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LIVE JESUS

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My Dear Confreres,

“Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength”



This quote is attributed to Francis de Sales.

In the letter of Apostle Paul to the Galatians the fruits of the Spirit are listed as “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, **gentleness**, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). Does the Bible teach us that gentleness is strong? And even if it does, can we say that there is nothing so strong as gentleness?

Both the Old Testament and New Testament give us the understanding of how important gentleness is as a Godly character trait. You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your help (or *answering/ or gentleness*) has made me great – 2 Samuel 22:36. I myself, Paul



appeal to you by the meekness and **gentleness of Christ**, I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away! - 2 Corinthians 10:1

“But the *wisdom that is from above* is first pure, then peaceable, **gentle**, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy” James

3:17. Gentleness per se may be pleasing or attractive, but the gentleness we see in the Bible goes well beyond that. The gentleness that “hath made me great” that is “of Christ” and is a hallmark of the “wisdom that is from above” comes only by the Spirit of God. And let’s not forget that the Holy Spirit is likened to a fire and a sword. So, the gentleness that comes as the fruit of the Spirit is quite strong.

We are proud that St. Francis of Sales; Gentle Christ of Geneva; the Gentleman Saint is our patron. Our Charism is to **live his spirit and spirituality**. This means as Fr. Peter Mermier exhorts us, to become another St. Francis de Sales in our times. As we celebrate the feast of our Heavenly patron, I wish for all of us that we imbibe more and more the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Appointment of the Delegation Superior and Consulters to the Delegation Superior of Philippine Mission

Our beloved Superior General has constituted Philippines as a Delegation under the South West Province on 8 December 2010. With the unanimous consent of the Provincial Council and with the approval of the Superior General Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam has been appointed as the Delegation Superior of the Philippine Delegation with effect from 8 December 2010. With the consent of the Provincial Council which met on 17/18 December 2010 I have appointed Frs. Joy Kochupooovathummuttil and Jimmy Parayankuzhy as consulters to the Delegation Superior of the Philippine Delegation.

Retreat Preacher’s Team

As we have got a number of preachers in the province and there are many demands from many corners for preaching retreat we need to coordinate our work and do it as an MSFS team. The Provincial Administration felt this great need. There are a number of retreats being preached by our confreres in different places and congregations but it is not recorded anywhere in the Provincial Archives. At least from now on we need to do that as it is an MSFS ministry given to the Church. In the Provincial Council Meeting held in Vinayalaya on 17/18 December 2010 we have constituted a team for retreat preaching. This is not an exclusive list. We shall be happy if more confreres join the team. Please let the Provincial know about it.

The team will come together on the 28 December 2011 and elect a General Coordinator for Retreat Preaching who can coordinate the work and operate from a central place for allotting and recording the retreats preached by the confreres.

New Missions in Shimoga and Gulbarga: Teaching Kannada

Pioneering Mission and Overseas Evangelisation has been one of the priorities of the MSFS Congregation from its beginning. We have taken up many Taluks in Karnataka where we wanted to establish the presence of the Church in its headquarters and surroundings. But during the course of yesteryears the interest in learning Kannada Language as Mission Language has come down and many confreres feel that if they are appointed to the mission

they will have to be permanently there. So they even do not attempt to learn the language properly. This goes against the very missionary spirit of our congregation.

As a result of concrete proposals from the Formation Forum and deliberations in the Provincial Council the following decisions were taken:

1. That a team is constituted, which will prepare a syllabus for teaching Kannada in various stages of formation. They are expected to prepare a Syllabus and make the text and other teaching aids available for teaching at various stages by the end of April 2011. They will also propose a method of evaluation to assess the knowledge of each student.
2. That Frs. Santhosh Kumar, Christopher Crasta and Jeevan Prasad are in this team. Fr Jeevan Prasad will be team leader.
3. That all the new priests (with or without initial exposure to other pastoral works in any other dioceses) are sent to a mission territory for two to three years if there are no other compelling reasons or needs of the Province.
4. **That we take up two new missions in Shimoga and Gulbarga Diocese** (at the earnest and repeated invitations of the Bishops) and appoint a mission team with a team leader.
5. That a thorough preparation is done for these young missionaries before they take up the mission.
6. That Tejas, the mission oriented theological institute monitors the missionary activities and accompany the team with their counsel and visits.
7. That the provincial shows keen interest in the missionary activities in the new missions and visit the missionaries periodically listening to the difficulties they encounter and encouraging the confreres.
8. That PSI greatly enters into the mission area and see what programs and projects it can envisage and implement there.

We fervently hope and wish that through this initiative we can re-establish the lost dimension of our missionary endeavour and regain some of our missionary dynamism and put our missionary option in right perspective.

**Kannada Cultural and Pastoral Centre (Art, History,
Literature, Language, Catechetics etc.)**

In the action plan of the Provincial Congress, 2006 it was already proposed to start a pastoral centre in Karnataka in the near future. Repeated applications to the funding agencies for financial aid have not been entertained by them. Still we feel such a centre is a necessity as it has been talked out often. The activities of the centre could include promotion of Kannada religious Literature, religious art and music, translation of important religious literature into Kannada, a Bible School and Pastoral Centre for youth and children. In the provincial Council

which met on 27 October 2010, a go ahead nod has been given to this project and to plan its implementation.

