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My Dear Confreres,



On 15 August 2010 we celebrate the 63 anniversary of India's Independence. We are proud to be the largest democracy in the world striving towards the ideals set by the founding fathers of our nation. We are blessed to have our independence on August 15 as it is the day of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. Like independence, the assumption of Mary is also a celebration of freedom. Mary's assumption reminds us of the fact that we will be set free from our bondage to decay and will enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God. Assumption of our Blessed Mother gives us the foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. But at the same time we are reminded of the fact that heaven is the fulfillment of what we are here on earth. Therefore it is a challenge for all of us to work for a humane and just society in

the world and especially in our country. I wish all of you a Happy Independence Day and Happy feast of our Blessed Mother.

VISITATION TO THE PHILIPPINES

From the 19th of June till the 30th of June I made the visitation of our Philippine Mission. It was an encouraging and a good experience. All our Fathers are doing well and are very committed to the growth and well-being of the mission. The goal to implant the Congregation in the Philippine soil is still deep in the heart of each one of them. As I communicated and conversed with the confreres and the students I felt that we have a great future. I felt that God has specific plans for us and the MSFS in Philippines. We need to discern and act upon His plan.

In Silang, Cavite

Due to a terrible cold and cough I had, my ears were blocked and I was forced to take a day's rest in the seminary. During my stay in the Seminary I had the opportunity to interact with all our students. Fr. Tito, the Rector and Fr. Jayaraj the Procurator give direction and guidance to the students. Formation is a hard work and I thank them for

their dedication and commitment. I thank and appreciate Fr. Tito, the Mission Superior for his commitment to the growth of the Mission. With his hard work we have been able to buy two plots of land one in view of a school and a MSFS house in George Town in the Parish limits of Molino and the other near the SVD Theology Faculty in Tagay Tay in view of a Scholasticate. Besides the plot of land donated to us by Fr. George Morale, our friend and benefactor, has also been registered. There are 12 Aspirants in the Seminary thanks to the hard work of Fr. Joseph Pattarakalayail, 12 Philosophers and one theologian. The two Scholastics, Bros. Jess Revilla and Filemon Torreon have left the Congregation. Bro. Jundie Sumagaysay is in the second year of Theology.

In MSFS Novitiate

The novices under the leadership of Fr. Joy were getting ready for their Profession on the 26th of June. The novitiate was in a very small and simple house just enough to have place for the three novices and novice master. Fr. Joy had managed to get this house from a benefactor of our Congregation for one year. It was a good experience for me to have a sharing session with the novices. They were quite open and I felt that they have seriously taken their commitment to Jesus and His Mission. As we do not have novices in the year 2010 we have given back the house to its owners immediately after the First Profession.

The First Profession In Molino



On Saturday, the 26th of June all the MSFS Fathers, all brothers from the Formation House and a number of friends and well wishers of the MSFS were gathered in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Molino. During the solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by me three of our Novices Alton Anabieza, Noel Tatoy and

Nathaniel Masendo made their First Religious Profession. The Liturgy was well organized by Fr. Jayaraj and all Fathers cooperated well to make the day a memorable one. I like to make use of this opportunity to thank Fr. Joy for his dedicated service for the last two years as Novice Master. He has done his work well.

I stayed back in Molino and celebrated the Sunday Liturgy with the Parish Community. As always it was a wonderful experience and it was great to see how the Parish has grown under the leadership of Fr. Jinu Pathiyakam during the last five years. From a small pastoral Centre it has grown into a full-fledged Parish. Fr. Jinu has constructed a beautiful Church in Molino and the work is almost getting completed. Fr. Jinu has been always assisted and supported by all our Fathers in the formation house and his own assistants. As Fr. Devasia Kootarapallil returned to India after his Postgraduate studies in La Salle University, Manila Fr. Jiji Manjackal was appointed to assist Fr. Jinu in Molino.

I would like to appreciate the great work done by Fr. Jinu in making this parish one of the best in the diocese of Imus and I could see how much he is loved by the People there. I also thank all the fathers from the Formation House for assisting Fr. Jinu to make our dream come true in Molino.

In Bagong Silang

It was the first Parish entrusted to us by Cardinal Sin of Happy Memory in Metro Manila which has a population of over eleven and a half million. Through the hard work of our missionaries Bagong Silang is now an organized Parish with a beautiful Church. After the departure of Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhiyil to USA Fr. Joseph Pattarakalayil is appointed Parish Priest and he has already won the hearts of the people. Fr. Joseph has served for many years as the Vocation Promoter of the Mission and has done his work well. Besides he has been involved in the formation House in Silang Cavite. The De Sales Academy, the elementary school in our Parish has now an additional facility as a hall has been constructed in the plot that we had opposite to the present school. Fr. Jiji Manjackal is assistant Parish Priest. . I would like to make use of this opportunity to thank Fr. Sunny once again for the great work he has done in Bagong Silang and for the Philippine Mission.

