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My Dear Confreres,

The Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* in its number 43 states: *One symptom of the great poverty of contemporary culture is loneliness arising from the absence of God in a person's life and the fragility of relationships.* This is a true challenge that all of us face in our daily life, despite the fact that we are consecrated people. The Apostolic Exhortation invites everyone, especially families to have a retrospection of our life-style rid of God.

The Second Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the South West India Province, in this



regard, was a great eye-opener to re-discover the lost charm of our commitment to and rootedness in God. Situating ourselves under the enriching theme **Forming Committed MSFS Rooted in Community Life for the Prophetic**

Ministries Today the capitulants undertook a meaningful, spiritual, constructive and path-breaking journey into the meaningfulness and relevance of our consecrated and committed way of life as MSFS, living community life and undertaking prophetic ministries. From my own personal experience of this provincial chapter and the shared experience of our confreres who participated in it, this provincial chapter will go a long way not only for the manner in which it was conducted, but also for the convincing orientation it has given to all of us.

I would summarise the gist of the provincial chapter in the following manner:

1. **Orientation to Spiritual Awakening:** All through the chapter the need for a re-awakening of the spiritual dimension of our life was clearly emphasized. It was a time of realisation that most of the time our ministries did not emerge out of our love for Jesus. The chapter reemphasized the fact that we need to first become disciples who engage in apostolic ministries. The action plan envisaged in the chapter very clearly emphasizes the need for a culture of personal and communitarian prayer. As Pope Francis would say, *we need to get out of our spiritual alzheimer that leads us to premature senility.*
2. **Orientation to Formation in Community Life:** The unanimous echo that was resounding through the chapter was the necessity to elevate ourselves as men rooted in community life. The lack of it had been affecting our religious dynamism in various perspectives. Community life demands accompaniment, care, concern and empathy for the confrere. It demands self-abasement and other-orientedness. Praying together, common meal, recreation and personal encounter will enhance the meaningfulness of our life in the community. All our seminarians, from minor seminary till ordination must be accompanied by committed Formators.
3. **Orientation to Effective Apostolate through Prophetic Ministry:** Highlighting the wonderful achievements of our confreres down through the past 25 years the chapter emphasized that we need to be more effective through discerning the signs of the time through proper evaluation of the past, effective involvement in the present and a constructive visualisation of the future through agile planning. Our prophetic ministries should not stop with adventurous enterprises and vocal and visual trumpeting of certain achievements, instead it should lead to total dedication and sincere availability in the given ministry. At the end of the day each of us must be able to kneel before the Lord and say: **I Thank You Lord.**
4. **Provincial Statutes as the Edifice of our Common Life as a Province:** South West India Province has clarified its conviction through the emphatic approval of the **Provincial Statutes** that we are a religious community of committed soldiers of the chaste, poor and obedient Jesus. The provincial statutes resounds the life-style of a particular province in line with its particular culture of living, engagements in ministries and orientation to the future of its existence. Provincial Statutes are not constitutional rules but they are decisive life-style of a province, discerned after sufficient study and reflection. Each word in the Statutes was read, reflected, critically evaluated by the chapter members. Realising its importance the chapter gave a thumping approval for its promulgation and awaits the approval of the Superior General. My dear Confreres, through the approval of the provincial statutes we are entering into a new era of our commitment as MSFS in South West India Province. Let us live it convincingly and challenge the odds with a spiritual revival and conscientious renewal.
5. **Envisioning the Action Plan for the Coming Three Years:** The envisaging of the new Statement and Action Plan for the coming three years is the result of a

serious engagement in reflection, discussion and deliberation. Every point in the action plan brings out the possibilities that we hold in our religious, ministerial and prophetic spheres. Therein contains our MSFSness. Through these Action Plans let us specify our identity.

Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales
South West India Province
Second Ordinary Provincial Chapter
11-15 April 2016, Vinayalaya, Bengaluru, India

Statement

We, the participants of the Second Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the South West India Province of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, gathered at Vinayalaya, Bengaluru, from 11th to 15th April 2016, reflecting on the theme **FORMING COMMITTED MSFS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY LIFE FOR THE PROPHETIC MINISTRIES TODAY**, are convinced that the core element that distinguishes religious life is its prophetic dimension. We, the religious are prophets for our times. We are resolved to form ourselves as committed MSFS to be at the service of the poor and the powerless, reaching out to the peripheries of the society with mercy and compassion, thereby giving a prophetic witness to our religious vocation.

