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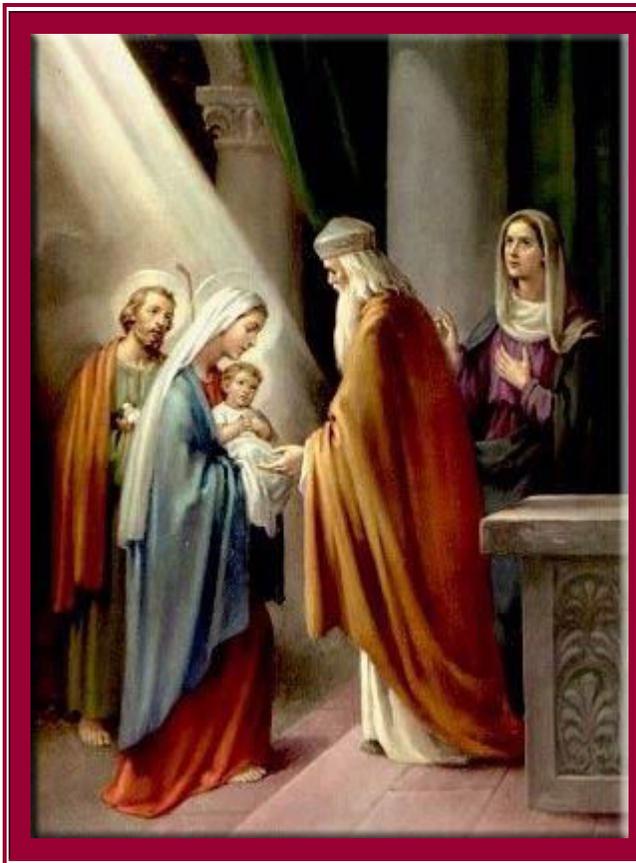
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My dear Confreres,

Greetings and best wishes to all of you. On the 2nd of February we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It was also the World Day of Consecrated People. Many celebrated this day on the 4th of February as it was a Sunday. We had the celebration in Mysore on 4th.

The Presentation of the Lord



All-powerful
Father,
Christ your Son
became man for
us
and was
presented
in the temple.
May he free our
hearts
from sin
and bring us
into your
presence.
Amen.

It was an occasion for us to reflect on our own religious consecration. The “Vita Consecrata” of Pope John Paul II, Art. 72 reminds us that the “consecrated persons are

‘in mission’ by virtue of their very consecration, to which they bear witness in accordance with the ideal of their institute.” In this context our constitution tell us: “Through our religious and missionary life, we seek to imitate the poor, the chaste and the obedient Christ in a radical way. We strive to become more like Him to manifest to the world the infinitely compassionate and forgiving love of God. We place at the centre of our community the Eucharistic Lord who breaks Himself for us that we may have life and life in abundance” New Constitution, Prologue.

Accident near Potta, Chalakudy in Kerala

On 16th April seven of our fathers viz. Frs. Jiji Manjackal, Thomas Mattakarathundiyl, Thomas Thekkekarot, Shino Puthussery, Joe Cherolickal, Jinu Pathiyakam, Bro. Shalbin Marottikudy and Sister _____, Aunt of Fr. Thomas M. were returning after the Ordination of Fr. Saji Eanthanamkuzhiyil from Neethipuram in Palakad. Near Potta in Chalakudy they had a head on collision with a tanker Lorry. All of them are injured, some seriously others lightly.

- Fr. JiJi broke both of his hands and Jawbone and his left cheekbone was dislocated. He is operated on the left hand and plastered on the left and the right hand. He has some minor fractures at the bones near the eyes. He has also a cut in the nose. He is recovering and is very much assisted by his mother who now stays in SFS Seminary Ettumanoor.

- Fr. Jinu Pathiakam, who came on Holidays from Philippines and was in the ill-fated vehicle escaped unhurt with very minor injuries.

- Fr. Jomon Cherolickal has some wound on his face but other wise no serious hurts. Both Fr. Jinu and Jomon were discharged the next day after medical attention.

