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My dear Confreres,

Fraternal greetings and best wishes from Mysore. The Month of May is the Month of our Blessed Mother. Rosary is one of the most common expressions of this devotion to our Mother. For Francis de Sales the goal of this prayer – and all prayer – is communication and union with God.



He writes “it is a source of great consolation for me to see so many churches in my diocese dedicated to the Holy Virgin. Every time I enter these places consecrated to this Queen, I have that deep feeling in my heart that I am at home with my Mother, for I am the son of the one who is the refuge of sinners.” We keep ourselves close to our Blessed Mother not only in this month but always so that like her we may also become channels of grace.

Congregation gets New Administration

Fr. Agnelo Fernandes has been reelected as the Superior General and Fr. Thomas Cherukat becomes the first ever Assistant Superior General of the Congregation. The new General Councillors are Fr. George Parampukattil, Fr.

Abraham Vettuvellil, Fr. Noel Rebello and Fr. Thumma Mariadas. Fr. Augustine Mangatt was elected as the Bursar General. The election was held during the 18th Ordinary General Chapter which began in Suvidya College, Hebbagodi, Electronics City, on 19th May at 5.30 p.m. Please continue to pray that the Chapter may become a spiritual event and that the capitulants may discern what is best for the Congregation for the coming six years.

Other appointments

The General Administration appointed Fr. Jean-Paul Fournier as the Provincial of Franco-Swiss Province for the third term of three years beginning from 1st August 2007.

Fr. Augustine Tharappel has been appointed as the Regional Superior of USA Region for the first term of 3 years beginning from 3rd July 2007

1. Mortal Remains of Fr. Peter Mermier

Fr. Superior General has written that on **20th June 2007 at 3.00 pm (6.30 p.m IST)** the **mortal remains of our dear Founder**, Servant of God, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier will be **transferred from the present tomb at Proupeine to the Basilica of the Visitation, Annecy**. The ceremony will be presided over by the Bishop of Annecy. There will be Holy Mass at the Basilica of the Visitation.

Father Superior General requests to make this a special day in our communities praying through the intercession of Fr. Mermier for our dear Congregation. He asks each community to gather on 20th June 2007 in the chapel before the Eucharistic Lord and pray the Rosary of the Seven Dolours of Mother Mary, and consecrate the community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Act of Consecration.

2. Annual Retreat of the Province

As usual we will have the annual retreat conducted in two places

i. Charis Bhavan : September 24 – 28, 2007

ii. Vinayalaya: October 8- 12, 2007

The Retreat begins at 11.00 a.m. with the Eucharistic Celebration on Monday and ends with the Province Meeting and Lunch on Friday. “Every confrere is to take part in the Annual Retreat of at least 5 days arranged for the confreres of the Province...” (Directory Art. 33) Any one who is unable to attend due to unavoidable reasons please inform the Provincial. Then the confreres “are to take part in another retreat of the same duration” (Art. 33). Please fill in the form enclosed herewith and send it to the Provincial’s Office as early as possible, however **before 15th June 2007**.

3. Cooperation with the Franco-Swiss Province

We have made available two priests, Fr. Viju Kunnathottel and Fr. Jose Puthiyaparambil for the service in the Franco-Swiss, our Mother Province. The diocese of Annecy, where Francis de Sales, the Bishop of Geneva resided, and ministered belongs to our spiritual patrimony. The present Bishop of Annecy has requested Fr. Fournier to take up the Parish of Annemasse. He requested the service of Fr. Binoy Kidangathkarot for this Parish. Accordingly the Provincial Administration is willing to give Fr. Binoy for service in the Franco-Swiss Province for an agreed Period of time decided between the Provincials.

4. Transfers and Appointments

Fr. Tito Puthuparambil is appointed Rector of MSFS Formation House, Silang Cavite, Philippines.

Fr. Sunny Punnakuzhiyil is designated to be appointed as Parish Priest ***St. Joseph’s Church***, Bagong Silang, Kalookan City, Manila and continues to be the ***Mission Superior***.

Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummuttil to be the Procurator in the **MSFS Formation House**, Silang Cavite, Philippines

Fr. Joseph Pattarkalayil to be full time **vocation promoter** and assignment for further works of the Congregation.

Fr. Jose Vechuvettickal is designated to be appointed the Parish Priest of **St. Francis de Sales Church**, Vattiyoorkavu in the Archdiocese of Changanacherry.

