



"What God has planned for you no one can take away"



It was on 21st March 1970 that God sowed the seed in the beautiful garden of Victor and Shakuntala Mota. Little Anisio was born in Mozambique (East Africa). This second child among three boys of the Mota family was always looked up to as the most loving and caring child. "Living in Africa was fun and challenging" is what he expressed to us. The locals with their own customs, cults and religion did not make the practice of Christianity so easy, but that was no obstacle for Anisio to prepare himself to become a disciple of Jesus. At the age of 5 he would return from the Church and begin to preach to his siblings behind closed doors, and would almost be close to the sermon he had heard during the Sunday mass.

When he was 11, he returned with his family to Goa. Having the handicap of

language, as Portuguese was the only language he could speak, Anisio really struggled but wasted no time in learning English and Konkani. In school, at Loyola's Margao, Anisio was not only learning Languages but began to play and participate in almost all the games in the school. After his VII, he expressed his desire to become a priest. He first spoke to Fr Francisco Ataide, then Assistant Priest Holy Spirit, Margao, to which Anisio belonged. Fr Ataide wasted no time in sending him to the Diocesan Seminary at Saligao. Under the spiritual guidance of Fr Ataide, Anisio grew and bloomed well in the Seminary till his XII standard.

Then came the time of making a firm decision about his calling. During the summer holidays while helping out in the parish with the summer activities for children, he met a young enthusi-

