

Brief Bio-Note on Paulson Veliyannoor, CMF, PhD

Paulson Veliyannoor, a catholic priest belonging to the Order of Claretian Missionaries, holds a PhD in clinical psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute, California, and currently serves as faculty member at the Forge Center for Claretian Renewal at Los Negrales, Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Veliyannoor is the founding principal of Saint Claret College, Ziro, (www.sccz.edu.in) an undergraduate school for the higher education of the tribal youth in the Himalayan foothills of India, where he served as principal for 7 years. Prior to it, he served as assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at Christ College (now Christ University), Bangalore, India. He is also the founding editor of *Artha: Journal of Social Sciences* and *InterViews: An Interdisciplinary Journal in Social Sciences*. He has edited two books and has a number of journal publications and conference presentations, primarily in the areas of mimetic theory and the interface of psychology and spirituality. He is a member of the American Psychological Association, its Divisions 36 (Society for the Psychology of Religion & Spirituality) and 48 (Society for Study of Peace, Conflict, & Violence), and of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion. Besides his degrees in psychology, Dr. Veliyannoor also holds baccalaureate degrees in philosophy as well as theology.

During his stint among the tribal population in Northeast India, he has developed keen interest in their indigenous religious, social, and psychological practices, an area he hopes to explore in depth.

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