Fr. A. Jabamalai is designated to be appointed the Parish Priest of **Our Lady of Sorrows** Parish, Mundargi. He is also appointed as the Superior of MSFS House and the Principal of SFS School, Mundargi. He is to be the Correspondent of SFS School Kuknoor and Director of SFS Boys' Home, Mundargi.

Fr. Aloysius Kuzhuppillil is designated to be appointed Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Church and Mother of Sorrows Church (Syro-Malabar), Hebbagodi. He is also appointed correspondent of SFS Kannada and English Medium School at Hebbagodi.

Fr. Pangi Raj is designated to be appointed Associate Pastor of **St. Francis de Sales Church**, Hebbagodi.

Fr. A. Johnson is designated to be appointed Associate Pastor of **St. Francis de Sales Church**, Hebbagodi. He is also appointed as Vice-Principal of SFS Pre-University College and to give assistance in the ICSE School at Hebbagodi. He will reside in Pratheeksha and be the Warden of SFS Boys' Home.

Fr. Vinod Kanat is designated to be appointed Associate Pastor of **Mother of Sorrows Church**, Hebbagodi. He will be also be the Correspondent of SFS ICSE School.

Fr. Manu Kumbidiamakkal is designated to be appointed Associate Pastor of **Mother of Sorrows** Church, Hebbagodi.

Fr. Jose Edassery is appointed as the Spiritual Animator and Professor at Saumya Sadan, **Orientation Programme** in Mysore.

Fr. Shajan Manickathan is appointed to the community at **Charis Bhavan**, Athirampuzha.

Fr. James Panickerveetil is appointed to be on the **staff at SFS Seminary**, Ettumanoor, Kerala.

Fr. Sibichen Panthanmackel is appointed as Vice Rector and Professor in **Tejas Vidya Vihar**, Bangalore.

Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhickal is appointed as Procurator and Formator in **Tejas Vidya Vihar**, Bangalore

Fr. Tarcus is designated to be appointed in the Diocese of **Chickamagalur**.

Fr. Sathish Vellaramkunnel is designated to join the Chad- Cameroun Mission.

5. Designated for Studies Abroad

- i. Santy Kochupurackal to USA
- ii. Devasia Koottarapally to Philippines

6. Visitation to Europe

From the 24 March to 30 April, 2007, I was in Europe visiting confreres and contacting friends and benefactors. I was back on the 30th night. I will give a detailed report of my visit to Europe in the next circular.

7. Information about Fr. Thomaskutty's Situation

During my visit to Europe I also found some time to spend with Fr. Thomas Mattakarathundiyl in Spain. He is in Guttmann Institute in Badelona near Barcelona. Fr. James Manjackal, Mrs. Gabi Landauro, Dr. Richie and Janine, his wife, and their two children Anna and James were there. Besides two doctors from Pamplona, Anna and Maria, known as the twins, good friends of Fr. Manjackal and Dr. Richie came also to visit Fr. Thomakutty. The first day, 23rd of April, which was also the Ordination Anniversary of Fr. James Manjackal, we celebrated the Eucharist together. It was a wonderful experience for all of us. The next day also we celebrated Mass together and took Fr. Thomas for an outing to Barcelona City. He enjoyed it well and in the night we brought him back to the Institute.



He is recuperating. He can use his wheelchair. He is still a lot of work that he master life do the Lord's him. He very special care of him. They fly from Pamplona (300 kms away) and visit him now and then and try to make him feel at home. They do not speak English, but they speak the language that Fr. Thomaskutty understands, the language of love, care and acceptance. I could see that there are a number of people who show their concern for Fr. Thomaskutty. It is very touching to see that so many people although they do not know him, pray for him and stand by him.

Once again it is my great obligation to thank **Fr. James Manjackal** for organizing the funds we require to treat Fr. Thomaskutty. He has made special appeal to all his friends and makes it possible for us to get Fr. Thomaskutty treated in Barcelona. I thank you, Fr. James, for the love and care you have for the confreres, for your love for the Province and your commitment to the cause of the Gospel.

