is director of the house. On this day the session conduct by the two different name "UMEED GAH REHABILITATION TRUST" & other "KIRAN VOCATIONAL CENTRE"



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Staff List Of 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.	Fr. Azeem Lawrence	President	Male	42201-4570108-7	Pakistani	Karachi
2.	Fr. Mr. Flex D'Souza	Vice President	Male	42000-2303770-5	Pakistani	Karachi
3.	Fr. Pervaz Daniel	Finance Secretary	Male	42301-0556358-3	Pakistani	Karachi
4.	Br. Clifford Norona	General Secretary	Male	42301-0977650-1	Pakistani	Karachi
5.	Mr. Venay Ashok	Internal Auditor	Male	42301-1308119-3	Pakistani	Karachi
6.	Mr. Razaqat Masih	Accountant	Male	42201-2930289-5	Pakistani	Karachi
7.	Mr. Izzat	Cook	Male	42101-0872472-5	Pakistani	Karachi
8.	Mr. Shahid	Genitor	Male	42101-5190361-3	Pakistani	Karachi
9.	Mr. Aamir	Driver	Male	42101-3261385-7	Pakistani	Karachi
Portiuncula Friary Karachi Teaching Staff/Domestic Staff:						
11.	Fr. Saleem	Student Master	Male	422015-620984-3	Pakistani	Karachi
12.	Fr. Joseph Shamo	Teacher	Male	44103-6518418-3	Pakistani	Karachi
13.	Mr. Frank	Cook	Male	42201-5003512-3	Pakistani	Karachi
14.	Mr. Justin	Genitor	Male	42201-7780982-1	Pakistani	Karachi
15.	Mr. Anwar	Gardener	Male	42201-7622371-1	Pakistani	Karachi
16.	Mr. Parle	Gardener	Male	42201-4112564-3	Pakistani	Karachi
17.	Mr. Aman Gul	Watchmen Day	Male	42101-0761183-9	Pakistani	Karachi
18.	Mr. Tariq	Watchmen Night	Male	42201-2104144-5	Pakistani	Karachi
Darakhshan Novitiate House Karachi Teaching Staff:						
19.	Mr. Victor Savera	Novise Master	Male	42201-7726037-1	Pakistani	Karachi
Franciscan House Karachi/Domestic Staff:						
20.	Fr. Joseph Karo	Guardian	Male	41101-1102416-9	Pakistani	Karachi
21.	Fr. Bernard	Member	Male	35202-9326093-3	Pakistani	Karachi
22.	Mr. Eric Rassani	Student Master	Male	42000-0505482-9	Pakistani	Karachi
23.	Mr. Michael	Watchman	Male	41103-1986804-7	Pakistani	Karachi
24.	Mrs. Elizabeth	Cook	Female	42401-5968091-8	Pakistani	Karachi

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Dar-ul-Naim Lahore Teaching Staff/Domestic Staff:						
25.	Mr. Moghal Masih	Administrator	Male	42301-9655687-9	Pakistani	Lahore
26.	Br. Javed John	Teacher	Male	54400-3194764-3	Pakistani	Lahore
27.	Fr. Shehzad Sharif	Teacher	Male	42201-9213755-9	Pakistani	Lahore
28.	Mr. Javed Albert	Cook	Male	35202-7612972-7	Pakistani	Lahore
29.	Mr. Azaim Ali	Gardner	Male	33105-4140269-3	Pakistani	Lahore

Combine Recollection: On 29th November, 2024 combine recollection was organized in Friary at 3:30 p.m. the aim of recollection was to reflect upon the advent season. The speakers were Sisters Nusrat Khursheed FMM and Ruth Mukhtiar FCJ. The participant communities were: Franciscans, Dominican Friars and sisters, Oblate brothers, Capuchins, FMM sisters, FCJ sisters, DHM sisters, FMCK sisters, Sisters of St. John of the Cross. After the session the confessions took place and then we all took part in Eucharistic celebration. At the end the meal was served.



Christmas Recollection: On 14th December, 2024 the friary students had a Christmas recollection in Friary. Fr. Babar Shahzad OFM cap gave the reflection. After the session all had confessions and then took part in Eucharistic mass.



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Christmas party with co-workers:

On 21st December, 2024 the friary community had a Christmas party with the co-workers of the house. The families of the workers namely, Anwar, Kashif, Frank, Tariq, Aman Allah and Khaleel participated in the celebration. A short program was organized and gifts were shared with the families. After the program we all had a festive meal.



