



# Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales

## SOUTH WEST INDIA PROVINCE

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**Circular MK/2**

**24 September 2006**

**My dear Confreres,**

Greetings of Peace and Love to all of you. I am glad once again to be in touch with you with this letter. On September 30 we commemorate the anniversary of the death of our Founder, Servant of God, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. We have vowed to attach ourselves to the vision he had ‘to continue the Mission of the Lord “in the Spirit and Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.”’ First of all I wish you all a “Happy Founder’s Day.” On this occasion we undertake to renew our religious life in the spirit of our Founder and according to the charism of our Congregation. We express our thanksgiving and gratitude to God and pray for vocations. May the example of Fr. Mermier especially his zeal for mission and total submissiveness to the Will of God continue to inspire us.

### **1. Provincial Congress**

#### **a. Attendance**

May I make use of this opportunity to exhort all the members of the Province to attend the Provincial Congress. According to the Provincial Statutes, the South West Province **has opted** to hold Provincial Congress and therefore all (especially those in India) have **the obligation to participate in it**. Please seek the permission of the Provincial if you intend to absent yourself.

#### **b. List of the Participants for the Provincial Congress**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Kuzhuppil Devasia        | 15. Puthussery Abraham        |
| 2. Mookenthottam Antony     | 16. Puthussery Thomas         |
| 3. Onayathumkuzhy Zacharias | 17. Illikattil Thomas         |
| 4. Thudianplackal Mathew    | 18. Kozhuppakalam Mathew      |
| 5. Aranjaniyil Kurian       | 19. Maliekal Jose             |
| 6. Pulpara Joseph           | 20. Puraidam George           |
| 7. Thayil Joseph            | 21. Puthiaparambil Jose (Sr.) |
| 8. Mullenkuzhy Joseph       | 22. Puthuparambil Varghese    |
| 9. Manjackal James          | 23. Aranjani Paul             |
| 10. Edasseril Jose          | 24. Cherukat Thomas           |
| 11. Kallacherril Joseph     | 25. Mullakara Joseph          |
| 12. Kolencherry Antony      | 26. Kalathungal Mathew        |
| 13. Pandanam Abraham        | 27. Kavithazha Mathew         |
| 14. Tharappel Augustine     | 28. Chirayil George           |

