

# MISSIONARIES OF ST.FRANCIS DE SALES – MSFS SOUTH WEST PROVINCE - INDIA



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**Circular MK/27**

**25 May 2010**

My Dear Confreres,

## **Come Holy Spirit**



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai. Coming 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. For that reason, it is often called the "the birthday of the Church." So for Christians, Pentecost celebrates the miracle of the birth of the church, a dramatic affirmation

that God's plan of redemption applies to all of the world's people, not the Jews alone. The gift of the Holy Spirit that day was considered to be the dawn of a new age in which believers then and now were enjoined to become missionaries until the Gospel message is heard "to the end of the earth."

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (or courage), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity (or love), joy, peace, patience, benignity (or kindness), goodness, longanimity (or long suffering), mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity. Equipped with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit let us continue our mission.

### **Fr. Joseph Pulpara**

**Golden Jubilee of First Profession:** For **Fr. Joseph Pulpara** 26 April 2010 was a memorable day. It was on this day before 50 years in 1960 he made his First Religious Profession. Dear Fr. Pulpara, on this occasion of your Golden Jubilee of First Religious Profession, we the Province family thank the Lord for the gift of your person to our

Province. We thank you for what you are and what you do. We wish you abundance of God's graces. May God bless you always. Ad Multos Annos.

#### **Fr. Mathew Kavithazha for Chad-Cameroon Mission**

The young confreres in Chad –Cameroon had a deep desire to have always some senior confreres with them to support and encourage them. Fr. Mathew Kavithazha has taken this clarion call of the young confreres and has opted to go to the Chad-Cameroon Mission. He is now learning French Language in Pondicherry and we hope he can fly to Cameroon in the month of July. Fr. Mathew Kavithazha is one of the pioneers of our Mission in Philippines who worked untiringly for almost ten years from 1993 to 2003 to establish the mission. He was instrumental in the organization of the Parish Community and the construction of the Parish Church at Bagong Silang. He was also instrumental in establishing our community and the first house in Silang Cavite. He effectively carried out his responsibility as Parish Priest and as Mission Superior in Philippines. After returning to India he was appointed to our Mission in Sulthan Batherry to start the community there and was looking after the Parish of Kallumku. Since last two years he was in Pattikad and built the first floor of the part of the existing house and a hall for the Retreat in which Fr. Tomichan is conducting programs regularly. Fr. Mathew gives himself fully to any work entrusted to him and we are hopeful that his presence will give a boost to our missionary endeavor in the Chad-Cameroon Mission.

#### **Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhy to US**

Fr. Sunny is designated to go for Pastoral ministry to Atlanta USA. He will fly over to the US in the month of June. Fr. Sunny reached the Philippines Mission in November 1994. He rendered his service in the Philippine Mission as Vocation Promoter, Rector of our Formation House, Mission Superior and as Parish Priest. He has carried out all these ministries with dedication and commitment. With single minded devotion and commitment he worked hard to implant the Congregation in the Philippine's soil. In Bagong Silang he completed the work started by Fr. Kavithazha and continued by Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummuttil. We need to support our Philippine Mission and the salary which Fr. Sunny will receive for his ministry will be regularly routed to the Philippine Mission.

#### **Fr. Rajkumar appointed in the Diocese of Muenster**

Fr. Rajkumar who is doing his German Course in Klausenhof near Muenster is appointed to St. Dionysius Church at Recke with effect from 30.06.2010. It is about 60 K.M. north of Munster. His address is:

Santiago Rajakumar, St. Dionysius  
Vogteistr. 10, 49509 Recke, Germany  
Mobile: 00491578 5247790  
Email: [kumarmsfs@gmail.com](mailto:kumarmsfs@gmail.com)

#### **Fr. Mathew Elayidathumadam and Tom Pannalakunnel**

Frs. Mathew and Tom and Binu were staying in a house provided by the Alexian Brothers in Elk Grove Village for the last four years. Fr. Binu is since a year in St. Louis. We were paying quite a bit of money as rent for the house. For stay of two people the house is too expensive. Now they have moved into two presbyteries. Their new addresses are:

Fr. Mathew Elayidathumadam  
4925 Twining Ave  
Bellwood  
Illinois 60007-3463, USA

Fr. Tom Thomas Pannalakunnel  
750 West Elk Grove Blvd  
Elk Grove Village  
Illinois 60104, USA

### **Congratulations**

**Fr. Thomas Moongamakkal** is made the member of the diocesan synod by His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Selvester Ponnuthan, the Bishop of Punalur.