- Fr. Shino Puthussery has also some wounds on his face and his head hit against probably the seat or the glass in front and has headache and was discharged from the hospital after 2 days. He complaints still of head-ache.

- Fr. Thomas Thekkekarot broke his Septum (nose) and has some hurts on the forehead. He is recovering. He also has still head-ache.

-Brother Shalbin fourth year theology in Aluva got hurt on his head. He had profuse bleeding. There are a number of stitches on the head. He experienced a kind of disorientation after the accident, but is now O.K. A few days more of rest will do him well and he will be able to attend his classes in St. Joseph’s Pontifical Seminary soon.

- Sister lost one of her toes but is now recovering.

- Fr. Thomas is badly hurt. The MRI scan reveals some dislocation of the C7 vertebrae. Fractures are present there. There is spinal cord compression at this level; cord is diffusely swollen. He was operated in Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and the dislocated vertebra is set right. He does not experience sensation nor is he capable of motor activities from chest downwards. He is still in the hospital.

We pray and that is all we can do. Nothing is impossible for God. We have asked so many people to pray for Fr. Thomas. I spoke with him and gave him courage, prayed with him and told him not to loose self-confidence. Please ask others to pray for Fr. Thomas.

One of the most encouraging experiences in this distressful situation was the support of the family members of our fathers. I was really touched by their concern, love and care. Some of them were consoling us telling us that everything will be o.k. Very touching is the deep faith of the father of Fr. Thomas Mattakarathundiyl and his family and their strong belief in the Providence of God. They trust and believe that God will set all things right. Fr. Thomas himself exudes optimism, courage, and strong trust in the providence of God. We would like to do everything possible for Fr. Thomas. Fr. James Manjackal together with Dr. Richi Ferbes Landauro, the son of Mrs. Gabi is trying to organize rehabilitation for Fr. Thomas in Spain. If papers get ready Fr. Thomas can go for the treatment soon. Otherwise we will organize for him the rehabilitation in India. We pray for Fr. Thomas but also for ourselves that we may understand the designs of God believe in His Providence and have strong trust in Him.

Eternal Father, whose infinite love watches in wisdom over each day of my life, grant me the light to see in sorrow as in joy, in trial as in peace, in uncertainty as in confidence, the way Your Divine Providence has marked out for me. Grant me a strong faith and trust so pleasing to You, and I will walk in darkness as in light, holding Your hand. And finding in all I receive from Your bounty . . . "that all things work together for good, for those who love You."

The Philippines

Philippines is an archipelago consisting of more than 7000 islands and islets stretching almost a 1000 miles from North to South. The land surface is 114,830 sq. statute miles and is crisscrossed with mountains and drained by small river system. Volcanoes dot the three geographic regions of the country and have been for centuries one of the natural causes of destruction of life and property. At least 10 volcanoes are considered alive, the 'mayon' being the most active. Taal volcano, the smallest in the world, situated in the middle of Taal-lake erupted no less than 30 times. The last eruption was on Sep 3, 1976. The Philippines lies within the pacific seismic belt and has consequently experienced severe earthquake. Its fertile plains and rich valleys produce diverse crops. Rice is the staple crop of the country. Philipinos belong to a mixture of races although basically he is a Malay.

My Visitation to the Philippines

From the 20th of December to the 30th of December I made my first ever visit to our confreres in the Philippines. Personally it was a very good and thrilling experience. I reached there at the time of the preparation for Christmas. Novena Mass in preparation for Christmas, known as "timbang gabi" (dawn mass) attracts thousands of people. The Mass is anywhere between 4.a.m. and 6 a.m. Christmas is celebrated with great pomp and gaiety and gifts are exchanged in the family and between friends. The whole city of Manila and the towns and villages throughout Philippines bear a festive look with lighted stars and serial sets. I felt blessed to be in the Philippines, a catholic country, at the time of the Blessed Christmas. I had opportunity to personally meet all the confreres and the 11 seminarians we have in the Philippines. The personal and the community meeting generated hope and a great optimism for the future of our Philippine Mission. The

confreres are totally committed to the mission of the Congregation and are driven by the desire to implant the Congregation in the Philippines and to be an integral part of the pastoral activities of the Church there. Tremendous works have been done by our confreres during the last years.

