

## Keeping Alive the Pauline Biblical Year

*Panjim* - The Biblical year of the Pauline Family was opened on 26 November 2020 with the objective of renewing the lives of members, and the faithful alike, through a year-long programme.

The Pauline Biblical Year inaugurated by Archbishop Filippo Neri on 26 November and organized by the Daughters of St Paul in collaboration with the Diocesan Centre for Bible Apostolate had envisaged 8 programs for the year.

The program **Enter the treasure-trove of the Bible (Quiz)** is in view of encouraging the faithful to read the Bible. **Bible Quiz** on the Infancy narratives in December had 517 participants from across India. The Bible Quiz in January on the Book of Kings had 210 participants.

The first Episode namely **Holiness in the Pauline Family**, on Blessed James Alberione was telecast in November. Blessed James Alberione is the Founder of the Pauline Family. Fr Loyola Pereira, calling him as a “Meteor” presented him as a unique priest who gifted the Church with five Religious Congregations, four Secular Institutes and one Association of lay cooperators (Pauline Co-operators). The ensuing episodes on six saintly pioneers of the Pauline Family will be telecast on third Mondays of every month beginning from February.

To encourage and enlighten the faithful, in their challenging family life, to follow Jesus in the footsteps of St Paul, who suffered martyrdom for Christ we introduced **Live Like St Paul-A Family Witness**. Two episodes in this series were telecast in December and January. The two couples who shared their journey of faith explained how their life was sustained by prayer rooted in Scripture. The series will continue on second Mondays of every month.

Blessed James Alberione insisted on daily meditation as the spring of sustenance of our Christian life and mission. Following his exhortation, **Lectio Divina** was introduced to a group of 15 people at Mary Immaculate School hall on 28 December.

Jesus in his life and mission approached the people in all their life situations--spiritual, physical and emotional. He met them where they were. Blessed Alberione repeatedly exhorted his spiritual sons and daughters to encounter our people in their unique social situations, The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic brought most people to a life of anxiety and fear. The academic life of children are affected and many of them are unable to own a mobile to follow their online lessons. The situation led some of them to suicide. We felt it necessary to reach out to these hapless students, and believed “like-minded” hands would come forward with help. Thus, on January 1, we were able to reach out to four students with a mobile each to help them continue their online classes through our program “**Give wings to the Needy**”.

On the occasion of the **Sunday of the Word of God** (January 24), we propose a webinar on 2Tess 3:1. The speaker was Bishop Antonysamy Peter Abir, Chairman, Biblical Commission, Catholic Conference of Bishops (CCBI) in India.