Implementation of the Action Plan of General Chapter 2007 and Provincial Congress 2009

It is our duty to implement the action plan of the General Chapter and Provincial Congress. A quick evaluation of the Action Plan of the General and Provincial Congress was done in the Council meeting in October and the administration expressed its satisfaction that majority of the recommendations of the General Chapter and the Provincial Congress are either in the process of implementation or are being implemented. There are still some points that need implementation. These points were discussed in the last meeting of the Local Superiors and they were requested to do what ever was needed so that they are implemented at the Local level.

Sannidhi our Orientation “Course” in Mysore

Presently we are having 17 students in the orientation course at Sannidhi. Besides Frs. Jose Maliekal, the Rector, Fr. L. Selvaraj the Procurator, and Fr. Jose Edassery, the Spiritual Animator we have also two lay staffs who give classes in Sannidhi. They are **Mr. Joseph Puthumana and Mr. Paul Balaganapathy**. Both perceive their ministry of teaching not just as a job but as a commitment to the seminarians, who they would like very much to be good and loyal priests of Jesus Christ. I make use of this opportunity to thank both of them for their deep commitment and love for the MSFS Fathers.

Charis Jyothi

Charis Jyothi is our monthly magazine from Charis Bhavan to promote the spiritual life of both the religious and the laity. Although started many years before and now having a good layout with Fr. Devasia Kuzhuppil as Managing Editor, Dijo Koikkara as Chief Editor and Fr Shajan Manickathan as its Associate Editor it is now beautiful in shape and presentation. I would like to make use of this opportunity to congratulate the Editors and the Charis Bhavan Team for this wonderful work of Evangelisation. But still the Magazine is not able to run on its own. It needs our support and cooperation. **We as members of the Congregation have a great duty to promote the magazine especially by contributing articles and getting new subscribers for the same.** I have got the following suggestions to make:

1. Each confrere could get at least five new subscribers for the Magazine
2. The confreres could encourage their own families, relatives and friends to subscribe for the magazine.
3. The parish Priests in the parishes could subscribe 10 magazines each for a year and give it freely for one year to the Parishioners of their respective Parishes. Later the wish could be expressed that the Parishioners subscribe the Magazine.
4. Each of our institutions and communities could ask for a paid subscription (Rs. 90 per year). Now mostly it is sent freely to the institutions and communities.

5. The fathers in public institutions could place the magazine in a common public place and make it available for the public to read.
6. Those who have connections abroad will try to get as many subscriptions as possible for Charis Jyothi (Euro 20, Pound 15, Dollar 25).
7. The editorial board welcomes all the confreres who are able to write any spiritual articles of interest, to do so and send it to the Editors. However it would be good if before writing they could be in touch with Fr. Dijo.

Visitation to Chad and Cameroon Mission

I will be doing the visitation of our Chad-Cameroon Mission in the month of February (2- 25). Most probably Bros. Aneesh Eanthunkal and Jose Simon Thuruthipallil will come along with me as they are designated to do their theological studies in Ngoya, Yaounde, Cameroon. **During my absence Fr. Kurian Karickal will be the Provincial Vicar.**

Fr. Jose Kumbloly to Spain and Chile, Fr. Santhosh Kumar to Europe

Fr. Jose Kumbloly is on the way to Chile to preach a retreat to the Fathers there. He is going there at the insistence of our Assistant General Fr. Thomas Cherukat, who is in charge of the Mission. Fr. Roberto Salazar, the Mission Superior of Chile has been visiting many of our centres in the Province after the Triennial Midterm Meetings in Vinayalaya and was very deeply touched by the welcome we accorded to him and by the work we do. He is expecting further collaboration with us as he wants to bury the hatchet and let bygones be bygones to usher into an era of missionary collaboration and understanding of Indian Provinces with the Chile Mission. Fr. Jose will first go to Spain and take few classes there in a University and then proceed to Chile Mission to preach the retreat. He will be away from 5 January to 3 March 2011.

Fr. Santhosh Kumar will be away in Europe (Austria) from 8 February to 28 March 2011 for perfecting himself in the skill of playing Saxophone and to visit his benefactors who financed the Music School for us.

Mission Forum

The meeting of the mission Forum is scheduled to take place in Charis Bhavan on 28 January 2011. All those who are part of the Forum are requested to take part in the meeting. The invitations have been sent out already to all. During the mission forum meeting all those who are in the Preaching Forum will also have a separate meeting in one session or more. Therefore it is important for both the groups to be present for the meeting.

