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*Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord. (Isaiah 1:18)*



Christ invites each of us to reconcile with those who hurt or disappoint us. It is a call to forgive the brother who I feel is getting on my way, to forgive the brother who seeks only himself in all what he does. If most problems come from unforgiveness, we can understand why Jesus emphasizes forgiveness to an extreme degree. When Peter suggested to Jesus that we should forgive seven times, he was correct. (Mt 18:21) Seven in the Bible stands for an indefinite number of times, so Peter was saying we should forgive indefinitely. This is the correct answer but not the correct emphasis. Jesus proclaims we should forgive "seventy times seven," indefinitely times indefinitely. (Mt 18:22)

God's intent is that as believers, we become different people. We're being transformed from the inside out. The chief architect of these changes is God himself. As a loving father, he comes alongside to personally direct our growth.

The process continues. Selfishness gives way to service. Relationships with others are restored. Bitterness, envy, jealousy and hatred diminish as love increases. We experience a new dimension of joy. Not overnight, but steadily, progressively. Profound adjustments are underway. We realize it is true – we really are new creations because Christ is living in us!

Our new life in Christ is not one of unbroken success. There are fresh challenges. Old habits and old associations don't change easily. Conflicts arise. There are even spiritual forces that oppose us. We doubt. We become discouraged. Yet it's different. We're not on our own. We have entered a new and living bond with Jesus Christ. He leads. We follow. Our faith is set on a new foundation – and that foundation is Christ. How wonderful and reassuring are his words to us: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

### **Renewal Program**

The (General) Secretariat for Innovative Ministries and Resource Mobilization is offering a **Six-Week Clinical Pastoral Education Program** for the whole Congregation.

**For whom:**

- Confreres between 35 and 45 years young engaged in any Ministry
- Three confreres from each Province

**For what:**

- To hone skills in Pastoral Ministry
- To provide supervision in the style of Ministry
- To deal with emotional and personal conflicts in ministry
- To develop leadership skills to facilitate groups and communities

**How:**

- An intense therapeutic program with personal supervision and therapy

**When: October 4<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Venue: SFS Vidyashram Aluva, Kerala**

The Secretariat is also offering a **one week program for Community Superiors.**( This programme is repeated to accommodate more participants)

**For what:**

- To facilitate religious life on communities according to MSFS constitutions
- To develop leadership skills to facilitate communities

**For whom:**

- Four participants from each Province

**Venue:**

- **SFS Vidyashram, Aluva, Kerala- from November 15 to 20, 2009**
- **MSFS Provincialate Nagpur – From November 22 to 27, 2009**

As you can see only limited seats are available for our province for each of the course and you have to hurry up to register your name with the Provincial Secretary. **Tel. +919448789121, Email: [msfsbangalore@yahoo.com](mailto:msfsbangalore@yahoo.com)**

In case you need a substitute during this time please contact Fr. Provincial after his return from Chad-Cameroon Visitation.

**Salesian Seminar**

**The Salesian Seminar** for the year 2009 will take place as usual from the evening of 3 May 2009 to the noon of 8 May 2009 in the Indian Institute of Spirituality Bangalore with the theme “Relevance of Introduction to the devout life from global perspective.” The MSFS “Charism is to live the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in the Mission”. Participation in such programs can enhance our understanding of the spirit and spirituality of Francis de Sales. Therefore I earnestly request you to participate in this seminar. The program will be sent to you directly by the IIS.

**Gratitude**

The inauguration and blessings of **Tejas and Nest** took place on 3 February 2009. A lot of hands have worked behind this great venture. First of all I thank **Fr. Jacob Parappally** the Rector of Tejas Vidya Vihar and the Superior of the community under whose supervision the complete work was executed. I thank **Fr. Shibu Thundathil** who spared no effort to see that the work is done on time. I am very grateful to **Fr. Jaison**

**Pezhathinal** who supervised the work right from the beginning and whole heartedly dedicated himself to the construction. **Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhakkal** gave the finishing touches to the building. **Frs. Sibichan Panthamackal and Arockiawamy** supported all of them at all times in different ways. **The brothers from Tejas** were wonderful. I really appreciate their hard work. They shifted all the belongings of Tejas from Sudhrivana to Kumbalgud, cleaned up the campus and made the place livable. I would like to thank all of them for their commitment and single-minded devotion to the duties entrusted to them. We thank our friends and benefactors, the Missio, the Augustinian Monastery in Klosterneuburg and all the friends, benefactors and well-wishers of NEST.