The Apostolic Community Meeting

The Apostolic community meeting was an experience of grace for all of us. All perceived that God has a plan with us and for us in Philippines. In the meeting we discerned that the focus of our attention for the coming years have to be on the formation. The following points emerged in the discussion

1. To have a separate house for the Scholastics for deeper and more focused Religious Formation and for imparting the experience of living in community for the Religious brothers. Fr. Joy was asked to identify a house on a monthly rental basis and make it available with immediate effect. As we already obtained the necessary permission from Fr. Superior General and the Bishop of Imus we have already started this formation house with Fr. Jimmy Parayankuzhy as the Rector.
2. To have a separate animator for the Aspirants to give more focus on their initial formation and for personal accompaniment. Fr. Arockia Jayaraj is appointed as the Animator of the Aspirants.
3. To initiate the construction of a Scholasticate in the land purchased
4. To explore the possibility of starting the aspirancy House in the Bisayan Region, which is rich in religious vocation.
5. To work towards greater involvement of scholastics and all confreres in the Mission in vocation promotion.
6. To conduct annual retreat for the confreres in the Mission
7. To put in place a solid administration of the mission by constituting a delegation.

The Philippine Mission as a Delegation

Due to the sheer distance and the complexity of the issues that come up in the administration of the Mission it has been increasingly difficult for the Provincial to take care of all the needs of the mission directly. The office of the Mission Superior is not a

constitutional office and it was discerned in the Provincial Administration to constitute a Delegation in the Philippines with a Delegate Superior and two advisors.

Our constitution says: Art. 252: “A Delegation is a constituent administrative unit of the Congregation consisting of several members or several communities. It is established for better promotion of religious life, meaningful coordination of apostolic activities and joyful fulfillment of the mission of the Congregation” Art. 253: “A delegation is constituted by a decree of the Superior General. A Province may initiate the process of organizing and establishing a Delegation. But the decision regarding its constitution and establishment is vested in the Superior General. The administration of the Delegation may be under the Superior General or the Provincial, depending on the circumstances and the needs of the Delegation.” Art. 254: “... The Delegation Superior receives his powers from the appointing authority, and only the powers designated by that authority....” It goes without saying that the Philippine Delegation when erected will be under the Provincial.

Perpetual Profession in Tejas Vidya Peetha



On 2 June 2010 nine of our brothers from Tejas Vidya Peetha made their Final Profession. In the solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, the Provincial Bros. Cheravelil Jikson Chemplanickal Jijo, D. Robert, Dung Dung Marcel, Kazhukanolickal Joji, Kujur Nirdosh, Kulamkuthiyil Mijo, Prabhu Prakash, and Solapura Mathias said their Final “Yes” to the Lord. Fr. Provincial

received their vows and accepted them officially into the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales as permanent members. It was attended by confreres and the family members of the brothers. On the same day fourteen of our brothers renewed their vows.

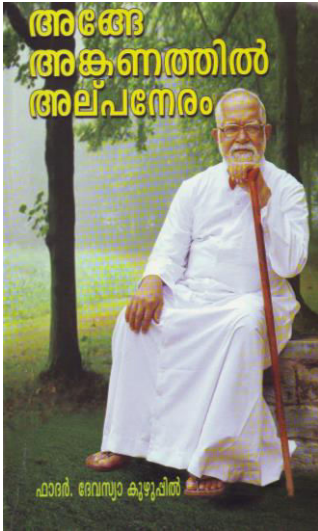
First Profession in Sannidhi



On 11 June 2010 twelve of our brothers after completing one year of Canonical Novitiate made their First Profession at Sannidhi, Mysore. Fr. Mario D’Souza the Provincial of Pune Province received their vows. On 13/14 June an orientation programme was conducted for the newly professed, at

Vinayalaya in view of their philosophical studies at Suvidya College. On 10 June fifteen brothers were initiated into the Novitiate.

“Ange Ankanathil Alpa Neram”: The autobiography of Fr. Devasia Kuzhuppil



On 25 July 2010, on his 87th Birthday I had the joy of releasing the Autobiography of Fr. Devasia Kuzhuppil, our veteran missionary with the title **“Ange Ankanathil Alpa Neram”**. The whole autobiography stands under the basic conviction of Fr. Devasia that nothing happens in his life outside the Divine Providence of God. This basic tenet of Salesian Spirituality had accompanied him throughout his life’s journey, be it as a young student in the Mission Home or in Mangalapuzha Seminary, be it as a young Missionary in the remote Missions of Visakhapatnam Diocese, be it as the last Regional Superior of Visakhapatnam, the first Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province or later as Pioneer in many missionary undertakings. An unshakable faith that God guides and directs him enables him even today with 87 years to continue his untiring missionary work wherever he finds himself. Definitely it is

because of this firm belief and trust in the Lord that Fr. Devasia made so many things happen and the Lord has been doing great things in and through him in so short a time (alpa neram).

We cannot otherwise explain his daring disposition beyond the ordinary: As Provincial he gave a distinctive identity to the MSFS in Visakhapatnam (till his time as Regional Superior, MSFS = Diocese or vice versa), built the Provincial House in Stella Maris, started the Fatimagiri Seminary in Nilambur, acquired lands in strategic cities and positions, and established centres in view of self-reliance of the province, recruited vocations more than was needed for the diocese, opened up vistas for missionary activities for the future generations of MSFS. After his Provincialship he took the MSFS out of Visakhapatnam Diocese in which it got stuck after MSFS had given up its missions in Orissa and thus started the Anapapur Mission, did ministry as Novice Master, was Regional Superior of North East, worked in the SFS Press, started the Palasa Mission, went to the fledgling Mission of Tanzania and played a great role in making Charis Bhavan what it is today together with Fr. Manjackal and other confreres. Charis Niketan, the home for the old stands presently as the culmination of the long ministry of this great Missionary and Visionary. Our beloved Kuzhuppilachan is a blessing for the Congregation, the Church at large and to many people. He is still full of spirit and is open to where the Spirit leads him and what the Spirit wants him to do. Ad Multos Annos.

