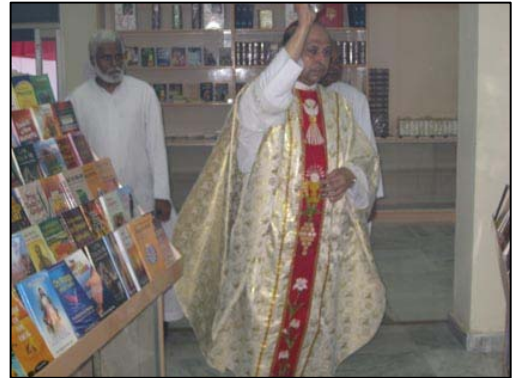


INDIA: Jyoti Bhavan (Light House) Blessed

A dream come true for the members of the Society of St Paul, India-Nigeria Province! The first house (Jyoti Bhavan) and Apostolic Centre (Jyoti Books & Media Centre) in the State of Punjab were blessed and opened to the public by his Excellency Rt Rev Dr Anil Couto, the Bishop of Jalandhar Diocese. On the feast-day (28-7-2008) of the first saint from the land of India – Blessed Alphonsa Muttathupadathu, to be canonized on 12 October, 2008 – a new centre for evangelization was opened in the land of Sikhism.

During the homily, his Excellency highlighted the importance of the Media Apostolate in the Church. After the thanksgiving Eucharist the Bishop released *The New Community Bible* and presented the first copy of the same to the Vicar General of the Diocese. On behalf of the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese of Jalandhar his Excellency extended a warm welcome to our initiatives in his diocese.

The presence of many priests, religious, faithful and friends from the locality added colour to the event. Our hospitality showed itself in the form of a fellowship meal that concluded the event.



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