- Bagong Silang, in Kalookan city, a Parish with over 35,000 families in the diocese of Novaliches has now a full-fledged presbytery and most of the work in the Parish Church is completed. There is some more room around the Church, which needs completion. Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe laid strong foundation for the Church and the Mission. Fr. Joy Kochupoovathumoottil with great commitment and enthusiasm continued the work and brought many of the things to completion. Legal aspects of the property are sorted out and the school is now a full functional entity and has classes till VI th Std. Fr. Jimmy Parayankuzhiyil focuses on the youth of the parish and actively participates in the pastoral ministries and teaches in our seminary at Silang Cavite. Congratulations and God's Blessings for you and your work and ministry, dear fathers.

- Silang Cavite is the MSFS formation house. Fr. Francis Kizhakethazhe has built this house. Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhiyil is the present Mission Superior and Rector of the seminary. As Rector he is completing 6 years and as Mission Superior three years. With meticulous perfection Fr. Sunny sorted out many of the legal aspects of our land and property. Building plan is approved, tax exemption for land and building has been acquired and tax exemption certificate for the society is obtained. Fr. Sunny deserves our appreciation and acknowledgement for the tremendous services he has done for the Philippine mission. Fr. Joseph Pattarkalayil is the Procurator of the house and at the same time also Vocation Promoter. Besides he teaches in the seminary. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of these confreres and their love and commitment to the Mission of the Congregation.

- Molino Pastoral Centre, Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church has two dynamic and hard working confreres, Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam as Parish Priest and Fr. Jayaraj as Assistant. In a record time Ginu was able to organize the construction of a Presbytery and Parish Church. The work is not completed but what has been achieved is remarkable. Fr. Jayaraj is also teaching in our Seminary and is very much involved with the youth and the altar boys. Congratulations to both of them. Fr. Ginu has started his studies in M.A. Psychology specializing in "Formative Counseling".

- Fr. Tito Puthuparambil stays in Santo Nino de Molino Parish and assists in the Parish Ministry there. He is now completing his M.A. Psychology, majoring in Human Development. His study is based on the so-called "Life course method". He is writing his thesis on "Spiritual Development in Midlife" and is hoping to complete his studies by June 2007.

Vision 2009 for Philippines

Establish the novitiate house by March 2008 in the already existing land or in a new

land, which has then to be purchased.

Study the possibility of restructuring and reorganizing the present seminary to be a retreat and spiritual empowerment centre. Start offering Salesian Retreats and other weekend programmes.

□□ *Study the possibility of beginning a school or a junior college in the vicinity of the seminary or Molino pastoral centre and if possible organize the purchase and registration of the land.*

□□ *Strengthen our commitment to youth ministries and catechetical training programmes.*

□□ *Study the possibility of starting a “livelihood programme” in the pastoral centre in Molino and start it by June 2008 if found feasible.*

□□ *Invite Fr. James Manjackal for preaching ministries to Philippines through the groups like the “hand of God”, “Anawim way” or “El Shaddai”*

□□ *Study the possibility of starting a centre in the Region of “Visayas”, possibly in “Cebu”*

□□ *Arrange Mission Appeals for the Missionaries in Philippines in the USA*

□□ *Make arrangements for confreres in India to do advanced studies in Philippines, which offers courses equal to that of the USA, living in our centers or other parishes.*

□□ *Explore the possibility of sending Students for Theology Course to Philippines from*

India and Chad-Cameroon

Orientation Course in Karnataka

According to the Action Plan of the Provincial Congress 2006 we are to start the Orientation Course in Karnataka by June 2007. The Provincial Council decided to start the course in Saumya Sadan, Fransalian Farm, Mysore, from June 2007. It is a temporary solution and we may have to decide later for a strategic place to locate the seminary.