On 17 February **Prateeksha**, the new SFS Boys' Home in Kadisenahalli was inaugurated. I thank **Fr. James Thomas** who whole heartedly worked for the fast progress and execution of the work *in situ* and **Fr. Benny Marangolil** who managed the construction in spite of his heavy work as the Provincial Bursar. We thank our friends from Styria, Austria for their support and love for the children of Kadisenahalli.

### **Appointments and Address of the New Priests**

**Fr. Joby Mattathil** is appointed by the Archbishop of Ernakulam Angamaly to St. Joseph's Church Chunagamvely, Erumathala P.O, Aluva, Kerala 683 112. Mob +919946880908

**Fr. Riju Vazhaparambil** is appointed by the Archbishop of Thrissur to St. Thomas Church Thiroor P.O, Mulakunnathukavu, Thrissur Dt. 680 581. Mob. +919446290564.

**Fr. Shaju Arackal** is appointed by the Archbishop of Thrissur to St. Antony's Church, Puthenpeedika, ThrissurDt. 680 642. Mob.+919744152018.

**Fr. Prince Cheriakavil** is appointed by the Archbishop of Changanacherry to St. George Forane Church, Amboory, Trivandrum Dt. 695 505. Mob. +919605829714

**Fr. Jaison Kollarayath** is appointed by the Bishop of Vijayapuram to Sacred Heart Church, Pambanar P.O, Peermade, Idukki. Dt. Kerala 685 537. Mob. +919605997571, 0486 9232296

**Fr. Jacob Balavendra** is appointed by the Bishop of Chickmagalur to St.Roque's Church, Santaveri P.O, Tarikere, Chickmagalur Dt. 577 137. Mob. No. +919481434540

**Fr. Magish Vellisseriketil** is appointed to our community in Vattapara to be appointed by the Bishop of Neyyattinkara as Assistant Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church Mob.+919605571170

**Fr. Jeevan Prasad Dandavate** is appointed to our community in Chennarayapatna to take care of the Watershed project that we have initiated there and to be available for pastoral services in the diocese of Chickmagalur. Mob.+919008321139

**Fr. Xess Bipin Kishore** was temporarily appointed to Prateeksha and will start his French course in Pondicherry in preparation for his appointment in Chad-Cameroon Mission.

### **Other Transfers and Appointments**

**Fr. Prashanth Kumar** is appointed to the Community at Savanur

**Fr. Pangi Raj** is appointed to the community at Mundargi

**Fr. Shalbin Marottikudy** is appointed to the community at De Sales Technical Training and Skills Development Centre at Kolar with effect from 2. April 2009.

**Fr. Antony Valiaparambil** is appointed temporarily to Prateeksha, SFS Boys Home, Hebbagodi.

### **Provincial's Election**

I hope by now all have received the ballot paper along with the letter of Rev. Fr. Superior General and my letter for the election of the Provincial. Please make sure that your vote reaches the Provincial House by the **31 March 2009**. The confreres in Europe, America and Philippines will send their votes directly to the Superior General. The confreres in Chad-Cameroon have the possibility to hand over their votes directly to the Superior General when he visits them. Others also have the freedom to send their votes directly to the Superior General. In that case it should reach him before his departure to Africa in the first week of April.

### **The New Budget**

I would like to place on record a word of thanks and appreciation to Frs. Benny Marangolil, Thomas Chennakattukunnel and Fr. Vinod Kanat for having prepared the new budget format for various centers and having assisted the confreres to make the budget proposal for 2009-2010 in time.

### **Congratulations**

To Fr. Pangi Raj and Fr. Joseph Thoppil who came off with flying colors for their B.Ed. Examination. Fr. Pangi secured 79% and Fr. Thoppil secured 81%. Our heartfelt appreciation to you, dear Fathers.

