



## Book Reviews

### **Papal Seminary Brothers, *Sing and Worship*, Papal Seminary of St. Francis Xavier, Pune, 2014, p. 462 (767 songs).**

Papal seminary of St. Francis Xavier, Pune has brought out a New Hymn Book titled: “Sing and worship.” The aim is to foster active participation in the liturgy through varieties of hymns. Since the revision of the Liturgy by the former Pope, Benedict XVI, there was a felt need to have a compendium of prayers and other related hymns for the convenience of the community worship. As a result, the following brothers Vekupa Rhakho George, Neil CG and Sebi Victor, Bala Francis, Romel Saldanha, Vikas Jaison, Tony Tom, Nibin and Litsuvi Christopher under the leadership of Frs. Vincent Crasta SJ and Arun SJ took up the task for the publication. The content of the book includes Papal seminary Anthem, pictures of the Saints Francis Xavier, John Mary Vianney, Papal Seminary Community Photo and Front view of the Seminary. A brief history of the seminary compiled by Lt. Fr Lionel Macarenas SJ, is also incorporated. It comprised of 767 hymns covering all the liturgical seasons of the year. The last hymn in the cover page is a prayerful hymn for the Pope. It is collected from various existing hymn books like; All You Hills, Earthen Vessel, Joyful Melodies, Sacred Melodies, Symphonies of Love, With Joyful Lips and Worship. It also

includes Mass prayers, Way of the Cross, Holy Rosary, Benediction and other popular prayers of the Catholic Church. It was released on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 by the Rector of Papal Seminary, Fr. Jose Thayil SJ and the first copy was handed over to the Bishop of Poona, Rt. Rev. Thomas Dabre. To assist in learning the hymns, a DVD of the entire hymns is in the making and is at its final stage. - **Vekupa Rhakho**

**Jacob Parappally, MSFS. *The Way of the Cross for Today*. Asian Trading Corporation, Bengaluru pp. 36, 2014.**

This new book by Jacob Parappally MSFS meditates the passion, death and resurrection of Christ from today's perspective. It is historical to meditate on the passion of Christ, the agony he underwent, the torture and death, it is theological to refer to the scriptures and to justify that he had to undergo such suffering for our sake and it is divine will. But it is contextual to see Christ continue to suffer in the thirsty, naked, crippled and imprisoned (Mt 25:31-46). It is with Jesus that Fr. Jacob invites us to walk the way of the Cross with. It is with this "Immanuel" (Mt 1:23), that the author invites to identify in the million, suffering the lack of love and life. The author provides statistical accounts of our broken and breaking world all in the name of 'God', greed and grade. The author presents to us the stark reality of the oppression, subjugation, violence and inhuman atrocities that are amidst us to see Jesus suffering in them. It is a contextual way of the cross who wants to experience Jesus today, here and now and who wants to be the todays, Veroinicas, Simon of Cyrene. the choice is our whether to become Judas the Betrayer or Jesus the redemptive sufferer. 🌹

**-Bala Francis**