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Month of October is dedicated for the special devotion to the Holy Rosary. Rosary is the contemplation of Christ in his mysteries, in close union with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Contemporary spirituality feels the intense need to focus on the essential. Because of this, there is at present a promising rediscovery of the true nature of the rosary, as a prayer that helps us to stay in Christ's company, to know him better, assimilate his teaching, and live his mysteries. Who, better than Mary, can accompany us in this journey of the mind and heart? this is why we repeat the hail Mary ... also when we pray and meditate on the rosary, we discover god's love for us and it helps us to live lives that are holy, upright and filled with the love of God. Let us take it a God given opportunity to grow in love towards our Blessed Mother and the recitation of the Rosary.

### **Provincial Vicar**

I am already on my visit to the United States and Europe and will be back only on the 28th of November. Fr. Johny Kanjiramparambil will be the Provincial Vicar in my absence. Kindly pray for my safe trip.

### **Congratulations to Fr. Viju!!!!**

*Fr. Viju Kunnathottel is elected as Councilor in Franco- Swiz Province.  
Congratulations and Best wishes to Fr. Viju.*

### **Congratulations to:**

Fr. Santy Kurian passed M.A Literature in Second Class from Bangalore University  
Fr. Jose Puthiarambil

### **Let us pray for the departed**

Mariamamma 93, mother of Fr. Jacob Thudipara who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2007

### **New Telephone Number**

The new telephone number of Prateeksha , Our boys' home at Hebbagodi is

### **Bon Voyage**

Fr. Santy Kurian will leave for the United States of America on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. He will be doing pastoral ministry in the diocese of Galveston- Houston.

Fr. Sathish Vellaramkunnel will leave for Chad- cameroun on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Let us pray for them wish them every best.

### **Annual Retreat**

Annual retreat conducted at Charis Bhavan from September 24 – 28, 2007 and at IIS from October 8- 12, 2007. Ninety Nine priests of the Province took part in the retreat. Our Confreres Fr. Jacob Parapally, Antony Mookenthottam, Benny Koottanal, Jose Parappillil and Abraham Vettuvellil preached the retreat and it was well appreciated as the talks had a Fransalian touch. I thank this group of preachers for the wonderful work they have done. I could be present at both places and could get the feed back. I also could spent some time with the confreres and attend to their concerns as a Province family during the Province meet at the end of the retreat.

Once again I thank the confreres who made themselves available for the retreat and showing their concern for the various issues and projects of the Province family.

### **Ulickal Mission**

We, the MSFS took up the **Ulickal** parish in 2003 for a term of 25 Years. The parish comprises of 60 families of which most of them are Scheduled Caste and poor who go for manual labor to make their living. The Church has 5 acres of land. Including the faithful from other parishes (Syro- Malabar) around 60 to 100 persons attend daily mass.

Ulickal has a substation Called *Mattani* where there is no place to conduct liturgical services. There are 15 Families are staying in the area and once a week, Mass and other prayer Services are offered there. Fr.Varghese Puthuparambil who served the Parish from 1998 to 2006 bought five (5) cents of land to build a church and now we have applied to the diocese for financial assistance to construct a small chapel.

In 2004, Fr.Varghese Started SFS Boys' Home with 5 Children and year after year increased the number of inmates. In 2006, Frs. Thomas Puthusserry and Anil took charge as parish Priest and assistant Parish Priest respectively. At present there are 17 inmates, 8 of them are in Upper Primary School, 8 in High School and one in Plus one. and now we have Construction of new Boy's Home is going on and we hope to get it ready soon.

Fr.Anil, the director of SFS Boy's Home is also the Regional Director of 'KAIROS' Diocesan Social Service Society and its Ulickal Unit Community Organizer. We also render Counseling Services like Free *tele-counselling*, *Family counselling* etc. at the centre. There are twelve Self-Help groups, under diocesan Service Society function here to empower people in different ways.

Our future plan is to strengthen the service of *family Counseling Centre* , thereby we will be able to foster the physical and mental health of people by Conducting different training Programmes like Personality Development, classes on Parenting Skills, Youth oriented Programmes, Awareness programmes on health, hygiene Aids etc. -Report by **Fr. Anil Thondampallil**

## **Rajarajeshwari Parish in Mysore**

The MSFS presence in the diocese of Mysore for over a decade, received a boost, as a new parish was erected and was entrusted to our care. The inauguration of the new parish was held at the Provincial house chapel on 7 October 2007, at 8AM. His Lordship, Thomas Antony Vazhappilly, the bishop of Mysore presided over the Eucharistic celebration and officiated the installation ceremony. Exhorting the faithful he stressed on the need to have a praying faithful, who are firmly rooted in Christian values and virtues. The parish was dedicated to St. Alphonsa, the first saint from Indian soil. His Lordship, Bishop Thomas was felicitated by Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam. The bishop was quiet impressed with the praying faithful, who thronged the chapel to witness the historic moment. After the Eucharistic celebration the people of God in Rajarajewari parish felicitated Provincial Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam and the parish priest Fr. Christopher Harold Crasta. In fine it was a grace filled occasion to witness.

*Reported by Bro. Sujith Xavier*

**Fr. Thomas Mattakkara Thundiyl**

Fr. Thomas Mattakkarathundiyl is back in India.

Yours Sincerely

*Mathew Kozhuppakalam*

**Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam msfs**  
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