**Fr. Shibu Thundathil** is enrolled as an advocate on the roll of Karnataka State Bar Council on 16 April 2010. He had completed his Law degree in May 2006. The enrollment enables him to practice Law in any court in India

**Fr. A. Jabamalai** has completed his M.Ed. from Lucknow University, Utter Pradesh.

**Jeena Augustine** of **SFS Junior College, Ettumanoor** secured second rank in Kerala Medical Entrance Examination.

### **Change of Phone Numbers**

MSFS House Chennarayapatna: 08176 292292, 9343744596  
PSI Sevagram Kengeri: 080. 28483448  
Fr. Justin Chirackal: 0944 766 9707

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

**Fr. Philip D'Souza, msfs**, belonging to the Nagpur Province, has passed away on 15th May 2010. He had been suffering from cancer. He was 54 years old. I quote from the **circular of Fr. Sebastian Annaikandathil**: "He was **the pioneer of the MSFS Mission in Orissa**. As Superior of Fransalian House, he promoted local vocations and sent them to Bastora and Nagpur. He built the Church and the Residence at Panderpalli, living in a thatched shed without electricity or any modern facilities and conveniences. Buying land, digging well and walling the five acres, he saw the beginnings of Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara as builder of the first part of the Institute... He was a Religious for 27 years 11 months and 5 days; a Priest for 19 years 1 month and 7 days, satiated on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 21 hours. In a nutshell, his life was filled to the brim giving glory to God ...Fr. Philip was **'the man SENT'**. He lived the Mass. He saw to the fulfillment of the purpose for which he was sent wherever it was. He knew how to get things done, how to meet whom, and how to learn languages. He was a man for all seasons! Any place was good enough to make it a better place. Miracle-worker was he not? Simply because he was always connected to his Lord and Leader. So he not only understood the DNA of the MSFS but lived it cheerfully and enthusiastically. Hence, he had no lack of ideas but his ideas had legs! Quick witted as he was, he was a one-man entertainment troupe at the mike. "What a place?!" Or "What is there to do here?!" were non-existent for **Fr. Philip, the pioneer, the visionary, the activist, the man for all**. May he rest in peace while continuing to inspire us to lead our people to greater heights for our Lord, the first Missionary."

### **Appointments by Very Rev. Fr. Superior General**

**Fr Yves Carron** is appointed as the Provincial of Franco-Swiss Province for the term of three years from 01 August 2010.

**Fr. Augustine Tharappel** is appointed as the Regional Superior of USA Region for the second term of three years from 03 July 2010.

We congratulate and wish both of them all the best. May the Spirit of God empower them to guide the Province and Region according to His designs and Will.

### **Transfers and Appointments**

1. **Fr. Joseph Pulpara**, is appointed as Superior cum Procurator of MSFS Community at Kannur and the correspondent of SFS CBSE School at Kannur with effect from 22 June 2010.
2. **Fr. Jose Edasseril** is appointed as Superior cum Procurator of Saumya Sadan, Mysore with effect from 25 May 2010.
3. **Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe** is designated to the Chad-Cameroon Mission and is now undergoing French Language Course in Pondicherry.
4. **Fr. Maliekal Jose** is appointed as the Rector of Orientation Programme in Mysore with effect from 01 June 2010.
5. **Fr. Christopher Crasta** is appointed as the Superior of De Sales Bhavan Mysore with effect from 25 May 2010.
6. **Fr. Paul Aranjanilyil** is appointed by the Bishop of Vijayapuram as the Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Church, Chapath with effect from 15 May 2010.
7. **Fr. Reji Muthukattil** is appointed by the Bishop of Vijayapuram as Assistant Parish Priest in St. Anthony's Church, Chapath, with effect from 01 June 2010
8. **Fr. Chacko Ottalankal** is appointed by the Archbishop of Changanacherry as the Parish Priest of Little Flower Church, Aryad South, Aleppy with effect from 25 May 2010. His Adress: Little Flower Church, Avalookunnu P.O., Aryad South, Alappuzha 688 006, Phone 0477 2258363
9. **Fr. Saju Vilachirayil** is appointed as the Resource Person for Legal Literacy Program in SFS Schools. He will take up also practice as Advocate in the High Court Ernakulam for a period of one year. He will reside in SFS Vidyashram, Aluva from 15 June 2010.
10. **Fr. George Choorapuzha** is appointed as Superior cum Procurator at our Community at Ulickal and as Warden of Boy's Home with effect from 22 June 2010.
11. **Fr. Anil Thondampallil** is designated to be appointed as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church Ulickal by the Bishop of Kannur with effect from 22 June 2010.
12. **Fr. Tomy Pulinthanam** is appointed by the Archbishop of Trichur as the Acting Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Manjakunnu with effect from 13.05.2010
13. **Fr. Shaju Arackal** is appointed to assist Fr. Tomy in St. Thomas Church Manjakunnu and as Procurator of MSFS House (Atma Jyothi) at Pattikad with immediate effect.
14. **Fr. Saji Vadakkedath** is appointed as Administrator of SFS Group of Institutions in Hebbagodi Campus and of the community with effect from July 2010. He is appointed also as the correspondent of
15. **Fr. A. Johnson** is appointed as Vice Principal of SFS ICSE School Hebbagodi with effect from 25 May 2010. He will take up his responsibility as Principal at the end of August from Fr. Roy Plathottathil.
16. **Fr. Manu Kumbidiamakkal** is appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore as the Parish Priest of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Hebbagodi with effect from 01 June 2010. He is also appointed as Director of SFS Boy's Hostel with effect from 01 June 2010.