Visitation to Chad-Cameroon Mission

I will be visiting our Chad-Cameroon Mission from the 13th of February 2007 – 8th March 2007. I am eagerly waiting to meet the confreres there and to see the tremendous growth of this mission during the last 6 years. Please pray for a safe journey. I will be back in India on the 8th March. During my absence Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil will be the Provincial Vicar till the 28th of February and Fr. Henry Jose from the 1st of March.

Bros. Robin Mathew and Kuldeep Kujur

Bros. Robin Mathew Thonikuzhiyil and Kuldeep Kujur, the scholastics, who have opted for the Chad-Cameroon Mission, will be accompanying me. I thank them for their generosity and commitment to be at the service of the Lord.
Bon Voyage



“I have opted for the Chad-Cameroon mission with the desire to be at the service of the mission of the congregation and to serve God in the people through all the capabilities and potentialities God has given me.” (Robin Mathew)



“I want to be a missionary not only in Spirit but in action too. I want to reach out to people of all sorts especially poor and needy and in serving them serve God. It is my personal conviction and personal decision to go to our Chad- Cameroon mission”. (Kuldeep)

On Visit and on Holidays

Fr. Tomy Mullasseril with Fr. Peter Wenzel

Fr. Cyriac Umikuzhiyil

Fr. George Vattapara

Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokkad

We have at present 60 acres and 10 cents of land in the Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokkad. Besides we have another 7 acres for which we presently do not possess the "Pattayam." Mr. Varghese Kottarathil filed a case against our Estate that the bund that is built by us to protect our land is in the "Porambokku" (Kharab land). Accordingly a court verdict was passed in 1999 in his favor and we were asked by the Collector and Tahsildar to demolish the present bund, which would have meant that the flow of the river would affect the land that is in our custody. Fr. George Vattapara, the then Manager of Vinayakumar Estate appealed to the High Court against this order and we got a stay order from the court not to vacate the land till the case is settled. Meanwhile Varghese Kottarathil approached an Organization called PUCI. Its president is a certain Mr. Pauran. He came to the land and threatened that the Porambokku land will be forcefully occupied and distributed to the landless. Faced with such threats Fr. Paul Aranjanil approached the high court for protection for land and inmates. Mr. Pauran threatened that the land will be forcefully occupied on 1 November. That did not take place on the pretext of bad weather. But on Jan. 26, 2007 a group of 850 people came. They came from Tirur, Batheri, Quilon, Kodungallor etc. From the locality there were only 21 people. 80% of them were women and children. A police force of 150 including the DYSP was present at the scene. To avoid further confrontation and as most of them were women and children the DYSP allowed them inside our land, to hold a meeting. After the meeting they erected a flag and went off. Any confrontation at that point would have meant bad name for the Ashram, as most of the participants were women and children.

However the people from the locality who are friendly with us were not happy about the explanation of the police and they staged a protest. Fr. Paul Aranjanil has filed a case of contempt of court against Pauran and co. On 04.02.2007 there was a protest meeting by the people from Chokkad, Thelpara, T.K. Colony, Chulliodu and Pookkottumpadam and the parishioners from Chettipadam, Perinagad, Kuttikallu and so on. About 800 people protested against the threat issued to us by Pauran and Co. and the inaction of the police and their incapacity to give protection for the land and the people. They pledged to protect our land and the inmates of the ashram.