**Fr. George Panthanmackal**, professor of philosophy at Suvidya and editor of Fransalian International, has been appointed as the "Convenor of the course material preparation team of B.A. Philosophy program at IGNOU". Congratulations dear Fr. George.

### **Trip to Europe and Visitation to Chad-Cameroon Mission**

I am scheduled to go to Europe on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April to return to India on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. I have to do the visitation of Chad-Cameroon Mission with Fr. Superior General from 15 April to 5 May 2009 to return back to India on 6 May 2009. In my absence **Fr. Johnny Kanjiramparambil** will function as the Provincial Vicar. Please pray for a safe trip.

### **Bon Voyage**



**To Fr. Sen Vellakada** who flies to Austria on 16 March 2009 to do his doctoral studies in Spirituality. His temporary address is: Pfarre St. Martin, Martinstr. 38, 3400 Klosterneuburg, Austria /Europe



**To Fr. Joe Cherolickal** who flies to Austria on 16 March 2009 to do his doctoral Studies in Moral Theology in the University of Vienna. His permanent address is: Pfarre ST. Martin, Martinstr. 38, 3400 Klosterneuburg, Austria/Europe

Both will do services in one of the parishes of the Augustinian Monastery in Klosterneuburg. Fr. Dr. Leopold Streit, our long time friend and benefactor has agreed to introduce them into Austrian Way of Life and Pastoral Activities in Austrian Parishes. He has done the same for Frs. Bobby and Sibichan. During this time when they are not employed by the Archdiocese they will be given a Pocket Money by the Monastery. We are extremely thankful to the Augustinians who has completely financed the Prateeksha, SFS Boys' Home in Electronics City, the houses of NEST, the children's village and the buildings of Tejas Vidya Peetha, the Mission Oriented and Contextual Theology Centre in Kumbalgud.

#### **On holidays**

Frs. Mathew Elayidathumadam from USA, Sibi Manickathan from Germany and Fr. Georgekutty Puthiyidom from Cameroon were on holidays. Frs. Joseph Pattarkalayail from Philippines, Scaria Kannezhath from Chad and Joshy Nellimalamattam from Cameroon are on holidays. Expected in the coming days is Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhy from Philippines.

#### **Have you a new Mobile Number or a new Email ID**

**If you are using a different mobile number or email ID than that is given in the new status please notify the office of the provincial either by sending a mail to [msfsbangalore@yahoo.com](mailto:msfsbangalore@yahoo.com) or by sending a message to +919448789121.**

#### **Please pray for the departed**

**Mr. Varghese**, 85 years, grandfather of Fr. Riju Vazhaparambil expired on 27.01.2009.  
**Mrs. Mary Kurian**, 93 years, mother of Fr. Abraham Puthussery expired on 28.01.2009.  
**Sr. Jelasius**, 85 years, paternal aunty of Fr. Tom Kanat expired on 12.02.2009  
**Mr. Mathew**, 80 years, father of Fr. Aloysius Kuzhipallil expired on 28.02.2009  
**Mr. Thomas**, 85 years, father of Fr. James Thomas expired on 04.03.2009  
**Mrs. Achama Joseph**, 72 years mother of Fr. Georgekutty Puthiyidom expired on 17.03.09  
**Mrs. Lourde Mary**, 103 years, grandmother of Fr. A. Jabamalai expired on 17.03.09

#### **One Minute with St. Francis de Sales**

“Calvary is the school of lovers. All love that does not take its origin from the Savior’s passion is foolish and perilous. Unhappy is death without the Savior’s love; unhappy is love without the Savior’s death.” However we need to be sure that the Calvary we embrace is that of Christ, not a Calvary of our own making. We sometimes fashion crosses of our own when we fail to deal with life’s challenges in a humble, gentle and

trusting manner. St. Jane once noted to a member of her community:” Must you continue to be your own cross? I can see that no matter which way God leads you, you change everything into bitterness and trouble, brooding over everything.”