Fr. Joshy Mangalathu and Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhy

Both of them had done yeomen service in our Chad-Cameroon and Philippine Mission respectively. To run the mission and to be caring for the regular expense incurred by the communities has always been a great struggle. Both the missions had to go through financially

difficult times. The Provincial Administration had decided to assign a confrere each from both the missions for pastoral service in the Western World. Now the Archdiocese of Atlanta has appointed **Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhiyil** as Chaplain of the Visitation Monastery in Atlanta, USA. **Fr. Joshy Mangalthu** will do pastoral service in the diocese of Muenster. The salary of both confreres after giving the amount for meeting their personal expenses will be sent regularly to both the missions respectively. So the missions can hope for some regular income every month.

Constitution Retreat

The constitution retreat which is mandatory for all the perpetually professed confreres has been arranged in three places. For the retreat that has taken place in Charis Bhavan from January 3-7, 2011 only 14 confreres from the Province have participated. For the retreat in Makkiyad from April 11-15, 2011, so far 28 have registered. Also for the retreat in Vinayalaya we have another 28 registrations. If only any one has a very valid reason not to attend the Retreat he may inform the Provincial about it. Otherwise all have a constitutional obligation to attend the retreat.

Update and Renewal Program

For the update and renewal program which took place in Vinayalaya only 4 confreres from the South West Province attended. It is conducted in two sessions. Some have told me that they will be attending the session in Visakhapatnam from the 25 to 31 October 2011. As you were free to opt for any of the session you are earnestly requested to register your name at the earliest. I have written about this already in my last circular.

Fr. S. Arockiasamy in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Mysore

Fr. Arockiaswamy who is doing his MSW in St. Philomena's College, Mysore has been asked by the Bishop of Mysore to render service in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish in Mysore, as the Parish Priest had to go on sick leave. He made a great impact during this short period of stay there and the parishioners and the Bishop expressed their appreciation for the good work that Fr. Arockiaswamy has done. Thank you Fr. Arockiasamy.

Evening College

As we have now good facilities in St. Francis de Sales College, Hebbagodi, deliberations were made to start also an evening college for the benefit of the professionals and working class. The Process is going on.

Kannur and Kattapana

As we could not yet get the NOC of the state Government for getting affiliation to the CBSE board for **SFS School Kannur**, a discussion was held in Kannur to deliberate on the future of this School. The result of the deliberations were put to discussion in the Provincial Council

and the Council unanimously decided to continue the school and face any odds that will come along with this decision.

There have been some discussions about starting an educational institution in our Land at **Kattapana**. As the Provincial Administration could not make any conclusive decision regarding this matter a committee was appointed to study the matter and make proposals to the Provincial Council. The study team has given its report and based on the report the Provincial Council decided not to start immediately any educational institutions in the land as it would not provide a scope for the future either for a school or college. But options are kept open to start a religious house or other similar institutions which will be useful for the Congregation.

DSS Sisters in Chintamani

The DSS (Deena Sevana Sabha) Sisters have finally occupied the convent in Chintamani after a lapse of more than two years. The SMMI sisters have withdrawn their sisters from Chintamani as they did not have any sisters to spare to be working in the institutions that did not belong to them. Now after long search the DSS sisters have come forward to have missionary collaboration with us. They plan to have their own institution (a home for the senior citizens) but we will work together to get the Chintamani Mission as one among the best. They have offered also to send two sisters to the School.

New Ordo

The new Ordo for the year 2011 is published and made available to all. If anyone has not received it please inform the provincial secretary. I thank Fr. Tom Kanat for preparing the new Ordo.

Appointments

Fr. Devasia Koottarapally is appointed to Atma Jyothi Retreat Centre, Pattikkadu, with effect from 01 January 2011 and is designated to be appointed as Parish Priest in a Parish that will be allotted by the Archbishop of Trichur.

Fr. Sudeep Paul is appointed as the Director of Boy's Hostel at Hebbagodi, with effect from 01 January 2011.

Fr. Praful Tigga is designated to be appointed by His Lordship Bishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle D.D of Imus as the assistant Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Molino, Philippines.

Let us pray

Fr. Kurian Aranjanijil aged 79 of South West Province, passed away on 26 December 2010, in a car accident near Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu.

Fr. Pakumala George aged 74, belonging to the Vizakapatnam Province passed away on 26 December 2010.

Let us Pray for **Ulahannan Mullakara**, father of Fr. Joseph Mullakara who passed away on 8 December 2010. He was 93 years old.

Bon Voyage



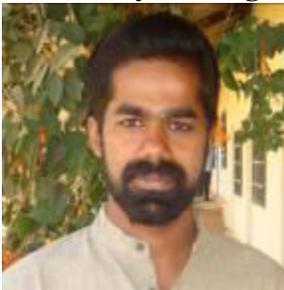
Frs. Vinod Kanat and Roy Plathottathil left for De Sales University, Allentown, USA for their postgraduate studies. The De Sales University

belonging to the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales has offered a 75% scholarship on tuition fees for both of them. The rest of the amount has to be found by us. We are in the process of arranging for their accommodation in one of the Parishes in



the diocese of Allentown where they may be also able to do some pastoral ministry. We wish them all the best and good start presently in the very cold climate of Pennsylvania

Fr. Joshy Mangalathu has left for Germany on 01.01.2011 and is presently taking part in a German Course conducted by the Diocese of Muenster. After perfecting him-self



in the language he will take up pastoral ministry in the diocese of Muenster. He has been a missionary in Chad for over five years. Fr. Joshy took up the mission of Bero and singlehandedly managed the mission for over two years till an Assistant Parish Priest was assigned to him. We thank Fr. Joshy for his generous service in our Mission and we wish him all the best and God's blessings on him.