8. Visitation to Chad-Cameroon

From the 13th of February to the 6th of March 2007 I made my visitation to our Chad-Cameroon mission. It was a wonderful experience for me to be with the confreres and to see the great work of Evangelization done by them. The frequent change of personnel has affected the growth of the Mission. The finance remains one of the great hurdles for development as there are expenses not only for the work of evangelization and the maintenance of the community and vehicles but also the medical care, holiday travels etc. of the confreres.

It was good to see the mission flourishing with number of missions and ministries, communities and missionary personnel. Currently the mission has four communities and eight priests. Three Scholastics, namely Manoj Arackal, Scaria Kannezhathu and T. Paul Raja are due to be ordained in July-August 2007. M. Periyamayagam and Gijo Panamattathil are perpetually professed members. Boban Elanjimattathil and Giridhari Lakra are due to make their Perpetual Profession in September 2007. Maria Lawrence, Sandeep Tirkey, Emile Amougou Amougou, Ayissi Innocent Parfait, Tegue Bonaventure Giner, Robin Thonikuzhiyil and Kuldeep Kujur are other scholastics.

a) Yaounde : Ngoya

In Yaounde is our formation house which is at the same time the "Mission House". The house at Nkolbission was a rented building and some of the scholastics stayed there with Fr. Thomas Cherukat and Fr. Martin Richard. On April 10, 2007 the newly constructed house "La Feuilletete" was inaugurated by Msgr. Jerome Owono Mimboe, the Bishop of Obala. Now the community is together and we are proud to have the first MSFS house in Cameroon. All the scholastics now stay together with Fr. Thomas Cherukat as Rector and Fr. Martin Richard as Procurator. (see Glimpses from the Life of the Province)

b) Ekoumdoum

The Ekoumdoum community is formed with two confreres, i.e. Fr. Joshy Nellimalamattam as Superior and Parish Priest and Fr. Georgekutty Puthiyidom as Procurator and Assistant Parish Priest. The Parish Church comes under the Archdiocese of Yaounde and consists of 5000 Catholics. Within a short span of time the confreres were able to create a vibrant Catholic Community in Ekoumdoum. Five Basic Christian Communities have started functioning in five sectors. The masses are celebrated both in French and in the local language. The parish is gifted with many choirs in Latin, French, English, and other local languages. Apart from the parish activities our fathers also render service to the Mount Febe English speaking community. The Priests are very much financially supported by the Parishioners.

c) Ekekkam

Fr. Martin Richard is the Parish Priest of Ekekkam apart from being the procurator of the Scholasticate at Ngoya. The Parish has two sectors and is situated amidst dense forest.

Rainy season brings challenges to reach out to the parishes as the roads get slushy during this period. Although there are more than 1200 Christians registered in the locality only 360 Christians live in the territory as most of the villagers go in search of work to the city limits. Although poor the people feel committed to look after the priest and they do their best and in the near future Fr. Martin hopes to make the parish self-reliant in the near future. Acute shortage of water and lack of electricity constitute to the woes of the area. Martin has great plans and with concerted effort we can do a lot for people of this area.

d) **Ngaoundere**

Ngaoundere is strategically located for us and is on our way from Yaounde to Chad mission. The community at Ngaoundere is formed of three Priests, i.e. Fr. Thomas Payattukandathil, the Superior of the community, Fr. Johny Cheruvil, the Procurator and Fr. Arockianathan the Chaplain to the University. The community has three parishes and three parish priests. The parishes were neglected after the European Priests left the places.

i. “Bini- Dang” is the University Parish. It has over 5000 University students whose spiritual and pastoral care is entrusted to the community with Fr. Arockianathan as the Parish Priest. He has won the hearts of the students and has entered into their lives. Problems of these migrant students galore and more personnel are needed to cater to their needs. Fr. Payattu and Fr. Johnny lend their helping hand in spite of their commitment to their own parishes. The ministry to the students is a wonderful ministry as we are involved in molding the future generation of Cameroon. The ministry is highly satisfying. Congratulations to all.

ii. The Parish at “Berem”, started in 1949, is 75 KM away from the community at Ngaoundere. The parish constitutes of three villages having predominantly Muslim population. There are about 250 Christians. Water is scarce and all share the poverty that is so characteristic of this region. More than 160 children are school dropouts as they are not able to pay a sum of CFA 5800 (Rs. 420) as school fee per year. Fr. Payattu strongly desires to help them to meet their basic needs and does his best to build up a strong pastoral community.