### **Inspiration from our Founder**

“Interior sorrows are a beautiful cross which we should carry with resignation and even joy. ... True joy is not without thorns and without sacrifice.” Letter to Sr. Louise Mermier on 14 April 1851

## **Glimpses from the Life of the Province**

### **Inauguration: Tejas**

Tejas campus was in its full swing of celebration on 3 February 2009, as it welcomed many important dignitaries present for the inauguration of the new building for Tejas Vidya Peetha, the Mission Oriented and Contextual Theologate and NEST Children’s Village, a concern of FIDESIndia Society in the same campus. The new campus is situated 1.5 km. away from Bangalore- Mysore Highway, in Kumbalgud. On this day eleven of our brothers from Tejas Vidya Peetha also were ordained Deacons, which doubled the jubilation of the day. Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore, presided over the solemn Eucharistic celebration and conferred the diaconate on our brothers. Fr. Mathew Kozhupakkalam, Provincial of South-West Province, Fr. Noel Rebello, General Councilor in charge of formation, Most.Rev. Backovsky, Abbot Canon Regular St. Augustine’s Monastery at Stift-Klosterneuburg, Austria, Fr. Henry Kodikuthiyil, Councilor in charge of formation, Fr. Jacob Parappally, Rector Tejas Vidya Peetha, Fr.Dr. Leopold Streit, Canon Regular, Austria were the co-celebrants. There was a gathering after the Eucharistic celebration to felicitate the dignitaries and deacons.

*Tejas*

### **Inauguration: Nest**

The NEST Children’s village was blessed and officially inaugurated by. Rev. Abbot.Bernhard Backovsky and Dr. Leopold Streit of Stift – Klosterneuburg, Austria on February 3. 2009. Most Rev. Bernard Moras the Archbishop of Bangalore, unveiled the plaque in the presence of Rev. Dr. Mathew Kozhupakkalam the Provincial of South West Province. Nest – Nurturing and Educating for social Transformation – is a village meant for children in difficult circumstances. Presently we have built 4 homes for the children and there are 28 children staying there along with project directress, village master, and the care takers or volunteers. It is envisaged that we build 12 homes and an administrative block in the near future.

*Fr. S Arockia Samy*

### **Inauguration: Prateeksha, SFS Boys Home Kadissenahalli**

On 17 February 2009 the children of “Prateeksha”, SFS Boys Home in Kadissenahalli got a wonderful new house. The whole project was financed by our friends from Austria, the Parish of Halbenrein and the Parish of Kloch in Styria, Austria and their friends and benefactors. The Parish Priest will have his office and residence in the new house. The teachers have also good quarters in the same house with a separate entrance. The new house has also provided a room for the children of Kadissenahalli to come and study under

supervision in the evening and early night hours. Our friends from Austria Deacon Christian Plangger, Fr. Johannes Biber, Mrs. Maria Pieberl-Hatz, Mrs. Marianne Ladenhauff, Mrs. Elisabeth Pot and Miss Victoria Pieberl were present on the occasion of the inauguration. They could mobilize so much funds only through their hard work collecting one Euro after the other through various fetes they conducted, selling second hand clothes in a special shop, inviting people to be partners in this venture. . Their first visit to Kadisenahalli prompted them to do something for the children of Kadisenahalli and Kadisenahalli is a village that is known to almost everyone in that part of Styria where they live.

*Fr. Jais Mecheril*

### **SFS English Medium School Kannur – Annual Day**

Sixth anniversary of the SFS English Medium School Kannur was celebrated on the 19th of January 2009. The programme began at 5.30pm having Rev. Fr. Jose Parappally the former provincial as the Chief Guest. Principal Fr. Saju presented the report followed by a short message by Kannur Municipal Chairman Mr. Farooq. The talents of children were given full exposure through the cultural programme which included dances, skits, maims and play. The day really showed the progress of the school it has achieved and aimed at.

*Bro. Olickal Siji*

### **SFS Junior College Hebbagodi - Graduation Day.**

S F S Junior College, Hebbagodi conducted its 4th graduation day on 30th January 2009 at 11 am, well attended by parents, students and other well wishers. Rev. Fr Mathew Kozhuppakalam, the provincial of South west province presided over the function. Mr H Marappa the DDPI Bangalore South was the chief gust. Fr Mathew Kozhuppakalam in his Presidential address emphasized the need for value based education and integral development of each person, so as to become worthy citizens of our country. He awarded the proficiency certificates. The chief guest Mr. Marappa spoke about the drastic changes that are taking place in the field of P U Education and explained to the students how they should prepare themselves to face the changing scenario. He awarded the course completion certificate to the outgoing students. The principal, Fr. Joseph Mannukuzhumpil presented the report of the academic year 2008-09. It was followed by variety entertainment program. The Program concluded with national anthem at 12.30pm.

