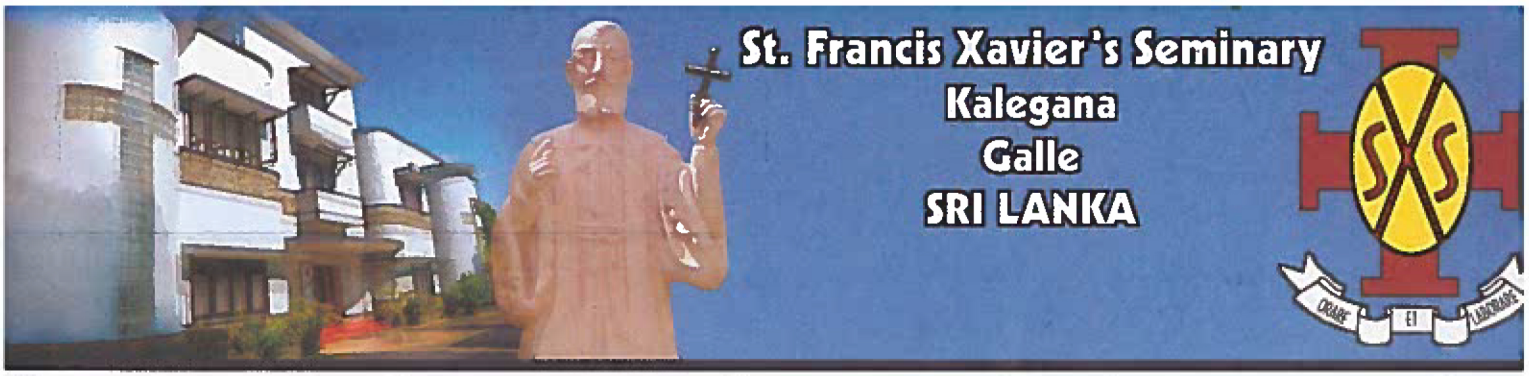


Fr Nihal Nanayakkara
The Rector,
28th June 2017

19. JULI 2017

Dear Revd Fr Martin Barta,

It is with great pleasure I write this letter as a token of appreciation for the support you provide for the well-being of the priests of our Diocese.

I am a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Galle (Southern part of Sri Lanka) who completes the fortieth year in the priesthood in this year. Our diocese by its very nature is missionary because our diocese is composed of a less amount of Catholic population and scattered distantly in territory wise. Therefore, it is really a challenge to look after the maintenance of the priests. I, as one of the senior priests in the diocese of Galle really treasure the support, of your esteemed organization namely, 'Church in Need' given in various occasions whenever the diocese has requested for the past so many years and de facto I appreciate very much for your positive respond always to our needs.

We as a presbyterium really value the contribution you make for the sustenance of our priests by sending the Mass stipends. I firmly believe that extending a helping hand to the needy is a great act of mercy before God.

While appreciating all your committed and dedicated services rendered to us so far let me also wish to pray for all your evangelical undertakings to the needy churches in various parts of the world.

May God bless you abundantly.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

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Fr Nihal Nanayakkara

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