De Sales Music Academy:

The De Sales Music Academy was blessed and inaugurated on 31 July 2010. With the opening of the Music Academy we have ventured into an area of education which hitherto was unknown to the MSFS educational Apostolate. Fr. Santhosh loves music and wants to make known this world of music to all music lovers regardless of caste or creed. “Sine Musica Nulla Vita” – There is no life with out music, the old Romans used to say.

It may be that Fr. Santhosh was influenced by this Roman saying. I knew that he was interested in Music and under great pain acquired for himself mastery over Saxophone, Guitar, Keyboard and other aspects of music. Every free time, every holiday during his doctoral studies was used by him to master the great Art of Music. Fr. Santhosh shared his dream of starting a Music Academy in the Hebbagodi Campus and the Provincial Administration granted him the necessary permission to go ahead with the project. He, by his personal effort and single minded devotion mobilized the financial resources for the construction of this beautiful building from and through his friends in Austria. I felt that Santhosh believed in what James Harvey Robinson has said that each of us is great in so far as we perceive and act on the infinite possibilities which lie undiscovered and unrecognized about us.

But the price of greatness is responsibility said Winston Churchill. Many do not become great because they shy away from responsibility. I would like to make use of this opportunity to thank Fr. Santhosh very personally for this great work. Fr. Santhosh ventured into this field and we as a Province are proud about this new initiative. I wish him and the new Music Academy all the best.

Change of Address

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The Forum Meetings

Various meetings of the forum were held in Vinayalaya and I am very happy to say that the confreres were very cooperative, deeply interested and committed to the work and mission of the Congregation. For me personally it was a pleasure to be present for the meetings

1. Innovative Ministry Forum 1 July 2010

On 1 July 2010 the meeting of the Innovative Ministry Forum was held in Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The following resolutions found approval in the forum.

- 1) To request the Provincial Administration to constitute a **core team consisting of the councillor in charge of innovative ministries, the two secretaries and two other members.**

- 2) To appoint a group of three people to prepare an evaluation paper on our ministries.
- 3) To give direction to all the communities to **implement the action plan** of 18th General chapter, and the 7th Provincial Congress of October 2009.
- 4) To approve **20 Pastoral/social/economic and cultural programs** proposed by Fr. Kurian Aranjaniyil and the suggestion to **start a new organization (NGO)** in Kengeri which is secular.
- 5) To issues guidelines to the communities about the **work with children**.
- 6) To request the Provincial Administration to ensure that **fair wages** are paid to all our domestic staff in all the communities.
- 7) To direct all the communities to **avail funds from the Government that is meant for minority**.
- 8) To organize a **financial management program** and a **seminar on labour laws** for the administrators of all the communities.
- 9) To bring out a **common brochure** about all our activities in the province

I would like to acknowledge and appreciate hard work of all confreres engaged in this ministry in which we commit ourselves to new and creative apostolates according to the needs of the Church in the changing situations of the world.

2. Local Superiors' Forum on 15 July 2010

On 15 July 2010 the meeting of the Local Superiors' Forum was held in Vinayalaya, Bangalore. We had an extensive discussion on the Provisional Document of the General Administration on Local Communities as Constituent Units of the Congregation. The Superiors were enlightened about the Role and Function of Local Superiors and the Ordinary Power of Governance vested with them. Besides the following points emerged and were resolved to be followed up:

- 1) To seriously study and implement the action plans of the Eighteenth General Chapter and the Seventh Provincial Congress 2009.
- 2) To work at community and province level towards community centered ministries instead of individual centered ministries.
- 3) To request all Local Superiors to participate in leadership and community animation programs
- 4) To ensure formal monthly community meeting with minutes recorded and a copy sent to the Provincial
- 5) To ensure that charitable works done individually or as a community is recorded
- 6) To entrust the Local Superiors with the responsibility of preparing a detailed history of each centre
- 7) To sent to all schools and colleges proforma regarding scholarships and other details every year and get information to the Provincial house regarding the same
- 8) To entrust the Superiors to prepare an annual activity report of the centre with the help of the confreres and to be sent to the Provincial

- 9) To organize the ministry to the poor and the marginalized in such a way that the same is continued even after the transfer of the confreres entrusted with such ministries.
- 10) To work and to organize ourselves in such a way that we can make our presence felt in the regional and national ecclesial level
- 11) To organize training program for the lay leaders
- 12) To start the “Associates of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales” and continue the work FMA has started and commit each confreres to get membership for the Association.
- 13) To go eco-friendly and take measures to save energy in all our community houses and institutions.

I would like to express a word of thanks and appreciation to all our Local Superiors for their love for the Congregation and sense of hard work.