*Fr. Mannukuzhumpil Joseph*

### **SFS School Mundargi –Anniversary**

On 4th February 2009 SFS School Mundargi celebrated its 8th school anniversary for which the MLA of Mundargi Mr. Ramanna Lambani was the chief guest. On this occasion the best students of the school and winners of the Taluk level competitions were awarded. The programme was coloured by the fabulous performances by the students on stage. It was a remarkable day for the school, teachers, parents, children and people of Mundargi as each of them took part in the celebration in different ways.

*Fr. Pangi Raj*

### **SFS High School Hebbagodi - Crescendo 2009.**

Crescendo 2009 the 27th School Day Celebrations of SFS High school, Hebbagodi was celebrated on 6th of February 2009 with pomp and gaiety. Rev. Dr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam presided over the ceremony. Mrs. Yashoda Bopanna, Deputy Director of

Public Instruction, Bangalore South district adorned the occasion as the chief guest. Mr. Basavaraj G.R. Block Education Officer, Anekal Taluk, Most Rev. Benrnhard Bacovski, Abot of canon regular of St. Augustine and Dr. Leopold Streit, the Parish Priest of St. Martin Church were guests of honour. In his report Fr. Soby Maroor, highlighted the remarkable achievements that the school attained during the course of the current academic year including section bifurcation and the inauguration of the Pre-KG school. He also remembered with gratitude the brain-wracking work and never ceasing struggle which the previous managers and principals underwent to built up these schools from scratch to stardom. The various cultural and literary programmes staged on the occasion kept the audience spellbound and thrilled for hours.

*Fr. Soby Maroor*

### **SFS School Koppal – School Day**

S.F.S.School, Koppal celebrated its 13th School Day on 14 February 2009. Dignitaries, Parents and well wishers gathered at the school grounds at 5.30 P.M. Fr. Regi, the Principal of the school, welcomed the gathering .Mr. Sanganna Karadi, MLA of Koppal was the Chief Guest. Fr. Erudaya Raj, the Councilor in charge of Education, S.W. Province, presided over the function. Mr. Antony Mendonza K.A.S, Chief Executive Officer, Koppal, Fr.Noel Rebello mfs, General Councillor, and Fr. Francis Bashyam. the Manager, Christ the King school, Kushtagi were the Guests of Honour. Chief Guest inaugurated the 13th School Day by lighting the lamp. A concise school report was presented by Ms. Anita D'silva, the Headmistress. Educational services are the best nation building services and students are the real asset of the nation. Only students can evaluate what they have gained from their school. The School Head girl Anushree B expressed her views about her school .We have a custom to encourage all those students who excel in academic and co curricular activities. Prizes were given away for the proficiency holders of the academic year 2007-08 and the Students who fared well in cultural activities. Fr.John Melukunnel, the Correspondent of the school distributed the prizes. The first batch of the school brought honour and glory to the institution by bringing 100% results in the S.S.L.C Examination conducted in the month of March. The first three toppers and subject wise toppers were felicitated and awarded certificates and trophies on the occasion. Students of State and ICSE schools staged a cultural extravaganza which included dances, skit and songs. The Programme ended at 9.30 P.M with vote of thanks by the school Head Boy Nazeer Ahmed.

*Fr. Regi Narikunnel*

### **FIDESIndia – Baala Sangama**

The FIDES INDIA Society organised a Baala Sangama on February 15 for the benefit of government school children at its premises in Kumbalgodu. The aim of the sangama is to provide a day of entertainment to the less privileged children. About 200 school children mainly the participants of Gurukula – tution centers operated by the FIDESIndia Society were present for the event. Through the educational and cultural programme the organization also seek to raise awareness on various social issues related to children and their rights.