The paid hostel which is at present at Pratheeksha will be shifted to Mermier Nagar Campus.

17. **Fr. Jaison Kollarayath** is appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore as Assistant Parish Priest in Mother of Sorrows Parish, Hebbagodi with effect from 01 June 2010. He is also appointed as Vice Principal of SFS ICSE School, Hebbagodi after Fr. A. Johnson, the designated Vice Principal takes up his responsibility as Principal at the end of August. He assists also Fr. Francis Ekka in the running of Prateeksha, the SFS Boys' Home and will reside there.
18. **Fr. K. George Rosario** is appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore as Assistant Parish Priest in St. Francis de Sales Parish Hebbagodi with effect from 01 June 2010.
19. **Fr. Francis Ekka** is appointed as the Vice Principal of State Syllabus School at Hebbagodi with effect from 01 June 2010 and continues to be the Director of Prateeksha, SFS Boys' Home.
20. **Fr. Jino Plathottathil** is appointed as the Vice Principal of St. Francis de Sales College, Hebbagodi with effect from 01 June 2010.
21. **Fr. Sudeep Paul** is appointed as Professor in St. Francis de Sales College, Hebbagodi with effect from 01 June 2010. He also will function as Vocation Promoter for Karnataka. He will be reside in the Boys' Hostel in Mermier Nagar Campus.
22. **Fr. Regi Narikunnel** is appointed as Procurator of Koppal Community.
23. **Fr. Doraiswamy** is designated to be appointed in the Gulbarga Mission by the Bishop of Gulbarga after the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2010.
24. **Fr. Benny Kootinal** is appointed as Manager of SFS Publications
25. **Fr. Philip Valakodiyil** is appointed as Assistant Manager of SFS Publications
26. **Fr. Tom Kanat** is appointed as the Technical Manager of SFS Publications
27. **Fr. John Melukunnel** is appointed as the Principal of SFS School and Director of Prateeksha- SFS Boy's Home at Mundargi with effect from 20 May 2010. He is also designated to be appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Mundargi by the Bishop of Belgaum from 15 June 2010.
28. **Fr. Biju Palamkunnel** is appointed as Superior and Procurator of MSFS Community at Kolar and Manager of De Sales Technical and Skills Development Centre at Kolar.
29. **Fr. Aneesh Palathadathil** is appointed also to assist Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel in St. Mary's Church Kolar and to take care of the Syro-Malabar Catholics and the Migrants in Kolar Area.
30. **Fr. L. Selva Raj** is appointed as Vice Rector of Orientation Programme in Mysore and as Assistant in St. Alphonsa's Parish, Mysore with effect from 01 June 2010.
31. **Fr. Marottikudy Shalbin** is appointed as the Procurator at De Sales Bhavan Mysore with effect from 01 June 2010 and as Priest in charge of the Migrants in Mysore.
32. **Fr. Vinoy Valachathinakathu** is appointed as Procurator and Formator in Tejas Vidya Peetha with effect from 20 May 2010.
33. **Fr. Puthussery Shino** is appointed as the Procurator in Indian Institute of Spirituality with effect from 13 June 2010.
34. **Fr. Joby Mattathil** is appointed as Socius of the Novitiate and as Administrator of the Makkiyad Campus.
35. **Fr. Tony Erniakulathil** is designated to be appointed by the Bishop of Mysore as Assistant Parish Priest in the Cathedral Parish in Mysore from June 8, 2010.
36. **Fr. Pangi Raj** is transferred from Mundargi with effect from 20 May 2010.