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|-----|---------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 29. | Mukalel James             | 79.  | Puthuparambil Tito           |
| 30. | Thottiyil Mathew          | 80.  | Vazhappillil Joy             |
| 31. | Moongamakal Thomas        | 81.  | A. Jerome                    |
| 32. | Thudippara Jacob          | 82.  | Kannadom Joseph              |
| 33. | Vettukattil Joseph        | 83.  | Kulangarathottiyil Sebastian |
| 34. | Kanjiramparambil Johny    | 84.  | Mannukuzhumpil Joseph        |
| 35. | Parappillil Jose          | 85.  | Mullasseril Tomy             |
| 36. | Chennakattukunnel Thomas  | 86.  | Pannalakunnel Tom            |
| 37. | Kuzhuppil Joseph          | 87.  | Valakodiyil Philip           |
| 38. | Parappally Jacob          | 88.  | Valiaveetil Benny            |
| 39. | Kalapura Devasia          | 89.  | Valliamthadathil George      |
| 40. | Kanat Thomas              | 90.  | Chirackal Justin             |
| 41. | Ottalankal Chacko         | 91.  | Mekkattu Thomas              |
| 42. | Kalariparambil Thomas     | 92.  | Puthiaparambil Johny         |
| 43. | Vettuvelil Abraham        | 93.  | Y. Mathias                   |
| 44. | Pazhayattil Joseph        | 94.  | Plathottathil Roy            |
| 45. | Choorapuzha George        | 95.  | R. Santhosh Kumar            |
| 46. | Kalathil Mathew           | 96.  | Thundathil Shibu             |
| 47. | Kokkandathil Jose         | 97.  | C. Joseph                    |
| 48. | Payattukandathil Thomas   | 98.  | Edathumparambil Binu         |
| 49. | Conrad Sebastian          | 99.  | Maroor Soby                  |
| 50. | Kizhakkethazhe Francis    | 100. | Crasta Christopher           |
| 51. | Kodikuthiyil Henry        | 101. | D. Doraiswamy                |
| 52. | Karickal Kurian           | 102. | Kidangathukarottu Binoy      |
| 53. | Thomas James              | 103. | Kochupoovathummuttil Joy     |
| 54. | E. Erudaya Raj            | 104. | Kurakalayil Binoy            |
| 55. | Karekatt Jose             | 105. | Narikunnel Regi              |
| 56. | Kumblolickal Jose         | 106. | Pezhathinal Jaison           |
| 57. | Thazhathukunnel Joshy     | 107. | Puthenparambil Bobby         |
| 58. | Ummikuzhiyil Cyriac       | 108. | Puthenpurackal Binod         |
| 59. | Vellaramkunnel Sebastian  | 109. | Thondampallil Anil           |
| 60. | Punnakuzhiyil Sunny       | 110. | Vadakkedath Saji             |
| 61. | Kochupurackal Santy       | 111. | Kumbidiamakkal Manu          |
| 62. | Mamala Mathew             | 112. | Kochuveedu Sibichen          |
| 63. | Vechuvettickal Jose       | 113. | Nellimalamattam Joshy        |
| 64. | Koottanal Benny           | 114. | Panthanmackel Sibichen       |
| 65. | Puthiaparambil Jose (Jr.) | 115. | Pathiyakam Jinu              |
| 66. | Vattappara George         | 116. | M. Martin Richard            |
| 67. | A. Antony Swamy           | 117. | A. Jabamalai                 |
| 68. | Anchanickal Thomas        | 118. | Fernandes Salvador           |
| 69. | Chirackalpuraidam Tomy    | 119. | Cherolickal Joe              |
| 70. | Elayadathamadam Mathew    | 120. | Vellakada Sen                |
| 71. | Kottam Wilson             | 121. | Manjackal Jiji               |
| 72. | Kuzhuppilil Aloysius      | 122. | A.C. Arogyanathan            |
| 73. | Panickarveetil James      | 123. | Cheruvil Johny               |
| 74. | Vilachirayil Saju         | 124. | Pattarkalayil Joseph         |
| 75. | Manickathan Shajan        | 125. | S. Rajkumar                  |
| 76. | Manickathan Siby          | 126. | Koottarapally Devasia        |
| 77. | Marangolil Benny          | 127. | Melukunnel John              |
| 78. | Pulinthanam Tomy          | 128. | Parappuram Louis             |

129. Palamkunnel Biju
130. Kanat Vinod
131. Parayankuzhiyil Jimmy
132. Mannaparambil Augustine
133. S. Arokia Jayaraj
134. A Johnson
135. Elanjimattathil Baby
136. Kuttivayalil Joseph
137. Kuzhuppil Binoy
138. Mangalathu Joshy
139. Puthiyidom Georgekutty
140. Valachathinakathu Vinoy
141. Vellaramkunnel Sathish
142. Kaduvakuzhickal Raison
143. Kannanaikkal Jose
144. Kolarickal Jojo
145. Nedungat Antony
146. Pindipuzha Joseph

**Scholastics in Perpetual**

**Profession**

147. Arackal Manoj
148. D. Antony Sagaya Tarcus
149. Eanthanamkuzhiyil Saji
153. Mattakarathundiyl Thomas
150. J. Pangi Raj
151. Koikkara Dijo
152. L. Selvaraj

154. Mecheril Jais
155. Puthussery Shino
156. S. Arokiasamy
157. Thekkekarottu Thomas
158. Thoppil Joseph
159. Valiaparampil Antony
160. Kannezhathu Scaria
161. T. Paul Raj
162. Prashant Kumar
163. Plathottathil Jino
164. Ekka Francis
165. Ekka Sunil Kumar
166. K. George Rosario
167. Kujur Victor
168. Marottikudy Shalbin
169. Muthukattil Regi
170. D. Jeevan Prasad
171. Vazheparampil Riju

**Representatives of Scholastics in  
Temporary Profession**

172. Eraniyakulathil Tony
173. Manjackal Jijo

**The Preparation at the personal, community and Apostolic Community Levels**

I hope all of you have read through the “Folders” that were sent to you for personal reflection. To get into the Spirit of the Congress and to be present in the Congress with total openness and docility to the Spirit we need to affirm our commitment to the Life and Mission of the South West Province.

