

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

- **Full Name:** Rev. Fr. Dr. Gujjala Vyakula Vara Prasada Rao SDS
- **Current Position:** Resident Professor of Missiology, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru
- **Affiliation:** Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians)
- **Contact Address:** Salvatorians, Carmelaram, Bangalore – 560035, India
- **Date of Birth:** July 21, 1970
- **Place of Birth:** Salur, Vizianagaram District, Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India
- **Nationality:** Indian
- **Priestly Ordination:** July 10, 1999, by Most Rev. Ignatius Pinto, Archbishop of Bangalore

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **Doctorate in Missiology** – University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines (2022)
- **Licentiate in Missiology** – Sacred Heart Theological College, Shillong (Affiliated to Salesianum, Rome) (2008)
- **Master's in Christian Studies** – University of Madras, Chennai (2006)
- **Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)** – St. Mary's College of Teacher Education, Shillong, NEHU (5th Rank in State of Meghalaya) (2005)
- **Bachelor of Theology** – Carmelaram Theology College, Bangalore (1998)
- **Bachelor of Philosophy** – Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore (1994)
- **Bachelor of Arts (English Literature)** – Osmania University, Hyderabad (1990)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **2025 – Present:** Resident Professor of Missiology, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru
- **2022 – 2025:** Local Superior & Formator, Salvatorian House of Formation, Carmelaram, Bangalore
- **2016 – 2022:** Rector, Mater Salvatoris Theology House, Manila, Philippines (Council Member, Director of Formation, East Asian Mission Vicariate)
- **2015 – 2016:** Principal, Christ Jyoti School, Dhing, Assam
- **2010 – 2014:** Local Superior & Principal, Christ Jyoti School, Nagaon, Assam

- **2009:** Assistant Parish Priest, Digia Parish, Jharkhand
- **2004 – 2009:** Rector, Otto Hopfenmuller Theology Study House, Shillong (Vicar Superior, Director of Formation, Council Member of Indian Foundation)
- **2002:** Assistant Parish Priest, Bijni Parish, New Bongaigaon Diocese, Assam
- **2001 – 2002:** Vice-Principal, Christ Jyoti School, Nagaon, Assam & In-charge of Silchang Mission
- **1999 – 2000:** In-charge of Postulants, Salvatorian House of Formation, Bangalore

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- *Echoes of the Heart: A Journey Toward Holiness and Purpose* Author: Gujjala Vyakula Varaprasad Rao SDS, Publisher: ATC Publishers, Bengaluru, 2025 | ISBN: 978-93-48685-68-1, Released July 21, 2025 (Feast of Blessed Francis Jordan & Author's Birthday) by Vicariate Superior of SDS & Vicaress of Salvatorian Sisters.
- *Hope in a Fractured World: The Church's Whisper in the Windstorm* Publisher: Omega Book World, Bengaluru, 2025 | ISBN: [978-81-991541-2-4], Released September 17, 2025 during Golden Jubilee of St. Peter's Pontifical Institute by His Eminence Cardinal Philip Neri Ferrao.
- *Mission without Borders: A Salvatorian Call to Global Communion:* Publisher: ATC Publishers, Bengaluru, 2025 | ISBN: [to be inserted] Released October 20, 2025 (First Pro-provincial Chapter, Shillong) by His Excellency Archbishop Victor Lyngdoh, Shillong.

### Articles

- "Imago Dei in a Pluralistic World: Cultivating Divine Traits Through Interreligious Dialogue and Missional Praxis" – *Journal of Indian Theology*, Vol. XVIII, No. 2 (May–Aug 2025)
- "Bridges of Grace: A Theological Inquiry into Religious Pluralism in Scripture and Church Tradition" – *Third Millennium: Indian Journal of Evangelization* (Jul–Sep 2025)
- "God Beyond Borders: Theological Horizons in a Religiously Plural World" – *Indian Theological Studies* (Sep–Oct 2025)
- "The Holy Spirit's Quiet Revolution: A Pneumatological Missiology for Cultural Renewal" – *Golden Jubilee Issue* (Sep 2025, forthcoming)
- "Christ the Fulcrum of Salvation: A Theological and Missiological Exploration of Redemption" – *Vidya Jyoti Journal of Theological Reflection* (Feb–Mar 2026, forthcoming)

## **WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS**

- Speaker and Facilitator in theological formation programs across India and the Philippines
- Visiting Professor of Missiology, St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore (Aug 2024 – Jun 2025)

## **LANGUAGES & SKILLS**

- **Languages:** Telugu, English, Hindi, Italian
- **Skills:**
  - Missiological research and teaching (M.Th. supervision)
  - Educational leadership (Principalship, curriculum development)
  - Editorial writing and theological publication
  - Musical composition (*Salvatorian Song Book*, Shillong, 2007)
  - Pastoral formation and intercultural dialogue

## **VISION STATEMENT**

“To remove all barriers of regionalism and foster a spirit of unity among all those working together wholeheartedly for the spread of God’s Kingdom. I envision a community where collaboration transcends boundaries, and our shared mission becomes the driving force behind every endeavour.”