37. **Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhy** is designated to go for pastoral ministry to the Diocese of Atlanta in USA from June 2010.
38. **Fr. Joseph Pattarakalayil** is appointed as the Parish Priest of San Jose Amang Mapagkalinga Parish, Bagong Silang, Kalookan City by the Bishop of Novaliches.
39. **Fr. Lakra Giridhari** is designated to be appointed by the Bishop of Doba, Chad as Assistant Parish Priest in Daniel Comboni Parish in Doba and he is also appointed as the Director of Daniel Comboni School Doba.
40. **Fr. Johnny Cheruvil** is designated by Fr. Fournier, the Provincial of Franco-Swiss to be appointed Parish Priest of Les Allinges by the Bishop of Annecy from September 2010.
41. **Fr. Binoy Kidaganthukarott** is appointed by Fr. Fournier, the Provincial of Franco-Swiss as Chaplain to the School at Florimont, Geneva and designated to be appointed as Assistant in a Parish in Geneva.

#### **Designated for Studies or Given Permission for Studies**

1. **Fr. Roy Plathottathil** is designated for his M.Ed. studies to De Sales University, Allentown, Philadelphia, USA from September 2010.
2. **Fr. Vinod Kanat** is designated for his MBA studies to De Sales University, Allentown, Philadelphia, USA
3. **Fr. Jaison Pezhathinal** is designated for MA studies in Psychology and Counselling in the Philippines.
4. **Fr. Jose Kannanaickal** is designated for Doctoral Studies in Philosophy in Europe
5. **Fr. Manu Kumbidiamakkal** is designated for PhD studies in Human Resource Management.
6. **Fr. Shibu Thundathil** is designated for PhD studies in Social Sciences or Humanities.
7. **Fr. Jino Pathottathil** is designated to do M. Phil as Correspondence Studies.
8. **Fr. Victor Kujur** has started his B.Ed. studies in Vikram College Chintamani.
9. **Fr. Antony Valiyaparambil** is designated for M.A. in Philosophy in Suvidya College. He is also doing his M.Sc. Psychology in Madras University

#### **Change of Residence**

1. **Fr. Jino Plathottathil** is transferred to Mermier Bhavan with effect from 01 June 2010.
2. **Fr. S. Arokiasamy** is transferred to Saumya Sadan with effect from 01 June 2010.
3. **Fr. Manu Kumbidiamakkal** will take up his residence in the SFS Boys' Hostel in Mermier Nagar Campus

#### **Appointment of Regents**

There are only three regents this year. They are Enthunkal Aneesh, Jose Simon Thuruthipallil and Fernandis Rony. I have requested them to go to Foreign Missions i.e. Chad-Cameroon and if need be to Philippines. So all the centers, which have regularly received Regents have to come through without having them this year.

#### **On Holidays**

Frs. Binu Edathumparambil and Augustine Mannaparambil were on holidays. Fr. Roji Kuttivayalil and Fr. Thomas Payattukandam are still on holidays. Fr. Periyamayagom has gone for a personal growth program and Vipassana Retreat to Mumbai.

#### **East or West SFS is the Best**

The hard work and commitment of all those confreres in education mission is reflected in this year's SSLC exam results. I am very happy to inform you that all our Schools in Karnataka have 100% results. SFS Junior College Ettumanoor made it to 99%. Our Schools have proved themselves to be the centres of quality education. Congratulations to the Principals and Staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

### Board Exam Results -2010

School	Students Appeared	D	I	II	III	Highest % In the School	Total Pasa %
SFS School, Koppal	51	14	27	10		94.88%	100 %
SFS School, Srinivasapur	38	15	16	05	02	94.56%	100 %
SFS School Kannada Medium, Chintamani	52	2	32	11	07	90.04%	100 %
SFS School English Medium, Chintamani	62	13	46	02	01	95.00%	100 %
SFS School, Malur	55	08	38	9		93.44%	100 %
SFS School, English Medium Hebbagodi	99	15	75	09		94.00%	100 %
SFS School Kannada Medium, Hebbagodi	40		11	07	22	80.32%	100 %
SFS School, Ettumanoor							100%
SFS Junior College, Ettumanoor	53	36	15	1		95.04%	99%