3. Education Forum held on 16 July 2010

Education Forum Meeting was held on 16 July 2010 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The main agenda was to discuss ways to implement the basic wages in all our educational institutions according to the directives of the 6th pay commission. There was unanimous agreement to implement the same in all institutions if there are sufficient funds generated in the school. Besides the members resolved:

- 1) To create a Province security fund from the resources in the school and to entrust Fr. Benny Marangolil, the Provincial Bursar to look into the matter in consultation with the Principals of respective schools.
- 2) To constitute an inspection team comprising of the Councillor in Charge of Education, Secretary of Fransalian Educational Forum and the Provincial Bursar. The inspection team will visit each institution at the end of March or early April to finalize the fee structure and salary for the academic year. Besides they will inspect the school related documents and registers.
- 3) To prepare the common vision and mission statement for our schools and colleges and supply the same to all Schools by 15th September 2010. Frs. Saji Vadakkedath and A. Johnson are entrusted with the task.
- 4) To prepare a history of all our educational institutions and make it available for the Provincial Archives.
- 5) To request the Provincial Administration to send more confreres for professional courses.
- 6) To make it mandatory for all schools to apply for minority certificate with immediate effect.
- 7) To establish a crisis management team for our schools and other institutions and to appoint a PRO for each institution.
- 8) To follow up the Action Plan of the 18th General Chapter and 7th Ordinary Provincial Congress

It is an apt occasion to express my deep felt thanks and appreciation to all Principals and correspondents of our schools and colleges for their hard work and sense of dedication.

4. The Formator's Forum held on 29.05.2010

The forum affirmed the basic insight of Fr. Peter Mermier that all "Education is work of love" and more so the formation of young seminarians. Only love transforms as St. Francis de Sales says: "Love transforms; you become what you love." Formation in love implies as the Fransalian Formation Policy explains: Companionship, respect for students especially their vocation, patience to wait for the desired results, firmness and courage to point out mistakes, acceptance on the part of the formators that they are broken instruments in the hands of God, sharing the best legacy we have and journeying together in search for God's will. Besides it was resolved:

1. To instruct all formators to adhere to the time-table of the house
2. To look seriously into the matter that we recruit 30 to 40 students a year but is having a net result of just 5-6 ordinations per year and therefore
3. To focus more on religious formation of the brothers in the first months of their formation that their vocation is strengthened based on the Word of God and deep spiritual experience in prayer. To ensure that it may have to be done in a language that they understand.
4. To encourage the minor seminaries to have group masses and group meditation frequently
5. To take a serious note of the observation of students that staff is not available for spiritual activities
6. To take a serious note of the result of a sociological study, which showed that 20 % of religious have a "come and go" attitude in life. 70% religious would do something but not much because they would not like to give up their "comfort zones". And only 10% of the religious are radical and prophetic. They realize that they are pilgrims on a journey, never settling down but prepared to go through any inconveniences. We need to be aware of this fact in our formation programs.

Thanks to the hard work of vocation promoters of the province we have this year a total of 52 candidates recruited. Thanks also to all the formators for the hard work they put in to mould our future members.

Congratulations

SFS School Ettumanoor secured 100% results in the CBSE exams for the academic year 2009-2010. Out of the 31 students who appeared for the exam 26 students secured distinction and 5 secured first class.

Results of SFS PU College Hebbagodi

Combination	Appeared	Passed	Failed	Pass Percentage
Science	41	34	07	82.92
Commerce	84	73	11	86.90
Arts	14	12	02	85.71
Total	139	119	20	85.61

Congratulations to the Principals and staff of SFS School, Ettumanoor and SFS PU College, Hebbagodi.

On Holidays

Frs. Joe Cherolickal, James Panikerveetil, Sebastian Conrad and Joy Kochupoovathummuttil are in India for their home holidays. Fr. Sen is scheduled to come on 17 August for holidays. Mrs. Dr. Elisabeth Resinger, a great friend and admirer of Fr. James Manjackal who has now become a friend of many MSFS made a short visit to our Province. We thank Elisabeth for her love and concern.

Appointments

Fr. Devasia Kuzhuppil is appointed as the Superior of Charis Bhavan Community, Athirampuzha with effect from 1 August 2010.

Fr. Jiji Manjackal is appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of San Jose Amang Mapagkalinga Parish, Bagong Silang, Kalookan City Philippines with effect from 10 July 2010.

Fr. Jimmy Parayankuzhiyil is appointed as the Rector of our newly erected Scholasticate in Magasawang Ilat Bgy, Tagaytay, Philippines with effect from 10 July 2010.

Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummuttil is appointed as the Mission Procurator of Philippines Mission and as the Procurator of MSFS Formation House at Silang Cavite with effect from 5 September 2010. He is also appointed as the Vocation Promoter for Philippines Mission with immediate effect.

Fr. S. Arokia Jayaraj is appointed as the animator of the aspirants at Silang Cavite with immediate effect.

Fr. J. Periyamayagam is appointed to the community at Kuknoor with effect from 2 August 2010.