On Jan 20, 2007 the High Court issued a verdict, with an order to Revenue Divisional Officer at Perinthalmanna, Malapuram Dt. to the effect that 67 acres and 7 cents of land legally belong to Karnataka Fransalian Society. After studying the order the RDO passed an order to Tahsildar on Jan. 20, 2007 stating that the Land legally belongs to Kerala Fransalian Education Society for the following Reasons:

1. In 1921 Savitri Antharjanam has purchased the entire land, it being clearly mentioned in the "Adahram". Till 1965 tax has been paid for the entire land
2. In 1957 the entire land had received license for rubber plantation from the Rubber Board

3. In 1962 K.A. Abraham purchased the land from Savitri Anthrarjam. In 1963 Andhra Salesian Society purchased the entire land from K.A. Abraham. In 1973 the Andhra Salesian Society transferred the entire land to Kerala Fransalian Educational Society. These reasons show that the whole land is to be considered as a single unit and has to be treated so. Hence the Land is not a "Purambokku land". This land is to be rather considered as "Asthira Punja", which is the land where formerly the riverbed may have existed. That comes around 10 acres 34 cent. According to the resurvey that was done, we possess merely 7 acres of it. Now the order is passed by the RDO for these seven acres. The paperwork is going on and we are expecting the order within few months. I take this occasion to express my wholehearted gratitude to Fr. Paul Aranajanil, who had real trying times for the past few months. He had to run from pillar to post to get things done. I appreciate his deep commitment and loyalty to the Congregation and its assets. The months of tension and uncertainty is definitely telling on his health. The community stood behind him and was a great source of support for him. I thank Fr. Augustine Mannampambil, Bro. Joseph Pindipuzha and Bro. Shiju Kulathil for their love and loyalty.

Letter from Fr. Superior General

The Letter of the Superior General to all the Confreres is attached to this Circular.

The meeting of the General Council with the Indian Provincials

The meeting of the General Council with the Indian Provincials took place on 3 and 4 Jan. 2007 in Suvidya College in a very cordial and open atmosphere. The major concerns dealt with were the Mission Institute, Lumen Christi at Arusha, Tanzania, the confreres in USA and the Secretariats of the General and Provincial Administration. Details of it can be read in the enclosed letter of Fr. Superior General.

Silver Jubilee Celebration at Hebbagodi

The silver Jubilee Celebrations of the SFS Schools at Hebbagodi was celebrated on a grand scale on 11, 12, 13 Feb. 2007. Dignitaries of political, civil and corporate sectors were present and the celebrations were organized well. I make use of this opportunity to thank the community at Mermier Bhavan, especially Frs. Santy and Jabamalai the Principals of the English and Kannada Medium Schools respectively and Fr. Soby Maroor the Vice-Principal. Frs. Mathew Kalathungal and Vinod Kanat were also actively participating in the preparations of the Jubilee.

Appointments

Fr. Thomas Anchanickal is appointed as Priest in - charge of the Immaculate Conception Church, Pappinissery w.e.from 1st March 2007. He is further designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest by the Bishop of Kannur from May 2007.

Fr. Anil Thondampally is appointed as Vocation Promoter of North Kerala- Malabar Region with effect from December 2006.

Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhickal is temporarily appointed to SFS Seminary Ettumanoor to be on the staff.

Fr. Shajan Manickathan will spend the coming months (2-3) in Charis Bhavan in prayer.

Fr. Jais Mecherril is appointed by Mar Joseph Powathil, Archbishop of Changanacherry as Assistant Parish Priest of St. Xavier's Church Thrikodithanam 686 105 Kottayam Dt. With effect from 10th February 2007. Tel. 0481 2441358

Fr. Saji Eanthanamkuzhiyil is appointed by Mar Joseph Powathil as Assistant Parish Priest at Mar Sleeva Forane Church, Pazhavangadi, Alappuzha 688 001 with effect from 3rd February 2007.

Fr. Antony Valiyaprambil is appointed by Mar Joseph Powathil as Assistant Parish Priest of St. George Forane Church, Vellarada, Trivandrum Dt. 695 505 with effect from 3rd February 2007.

Fr. Shino Puthussery is appointed by Mar Valiamattam, Archbisshop of Tellicherry as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. George Church, Paduppu, Sankaranpaddy P.O. Kasargodu Dt. with effect from 10th February 2007.

Fr. Thomas Thekkekarottu is appointed by Mar Thoomkuzhiyil of the Archdiocese of Thrissur as Assistant Parish Priest of St. Raphael's Church, Kallur East, Thrissur 680 317 with effect from 15th February 2007.