D- Distinction, I- First Class, II- Second Class, III-Third Class

### Promotion to Priesthood (Deacons in Ngoya, Cameroon)

1. Dn. Maria Philip Lawrence
2. Dn. Sandeep Tirkey

### Promotion to Diaconate

1. Thonikuzhiyil Robin
2. Kuldeep Kujur
3. Emile Paulin Amougou

### Promotion to Perpetual Profession

The Perpetual Profession will take place in Tejas on 2 June 2009.

1. Chemplanickal Jijo
2. Cheravelil Jikson
3. D. Robert
4. Dung Dung Marcel
5. Kazhukanolickal Joji
6. Kujur Nirdosh
7. Kulamkuthiyil Mijo
8. Prabhu Prakash
9. Solapura Mathias

### Promoted to Second Year Theology

1. A. Antony Sathiya Seelan
2. Chirackalpurayidathil Anish
3. J. Marcellin Raj
4. Jeevan Prashant

5. Manjackal Jijo
6. Olickal Sijo

7. Paikattu Jinu

### **Promoted to Second Year Theology in Philippines**

1. Jundie Sumagaysay
2. Felimon Toreon

### **Promoted to Second year Theology in Cameroon**

1. Abesouggie Christophe Bertrand
2. Ayissi Innocent Parfait

### **Promoted to First Year Theology**

1. Balavendra Antony Prasanna
2. Jabamalai J. Periyanyagam
3. Parayankunnel Shinto
4. Periera Santhosh
5. Padikara Nelson
6. Joseph Charles
7. Pallassery Sujith
8. R. Bartholomew

### **Promoted to Regency**

1. Enthunkal Aneesh
2. Fernandes Roni
3. Thurthippallil Jose

### **To III year Philosophy**

1. A.K Balan Bruno
2. Dias Joel Xaviour
3. Kamukumthottathil Anishmon
4. Kochuputhenpurayil Josemon
5. Ouseparambil Joseph
6. Pulikkalath Nirmal Jose
7. Theruvapuzha Sojan Sebastian

### **To III year B.Com in Christu Jayanthi College, Bangalore**

1. J Abhishek

### **To II year Philosophy**

1. A. Avinash Abhishek
2. K. Sudeep Andrews
3. Karackatt Jince
4. Kunnummel Jobin
5. Madathiparambil Justin
6. Nettananikal Robin
7. Othalaparambil Jithin
8. Parayil Leo
9. Pulichumackal Joby
10. S. Innaci Muthu
11. S. Prakash Prashanth Raj
12. Thekkethotty Jijith

### **Promotion to First Profession in Philippines**

The first profession on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Molino Parish

1. Alston Anabieza
2. Nathaniel Masendo
3. Noel Tatoy

### **Promotion to First profession and Philosophy**

The first profession will take place on 11 June 2010 in Sannidhi, Mysore.

1. C. Kantha Raju
2. Chennikkara Manu
3. Emmanueal J. Balu
4. Kappithottam Sanoj
5. Kizhakkanputhenpallil Jithin
6. Kovilparambil Sijo
7. Kumpukkal Pradeep
8. Neyampakulam Joshy
9. Panachickal Justin
10. Tirkey Jugal
11. Vallappurackal Mintu
12. Vettikkattil Mobin

### **Admission to the Novitiate**

The following brothers will enter the novitiate on 10 June 2010

1. T.C. Jose Thottukadavu
2. Tony Pushparaj
3. Tony Thomas Munduchalil
9. Roji Tomy Vattoth
10. Alex Roma
11. Dhanoop S. Puthenpurackal



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| 4. Subin Benny Palamattathil   | 12. John Joseph                   |
| 5. Shince P Tomy Panackappilly | 13. Petrus Kerketta               |
| 6. Rakesh Ekka                 | 14. Prasidh P George Pushpakunnel |
| 7. Robin Tomy Vattoth          | 15. Zacharias Peter Cherackal     |
| 8. Rohan Emmanuel              |                                   |

## **On going Formation**

**Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS, General Secretary for Innovative Ministry and Resource Mobilization** would like to draw your attention to THREE pastoral programs he is organizing in 2010 during the months of October, November, and December. He is giving us the information well in advance so that we can make arrangements to participate in these programs. Almost all participants evaluated last years' Clinical Pastoral Education Program and Superiors' Training Program as highly productive and helpful in their personal, emotional, and professional growth. **You need to book your seats for these programs by the end of July, 2010**