iii. The Parish of “Mbe-Karna” in which Fr. Johnny Cheruvil is the Parish Priest is a fusion of two parishes namely Mbe and Karna with over 30 villages. In Karna there is a government school managed by the sisters. There is a harmonious existence and unity between Catholics, Protestants and Muslims who live side by side in the villages. There is urgent need of drinking water in Mbe as the church is on the hilltop. The faithful have to wait for long to get home to quench their thirst. Fr. Johnny is very much appreciated and loved by the people and feels that he cannot meet all the spiritual needs of the people as he is staying far away from the villages.

iv. “Gada Mabanga” is a land gifted to us by the Lamdiou, the erstwhile Muslim ruler of this area. It is a prime land of 10 Hectors very much in the vicinity of the Ngaoundere Railway station. Fr. Johnny has made temporary boundaries for the land. The Lamidou has great expectations that we start schools and dispensaries for the good of the people in the locality. The land offers possibility also for other social works. If a school with a hostel is established here it can be a step towards self-reliance of the mission.

e) **Bero Mission**

“Our first love”, the Chad Mission, had many ups and downs. The Bishop of Doba has entrusted the Parish of “**Bero**” to the MSFS and Fr. Joshy Mangalath has continued the good work of his predecessors and in the shortest possible period made this mission centre into a vibrant parish. The Parish is dedicated to St. Josephine Bakhita, the slave girl, who went a hard way of suffering and later became a Canossian sister and raised by the Church to the alter as a Saint. Emile Amougou assists Fr. Joshy in the parish. The DSFS community consisting of three sisters constitutes also the pastoral team of Bero. All feel the need to do more for the people and be useful to them. It was wonderful to be participating in the Parish Feast, where people from all sectors of the parish had come. The celebration of the Eucharist with the Bishop of Doba constituted the climax of the celebration. No where else in the world I have encountered such abject poverty as in Chad and especially in some of the villages of Bero. On the one side there is the Multi Nationals exploiting the oil reserves of this poor country, but no benefit seem to trickle down to the villages. Possibilities for basic education and minimum health care do not exist in any villages. Infant Mortality is very high. We have still a lot of things to do. We shall continue to dream with Fr. Joshy to make this centre a real witness of Christian fellowship.

f) **A New Parish in the Diocese of Doba**

The Bishop of Doba has offered us a new Parish in the town of Doba and we shall take it up in October 2007. A single community in Doba is not to the best interests of the confreres working there and a second community in this remote area can be a source of mutual support and mission collaboration.

g) **The Mission Colloquium**

The climax of the visitation was the mission colloquium on 27 and 28 February 2007 in which all the confreres participated. The colloquium, which took place in an atmosphere of cordiality and friendship brought out some of the important issues concerning the life and mission in Chad-Cameroun.

- The reality of Chad invites us to plant the local Church and work for the poorest of the poor. Our attitude towards Chad must be “Proclaiming the gospel where the Church is not implanted.”
- In our missionary endeavor in Chad it is absolutely necessary to go along with the diocesan pastoral plan for the parishes in Doba.
- Starting a second community in Doba close to the Bishop's house is an urgent need and it will be mutually enriching the confident presence in Chad
- An elementary school and dispensary is a dire need in our mission in Bero.
- The vocations could be recruited from the towns of Doba and Moundou in Chad
- The “Ngaoundere” mission is a strategic place for the mission and could function as a transit centre. Ngaoundere is situated half way from Yaounde to Doba(Chad).
- As the contract with the bishop in “Bini Dang” to cater to the spiritual needs of the university students is for ten years we need to intensify our apostolate there by making it more and more an active apostolate of all the members of the

community so that we can do justice to our ministry there. “The community is in Mission and not the individual.”