Fr. Mathew Kalam is appointed to the community at Jyothi Nilaya Calicut with effect from 10 August 2010

Fr. Thomas Puthussery is appointed to the community at Charis Bhavan with effect from 10 September 2010

Bro. Rony Fernandis is appointed for Regency to the Provincial House

Bros. Aneesh Enthunkal and Jose Simon Thuruthipallil are designated to the Chad-Cameroon Mission and are presently doing the French Course in Pondicherry

Let us pray for the departed

Fr. Claude BOURGEOIS MSFS passed away on 22 July 2010. Fr Bourgeois was born in 1929 (Chapelle des Bois, France) and joined the MSFS in 1951. He was ordained a priest in 1956. He went to Brazil in 1962 and became a member of the Brazil Province for the next 47 years. Last year, during his holidays in France, he became sick. Then he returned to Franco-Swiss Province and spent his last months in Chavanod, in the newly build Claudine-Echernier Home for sick and aged people. He was buried on 26 July at the Visitation basilica Annecy.

Mr. Kurian, the eldest brother of Fr. Mathew Thudianplackal passed away on 4 June 2010. He was 90 years old.

Mrs. Eathamma Joseph (Brigit), the mother of Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam passed away on 10 June 2010. She was 98 years old.

Mary Paikattu the mother of Bro. Jinu Paikattu (IInd year theologian at Tejas Vidya Peetha) passed away on 1 July 2010. She was 55 years old.

Mr. Peter (Pathrose) Thottiyil the brother of Fr. Mathew Thottiyil passed away on 15 July 2010. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Scaria Kalariparampil the father of Fr. Thomas Kalariparampil passed away on 29 July 2010. He was 83 years old.

Recollection 7 with St. Francis de Sales July 2010-March 2011

The seventh set of annual Salesian Recollections is ready. They will reach you within the next week. The purpose of the Salesian Monthly Recollections, as indicated in Fr. Superior General's letter of 27 November 2001, **is to motivate us to live in a more vibrant and witnessing way our Salesian Vocation and Spirituality**. We thank Fr. Antony Mookenthottam and team for doing this great work for the congregation.

Glimpses from the life of the Province

The year of Priests was filled with various programs and initiatives taken at different places in the Province:

- **Special retreats** were conducted in Charis Bhavan and in Vinayalaya. Thanks to Fr. Fio Mascarenhas and Bishop Lourdes Daniel who animated the retreats.
- **Fr. James Manjackal** organized the Holy Land trip for confreres who are Priests for ten years and above. A total of 39 confreres participated in the pilgrimage. A heartfelt thanks to Fr. James Manjackal for this generous gesture.
- **Tejas Vidya Peetha** had organized in Vinayalaya an update program for the priests from all over the country. Thanks to Frs. Jacob Parapally, Henry Jose, Jose Kumblolickal and Jose Maniparambil
- **April-June 2010 edition of Indian Journal of Spirituality** was on the various levels of priesthood based on Biblical perspective. Thanks to Fr. Benny Kootanal and the IIS Team
- **The Indian Institute of Spirituality** also decided to organize the Vayalil Memorial Lectures of this year on the theme of priesthood.
- **St. Francis de Sales Parish, Hebbagodi** organized a gathering of all priests of Begur Deanery and for the MSFS priests in Bangalore and Kolar and others who worked in the Parish from its inception. A solemn Eucharistic celebration crowned the celebration and a felicitation program was arranged by the Parish Council and the Youth of the Parish. Thanks to Fr. Aloysius and Fr. Selvaraj.
- **At St. Alphonsa's Parish Rajarajeshwari Nagar Mysore**, Fr. Christopher Crasta, the Parish Priest organized an "Adoption of Priest Campaign." The names of the priests of South West province and the names of General, General Councillors and Provincials

were randomly picked up by the parishioners and every member of the parish got a priest to pray for during the whole year. A post card was sent to each priest informing the day of prayer in the parish for that particular priest.

- **Fr. Crasta along with the members of Saumya Sadan**, the Orientation house and various religious congregations like Holy Cross, DSFS, SSS, CSST, DC, Franciscan Sisters, Benedictine sisters adopted each day a priest in the region of Karnataka for whom they offered all the prayers of that day. They too were sent the post cards informing them of the 'day of prayer' dedicated for them.

- Besides individual confreres and communities undertook various programs as part of the year of priests.

- **SFS Youth gathered at St. Mary's Church Kolar** on 11-07-2010. It was a gathering for the youths of various parishes in Kolar deanery. The program consisted of Holy Eucharist, welcome dance, group song competition, Biblical skit, mimicry, tug of war etc. Breakfast and lunch were provided. The gathering came to an end with the distribution of prize and vote of thanks. Thanks to Fr. Jabamalai who organized this gathering.

- **Tejas Vidya Peetha** inaugurated the academic year 2010-2011 on 10 June, 2010. Rev. Fr. Mario D'Souza MSFS, Provincial of Pune Province, celebrated the Solemn Eucharist of the Holy Spirit with the entire Tejas family, which acknowledged the place of God's role and assistance in their life. Jose Maniparampil drew the attention of the participants to become a Spirit-filled people, indeed become identified with the Spirit of Truth, in the given context by a contextual incarnation of Christ right now. Dr. Henry Jose, the Dean of Studies, welcomed everybody and Dr. Jacob Parappally, the Rector of Tejas presented the report of the academic life and activities of 2009-10. Dr. Thomas Kalariparampil MSFS, delivered the *Lectio Brevis* with the theme, "Forgotten Lessons from the Encounter between Heidegger and Bultmann for a Contextual Theology".