If the papers are ready **Fr. Thuruthipallil** will the Chad-Cameroon they are designated to will live in La Scholasticate to do studies and St. Ngoya, near Yaoundé Cameroon. I thank

responding to the request made by me to go the Mission and they have undergone a French Course in Pondicherry. We wish both of them all the best and God's Blessing for a wonderful stay in our missions. I feel confident that their presence in the Mission will add vibrancy to the Mission of Chad-Cameroon.



Bros. Aneesh Eanthunkal and Jose Simon join me on my trip to mission. Both of join the mission and Feuillate, our their theological Cyprian Institute in the capital of them for generously

Ordinations of 2010-2011

We are blessed with five ordinations this year. We thank God for the gift of our five New Priests and congratulate them for the bold step they have taken to belong to Jesus as His

disciples wholly and completely. We pray that they imbibe the missionary Spirit of St. Francis de Sales and be imbued with his spirituality. We wish all of them all the best and God's choicest Blessings for all what they do in His Service and lot of strength and courage as they walk in His Steps. Fr. Sandeep Tirkey was doing his theological studies in La Feuillette in Ngoya, Cameroon and will return to the Chad-Cameroon Mission. He is appointed to the Bero Mission.



Fr. Elayidathumadathil Martin was born on 24.11.1982 in Ambalavayal, Kerla as the first son of Mr. Varkey and Mrs. Mary Elayidathumadam. He perceived the call of God and joined the Minor Seminary at Ettumanoor after his plus two. He made his first Profession on 11.06. 2003. After the philosophical studies in Suvidya he was assigned to Srinivasapur mission to do his Regency. He belonged to the third batch in Tejas for his theological Education from 2007-2010. He was ordained Priest by His Excellency Mar George Njaralakkat on 28 December 2010 at St Martin's Church Ambalavayal.



Fr. Mundiyanickal Anish was born 08.11.1980 in Karthikapuram, Kannur, Kerala as the eldest Son of Mr. Abraham and Mrs. Annamma Mundiyanickal. He joined the Minor Seminary in Ettumanoor in June 2002 after having completed his PDC and B.A. in History. His First Religious Profession was on 11.06.2004. The Philosophical study in Suvidya was from 2004-2006 followed by Regency in Charis Bhavan for one year. The theological education in Tejas was from 2007-2010. He was ordained Priest by His Lordship Dr. Joseph Pandarasseril, the Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Arch-Dioocese on 30 December 2010 at St. Sebastian's Church, Karthikapuram.



Fr. Thadathilankal Lulu was born on 22-05-1984 at Chamampathal, Kerala as the first offspring of Late Mr. T.J. Joseph and Mrs. Rosamma. He is one among the twins. He joined the Minor Seminary at Ettumanoor in 1999. His Novitiate was from 2002-2003 in Sannidhi and made his first profession on 11-06-2003. After completing his philosophy at Suvidya he did his regency at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor. After his theology in Tejas from 2007 – 2010, he was ordained Priest by His Lordship Mar Mathew Arackal, Bishop of Kanjirapally on 01 January 2011 at Fathima Matha Church Chamampathal.



Fr. Sandeep Tirkey was born on 06-07-1980 at Bhimsela, Chattisgarh to Mr. Constantius and Mrs. Talisha. After his Plus Two he joined the Divya Jyothi Ashram, Latapara. After a year in Latapara he continued his minor Seminary training in SFS Ettumanoor. He made his first profession on 11-06-2002. After his Philosophical studies at Suvidya he was sent to Bero, Chad for regency and after that he completed his theological studies in St. Cyprain's Institute, Ngoya near Yaounde, the Capital City of Cameroon. He later joined the initiation course in

Doba/Chad and came back to India in the month of December 2010. He was ordained Priest by Most Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Kerketta, Bishop of Jashpur Diocese on 31 December 2010.



Fr. Puzhakkara Subin was born on 06-05-1983 at Arpookara, Kerala to Mr. Babu Mathew and Mrs. Threasiamma as their eldest son. He joined the Minor Seminary at Ettumanoor in 1999. The novitiate in Sannidhi was from 2002-2003 and he made his first profession on 11-06-2003. He had his philosophy at Suvidya. He did his regency at SFS School Kannur. His theological studies were at Tejas, our mission oriented and contextual theology centre. He was ordained Priest by His Lordship Mar Joseph Powathil, on 01 January 2011 at St. Xavier's

Church Villoonni.