- The spiritual and psychological needs of the students stand uppermost in planning out ministries to them. Even three priests are insufficient to fulfill their needs. The pastoral plan could envisage one parish priest with two or more associate pastors.
- As soon as financially viable we need to create community infrastructures in the land gifted by the Lamidou and plan for a dispensary and Postulants’ house there. The local community needs to study future possibilities like having a school, boarding, women’s welfare projects etc.
- In “Berem” Mission the basic necessity is water. Besides there are a number of school dropouts. Our missionary concern must reach out to them who need us most.
- The basic spiritual needs of the parish community at Mbe-Karna are to be effectively responded to. The drinking water problem at Mbe demands our immediate attention.
- We need to face the challenges of the parish ministry and give more attention to people-oriented programs.
- At Ekoundoum we need to work out the possibility of acquiring two to five hectares of land in view of starting a school as early as possible.
- Possibility of organizing a mobile dispensary for Ekekkam with the help of some sisters is to be explored. Palm trees for oil and cultivation of corn could help the parish to become more self-reliant.
- Expanding the mission and ministry to the Anglophone area of Cameroun is to be considered. It may supply us with more vocations and we need to think of extending missionary activity to the CEMAC (Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa). Countries like Congo-Brazzaville and Benin could be the next promising areas. Of course this presupposes that we have stabilized ourselves in Chad-Cameroun.
- The existing five year policy in the Mission is to be reviewed. It is not just a question of being somewhere for five or six years but to give meaning to our existence and to do something meaningful and beautiful for God in the time that one makes himself available for the mission.
- Even if Chad-Cameroon is to be erected as a region or province in the course of time, the confreres from India will be members of the South West Province with the possibility of returning to the Province.
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Promotion to Diaconate

Bro. Regi Muthukattil is promoted to the sacred order of diaconate. He will be ordained deacon along with other theology students at the Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha.

9. Promotion to Perpetual Profession

Fr. Superior General and his Council have approved the Perpetual Profession of the following brothers on 30th May 2007.

i. Balavendra Jacob

- ii.Prince Kurian Cheriyaakavil
- iii.Jaison Joseph Kollarayath
- iv.Joby Abraham Mattathil
- v. Magish Vellisserikettil

- vi.Bipin Kishore Xess
- vii.Sudeep Paul
- viii.Timson Parakottil

10. Renewal of Vows

Following brothers will renew their vows on 30th May 22, 2007 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Hebbagodi

a)Theologians

- 1. Bijil Chakkiath
- 2.Anand Ekka
- 3.Tony Eranyakulathil
- 4.Vipin Kishore Kujur
- 5.Thadeus Lakra
- 6.George M.
- 7.Aneesh Palathadathil
- 8.Jose Puthukary
- 9.AbeyAntony Thunduparambil
- 10.Praful Tigga

b)Regents

- 11.Francis Xavier D.J.
- 12.Martin Elayadathumadathil
- 13.Vinokumar F.
- 14.Subin Babu Puzhakara
- 15.Lalu Thadathilankal
- 16.Robin Thonikuzhiyil
- 17.KuldeepKujur
- 18.EmileAmougouAmougou
- 19.D. Robert
- 20.Nirdosh Kujur
- 21.Prabhu Prakash Kujur

c) Philosophers (will renew their vows in Suvidya College on 10th June 2007.)

- 22.Jijo Chemplanickal
- 23.Jikson Cheravelil
- 24.Marcel Dung Dung
- 25.Mijo Kulamkuthiyil
- 26.Joji Kazhukanolickal
- 27.Mathias Solapura
- 28.Dinesh Tirkey
- 29.Rijo Kuzhiveliparambil
- 30.Sujith Xavier Pallassery
- 31.R. Bartholomew
- 32.Jinumon Paikkattu
- 33.Sijo Jose Olickal
- 34.Dipu Kannala
- 35.J. Marcellin Raj
- 36.Aneesh Chirackalpuraidathil
- 37.Jeevan Prashanth
- 38.Antony Sathiya Seelan
- 39.Balavendra Antony Prasanna
- 40.Dinu Joseph Illickal
- 41.Periyanayagam Jebamalai
- 42.Joseph Charles Periyanayagam
- 43.Jijo Jose Manjackal
- 44.Michael Balraj
- 45.Nelson Emmanuel Padikara
- 46.Shinto Jacob Parayankunnel
- 47.Santhosh Pereira

11. Appointments of Regents

- 1. Joji Sebastian Kazhukanolickal: SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor

2. Rijo Kuzhoveliparambil:	Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha
3. Mijo Jojin Kulamkuthiyil:	MSFS House, Kannur
4. Jijo Jose Chemplanickal:	MSFS Community, Vinayakumar Ashram
5. Jikson Joseph Cheravelil:	Martin Nivas, Srinivasapur
6. Nirdosh Kujur:	MSFS House, Mundargi
7. Dung Dung Marcel:	MSFS House, Kuknoor
8. Mathias Solapura:	Kristu Nivas, Savanur
9. Tirkey Dinesh:	Divya Jyothi Ashra, Latapara, Orissa
10. Prabhu Prakash:	Pratheeksha, MSFS Community, Mermier Bhavan, Hebbagodi
11. Sujith Xavier Pallassery	Soumya Sadan, Orientation Course, Mysore
12. R. Bartholomew	MSFS Community, Koppal
13. D. Robert	PSI Seva Bhavan, MSFS Community, Malur