Fr. Joseph Thoppil is appointed to our community in Koppal.

Fr. L Selvaraj is appointed to Charis Bhavan community with effect from 18th Feb. 2007.

Fr. Dijo Koikkara is appointed to Charis Bhavan community with effect from 15 March 2007 .

Fr. Pangiraj will be rendering service in the Infant Jesus Shrine, for a period of 4 months.

Let us pray for the departed

Fr. Joseph Ducrest expired on 11 / 2 / 2007 at Bonlieu, Fribourg, aged 89 years.

Mrs. Annamma, 84 years, mother of Fr. Johny Kanjiramparampil, expired on 24 Jan 2007.

Mr. Mathai, 84 years, the father of Fr. Thomas Illikkattil, expired on 20 Jan 2007.

Let us pray for the sick

Mr. Vareed (Vargheese), the father of Frs. Jose Karekatt and Raphael Karekatt is seriously ill.

Let us pray for him.

News from the Province

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRIESTS

Fr. Dijo Koikkara msfs



Born : 26-07-1978

Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor

Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore

First Profession : 11-06-1999

Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore

Regency : Jonai, Assam

Theology : SFS Vidyashram, Aluva

Ordination : 25 November 2006 at Kizhkkambalam by Rt. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Adayantharath, Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese

Fr. Thomas Mattakarathundiyl msfs



Born : 17-12-1975

Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor

Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore

First Profession : 11-06-1999

Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore

Regency : Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokkad

Theology : SFS Vidyashram, Aluva

Ordination : 1 January 2007 at St. Thomas' Church, Mavadi by Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathew Anikuzhikkattil, Bishop of Idukki.

Fr. Jais Mecheril msfs



Born : 15-11-1979
Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : Mezhiphema, Nagaland
Theology : Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Ordination: : 2 Jan 2007 at St. Sebastian's Church, Marottichal
by Bishop Mar Andrews Thazhathu of the Archdiocese of Trichur.

Fr. Antony Valiyaparampil msfs



Born : 26-12-1979
Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : I.I.S. Bangalore
Theology : Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Ordination : 3 January 2007 at St. Joseph's Church,
Edayazham by Most Rev. Dr. Sebastian Adayantharath, Auxiliary Bishop of
Ernakulam- Angamaly Arch-Diocese.

Fr. Shino Puthussery msfs



Born : 30-08-1979
Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : Silapathar, Assam
Theology : SFS Vidyashram, Aluva
Ordination : 4 Jan 2007 at St. Sebastian's church, Nedungad by Rt. Rev.
Sebastian Adayantharath, the Auxiliary Bishop of Eranakulam- Angamaly
Arch-Diocese.

Fr. Thomas Thekkekarottu msfs



Born : 06-05-1980
Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : Gogamukh, Assam
Theology : SFS Vidyashram, Aluva
Ordination : 13 January 2007 at St. Mary's Church, Moozhoor
by Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kallarangattu, Bishop of Palai.

Fr. Saji Eanthanamkuzhiyil msfs



Born : 6-09-1977
Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : Srinivaspur, Kolar
Theology : SFS Vidyashram, Aluva
Ordination : 16 Jan 2007 at Neethipuram, Palakkad by Bishop Mar Jacob Manathodath of Palakkad Diocese.

Fr. L. Selvaraj



Born : 29-07-1972
Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : Chintamani
Theology : Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Ordination : January 17, 2007 in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gokunte by His Grace Most Rev. Bernard Moras, the Archbishop of Bangalore.

Fr. J. Pangiraj msfs



Born : 22-02-1978
Minor Seminary: SFS Seminary Pudukottai
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : Malur
Theology : Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Ordination : 18th January 2007 at Our Lady of lourds' Church, Rayapuram by Rt. Rev. Dr. Antony Anandarayar, Archbishop of Pudhuchery-Cuddlore.

