PREFACE

The research study entitled 'The History of Rosarian Congregation and their Services to the People' is an attempt to portray the history and services of the Rosarian Congregation. There are works with regard to Fr. Thomas the founder of the Congregation. But the present study critically analyses the role of the congregation in Sri Lanka and in India especially in Tamil Nadu. The specialty of the Congregation is that the total dedication of its members to divinity by completely diverting from the worldly pleasures. Hence in this materialistic world a group of priests, brothers and nuns lead a life of devotion for the glory of God. This aspect of spirituality made the researcher to do an intensive research on the topic. The terms used and the approach, followed may make some to think that this work is more theologically oriented. But the fact is that a topic of such nature could be analysed in this way only. Perhaps the investigator is a priest by practice, may have knowingly or unknowingly influenced by theological precepts. But care has taken with at most restraint to maintain historical objectivity and scientific tempo in analyse.

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