

## Meet Bro. Theiventhiran (Theiva):



Br. Theiventhiran Sebastiyampillai, more affectionately known as Br Theiva, was born in the beautiful coastal village of Valipaduu in the North of Sri Lanka, into the Tamil cultural tradition, to parents Semman Sebastiyampillai and Gnanaseeli Sebastiyampillai. He comes from a family of eight (8) siblings.

After completing his secondary and A' Level education, he gained a Certificate in Catholic Religious Education from the National Commission for Education, Catechetics and Bible Apostolate. He then taught religion and religious education at secondary level in his native country, until 2011.

After accepting God's Call to the Religious Life, Br Theiva came to Ireland in 2011 to begin his formation and training to become a Presentation Brother. He began his formation as a Postulant in November 2011 and was received as a Novice on October

2<sup>nd</sup> 2012. He made his First Profession as a Presentation Brother on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014, at the Presentation Brothers Generalate, Mount St Joseph, Cork.

After his initial formation, and as part of his on-going formation and training, he did courses in Pastoral Ministry and Spirituality, Youthwork and successfully completed a Baccalaureate in Theology (BTh), from St Patrick's College Maynooth. During his formation and time in Ireland, he did voluntary work with several charities and church organisations, including, the International Eucharist Congress, Kerry Parents and Friends Association, Br Kevin's Centre, Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry, and parish ministry.

Br Theiva presently forms part of the International Novitiate and House of Studies community in Glasthule Dublin, where he serves as Bursar. He has also served in communities in Killarney, Mount St Joseph, Cork, St Patrick's College, Maynooth and had a mission experience in Ghana.

He is passionate about Religious Life and Brotherhood and how best to be of service to the Church and the world today. He is the first Sri Lankan to profess Final Vows as a Presentation Brother as the Congregation plans for a new mission to Sri Lanka. Congratulations to Br. Theiva as he says his perpetual 'YES' to God's Call, "*Come Follow me.*"