Change of Phone Numbers

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Fr. Pendanam Abraham 7204648225

Parents' day Celebrations at SFS Ettumanoor

On 29 December 2010, SFS Seminary celebrated the parents' Day in a grand manner. It was attended by more than 80 parents from all over Kerala. The day's program began with the solemn Qurbana in the Syro-Malabar rite presided over by Fr. Saji Eanthanamkuzhiyil together with Frs. Jose Kumbloickal, George Valliamthadathil and Louis Parapuram as concelebrants. Fr. George preached the homily insisting on the role of the parents along with the formators in the formation. After the Eucharistic Celebration at 11.30 am Very Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes inaugurated the session with the lighting of the lamp ceremony along with the guest of honor Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the councilor in charge of formation. In his welcome address Fr George gave a description of the Congregation and its various ministries. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal was the resource person. After the input session Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes blessed all the parents and the students. Fr. Louis Parapuram proposed the vote of thanks. Afternoon the students presented a variety entertainment program. Parents were full of appreciation for the whole program. According to them this gathering has widened their vision about the congregation and its mission. It has given them an opportunity to experience the Fransalian way of life especially the hospitality, love and care for one another. The day's programme came to an end with tea at 04.00 PM. Thanks to all the Fathers at SFS Seminary for making this gathering a success.

Fr. George Valliamthadathil

SFS Youth Gathering at Hebbagodi

A gathering of the youths of various MSFS parishes in Karnataka was held on 07 November 2010 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Hebbagodi. Rev. Fr. Jabamalai welcomed the priests, sisters and the youths and gave a brief introduction on the significance of the day and the role of youths in the family, church and in the society. Rev. Fr. Erudaya Raj Parish Priest, SFS church Malur presided over the Eucharistic Celebration which was concelebrated by Frs. Rev.Fr.Jabamalai Director for Youth, SFS Karnataka, Rev.Fr.Christopher Director for youth, Mysore, Rev.Fr.Victor Kujur Vice Principle SFS, Srinivaspur. Rev. Fr. Christopher in his sermon stressed on the importance of adopting the values taught by Christ in their life. After the Mass, group song, dance and bible skit competitions were conducted. Programme ended with the prize Distribution. 220 youths from 10 parishes were present for the gathering.

Fr. Jabamalai

Diaconate



On 19 December 2010 seven of our brothers, Jijo Chemplannickal, Jikson Cheravelil, Joji Kazhukanolickal, Marcel Dung Dung, Mathias.A, Mijo Kulamkuthiyil and Robert. D from Tejas Vidya Peetha, pledged **To Become All to All** by receiving the order of Diaconate. Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Vazhappilly, the bishop of Mysore presided over the Eucharistic celebration together with Rev. Fr. Mathew

Kozhuppakalam the provincial and conferred the order of Diaconate. In his homily the bishop exhorted all to be simple, humble and human in bearing witness to Jesus our master.

Bro. Shinto Parayankunnel

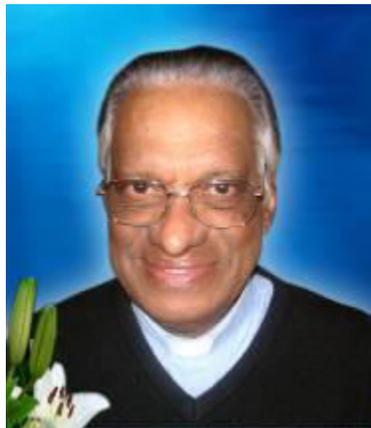
Inauguration of the Philippine Delegation

Fr Ginu Pathiyakam, took charge as the Delegation Superior of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, Philippines on 8 December 2010. The Eucharistic celebration was held at 6.30 pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Molino. Fr Tito read out the decree of Establishment of Philippine Delegation and the appointment of Fr. Ginu as the Delegation Superior. Fr George Morales the Vicar General (District 1) of the Diocese of Imus gave the homily. Fr Conrad Amon, the vicar Forane and Frs. Jimmy, Jayaraj, Jiji and Praful were also present for the ceremony. A good number of the friends and benefactors of the Congregation attended the Eucharistic celebration.

Fr Ginu Pathiyakam

The funeral Service of Rev. Fr. Kurian Arinjaniyil MSFS

It was a real shock for all the MSFS family members especially of the South West Province to hear the tragic death of our dear Fr. Kurian Arinjaniyil on the 26th of December 2010 at 7 o'clock in Darnapuri. The S.F.S. Seminary Ettumanoor mortal remains of Fr. Kurian Paingotoor, Muvattupuzha and had the Eucharistic brought to his house at and the relatives to pay him 0'clock the body was arrived at his house from brought to the seminary. neighboring communities and coming to pay homage and his soul. On 29th morning at around 8 o'clock His Excellency Bp. Peter Thuruthikonam, bishop emeritus of Vijayapuram, who is a classmate and friend of Fr. Kurian paid an official



funeral service was held at on 29th December 2010. The was taken to his home parish at on 28th morning at 9 o'clock celebration. Then the body was Paingotoor for the parishioners homage. By afternoon around 3 received by the fathers who S.F.S Seminary and was Religious and priests from the the people from all around kept offer prayers for the repose of

visit and offered prayers and extended his condolences to Rev. Fr. Provincial and all the members of the South West Province at the sad loss of Fr. Kurian.