I had the opportunity during the last two months to visit all the confreres and centers of the province. For me it was a new experience to meet so many of you for the first time at a very personal level. I know you are the greatest wealth of the Province and you are the agents who translate the vision of our Founder and the mission of the Congregation in the concrete situations of the remote Missions, Parishes, Schools, Formation Houses, Social Centers and Centers for Renewal of Christian Life.

The discussions in the Apostolic Communities took place in an atmosphere of cordiality and openness. I could sense a deep concern on the part of each confrere to be very much part of the growth and progress of the Province. A desire to tune the individual life in accordance with the mission of the province and to reaffirm every one’s strong sense of belongingness to the Province Community was evident. To give expression in one’s life

and activity a “Passion for Mission” everyone needs to feel accepted, loved, recognized cared for and above all be provided with an opportunity to have a sense of achievement. An essential element of Self-fulfillment seems to be intricately woven with “job satisfaction.”

**c. What you need to bring along for the Congress**

*Spiritual goods*

- An open heart
- A mind attuned to listen to the promptings of the Spirit
- A great desire to want the welfare of the confreres and the province
- A great measure of good will

*Material goods*

- Bathing Towels
- One Bed Sheet
- Everyday Prayer Book or Breviary

**d. Correction**

The convoked Provincial Congress from 9-13 October, 2006 is the Sixth and not the Fifth as it was published in the last Circular.

**2. Change of Address**

Fr. Joseph Pazhayattil, St. Margareta, Kirchberg 10, 89346 Bibertal-Bühl  
Tel. 08226 / 255

**3. Appointments**

- a. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil is appointed as Manager of SFS College with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> August 2006
- b. Fr. Shibu Thudathil is appointed as Executive Director, Fides India from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**4. Exam Results of Confreres**

- a. Sudeep Paul passed with distinction in M.A Journalism from Mysore University
- b. Timson Parakotttil passed with First Class in M.A Economics from Madras Christian College, Madras University
- c. Vipin Kishore Kujur passed with First Class in Msc Psychology and Counseling from Sampurna, Bangalore University
- d. Thaddeus Lakra passed with First Class in MSW from Roshni Institute, Mangalore

**5. On Home Holidays**

Fr. Thomas Payattukandathil, Fr. Joseph Pazhayattil, Fr. Thomas Moongamakal and Fr. S. Arockia Jayaraj and the Scholastics from Chad-Cameroon Mission viz: Manoj Arackal, Gijo Panamattathil and M. Periyamayagam were on home holidays during the last months and have returned to their place of ministry or formation. It was good to have their presence amidst us. On Home holidays now are:

- a. Fr. George Chirayil
- b. Fr. Joy Vazhapillil
- c. Fr. Sunny Paul Aranjanil
- d. Fr. Sibi Manickathan

## **6. Perpetual Profession**

Our two Scholastics from Chad-Cameroon Mission, Bros. Gijo George Panamattathil and M. Perianayagam, studying Theology in Yaoundé, Cameroon made their Perpetual Commitment on 11 September 2006 in Vinayalaya. We congratulate them for the bold step they have taken to belong to Jesus for ever and to renew their wish to work for our overseas mission of Chad-Cameroon.

## **7. Diaconate**

Bros. Manoj Arackal, Scaria Kannezhathu and T. Paul Raj were ordained Deacons on the 23 September 2006 by **Rt. Rev Msgr. ELISEO ANTONIO ARIOTTI**, the Apostolic Nuncio to Cameroon and Equitorial Guinea. We congratulate them and wish them Blessings from God.