- **Suvidya College** began its new academic year on 14th of June 2010 with the Inaugural Eucharist concelebrated by all the Provincials with the Chairman as the main celebrant in the newly constructed Chapel which was followed by a Key-Note Address given by Mr. David Selvaraj, Director of VISTAR. This year the MCTP (Master's in Contextualized and Transformative Philosophy) has been launched. This program is affiliated to Mysore University.

- **Provincials of India Forum Meeting** was held in Vinayalaya from 13th to 15th June 2010. The Forum was constituted in December 2009 by the Superior General is to attend to, organize, supervise, implement, plan and evaluate inter- province concern, institutions, programs and undertaking. The concern of the provincials is to put in place a common policy agreed upon by all Provincial administrations within the framework of the Constitution that will bind us as members of a congregation rather than of a particular province.

- **The Orientation Program** which was hitherto placed in Saumya Sadan is now shifted to Sannidhi. Bishop of Mysore has given the permission to start the orientation program in Sannidhi and the program started from the 25th of June 2010.

- **Our Novitiate is shifted** to the newly purchased land and facility at Makkiyad. The name and address of the new house is: **Sneha Jyothi, M. S. F. S. Ashram, Makkiyad. P.O Mananthavady, Waynad Dist, Kerala 670731**

- **De Sales Music Academy:** The 31st of July 2010, would go down in the annals of the History of South West Province of Missionaries of St. Francis de sales as a red lettered day, as it marked the inauguration of De Sales Music Academy at Hebbagodi, Bangalore. The magnificent building of the music academy was blessed by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, the Provincial and was inaugurated by Mr. Rajesh Krishnan, a leading play back singer and actor in the Kannada film industry. The inaugural function was organized at SFS English Medium School with enriching participation from other institutions in the campus. The function was well attended by a good number confreres, priests, religious and students from various institutions in the campus. In his inaugural address Mr. Rajesh Krishnan spoke about the power of music to transcend individual differences to create universal brotherhood and harmony. In his presidential address Rev. Fr. Provincial emphasized on the relevance of De Sales Music academy to be a center of excellence in imparting quality education and training in music to explore the hidden talents in many children. Friends from Austria were welcomed and honored by Rev. Fr. Santhosh, the director of Music Academy. The cultural and musical fiesta offered by friends from Austria and students from various institutions in the campus were phenomenal, eye popping and extraordinarily brilliant.

- **The Orientation Program in Sannidhi** for the year 2010-2011 was began on 24 June 2010 with the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Christopher Crasta along with six other priests. The liturgy which was in Kannada, began with the lighting of the lamp and after communion the new batch of 14 students were congratulated and they were given the prayer book “Pray always” and a rosary each. Frs. Jose Maliekal, the Rector and L. Selvaraj, the Vice-Rector organized the inaugural Mass.

- **SFS Ettumanoor** has 30 first years, 37 second years and 12 third years in the new academic year

- **In Divya Jyothi**, Latapara we have 8 students this year.

- **Birthday Celebration of Fr Devasia Kuzhuppil:** - 25 July 2010, was a joyous occasion for the Charis Bhavan community, as they celebrated the 87th birthday of Rev. Fr. Devasia Kuzhuppil, a great missionary and visionary. The joy of the celebration was doubled by the release of his autobiography “Ange Ankanathil Alpa Neram” by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, Provincial of the South-West Province who gave the first copy to Rev. Fr. Zacharias Mannukuzhumbil MSFS, one of Fr. Devasia’s companions. As per his desire, it was only a small gathering attended by few of our confreres, well wishers and friends. Fr. Kurian Karickal, the Director of Charis Bhavan, congratulated and appreciated Fr. Devasia for his hard work in bringing out the autobiography and wished him long life. Fr. Devasia Kuzuppil opined that the motivation behind bringing out the autobiography was to remind the younger generation what it really meant to be a missionary.

- **Disciples Training Programme:** Fr. Shalbin, the animator of Jesus youth in Mysore along with its co-ordinator and members of its working body conducted a ‘Disciples

Training Programme' for the youth. This was a one week programme from 10-16 July 2010 conducted at Saumya Sadan with the intension of strengthening the youth in faith and to give them new insights. It was also with the intension of reaching out to institutions and organizing prayer meetings through these trained disciples. It had 35 participants and the input sessions, workshops and games made the event a great success

- **Programmes at Athma Jyothi Retreat Centre, Pattikadu, Trichur:** A number of programmes are being conducted in our retreat centre at Pattikadu. Inner Healing Retreat begins on the first Friday of the month. Every Friday from 6pm to 8.30 pm, an Evening Convention consisted of Rosary, class and healing prayer is conducted. Besides these there are a number of families that come for Family Retreat. Contact numbers 0487 2282134, Mobile: 9447290177(Fr. Tomy Pulinthanam)

The Visitation of our Superior General 2010

Our Superior General will make his official visitation to the Province from 27 September to 31 October. I have got the following program approved by Him. If anything or anybody is left out please bring to my notice. We welcome Very Rev. Fr. Superior General to our Province and wish him a pleasant stay with us.