The funeral Mass was officiated by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam MSFS, the Provincial along with more than hundred priests concelebrating both religious and diocesan at around 10.30 am. At the end of the Mass Rev. Fr. James Manjakal gave a touching message about the life and ministry of Rev. Fr. Kurian in and abroad. The final rite of the funeral was officiated by Mar Mathew Moolekkatt, the Arch bishop of Kottayam at around 12 pm. Hundreds of people and religious who knew him and received the fruit of his ministry gathered to pay him the last homage and pray for the repose of his soul. At the end of the service Fr. George Valliamthadathil thanked His Excellency Mar Mathew Moolekkatt, the priests, religious and the relatives and all the people for having stood with us at this moments of sadness and extended condolences. Thus at around 1 o'clock in the afternoon we laid him to rest in our cemetery in the seminary campus. May he rest in peace. *Fr. George Valliamthadathil*

Rev. Fr. George Pakkumala

Fr. George was born on 17 May 1936 at Athirampuzha, Kottayam Dt. Kerala to Joseph Pakumala and Elikkuty. After his Schooling he joined St. Joseph's Mission Home Palai. He did his philosophical studies at St. John's Seminary Nellore. He had his Novitiate in Poona and made his First Profession on 24 April 1960. After his Theological studies in Poona he was ordained on 21 September 1963. on completing his engineering studies he was appointed as the assistant Manager of St. Aloysius Industrial School Visakhapatnam and Parish Priest of St. Thomas Parish Buchirajupalem. Later he was appointed as the Manager of the St. Aloysius Industrial School Visakhapatnam. During these 13 years he was instrumental in buying the land at Autonagar and making the institution as I. T. I., and obtained approval and recognition from the Government of India He rendered his service as parish priest of Korukollu, St. Francis de Sales Church Shantinagar and as the Correspondent of the SFS School Shantinagar. Then for a few months he was in Charis Bhavan. On April 2005 he was appointed as the director of Nirmala Bhavan, Janakampet (Home for the aged). He was suffering from Alzheimer's disease and was admitted in Scholastica Convent Hospital in Makkiard since April 2009. On 26 December 2010 he breathed his last in the Hospital. His funeral service was held in MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkumcherry, Kerala on 30 December 2010. May he rest in peace.

Inauguration of MA and PhD Programs in Suvidya

30th of October 2010 was a great day in the history of Suvidya College. On this day Suvidya formally inaugurated the MA in philosophy christened as Masters in Contextual and Transformative Philosophy and PhD in Philosophy awarded by the University of Mysore. The inaugural function began at 11. a. m. The dignitaries of the function were Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, the Superior General, Dr. K.Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, Indian Philosophical Counsel, Delhi , Prof. V G Talwar, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, Dr. J. Alexander, Former Chief Secretary, Karnataka, Rev. Fr. Mario D'Souza, Chairman, Governing Body, Suvidya College, Prof. A. S. Dasan, Department of English, University of Mysore and Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, Provincial, South West Province. Rev. Fr. Jolly Chakkalakkal, President, Suvidya College, welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, the Director of PhD Program in Suvidya gave a brief introduction to the two new programs that were being launched. Dr. K. Ramakrishna Rao, the Chairman, ICPR,

Delhi, delivered the keynote address. Prof. V.G. Talawar, the Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University, formally inaugurated the MA and PhD programs. Dr. Emmanuel Uppamthadathil, Dean, Suvidya College was the overall coordinator of the program. A great number of philosophers from far and wide were present for the function.

M.A in contextual and Transformative Philosophy (MCTP)

This is a Masters' Programme with a specific thrust of contextualized philosophizing in the light of today's demands of globalization and cross-disciplinary learning. The approved syllabi are uniquely relevant to our times by virtue of their context-based connectivity and contemporaneity of issues-related insights. It is envisaged that this program would enable students to be participants in an educative process that will enable them to be agents of social transformation.

PhD in Philosophy

The Research Program provides further opportunity to continue the process, begun at the MCTP level, leading to the award of PhD in Philosophy. Suvidya wants to ensure quality and excellence in its Doctoral Program in terms of relevance and originality of themes chosen, competent and personalized guidance, creativity of students and possibilities for opening up new areas of research vis-a-vis human development.

One minute with St. Francis de Sales

To be perfect in one's vocation is nothing else than to perform the duties and offices to which one is obliged, solely for the honour and love of God, referring to His glory. Whoever works in this manner may be called perfect in his state, a man according to the heart and will of God.

Inspiration from our Founder

“Ah! How I would like to have something of the patience and gentleness of St. Francis de Sales. I wish them for you and implore the Holy Protector to inspire you with them, to obtain them for you so that we may become similar to him, worthy ministers of Jesus Christ.”

Live Jesus

Your Brother in Christ

Mathew Kozhupakkalam

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LETTER FROM THE PROVINCIALS OF INDIA FORUM

Dear Confreres,

Greetings and good wishes to each of you as we Fransalians celebrate the feast of our Patron St. Francis de Sales, whose footsteps we are called to walk in, by making his spirituality our own.

