

Short introduction about myself:

My name is Fr. Joe. I am belonging to a congregation called "Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian)". A missionary congregation founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1563. I was ordained on 29th December 2008. Soon after my ordination, I was sent to Tanzania as a missionary. I worked 9 years among the "Matengo" tribal people. My health was affected by malaria and typhoid often and weaken my body. So I requested for a break and so I was granted permission by my superior and thus returned back to my home country India for two months. I was asked by my superior to go to Canada and work in one of the mission dioceses. So On 14th August 2017, I started my journey to Canada and landed in this diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador on 14th of August 2017 (Time difference). After three months of enculturation, I was asked by the bishop of the diocese to work among the Indian Innu indigenous people in Sheshatshiu. I worked hard and by the grace of God, changes begin to happen in the lives of the people in the community. In February 2020, my superior asked me to come back, but the people in the community and the Band did not want me to go. So I am staying back for four more years.

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