*Fr. S. Arockia Samy*



### **Inter-Religious Dialogue and Prayer for Harmony**

On the 16 February 2009 Indian Institute of Spirituality organized an Inter-Religious Dialogue based on the theme “**Religion: Divides or Unites?** Leaders from various religions, such as, Hinduism, Parsism, Islam and Christianity participated in the Dialogue and shared their views on the proposed topic basing it on the scriptures of their particular religion. At 12pm everyone gathered together for an inter-religious prayer session, wherein representative from each religion prayed for harmony and peace in the world, especially in our country. The afternoon session consisted of an enriching panel discussion. It had been a time of intensive sharing and discussion as the resource persons elaborately explained and clarified the queries of the audience. The eventful day came to a positive end when every participant avowed that he/she will live the best to prove that religion is a medium of unity and love. 120 people participated in this enriching event.

*Fr. Benny Koottanal, msfs*

### **SFS Public School – ICSE Hebbagodi. Annual Day**

St. Francis de Sales Public School–ICSE, Hebbagodi celebrated its 4th Annual day, “BLOOMS-09” on the 21st February ’09 at SFS High School Auditorium with lot of pomp and show unfolding a school of zeal, talent, enthusiasm and creativity. The Chief Guest and other dignitaries were welcomed by the impressive school band. Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam msfs General Manager, presided over the function. He exhorted the students to use effectively their calibre; He also advised the parents to allow their wards to choose the courses of study that they had aptitude for. The Chief Guest Prof. Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy, Professor of Education I.A.S.E, R.V. Teachers college, Bangalore appreciated the efforts taken by the School to bring out the hidden talents among the students through this programme. The Guest of Honour Rev. Fr. Biony Kurakalayil msfs, (Principal SFS Junior College, Ettumanoor, felicitated the outstanding students for their performance in academics as well as extra-curricular activities. It was a proud moment when the Principal Rev. Fr. Roy msfs invited the students from the nursery and the primary section to present the report of their landmark achievements, in all fields of their endeavours. The students presented, the action packed annual report; by a stunning visual spectacle, by reliving, the scintillating, and the most cherished moments, of this academic year. The colourful cultural programme revolving around the theme Blooms-09 was highly appreciated by the large gathering of the parents and the well wishers. They were given a standing ovation by the audience. The chief guests and other dignitaries eulogized profusely for the mind blowing performance of the students. The programme concluded with everyone standing up for the National Anthem. Members of the management lauded the efforts of the staff and students.

*Fr. Roy Plathottathil*

### **SFS School Kuknoor – Annual Day**

On 27 February 2009, SFS School Kuknoor celebrated its 4th Annual Day. Fr. Jabamalai presided over the function. It was a memorable day for all of us. It was memorable, because all those who were invited, were present. All the children were enthusiastic to perform well, and they did it so. The invited guests and the parents appreciated the program. Around two thousand and five hundred people were on their feet to watch and dance with our tiny tots. through the programme we expressed that we love and care for the children.

*Fr. Raj Kumar*

### **SFS School Savanur – Annual Day**

“East or West SFS is the Best“

The people of Savanur acknowledged the above statement as they witnessed the SFS School celebrated its 7th annual day on 28 February 2009. Fr. Benny Koottanal, The Councillor incharge of Innovative Ministry presided over the inaugural function. In his address he gave the picture of the Fransalian view of Education that is to impart the right knowledge, love and service to the country. Mr. Malleshappa the president of zilla panjayath and Mr. Shivanath Badashetty were the guest of the day. Meanwhile many children who excelled in various talents were awarded. This was followed by cultural programme by the little stars of SFS. The programmes were well organised by the teachers and staff. The programme came to an end by 9.30 pm.

*Fr. Prashanth Kumar*

### **19<sup>th</sup> Convocation at Indian Institute of Spirituality**

10<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 was a reckoning day in the annals of Indian Institute of Spirituality as the Institute conducted the 19<sup>th</sup> annual convocation. On this day 67 of its students received diploma and certificate in Spirituality. Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, the Bishop of Belgaum, presided over the Holy Eucharist and distributed the diplomas and certificates to the students. Rev. Dr. K.J. Thomas, the President of St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, who was the chief guest of the convocation ceremony, delivered the keynote address. The programme came to an end at 12.30pm with the agape.

*Fr. Benny Koottanal, msfs*