## **8. Leave of Absence**

Bro. Shaju Arackal, III rd Year Theologian at Vinayalaya was granted a “Leave of Absence” for a term of one year.

## **9. Please pray for the departed**

Mrs. Aleykutty , the mother of Fr. Jose Parapillil, died on 30 July 2006.

## **10. Mail from Provincial and Provincial House**

Henceforth the confreres in the overseas mission will receive the circulars only by e-mail. A copy of the printed circular will be sent to the Mission Superior. Some times the post sent from the provincial house is not received by the confreres. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused to you.

## **11. Update and Renewal Course**

The Update and Renewal Programme for the Fourth Group (i.e. those who are ordained before 31 May 1973) will begin on 8 January and end on the evening of 12 Jan 2007. The lists of the participants:

1. Kuzhuppil Devasia	16.03.1952
2. Onayathumkuzhy Zacharias	24.04.1957
3. Mookenthottam Antony	27.04.1957
4. Thudianplackal Mathew	26.05.1957
5. Aranjanil Kurian	01.06.1959
6. Pulpara Joseph	02.12.1966
7. Thayil Joseph	21.09.1967
8. Kallacherril Joseph	12.09.1970
9. Mullenkuzhy Joseph	24.10.1970
10. Tharappel Augustine	20.12.1970
11. Manjackal James	23.04.1973

## 12. Kolar TTI

The Kolar Technical Training Institute started functioning in 2002. Fr. George Puraidom had done a commendable service for putting up a spacious building and to search for necessary finances to build a house for the community with a beautiful chapel (the chapel now serves to the spiritual needs of the Syro-Malabar nursing students in the Kolar area). Fr. Pazhayattil together with Mr. Franz und Margit Hergenstaller and their friends did their best to organize funds for the project. Job-oriented courses in Electrical, Electronics, and Telephone Operator were conducted from 2002-2004. . The institute could grand a certificate to the trainees from All India Commercial University, Delhi. Attempts were made also to make vocational courses in Carpentry and Automobile available for another year. The response was poor but the two trades, Electrical and Electronics have takers even today.

To make the center beneficial to the poor (the very reason for its construction) a meeting was convened with all persons somehow connected with the Institute and the following proposals were made to continue our mission to the marginalized through this institute.

- a) To start a “Driving School” to prepare the poor catholic boys especially from rural areas for obtaining a job in the corporate sector as drivers. The course is designed for six months with classes in Spoken English, Good Manners, Personality Development, Motivational Training and Automobile Mechanism.
- b) To start a school for “Fashion Technology”: The proposed six months course will enable especially the poor rural girls to get a job in the ever growing garment industry in the country besides enabling them to get jobs as floor personnel in the garment shops in Bangalore city or elsewhere.
- c) To start a center for “Notebook making”. The center could prepare note books to be sold in all our schools, and later perhaps also in other schools. Girls and Boys could get trained in the field and can get a job in the center itself or elsewhere.
- d) To establish a hostel for boys in the campus to provide accommodation for the trainees.

- e) From the benefit deriving out the sale of the books and uniforms (to be manufactured in the school of Fashion Technology) 51% will be set apart to form a scholarship fund for the poor and destitute children. 25% will go to the formation of our seminarians and 24 % for the maintenance of the institute.
- f) If the attempts made are successful we plan to organize more courses for the benefit of the poor.

### **13. The Inauguration of the MSFS House at Chembuthara**

On 3 August 2006 the MSFS House at Chembuthara was blessed by Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, the Archbishop of Trichur, in the presence of a large gathering of priests, laity and well-wishers. The constructed house is a spacious one with a beautiful chapel. The house is to be a center for counseling and spiritual empowerment, serving the people of Kerala especially of the Archdiocese of Trichur. On this occasion I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Fr. Jose Kokkandathil for his commitment to complete the work in time. He keeps good contact with the neighbors, the clergy and the religious of the diocese. I also want to say a word of thanks to Fr. Paul Aranjanil, who stood at the side of Fr. Kokkandathil to complete the work on time. Fr. Paul himself has been for a number of years in Chembuthara and was therefore keenly interested in building up a centre there. The construction was completely financed by the profit derived from Vinayakumar estate.