Fr. Joseph Thoppil msfs



Born : 05-03-1978
Minor Seminary : SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
Novitiate : Sannidhi, Mysore
First Profession : 11-06-1999
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : Mermier Bhavan, Bangalore
Theology : Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Ordained : 29th January 2007 at St Mary's Church Mudur, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Mukkuzhy, Bishop of Belthangady.

Seminarians from Philippines introduce themselves

Postulants



I am Romel Grefalda Mendoza, born on Dec.12, 1983 in Calauag, Quezon. I have two brothers and a sister. I am in the 5th year in formation, “ *What inspires me to be a priest is the dedication of the msfs priests who work in the missions and the way they live the works given to them.*”



I am Jundie Sumagaysay, born on Dec.10, 1985 in Bohol. I have 4 sisters and one brother. I am in the 4th year in formation, “ *I want to be a priest because of my desire to be at the service of the Lord and to be a missionary for Him.*”



I am Filemon Torreon Jr., born on May 10, 1984. in Bohol. My Father died before some time and I have 7 brothers and 3 sisters. I am in the 4th year in formation. “ *I chose to be a priest to help the people who are dejected and without hope who need my help and to bring the Word of God to those who have not heard it.*”



I am Wilfredo Paglinawan Jr., born: on Jan.21, 1986 in Calauag, Quezon. I have one sister and one brother. I am in the 4th year in formation, “ *Since my childhood, I was inspired by my two uncles-priest. As I go on, the desire to serve God still inspires me.*”

Aspirants



I am Kirby Homo, born on Feb. 3, 1989 in Magallanes, Sorsogon. I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. I am in the 2nd year in my formation. “ *I grew up in a protestant surrounding. My friends used to ask me many questions regarding catholic faith. Then suddenly I thought why don't I become a priest and be a defender of catholic faith.*”



I am Jess Revilla born on April 1, 1987 in Zamboanga del Sur. I have 5 sisters and 2 brothers. I am in the 2nd year in formation. “ *I was inspired to enter the seminary and become a priest when I heard one priest preaching that a lot of young people today are living in darkness. So I want them to bring closer to God.*”



I am Noel Tatoy, born on Dec. 5, 1987. in Bato, Leyte. My father has gone for his eternal reward. I have 4 brothers and 4 sisters. I am in the 2nd year in formation. “ I want to be a priest to proclaim the Good news of Salvation to the people and to know

and discover the deeper meaning of the Love of God.”



I am Alston Garcia Anabieza, born on Aug. 16, 1988 in Bohol. I have one brother and 3 sisters. I am in the 2nd year in formation. . “ I want to become a priest because I want to serve God and his people.”

Orientation year



I am Nathaniel Masendo born on May 12, 1990 in Compostella Valley, Davao. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters. 1st year of formation. “ I want to be a priest because I feel the Call of God deep within me.”



I am Lloyd V. Buenafior, born on Sept. 25, 1987 in Compostella Valley, Davao. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister. I am in the 1st year of formation. “ I chose this kind of life because I am convinced that God is calling me.”



I am Franklin Wayne Punay, born on Nov. 7, 1988. in Bato, Leyte I have two sisters. I am in the 1st year of formation. “ I chose this vocation to render my life and service to God and to the poor.”

Silver Jubilee Celebration at Hebbagodi



SFS High Schools, Hebbagodi, (English and Kannada mediums) celebrated its Silver Jubilee in a grand scale on 11th, 12th and 13th of January 2007. On 11th of January Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, rovincial of the South West Province presided over the function and Mr.Rajanna, Member of Zilla Panchayath was the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Provincial in his presidential address