### **1. Four Week Clinical Pastoral Education Program:**

Venue: MSFS Provincial House, Guwahati, Assam

Time: October 20 – November 16, 2010

Participants: Confreres who had any pastoral ministry-experience for 5 to 15yrs

Number of Participants: 18 (three from each Province)

This program is meant to help participants evaluate their style of pastoral ministry in the light of their own emotional and personal issues. Self transformation is the key to organizational transformation. One's ability to transform depends on one's awareness of inner strengths, identity, and ability to deal with intra-personal and inter-personal conflicts. This program is highly motivational in inviting participants to care for their own emotional, personal, and spiritual growth that they can care for those entrusted to their ministry.

**Resource Person: Rev. Dr. Charles Gravenstine (Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.)**

### **2. Two Weeks Training for Superiors and those in leadership in animating groups and community**

Venue: MSFS Provincial House, Guwahati

Time: November 24 – December 7, 2010

Participants: Superiors, Principals, Parish Priests, Rectors, and anyone in leadership

Number of Participants: 24 (four from each province)

This short program will train participants to run small groups, community meetings and staff meetings, parish council meetings in a productive and effective way. Communication and style of communication play a key role in leadership. Success in leadership depends on ability to listen to and communicate empathically with the group. This is a great learning opportunity to probe into different models of leadership and evaluate one's own style of leadership in facilitating community life.

Of course, for both programs take time to relax in the North East India and enjoy the scenic beauty and hospitality of the people and confreres, deepen our MSFS bonding with confreres from different provinces.

**Resource Person: Rev. Dr. Charles Gravenstine**

### **3. Inner Home Improvement: Developing skills as Spiritual Directors**

Venue: SFS Vidyashram, Aluva

Time: November 21 – November 26, 2010

Participants: Seminary staff, novitiate staff, retreat preachers, those in counseling ministry.

Number of participants: 24 (four from each province)

Spiritual Directors are experts that enable people to make inner home improvements to their spiritual lives. Their “inner home” is the interior sacred place where Christians meet God. Spiritual Directors help people “attend” to desires in the heart for improvements in the inner life that result in more joy, happiness and contentment in the outer life. These training sessions will explore different models of spiritual direction. Each model contains different strengths that spiritual directors can use in helping those in vocational discernment improve their ‘inner home’ so they achieve clarity around a call to priesthood/religious life. The clarity will be a spiritual fruit of an interior life that is at home with Jesus calling and the discerner being free to respond.

A great opportunity for Fransalians in the ministry of spiritual care to live together and share their lives and experiences, to enjoy the tranquil stretches of backwaters, lush hill stations, unique geographical features of Kerala, and of course a visit to the tomb of St. Alphonsa.

**Resource Person: Rev. Dr. Paul Mast**

### **Departure from the Congregation**

Dipu Kannala, who was in second year theology, Joseph Frank, Kuzhiveliparambil Rijo of second year philosophy and Jess Revilla of fourth year Philosophy in Philippines cease to be the members of the Congregation

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

- **The Relic of St. Francis De Sales was solemnly installed** in St. Francis de Sales at Vattiyoorakavu on Sunday 9 May 2010. At 8.15 a.m. Rev Dr. John V. Thadathil the Forane Vicar received the relics from Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, the Provincial. It was kept in the Lourdes Forane Church for public veneration. By 9.30 a.m. it was brought to St. Francis de Sales Church. The relic was welcomed by a large gathering of the faithful at the Church Gate and in a solemn procession it was brought to the Church. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam. It was followed again by a solemn procession and a fellow ship meal. On this occasion the former Parish Priests and those couples who are celebrating their wedding Jubilee were felicitated. Congratulations to Fr. Jose Vechuvettickal, who arranged the whole programme well and is very earnest and committed to make the Parish Community lively and dedicated to the Lord.

- **Special retreat for the year of Priest** as decided in the Action Plan of the Provincial Congress 2009 was conducted in two places. The first retreat was in Charis Bhavan from 22 to 26 February 2010. The retreat was preached by Dr. Fio Mascarenhas, SJ and it was attended by 43 confreres. The Second retreat was conducted in Vinayalaya from 26 to 30 April 2010. It was preached by Bishop Lourdes Daniel, Bishop of Amaravati. The retreat was attended by 61 confreres. For all participants it was a great spiritual experience.