Pope Paul VI in his exhortation on Evangelization (Evangelii Nuntandi, 1975 No. 41) “people today listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, or if they listen to teachers it is because they are also witnesses”. It is by our life as MSFS that will be able to be a witness to the spirituality of SFS. In this context plenty of efforts are made by all concerned that we as a Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales be that witness through our life of fidelity to the Lord Jesus. Constant exhortations from the Superior General, evaluations at various meetings, renewal and update programme, a call to participate in the implementation programmes, new administrative structures are only pointers to us as Fransalians to become true witnesses to this way of life. Wish you a Very Happy Feast of our Dear Patron. *LIVE JESUS*

FORMATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES: GERMANY-AUSTRIA-HOLLAND (GAH)

Fr. Superior General in his letter sgmsfs-af-14 dated 6th January 2011 section VI (page5) has given his approval with the consent of his council at the recommendation of the Provincials of India Forum & Provincial of East Africa to the proposal of establishing 10 local communities in GAH with effect from 24th January 2011. We thank our confreres in GAH for accepting this proposed organization. It has taken sometime for the Administration to come up with this arrangement. We wish our confreres all the best and encourage each of them to give their best so that this system that has been evolved will help us give a united witness as MSFS.

Administrative Structures: (1) A Delegate of the Superior General (DSG) is appointed. (2) Two Advisors who will assist the DSG to coordinate the life of the Local Communities. (3) Local Superiors who will animate the 10 Local Communities which have been constituted consisting of members living or serving in the same diocese or nearby. This is a provisional Organization till the next General Chapter. As mentioned earlier this System will take effect

from the 24th of January 2011. **Please pray in a special way on 24th January at our Eucharistic Celebration for this new Administrative Structure, persons involved and for the confreres in GAH.**

**APPROVED LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN
GERMANY- AUSTRIA- HOLLAND (GAH)**

L. COMTY	MEMBERS	L. COMTY	MEMBERS
BAMBERG	Charles John	MUNICH- AUSTRIA	Joy Velicakathu
	Rajesh Lugun		Johny Kuttikottayil
	Lalit Tigga		Benoy Veliathu
	Solomon Sahayaraj		Gracious Chirattolickal G
	Kamil Tete		Saji George Puthiyakulangara
	Marianus Kujur		Mathew Ottapally
	Francis Venmenikattayil		Prakash Naidu
	Sebastian Paredom		James Panikerveetil
	Augustine Vellarmkuzhy		
	James George Pattarakalayil		
	Jimmy Mathirmapuzha		
	Samuel Patton	PASSAU	A. Joseph Amalraj
	Mariadas Kalluri		S. Deivasahayaraj
	Maria Pushpam		Viswasam Gnanadhikkam
			Joseph Sebastian
AUGSBURG	Nazareth D'silva		Kishore Reddy
	Christopher Rajamani		
	Joseph Pazhayattil	EICHSTAT & REGENSBURG	George Chirayil
	James Mukalel		Tomy Mullasseril
	Benedict D'Souza		Siby Manickathan
	Austin Abraham		Thomas Mekkattu
			Binod Puthenpurackal
WUERZBUR G	Sony Paul Kochumalayil		Santhappan Joseph
	Jose karickal		Thomas Chozhithara
	Baby Kalathuparambil		
	Joe Kaniyarakathu		
	Sylvester Ottaplackal	MUNSTER & HOLLAND & A'CHEN	Reddy Joseph
	Mani Panthalany		Mathew Vempala
	Y. Mathais		Daman Kumar
	Wilson Pakiam		Joy Vazhappillil
			S. Rajkumar
ROTTENBUR	J.B Thadews		A. Arockiam

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&STUTTGART	Kannikai Nathan Daniel		G. Sebastion
& TRIER	Arul Selvamani		
	Savarimuthu Antony		
VIENNA & -B'LAND	Sibichen Thomas	FULDA & HILDESHEIM	Alex George
	Bobby Jacob		Sabukuttan Francis
	Joe Emmanuel		Jojo Thomas Pazheveetil
	Sen Vellakada		I. James
	Mathew Thomas		Edward Xavier
	Salu Mathew		

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SUPERIOR GENERAL GERMANY-AUSTRIA-HOLLAND (GAH)

Fr. Agnelo Fernandes msfs, Superior General in consultation with the Provincials Forum of India and East Africa, (PIF-PEA) and with the consent of the General Council has made the following appointments in GAH for the Administration and coordination of the local communities of MSFS with effect from 24th January 2011 for a period of 3 years.