highlighted the works of the MSFS fathers in Hebbagodi and its surroundings. The local leaders of Hebbagodi were felicitated and thanked for their unstinted support and co-operation. 12th January was a day specially set apart for the parents. Dr. Sangliana IPS (RTD), Member of the parliament presided over the functions. Mr. Narayana Swamy MLA, Anekal Constituency was the chief guest. Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, M.D., Biocon, Mr. Ivan Nigli, MLA, Government of Karnataka, Mr. Puttanna, MLC Government of Karnataka, Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, Provincial of the South West Province, Fr. Joseph Thayil, former principal of SFS High school, Hebbagodi, Fr. Joseph Puthiyaparampil, former correspondent of SFS High school, Hebbagodi were the guests of honor. Dr. Sangliana, the president of the function greatly admired and appreciated the marvelous works of the fathers in the field of education. He emphasized that the fathers should render their service not only for the parishes but also for the upliftment of the marginalized in the society. On 13th of January the thanksgiving mass and the cultural events were presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore. Fr. Erudaya Raja MSFS, Councilor incharge of education, was the chief guest. The management availed this opportunity to thank and felicitate the former principals, correspondents and fathers who made tireless efforts to bring up the schools from scratch to its present form.

Reported by Santy Kurian msfs

Four golden feathers on the cap



Bangalore, (Feb:8): February 8"; Thursday, 2007, had been a red-lettered one for the Fransalians of South-West India Province, as we celebrated 50-years-long ministerial priesthood of Rev. Frs. Antony Mookenthottam, Mathew Thudian plackal, Zacharias Onaythumkuzhy and Thomas Anikala, in the signal service of the congregation and the Church at large. The programme started with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Zacharias in his introduction to the mass highlighted that he has always experienced very concretely God's special intervention in his own life and in others too. During the homily, Fr. Jose Kumblolickal, emphasized that the senior confreres inspire the younger generations of Fransalians, about the values such as selflessness, interrelatedness, dependency and a wholistic view of life. He expressed concern over the young losing the sense of history and he feared that, this neglect would result in repeating the mistakes. He called upon the old to stir the young from their own memory and share the wealth of their experience As Fr. Antony Mookenthottam was expressing his gratitude, he recalled a quote of St. Francis de Sales, which he, had seen at the Visitation Convent, While he was at Annecy which read "Everything passes away, only love and what we have done for God remains" He exhorted that we are all called to radiate this love. After the Eucharistic Celebration, during the felicitation, Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, the Provincial, expressed that the veteran missionarries are men God who radiate Christ and he held that they have extaordinarily practised humility, gentleness, patience and simplicity. A Variety entertainment programme was organised by Indian Institute of Spirituality community under the guidance of Fr. Benny Koottanal.

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De Sales University Joins Hands with De Sales Institute of Philosophy and Religion

DeSales University (DSU) and DeSales Institute of Philosophy and Religion (DIPR) entered into a formal agreement on February 12, 2007 at Suvidya College Auditorium, under which DeSales University will grant the B.A. degree in Philosophy and B.A. degree in Theology to the students of DeSales Institute of Philosophy and Religion during the period of agreement. DSU is one of the premiere institutes in Pennsylvania, USA belonging to the congregation of Oblates of St. Francis De Sales (OSFS). DIPR is the umbrella institute which constitutes Suvidya College, Tejas Vidya Vihar and Indian Institute of Spirituality in Bangalore, India belonging to the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS). In signing the affiliation agreement Rev. Bernard O'Connor, OSFS, President, DSU and Dr. Karen Doyle Walton, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, DSU, represented the DeSales University and Rev. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, MSFS, Chairperson, DIPR Governing Board, Fr. Jolly Chakkalackal, MSFS, President DIPR, represented DeSales Institute of Philosophy and Religion. The agreement will come into effect in mid-August 2007. Regular exchange of students and faculty will be part of the collaboration. The process of affiliation was introduced by Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam in Jan 2005 and followed up by Fr. Jose Parapillil and Fr. Jose Kumblolickal through their visit to the DeSales University six months later. Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparampil MSFS the first President of DIPR did enormous amount of work that was required for the affiliation. He is the brain behind the whole process and through meticulous planning and constant contact with the DSU made this to happen. Thank you and hearty congratulations to all of you who made this possible. It is a great accomplishment for both DIPR and DSU. The ceremony was

attended by a large gathering which included DSU delegates, dignitaries, students and staff of various institutes.

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Yours Sincerely
Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam msfs

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