- Mon Sep. 27 Arrival of Very Rev. Fr. Superior General in Bangalore Airport
 Tues Sep. 28
 6.30 Eucharistic Celebration in Vinayalaya
 09.00 Meeting the confreres in Vinayalaya and the confreres of Venkata and New Town viz: Frs. Jose Puthiyaparambil and Joseph Kannadom
 18.00 Meeting with the community
 Wed Sep 29 **The Holy Archangels**
 6.00 Travel to Mermier Bhavan
 6.45 Eucharistic Celebration with the community
 9.30 Message to the high school students of Kannada/English Medium (strictly 20 Minutes Program) Visit of various institutions
 14.00 Message to the final year P.U. Students and final year Degree Students (30 Minutes program)
 14.45 Message to the staff of schools and colleges of the Campus
 15.45 Tea with all the staff
 Free time or meet confreres
 17.30 Visiting Prateeksha, De Sales Boys' Home
 19.30 Supper with the community in Mermier Bhavan, if possible after Supper community meeting
 Thu Sep 30 **Founder's Day**
 Meet the confreres in the morning hours
 12.30 Lunch in DSFS, rest in Mermier Bhavan
 16.00 After noon visit NEST
 18.00 Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in Tejas, overnight stay in Tejas
 Fri Oct 1 **St. Theresa of Child Jesus**
 09.00 Meet the students in Tejas, Community meeting
 13.00 Lunch in Tejas, rest
 15.00 Visit PSI Sevagram

- 18.00 Eucharistic Celebration in PSI, after supper travel to Vinayalaya
- Sat Oct 2 Holy Guardian Angels
- 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration in Indian Institute of Spirituality
- 11.45 Message to Diploma and M.Th. Students
- 15.00 Meeting the confreres of IIS. Supper and overnight stay in Vinayalaya
- Sun Oct 3 **27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
- 07.00 English Mass in St. Francis de Sales Church, Hebbagodi
- 10.45 Reception in the Church and message by Fr. Superior General (strictly 20 minutes program)
- 13.30 Travel to Koppal
- 20.00 Arrival in Koppal
- Mon Oct 4 St. Francis of Assisi**
- 07.00 Eucharistic Celebration
- 09.30 Message to the students of Koppal schools (strictly 20 minutes program)
- 10.45 Message to the staff
- 13.00 After Lunch rest, meeting confreres Stay overnight at Koppal
- Tue Oct 5
- 07.00 Travel to Kuknoor, Breakfast in Kuknoor
- 09.30 Message to students (strictly 20 minutes program)
- 09.45 Message to the staff
- 11.30 meeting confrere
- 13.30 Traveling to Mundargi
- 15.00 Message to the students (strictly 20 minutes program)
- 15.30 Message to the staff
- 17.00 meeting the confrere
- 18.30 Eucharistic Celebration with the DSS sisters and Supper in the house
- Wed Oct 6 **Decennial Celebration of our Presence in Savanur**
- 06.00 Travel to Savanur, Breakfast at Savanur
- 09.30 Message to the students (strictly 20 minutes program)
- 10.00 Message to the staff
- 11.00 Meeting the confreres, inform Fr. Anand Ekka to come
- 15.30 Visit to the Daughters of the Church
- 17.30 Eucharistic Celebration with invited guests
- Thu Oct 7 **Our Lady of Rosary**
- 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration
- 08.30 N. Karnataka Apostolic Communities Meeting
- 14.00 Departure to Vinayalaya, stay overnight in Vinayalaya
- Fri Oct 8
- 10.20 Flight by Air India IC 909 to Trivandrum
- 11.30 Arrival in Trivandrum
- 12.30 Lunch with DSFS Sisters
- 15.00 Meeting the confreres
- 18.30 Eucharistic Celebration in Syro-Malabar Rite with Homily of Fr. Superior General in English.
- Sat Oct 9
- 06.00 Travel to Vattappara, breakfast, meeting the confreres