Already on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1995 the Provincial Council had decided to establish an MSFS house in the Syro-Malabar Archdiocese of Trichur. The Archbishop of Trichur gave his permission for the establishment of a house with his letter dated 3 August 1996. The Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Rome granted permission for the same and it was communicated to the then Provincial Fr. Thomas Cherukat on 19.4.1997. Fr. Saju Vilachirayil, Fr. Johnny Kanjiramparampil and Fr. Paul Aranjanil had done immense service to take care and to cultivate the land especially by planting Rubber. As the purchased property seemed to be away from the town another piece of land was bought in the vicinity of the town of Pattikad by Fr. Jose Parapillil. He took keen interest to realize this project and organized with Fr. Paul the financing of the Project. I make use of this opportunity to thank Fr. Jose for his commitment to make this long unfulfilled dream a reality. We need still to organize the center for fulfilling the ministry envisaged. I am sure with a few of the confreres getting trained in counseling, family apostolate and preaching ministry, we can make a substantial contribution to the spiritual needs of the people of the Syro-Malabar Parishes.

### **14. The Inauguration of the House at Sulthan Batherry**

On 10 August 2006 three cottages at Sulthan Batherry was blessed by Mar Jose Porunnedom, the Bishop of Mananthavady in the presence of a number of laity, clergy and well wishers. After the purchase of 3 acres of land in Beenachi, 2 KM away from Sulthan Batherry, Fr. Thomas Chennakattukunnel was appointed to take possession of, to fence and to take care of the property. With his letter dated 4 June, 2002 Msgr. George Njaralakattu, the Vicar General of Mananthavady granted permission to start our religious community in the diocese. On 1 August 2003 Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe was appointed to study the possibility of starting a ministry in

accordance with the apostolate for the renewal of Christian Life. The need for stronger presence of the MSFS in this area prompted the Provincial Council to approve the construction of counseling cum prayer center in our property. The constructed cottages can serve also for people who would like to take a week end off and be away for prayer and meditation. Fr. Mathew put his heart and soul into the execution of the project and three cottages were ready for the blessing. Some more works are to be done so that the cottages become habitable. A residence for the fathers with counseling rooms and chapel are yet to be built.

Fr. Thomas Moongamakkal has done his best to organize funds for the construction of the cottages. He together with his parishioners was keenly interested in the project. As he celebrated his Silver Jubilee Fr. Thomas told his parishioners and friends that he would not receive any personal gifts on this occasion. Anyone who would like to give him anything may deposit a contribution in the account opened for the Project of Batherry. He is happy to have done this service for the province. I would like to make use of this opportunity to thank Fr. Thomas for his generosity and good will to keep the interests of the province in his mind. I express also my deep-felt thanks to Fr. Jose Parapillil who initiated this project in Batherry with a great vision. Batherry is strategically located and has an ideal climate. He enrolled Fr. Thomas into this project and worked hard for the realization of it. In the course of time the centre can serve as a counseling and spiritual empowerment center and I could feel that the diocese is full of expectation from us.

### **Salesian Perspectives : A Passion for Justice**

**‘Be just and equitable in all your actions. Always put yourself in your neighbor’s place and put your neighbor in yours, and then; you will judge rightly. Imagine yourself the seller when you are buying; imagine yourself the buyer when you are selling. In this way you will sell and buy according to justice.’ At times “we have two hearts. One heart is mild, favorable and courteous towards ourselves; the other is hard, severe and rigorous toward our neighbor.” At times like these we have two balances: the one to weigh out conveniences to our own greatest advantages and the other to weigh those of our neighbor to their greatest possible disadvantage”.**

***“Walk humbly, relate gently, live justly, love generously” .... The Salesian principle for a good community life.***

Your brother

*Mathew Kozhuppakalam*

Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam MSFS