



Monsignor Edwin C. Pinto, the founder of “Helpers of Mount Rosary”, has envisioned a life of holiness and charity for our Sisters, through these sevenfold visions. He says

- *I would like to see Helpers of Mount Rosary become holy by the daily understanding of the message of Jesus Christ from the Gospel and the Eucharist, and live it in their daily lives, thus they would daily become like Christ. This would help them to teach practical living of holiness to people with whom they work.*
- *I would like to see Helpers of Mount Rosary learning faith and human values and Christian Values, then teach them to the people in the villages and to every member in the family and thus do people up lift work, using simple communication media techniques and pedagogical methods.*
- *I would like to see them going from Mount Rosary Institution to visit parishes in the Moodbidri Varado and meet with people in villages and families, to take care of the sick not only for curative work but also in the work of health education and prevention of disease.*
- *I would like them not only to take care of the old, lonely and disabled in the institution but also in the villages and in the family context to awaken and support the family members responsibility towards the ages.*
- *I would like to see Helpers of Mount Rosary love the poor, especially the agricultural labourer and the marginal farmer by not only learning agriculture and animal husbandry for themselves but by themselves cultivating the land and teaching it to the village men folk and thus assisting in the upliftment of the quality of the life of his family and of himself.*
- *I would like to see Helpers of Mount Rosary not so keen in establishing their own institutions but laboring in partnership with the existing diocesan Institutions, in line with their rule of life.*
- *I would like them to live in rented homes in the parishes or mission or in the vados and give services to people in the name of the Lord and stay there as long their services are needed and to move on to another work place in the parish or mission or vado to further the work of the church and of Jesus Christ.*

## **HISTORY OF FOUNDER**

Fr. Edwin C Pinto. Edwin Celestine Pinto is the eldest son in the family of Boniface and Theresa Pinto of Vittal. He was born on 2-5-1932. His early studies took place at St Rita's

Church School and Board school Vittal. The parents were taking Edwin for daily mass at Vittal Church, and thus it developed a love in him for the church, the Eucharist and the Christian faith. Moreover there have been many religious priests and sisters in the family before him. Soon after the education of Edwin in Vittal, he was admitted at St Aloysius collage Mangalore. After the school final, Bishop Victor R. Fernandes of Mangalore admitted him to St Joseph seminary Mangalore to be a diocesan priest

In studies, Brother Edwin Celestine was mediocre, but was very good in music and extra curricular activities. In the theology section, he was the choir master. Fr Edwin was ordained a priest by Bishop Basil Peris on April, 2, 1957.

His first appointment as an assistant was to St Vincent Ferrer Church Valencia, Mangalore, where he became known not only for liturgical singing but also for preaching the Word of God. Very next year, He was sent to Neleshwar parish, now given over to Connore Diocese, so that, he could bring peace among disputant people over there. In the 4th year of his priesthood, he was sent to the Sacred Heart Parish in Basrikatte, then under, the Diocese of Mysore. Now it is under the Chikmangalur diocese. Again there was a division of people and families at Basrikatte. Fr. Pinto's advent solved all the disputes and divisions, because he celebrated Eucharist holily and preached only Jesus Christ and just explained the word of God. He constantly visited parish families and listened to them both in their successes and failures. Thus they were able not only to build a new church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but also the new parish. He invited and brought the Bethany Sisters from Mangalore to start first, the higher elementary school and then the high school. The people of Basrikatte appreciated the spiritual services of Fr Pinto, and arranged for him to go to Kuwait to preach a retreat for the Mangalore community over there and they took him to the Holy Land for a pilgrimage. On his return from holyland, then the Administrator Msgr William Lewis called him back to the Mangalore Diocese. For the next three years he worked at St Anthony's Church Sasthan, and then at St John Baptist Church, Permude. It is in these churches, that Fr Pinto engaged himself in human development programmes like, house building works for the homeless, boat a family programme for Mabukal families in Sasthan, agricultural projects in Permude, and built a community hall over there, for youth activities.

In the year 1970, Bishop Basil D Souza from Mangalore approached Fr Pinto and asked him to organize, human development activities and projects for the whole of the diocese of Mangalore and asked him to head Caritas Mangalore. Fr Pinto first studied how to organize social work, at the India Social Institute, Bangalore, and then went to the Agriculture Institute at Alahabad, to study dry cultivation and was also given scholarship to study human development and co-operatives at the Coady Institute, St Francis Xavier University Antigonish, Canada. After his return from Canada, Fr Pinto together with Bishop D Souza founded CODP (Canara Organization for Development and Peace) an independent trust, for the development work of the diocese. He resided at Vamanjoor, in an old house, belonging to the Social Action of the diocese. In Vamanjoor he built the following programmes.

1. Building houses for the homeless, evicted from the Panamboor harbour project.
2. School of Agricultural, Vamanjoor to train small farmers of Mangalore villages.
3. Kiran Centre project to train village social workers.
4. Built both St Joseph the worker parish and the Church new of Vamanjoor

Besides these, from his office at the Bishops House he launched the following programmes.

1. Reconstruction and self sufficiency programmes for 28 orphanages and children homes in the diocese.
2. Started Non- formal education programme in nearly 80 parishes of the diocese, to help catholic families in self employment programmes. founded RUSEMP, a rural self employment training programme for young men and young women of all denominations, at Pakshikere,
3. Launched Belthangady package programme wherein he implemented not only agriculture programmes but also animal husbandry programmes and health programme. The L M Pinto Hospital at Badyar is his brain child, now well managed by the Bethany sisters.

After having worked over 12 years in CODP, Fr Pinto was transferred as Manager at St Joseph Asylum workshops, Jeppu, Mangalore. In 3yrs time, he brought in new machines for the workshops, and saved it from liquidation and there was not a single incident of labour strike, during his tenure.

After his work at Jeppu workshops, Bishop Basil D' Souza transferred him as the Director of Mount Rosary Charitable Institutions at Moodbidri. He came here in the year 1989. For 5 years he was also the Vicar General of the Mangalore Diocese. Soon after His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has made him a Monsignor, with the title "Chaplain to the Holy Father". This year on May 2, 2017 he completes 85 years of his life, and 60 years of priesthood on April 2, 2017.