- 11.00 Apostolic Community Meeting at Vattappara
 12.00 After Lunch travel to Adoor
 17.30 Adoor, meeting the confrere, visit to Holy Cross sisters
 18.00 Mass in the Parish, message by Fr. Superior General, after supper travel to SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
- Sun Oct 10 **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 06.30 Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with the community
 Meeting the confreres and Fr. Wilson Kottam
 In the evening Official reception, Message to Students
- Mon Oct 11
 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration in the Seminary
 09.00 Message to the students of SFS CBSE (strictly 20 minutes program)
 09.30 Message to the staff
 14.00 Staff meeting in the Seminary
 16.30 To Charis Bhavan meet the confreres
- Tue Oct 12
 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration, meeting the confreres, visit to Charis Marian Maids, Meet Fr. Chacko Ottalankal, Fr. Paul Aranjanil, Fr. Regi Muthukattil, Fr. George Mariraj, visit Charis Niketan
 17.30 Ettumanoor Apostolic Community Meeting in Charis Bhavan
- Wed Oct 13
 07.00 Travel to Aluva (Possibility of Mass in Bharanaganam)
 13.00 Lunch at SFS Vidyashram
 Aluva, meeting confreres in the community and Fr. Timson, overnight stay in Aluva
- Thu Oct 14 **St. Theresa of Avila**
 Free day – stay in Aluva
- Fri Oct 15
 06.30 Travel to Thrissur, breakfast at Atmajyothi Ahram, Pattikkadu, meeting the confreres in the community and Fr. Jose Puthukary
 14.30 Courtesy visit to Vadakancherry
 18.30 Eucharistic Celebration, stay overnight.
- Sat Oct 16 **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque – Blessed Augustine Thevaruparambil**
 06.00 Travel to Kozhikode, meeting the confreres in Jyothi Nilaya
 14.30 Travel to Vinaya Kumar Ashram, private mass
- Sun Oct 17 **29th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Eucharistic Celebration, meeting the confreres in Estate and Fr. Joseph Vettukattil, rest and free time, stay overnight
- Mon Oct 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist**
 06.30 Travel to Thamarassery seminary, Meeting the confreres
 18.30 Solemn Eucharistic Celebration
 Official reception and message to students
- Tue Oct 19 **St. Paul of the Cross**
 6.30 Eucharistic Celebration Meeting the confreres, staff meeting
 14.00 Travel to Kannur

Wed Oct 20

- 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration with the community
- 09.30 Message to the students of SFS CBSE School (strictly 20 minutes Program)
- 10.00 Message to the staff
- 11.30 Kannur Apostolic community meeting After Lunch, meeting the confreres of Kannur and Frs. Thomas Chennakattukunnel, Thomas Anchanickal
- 16.00 Travel to Ulickal
- 17.00 Ulickal, meeting the students, Confreres, supper, stay overnight

Thu Oct 21

- 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration, breakfast
- 08.00 Travel to Makkiyad
- 13.00 After Lunch rest, Evening reception and message by the novices

Fri Oct 22

- 06.30 Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with the novices
- 09.00 Class for the novices
- 10.30 Meeting the confreres, stay overnight

Sat Oct 23

- 06.00 Travel to Batherry
- 07.30 After Breakfast, meeting confreres
- 10.30 Travel to Mysore
- 13.00 Lunch at Saumya Sadan
- 15.00 Travel to Sannidhi
- 16.30 Meeting the confreres
- 18.00 Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Message to the seminarians, supper
- 21.00 To De Sales Bhavan, stay overnight

Sun Oct 24 **Foundation Day of the Congregation**

- 07.00 Eucharistic Celebration in St. Alphonsa's Parish
- 10.00 Meeting Frs. Jacob Thudipara, Lakra Thadeus, Tony Erniakulathil
- 11.30 Mysore Apostolic Community Meeting
- 13.00 After Lunch meeting the confreres in De Sales Bhavan
- 16.30 Travel to Bangalore, stay overnight at Vinayalaya

Mon Oct 25

- 06.00 Travel to Malur, breakfast at Malur
- 09.30 Message to the students (strictly 20 minutes Program)
- 10.00 Message to the staff, meeting the confreres,
- 16.00 Short visit to the sisters of the Holy Cross
- 18.00 Travel to St. Mary's Church, Kolar, meet the confrere
- 20.00 Supper and overnight stay at De Sales Skills Development and Technical Training Centre, Kolar

Tue Oct 26

- 06.30 Travelling to Chintamani, breakfast, meeting the confreres, meeting Fr. Abraham Pandanam
- 09.30 Message to the students (strictly 20 minutes program)
- 10.00 Message to the Teachers
- 14.00 Travelling to Kadisenahalli,

- 15.00 Message to the staff and students of school, boarding, meeting the Confreres
- 16.00 Short visit to the Cluny sisters
- 18.30 Travel to Srinivasapur, overnight stay
- Wed Oct 27
- 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration
- 09.30 Message to the students (strictly 20 minutes program)
- 10.00 Message to the staff, meeting the confrere and short visit to the sisters
- 11.45 Travel to Gokunte, Lunch at Gokunte, Meet the children
- 14.30 Visit to Rakshana Giri, Mission appraisal, meeting the confrere
- 16.30 Travel to Mulbagal, Meeting the confrere
- 18.30 To TTI, supper in De Sales Technical, overnight stay
- Thu Oct 28 **Saints Simon and Jude**
- 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration, meeting the Confreres
- 11.00 Kolar Apostolic Community meeting
- 12.30 after Lunch, Travel to Vinayalaya, overnight stay
- Fri Oct 29
- 6.30 Travel to Suvidya (program from Suvidya arranged)
- Sat Oct 30
- 18.30 Travel back to Vinayalaya
- Sun Oct 31
- 06.30 Eucharistic Celebration, breakfast
- 09.00 Meeting with the Provincial
- 16.00 Bangalore Apostolic Community Meeting

One Minute with St. Francis de Sales

“Live each day well, nourish yourself well with what is offered to you. Divine Providence will surely provide sufficiently for your needs. Make sure to use well what is given to you, and be free of all other care.”

Inspiration from our Founder

“God who is all powerful, who has no need of anyone, does not demand miracles from us. They are not in our power. He expects some works or at least our good will. May he graciously give us this will which is the source of interior peace.” Fr. Peter Mermier

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