12. Promotion to the First Profession

1) **Aneesh Mathew Enthunkal**, son of E.V Mathew and Chinnamma Mathew , born on 14.3.1987, from Kalayanthani, Kothamangalam Diocese. He has a brother and a sister.

2) **Bivin Francis Varampathu**, son of Francis and Elsamma, born on 9.11.1987, from Pacha-Chekkidikadu, Changancherry Diocese. He has a brother and three sisters. One of the sisters is in the convent.

3) **Jose Simon Thuruthippallil**, son of Simon and Marin, born on 4.5.1987, from Thuruthipally, Njeezhoor, Pala Diocese. He has a brother and a sister.

4) **Joseph Frank B.** son of J. Balraj and Alankar Mary, born on 4.11.1985, in Harobele, Bangalore 562126. He has one brother and two sisters.

6) **Rony Ronold Fernandes**, son of Felix and Everin Fernandes, born on 09.03.1987, from Banakal, Chickmagalur. He has three sisters.

7) **Satheesh Kumar S.** (Province of East Africa), son of Sahaya Pichaiya and Sengole Mary, born on 14.4.1987, from Thirumalairayapuram, Trichy. He has a brother.

8) **Siljo Cherian Aupadan** (Province of East Africa), son of Cherian and Lissy, born on 13.11.1986, from Mambra, Karukutty, Ernakulam. He has a sister.

9) **Ebin John Gopurathingal** (Province of East Africa), son of Johnny and Elsy, born on 13.1.1988, from Mambra, Karukutty, Ernakulam Diocese. He has a brother.

What the novices say of their experience in the Novitiate

“I have obtained an unforgettable experience over the year I was in the novitiate...Novitiate is the communion of communities ...I cherish the family experience of love, care, appreciation and correction” **(Frank)**

“I could spend a lot of time with the Lord...After prayer and reflection I feel that God has called me to come closer to him in the Congregation of MSFS. I will trust in the power and providence of God and discern everything through personal prayer” **(Jose Simon)**

The words of Jesus “It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you” gave me a lot of confidence...The Profession will enable me to surrender myself fully to the Lord and lead a holy life...I will be available for the poor and the needy” **(Bivin Francis)**

“Through prayer I become convinced of my call to the religious life. As an MSFS, I would like to be missionary in Africa” **(Aneesh Mathew)**

“Being an MSFS, I wish to lead a life of loving, accepting, caring and sharing and a life of service. I want to be empowered by the Holy Spirit through my profession” **(Rony)**

“I could experience the healing touch of God. I want to continue the mission of Christ” **(Siljo)**

“Once my fears, anxieties and worries were overcome I could spend more time in prayer. This helped me to be convinced of my vocation to religious life. My vows are an expression of my love for God.” **(Ebin)**

I could personally experience Jesus’ love for me. By making the profession I want to have deeper experience of Jesus and follow him more closely.” **(Satheesh)**

13. Promotion to the Novitiate

i. Abhishek J. from P.G. Palya, Kollegal, Mysore Diocese

“I want my service to be extended to the big family of Christ”

ii. Anishmon Joseph Kamukumthottathil from Mannackandu, St. Thomas Church, Kurichithanam Parish, Pala

“I want to lead people to God and serve others”

iii. Balan Bruno A.K., St. Thomas Church, H.A.L. Colony, Jeevan Bhima Nagar, Bangalore