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE DELEGATE OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL (DSG)

Fr. Sabukuttan Francis msfs

2. APPOINTMENT OF 2 ADVISORS TO THE DELEGATE

1. Fr. S. Deivasahayaraj msfs 2. Fr. Benedict D'souza msfs

3. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL SUPERIORS TO THE TEN COMMUNITIES

LOCAL COMMUNITY	NAME OF LOCAL SUPERIOR
BAMBERG	Charles John
MUNICH-AUSTRIA	Joy Velicakathu
AUGSBURG	Nazareth D'silva
PASSAU	A Joseph Amalraj
WUERZBURG	Sony Paul Kochumalayil
EICHSTATT - REGENSBURG	George Chirayil
MUNSTE-HOLLAND-AACHEN	Joseph Reddy
ROTTENBURG-STUTTART-TIER	J.B.Thadews
VIENNA-BURGENLAND	Sibichen Thomas
FULDA-HILDESHEIM	Alex George

The Provincials Forum of India congratulates Fr. Sabukuttan the Delegate of the Superior General, his advisors and the Local Superiors on their appointments. Let us work together to prompt life and growth.

We wish also to thank the outgoing coordinator Fr. I James who was at the helm of affairs all this while, and to all the Conveners of Apostolic Communities and Superiors appointed by the Provincials, for all that you have done to bring us this far in our coordination.

MSFS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE RANCHI MEDICAL COLLEGE PROJECT

A team consisting of Frs. Abraham Vetuvellil, George Parampukatil and Mario will be meeting Cardinal Toppo on the 27th of January in Ranchi to finalize our collaboration. In principle the Provincials Forum of India has accepted to collaborate in this mega project. The Provincials are of the opinion that this would be a good way to show our concern and care for the tribal population in India. This will be a contribution of the Indian Provinces to commemorate the 175 years

SUVIDYA COLLEGE, BANGALORE

Suvidya college the pride of the Congregation has been at the service not only of the scholastics of the Fransalians but also for many other congregations including the Redemptorist and others. Over the last 27 years the institution has grown in numbers and structures too. Our Confreres who have been responsible for the daily functioning, teaching and formation of our Scholastics have done and are doing a yeomen service to the congregation by their dedicated and committed service. At our recently held meeting with the staff and the Governing Body of Suvidya College it was proposed that a scientific Evaluation be done. Accordingly Fr. Paul Parathazanam professor at JDV, Pune a renowned Sociologist and a person who has been involved in doing such a study of many of our famous Religious and diocesan institutes has agreed to do such an evaluation of our Institution which will help the Governing Body and the Staff to take stock so that we can attend to the all round formation of our scholastics. The MA Programme has already begun; now the P.HD programme is due to begin in the coming academic year. Frs. Thomas Kalary, Joy Mampally & Emmanuel deserve our appreciation for initiating these programmes.

FORMATION CONCERNS

The forum studied the minutes and recommendations made at the Trichy meeting in August 2010. The following team with a coordinator has been approved.

- a. **Vocation Promotion:** To prepare guideline/principles/criteria for vocation Promotion and recommend strategies. Fr. Jose Kumloickal (**co-ordinator**), Fr. Patrick, Fr. Saji Eanthanamkuzhy, Fr. Jude, Fr. Robin, Fr. Varghese Manickathan. Fr. Sinto Manackaparambil, Fr. Benedict
- b. **Minor Seminary:** Fr. Daiy Sebastian (**co-ordinator**), Fr. Marianus Kerketta, Fr. George Vallianthadathil, Fr. Rak Kumar
- c. **Novitiate:** Fr. Suresh Babu (**co-ordinator**) Fr. Sebastian Vellaramkunnel, Fr. Scaria Kadamkulam, Fr. Joseph Thazathakunnel

The Syllabus for Salesian Spirituality needs to be implemented at all stages of formation.

All, especially formators and formees need to be familiar with the Formation Policy booklet.

The Coordinators are requested to call for a meeting at the earliest and send their reports to the Chairman of the Provincials of India forum latest by end of March 2011.

CODE OF ETHICS OF THE CONGREGATION

The book on the Code of Ethics will soon reach each individual confrere through your Provincials Office. As per the directives of the Superior General each Province or group of Provinces will have to make their specific code of ethics within a year. Accordingly a team of experts has been appointed by the PIF to draw up a draft for our Indian Provinces keeping in mind the laws of the land. The draft will be studied by PIF and sent to the SG for his approval. Please submit your document by 15th of August 2011.

Committee: Fr. Iganci Muthu (coordinator) Fr. Rapheal Karekatt and Fr. Saju Vilachirayil.

MSFS OBITUARY

Article 118 of Our Constitutions says “we keep the memory of our Confreres who have gone away from us to their eternal reward, marked with the sign of faith, and keep them in our prayers as they continue to belong to us”. We have printed an updated the diary. (12th December 2010). Let us use this diary to unite ourselves with our departed brothers who have been part of our mission as msfs, remembering them at our community prayer.

GRATITUDE & CONGRATULATION

The Provincials of India Forum **thanks Fr. A. Lawrence** the outgoing Provincial of South East Province for his contribution to the Forum. We have enjoyed working together. Thank you Fr. Lawrence.

We welcome Fr. A. Dharmaraj msfs, Provincial Elect of the South East Province who assumes office on 24th January 2011. We look forward to your active participation in our deliberations.

We congratulate the South West Province for establishing The Delegation of Philippines. May the congregation grow far and wide.

Fraternally,

Dr MDSouza msfs
(Mario D'souza msfs)

Chairman, Provincials of India Forum