- **The Catechism camp Kolar 2010** was conducted in Malur from 19 to 23 April 2010. Hundred and Thrity Eight Children from different Parishes of Kolar deanery took part in the camp. The Camp was centred on the theme *'Eucharist and Priesthood'*. For the organization of classes the participants were divided into four groups. Fr. Erudayaraja, Pastoral Coordinator of Kolar Deanery inaugurated the Catechism Camp in the presence of Fr. Joshy, Dean of Kolar and Fr. Jeevan Prasad, Director of PSI Seva Bhavan. Various resource persons and team animators who were part of the camp include: Fr. Selvaraj, Fr. C. Joseph, Fr. James Thomas, Fr. Jabamalai, Fr. Victor, Sr. Mary Raj, Mrs. Victoria, Dn. Martin, Dn. Aneesh, Dn. Subin, Dn. Lalu brothers from Saumya Sadan and Bro. Innacimuthu from Kadisenahalli.

- **Salesian Seminar 2010: Spiritual Empowerment in Various Stages of Life** was organized by the Indian Institute of Spirituality from the 2 May to the 7 May 2010. This is the 27th Annual Salesian Seminar. This year, being the 4<sup>th</sup> centenary of the foundation of the Visitation Congregation by St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal, the theme of the seminar was focused on the spiritual journey of SFS and St. Jane as a model for the modern generation. The key-note address given by Rev. Dr. Jacob Parappally highlighted the spirituality of SFS and St. Jane and emphasized their contribution in the various stages of human life. Enriching sessions on various topics, such as, the life-history of Jane de Chantal as a girl, married woman, widow and nun made the participants to be aware of the spiritual depth and the sanctity of her personality. Various other topics were dealt with by well-known resource persons specialised in the Secular Sciences and Salesian Spirituality. The culmination of the seminar was the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Rev. Dr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, the Provincial Superior of the South West Province of the MSFS. The Seminar was well attended by 100 participants belonging to different Salesian Families, such as, OSFS, DSFS, SMMI, Holy Cross, in addition to the MSFS Fathers and Brothers. The presence of Rev. Fr. Rodrigues O'Brien, from the diocese of Adelaide, Australia, gave an international colour to the Salesian Seminar 2010.

- **The Pre-Novitiate Programme** began in Tejas Vidya Peetha on 01 May 2010 with twenty young candidates, 15 from South West and 5 from Pune Province. Fr. Vinoy Valachathinakathu is the director of Pre Novices and the four deacons – Anish, Lalu, Martin and Subin animated the session. The input sessions given by them included identity, identity crisis, personality development, inter and intra personality relationship, understanding behavior, emotions, conflict and conflict management, confrontation and care frontation, healing the inner child etc. They also helped the brothers with valuable personal counseling, group therapies, spiritual activities and group sharing. From May 18-22, Fr. Benny Valiaveetil enlightened the brothers with the topics of human sexuality, study habits, community life, goal setting, procrastination etc. Besides these, classes were taken on religious life, spiritual direction and moral values. The programme will conclude with the retreat animated by Fr. Tony Erniakulathil from 1-8 June, at Vinayalaya.

- **Our ICSE School Hebbagodi** has received the Certificate of Affiliation from the ICSE Council, New Delhi. The school is now affiliated to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (New Delhi) that administers ICSE Public Examinations. We thank and congratulate the Principal and the staff on this occasion.

- **The graduation ceremony of St. Francis de Sales College was conducted on**

- **Asha Children's Camp** was conducted in our facilities in Malur

- **Kannada Course for scholastics** was conducted in Malur in two sessions for Scholastics under the leadership of Fr. Jeevan

- **A Summer Camp for over 100 children was conducted in Savanur** under the leadership of Fr. Prashanth. Bros. Sujith, Rijo and Bartholomew from Vinayalaya and Sandeep from Saumya Sadan were resource persons.

- New Life Retreat was conducted in Vinayalaya for a group of children from 14-17 April by the New Life Team
- **A retreat for the Lay Association** Daughters of St. Francis de Sales was conducted by Fr. Jose Kumbolickal in Vinayalaya from 15-19 May 2010.
- **Bro. George Kottukapally** and team conducted a two day prayer session in Vinayalaya for the pre-novices and the inmates of Vinayalaya on 15 and 16 June 2010.