“I want to serve God and the poor by being God’s Instrument”

iv. Christo Jose Karumuttath, Boy’s Town, Varaya, Mannathvady

“I would like to lead the people to God and spread the Gospel to all the nook and corners of the world”

v. Josemon John Kochuputhenpurayil, Memury, Manvettom, Pala

“I want to teach the people how Jesus Christ can change their lives”

vi. Joseph O.T., Ouseparambil, Edavarambu, Cherupuzha, Thalassery

“I want to help the downtrodden people who are in need of my help”

vii. Baldir Minz, Dina, Rajawal, Gumla, Jharkhand

“I want to serve the poor and the sick”

viii. Joel Xavier Dias, Kodani, Karwar

“I want to preach about Jesus and his life. I want to bring back the people who have gone away from faith”

ix. Nibin Jose Cherolickal, Padinjattin Kara, Kadaplamattom, Kottayam

“I want to care for the poor and proclaim the good news”

x. Nidhin Joseph Vazhparambil, Koomanthodu, Karikotagiri, Thalassery

“I want to serve the Church and spread the Good News of Christ”

xi.Nirmal Jose Pulikkalath, Payam, Nedumunda, , Thalassery Diocese

“I want to share God’s love with people and strengthen their faith”

xii.Noby Varghese Kottuppallil, Valiathovala, Idukki

“I want to preach the Good News and lead people to God”

xiii.Sojan Sebastian Theruvapuzha, Nellikutty, Chemperi, Thalassery

“I want to serve the Church and proclaim Christ to those who do not know him”

xiv.Jobin Joseph Karottukambadathil, Kappumthal, Pala (for the Province of East Africa)

“I want to serve the world in the name of Jesus”

xv.Christopher Bertrand Abessouguie, from Ombessa from the tribe of Yambassa, Centre Province, Cameroon will enter the MSFS Novitiate, Kibaha, Tanzania in July 2007.

14. Departure from the Congregation

a)Rejoy Kombar b) Vijo Kanat (Break- on request) c) Shiju Kulathil (Break for two years – granted by the Provincial Administration) d) Stojjo Kallanthara (Break for two years – granted by Provincial Administration)

15. Let us pray for the deceased

Father Bernard JAQUET, belonging to the Franco-Swiss Province died on 11.05.2007 at Florimont, Geneva, Switzerland. Fr. Bernard was born on 28.11.1929 and made his first profession on 24/08/1949. He was ordained on 17 July 1955.

Father Archiebald Fernandes belonging to the Pune Province died on 13.05.2006. Fr. Archie was born on 29th August 1936 and made his first profession on 11/05/1959 and was ordained on 03rd October 1965.

<p>Every Priest Confrere may offer a mass and confreres who are not Priests may join in the suffrages by participating in the Eucharist and by their personal prayers, specially the Rosary.</p>

Mrs. Aleyamma, Mother of Fr. Joseph and James Pattarkalayil, aged 69, died on 05 .05. 2007.

Jerome (Mose) Parapally, aged 50 years, brother of Frs. Jacob and Joy (Priest of the diocese of Kandwa) Parapally died of massive heart attack on 22 April, 2007

16. Please pray for the sick

Fr. Thomas Anikala msfs had coronary bypass surgery in Narayana Hrudayalaya on Friday, 11 May 2007. He is recuperating quite fast.

Mrs. Aleykutty, Mother of Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil, who is seriously sick and admitted in the hospital.

Mr. Mathai, Father of Fr. Biju Palamkunnel, who is suffering from Throat Cancer

Alina two and half years old who had a very serious operation and **Maria, 4 years old** who is going to be operated on 21.05.2007, nieces of Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam.

17. Kannada Medium School, Hebbagodi

Sr. Pushpa DSFS will be the Sister-in-Charge of Kannada Medium School at Hebbagodi from June 2007. I thank Sr.Celine Kunnel, the Regional Superior of the DSFS for her willingness to collaborate with us in our missionary endeavor.

18. Fr. Shino Puthussery is transferred from St. George's Church, Padappu to St. Joseph's Church, , Kottekani, Near New Bus stand, Kasargod 671 121, Phone 0499 4223302 Mobile Nr. +91 99 47 288 680

19. De Sales Music Academy

Fr. Santhosh Kumar took initiative to start a music school in Hebbagodi and as a first step he has organized a summer course in Mermier Bhavan Campus. Congratulations for this initiative and all good wishes for its future. (See *Glimpses from the life of the Province*).

Salesian Thought

To live Jesus is to have the name of Jesus engraved on one's heart. It is to allow that name to become one's own true name, to allow one's entire self - body, thoughts, affections, actions, decisions, work, and devotion - to be animated by the reality of the person known by that name. To allow Jesus to live, one does not simply learn about Jesus or pray to Jesus or even imitate Jesus. One surrenders the vital center of one's being - one's heart as understood in the holistic biblical sense, to another living presence. The Pauline dictum, 'I no longer live but Christ lives in me' is at the core of the distinctive Salesian inscription."