Combine Christmas celebration:

On 22nd December, 2024 Friary community, Darakhshan community house community had a Christmas gathering at Portiuncula Friary. A short prayer service was held, the Custos Friar Azeem Lawrence led in opening prayer and then the Christmas hymns were sung. Fr. Azeem Lawrence and Bishop Sabastian Shaw shared their thoughts. After that Christ candle took place, we students and staff exchanged our gifts with each other. At last we had a festive meal and had great fun.



On December 28, 2024, the president of Franciscans of St. John the Baptist Pakistan celebrated the Christmas with a cake cutting, gifts distributed to the members and had a great meal together.



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Christmas Party With Co-Workers:



On 20th December 2024, we friary student community had Christmas party with domestic staff. Friary community gave them Christmas gifts to each family. Followed by festive lunch.

Combine Christmas Celebration:



In evening on 19th December, 2023 novitiate house and Portiuncula friary friar's students and friars celebrated the Christmas. We gave gift to each other followed by social evening and festive dinner together with Fr. Azeem Lawrence.

Annual Assembly Of Franciscans Of St. John The Baptist.

The New Year start with OFM visit on 03rd to 05th January 2025, we had our annual assembly. The theme was the "Financial Accountability in the light of the Rule of 12:23". All the friars were participated in annual assembly. Accommodation was done by Portiuncula friary community.



The Friar Student having pray at "PALM SUNDAY" Dt:13th April 2025





Easter Celebration

On 20th April 2025, Novitiate house and porituncula friary friar's students and solemn profession friars were invited by custos house for Easter party. Followed by social evening and festive dinner.



Franciscan Centre For Mentally And Physically Children.

The Franciscan Center organized a program for the special children on 27th April, 2025. The program was organized by Br.Khushi Lal OFM. The families of the special children participated in the program. Cardinal Joseph Coutts, Fr. Azeem Lawrence, Friary Darakhshan House was also invited to participate.



Studies at National Catholic Institute of Theology Karachi, Pakistan

NCIT provides theological studies to the candidates preparing themselves for priestly ministry. Those friar students who wish to be ordained ministers are sent there for their theological studies. Last year the academic year at NCIT started in September, 2023. There were 11 student friars who were studying at NCIT. Brs. Arsalan Isaac, Asif Maqbool and Joseph Sahmoo started first year theology. Brs. Adnan Sikandar and Patras Ashiq started second year theology. Brs. Irfan Arshad and Shahrukh Sarfraz started third year theology. Brs. Arslan Amanat, Ashiq Pervaiz and Samson Peter started fourth year theology. Br. Saleem Amir OFM was teaching theology of laity, sacrament of Initiation at NCIT.



During the year the institute provided opportunities to the candidates to go to parishes and institutes for pastoral experiences. Br. Irfan Arshad and Shahrukh Sarfraz successfully completed their thesis. The academic year closed in May 2025 with the annual examinations. Our three brothers namely: Arsalan Amanat, Ashiq Pervaiz and Samson Peter completed their theological studies and got diplomas in theological studies. Their Graduation ceremony was held on 02nd of June 2024.

Annual Picnic.

On 05th June, 2025 the student friars of Portiuncula Friary and Darakhshan Novitiate House went to Hawksbay beach for their annual picnic. There were 14 friars from Friary community, 2 Novices and a novice master from Darakhshan Novitiate house. There were other friars also from different communities namely: Brs. Gul Daniel, Sarfraz Grifen, Adnan Barkat and Adnan Sikandar. We departed at 9:00 am. All the brothers had great fun on the beach whole day.



Financial Statement for the Year May 2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT					
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025					
			Note	2025 (Rupees)	2024 (Rupees)
Receipts			3	39,222,084	85,342,698
Less Expenditure				(39,130,788)	(52,610,825)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)				91,296	32,731,873

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Monitoring Visits:

During the reporting period several monitoring visits were conducted by relevant staff members along with Chairman of the organization throughout the course of the project to ensure its smooth implementation and adherence to the established objectives.

These visits provided valuable opportunities to assess progress on-site, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies in place, and identify any potential challenges or areas for improvement. By engaging directly with the project team and stakeholders, we were able to gather real-time feedback, address concerns promptly, and ensure that all activities were in line with the project's goals and compliance standards.

These ongoing visits played a crucial role in maintaining accountability, fostering transparency, and driving the overall success of the project.



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