Glimpses from the Life of the Province

Re-living the Founder's Dream for Africa: "La Feuillette" Inaugurated in Cameroon



April 10, 2007 marks the beginning of a new stage of growth and development for the Fransalian Mission in Chad and Cameroon. On that day a long cherished dream became reality when **La Feuillette, the newly built Fransalian Scholasticate** at Ngoya I in the outskirts of Yaoundé, the capital city of Cameroon was blessed and inaugurated. Msgr. Jérôme OWONO MIMBOE, the

Bishop of Obala presided over the inaugural ceremonies and declared the new house opened in the presence of a large number of priests, religious and the laity. Msgr. Athanas Bala, the Bishop Emeritus of Bafia was the Guest of honour.

La Feuillette, the recently inaugurated scholasticate in Yaoundé is also the principal house of the Chad-Cameroon Mission. The founding community at *La Feuillette* consists of 15 members with Fr. Thomas Cherukat as Rector, Fr. Martin Richard as Procurator. Of the 14 scholastics 9 are doing theology, 2 are in regency and 2 in philosophy. *La Feuillette* of Cameroon is indeed a symbol of the missionary commitment of the entire Congregation in Africa. It is also an inspiration, a challenge and a great responsibility for every Fransalian who is called to work in a Frontier Mission such as Chad and Cameroon.

***La Feuillette* is a French word which literally means “a small leaf”. Planted anew on the African soil, *La Feuillette* symbolises the gradual blossoming of the original missionary intuition of Fr. Mermier for Africa. It is hoped that this new *La Feuillette* in Cameroon will bring forth many young and zealous missionaries for the Church in Africa in the years to come, imbued with the apostolic zeal of Fr. Mermier and the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales. The *La Feuillette* of Cameroon 2007 is indeed “a small, yet a new leaf” in the mission history of the congregation as well as of the Church in West Central Africa. -Reported by Fr. Thomas Cherukat msfs**

Summer Course in Music



Keeping in mind some of the possibilities of engaging ourselves in some creative ministries, **SUMMER COURSE IN MUSIC** was a first step in that direction. With the cooperation and

encouragement of our confreres from Suvidya College, Mermier Bhavan, Pratheeksha and Bangalore Apostolic Community, an intensive month-long music course was conducted in S.F.S. School, Hebbagodi, under the banner of **DE SALES MUSIC ACADEMY**. The music course was held from 11th of April to 10th May, 2007. All in all, 65 children and youth took part in this event. Well qualified and professional teachers from Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala and Karnataka were employed to teach Keyboard, Tabala, Carnatic Vocals, Classical Dance and Guitar. Upon successful completion of their course, all the participants were given an opportunity to exhibit all that they have learned and were awarded with certificates. The response of the participants indicates that there is a great scope to launch ourselves in this ministry in a big and systematic way. We are grateful for all those who explicitly or tacitly cooperated to put that first step towards what we might call a big dream. -**Reported by Fr. Santhosh Kumar**

Amazing Harvest in our Schools

Congratulations to all Principals, Staff and Students for harvesting very good result in the Board Exams.

SFS English Medium, Hebbaagodi	100%
SFS Kannada Medium:	92%
SFS English Medium Malur:	100%
SFS Kannada Medium, Chintamani :	100%
SFS English Medium, Chintamani:	100%
SFS P.U. College: Hebbagodi	74%

Results of PG studies of Scholastics : Well done, Congratulations

Bro. Sudeep Paul passed M.A journalism with Distinction from Mysore University. He secured *second rank* in the University. **Bro. Timson Parakottil** Passed MA (Economics) with *First Class* from Madras University. **Bro. Thadeus Lakra** passed MSW with *First Class* from Mangalore University. **Bro. Vipin Kishore Kujur** passed MSc Psychology from Bangalore University. *Hearty Congratulations to all.*

Library inauguration at Manjakunnu

A parish library was inaugurated by Fr. Provincial in the parish of Manjakunnu on 13.05.2007. The Library is a contribution of our MSFS House at Pattikad for the Parish

Yours Sincerely,

Mathew Kozhuppakalam

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Provincial