Responding to the clarion call of our Founder, Servant of God Fr. Peter Mary Mermier, “I want missions” and the *Chablais experience* of our Patron, St. Francis de Sales and reaffirming the directives and orientations of the General Chapter 2013, we want to revisit the Missionary Charism by living more intensely the spirit and the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales our Patron.

As Fransalians renewed in spirit, giving primacy to a joyful vowed way of life, we live with a passion for Christ and compassion for the humanity.

We are resolved to be rooted in community life renouncing all sorts of individualized and institutionalized life style that hinder us to be effective prophetic witnesses.

We, the Capitulants have joyfully given our assent to the newly updated Provincial Statutes. As a province family, we are committed to give a collective witness to our prophetic call through our ministries and apostolates.

Action Plan

I. Religious Life

- Have at least 30 minutes of daily adoration in every community.
- Renew our spiritual life through regular personal prayer.

- Regular animation of the local superiors by the Provincial.
- Monthly community meetings are held with a prepared agenda and the minutes are sent to the Provincial.
- Study and put into practice the new Provincial Statutes in all our communities.
- Local superiors are to coordinate various ministries of the communities.
- Ensure a Salesian corner in every community.

II. Mission

- Enhance the preaching ministry and global evangelization by setting apart more confreres.
- Continue the policy of sending two confreres every year to the Chad-Cameroon mission during the coming three years.
- Stabilize and strengthen the Chad-Cameroon Mission and the Philippines Delegation through financial support.
- Continue to send a few scholastics for formation in Chad - Cameroon.
- Explore the possibility of taking up community based ministries in England, Germany and Austria.
- Equip more confreres with specialization in Missiology and Anthropology.
- Implement progressively the policy of appointing newly ordained priests in the mission territories including established parishes at least for three years.
- Enter into written contracts with dioceses wherever it is possible.
- Strengthen the new missions at Sedam, Anthony Nagara and Shiralkoppa.
- Strengthen and animate the existing units of "Friends of Fransalians".

III. Formation

- Revitalize and intensify vocation promotion.
- Ensure the presence of spiritual directors in every formation house.
- Foster greater mission awareness among the formees.
- Invite veteran missionaries to interact with the formees with occasional talks and conferences on missions.
- Provide opportunities for the formators to acquire adequate skills through regular update programmes.
- Organize update programmes at province level.
- Make available a simplified common curriculum for our minor seminaries.
- Conduct a professional evaluation on Tejas Vidya Peetha.

IV. Education

- Support the rural schools by the urban educational institutions.
- Start a professional training centre at Aluva.
- Study the possibility of upgrading the school at Thelpara.
- Study the possibility of starting an educational institution at Mattannur
- Continue to organize awareness programmes on our missions in Africa and mobilize funds from our educational institutions.
- Equip more personnel with adequate training for our educational institutions.

- Appoint professional counselors in all our educational institutions.
- Ensure progressively three years of teaching experience for the newly appointed confreres to our educational institutions before being appointed as principal or vice principal.
- Make our campuses clean- green, plastic free, eco friendly.
- Have a crisis management cell with a Public Relation Officer.

V. Social and innovative ministry

- Revitalize the social apostolates of FIDESIndia and PSI.
- Encourage and support women empowerment programmes in our missions.
- Improve the quality of our Pratheeksha Boys' Homes.
- Register the Pratheeksha Boys' Homes with the government authorities.
- Reconstitute the Fransalian Theological Forum.
- Constitute Justice and Peace Cell and Family Commission.
- Train more confreres for the specialized ministries like Publications, Performing arts, Prison ministry, ITSSCAT, Charis Nikethan and ITI.
- Appoint a coordinator of Youth Ministry.

VI. Stewardship

- Implement annual budgeting and approval by the provincial administration.
- Annual internal audit of unit accounts.
- Ensure proper documentation and filing system related to land documents, inventory, building and land tax, electricity bills, bank accounts, vehicle documents.
- Make the presentation of the accounts of the community and institutions mandatory in community meetings.
- Strive towards making all the dependent communities self-reliant.
- Provincial bursar organizes courses on accounting and book keeping for the local bursars once a year.

My dear Confreres, I do not name the Second Ordinary Provincial Chapter a success. Instead I would say that it was a time of spiritual renewal, religious orientation and resurgence of common convictions. *Success arrives when the essence is attained.* We have spotted our concerns and convictions. I invite you, my confreres, to inculcate the spirit of our provincial chapter in our personal and community life. Through our life-style the world should be able to say that 'he is truly MSFS'. I request the conveners of the Apostolic communities to convoke an Apostolic Community meeting in three months' time and disseminate the spirit of the chapter to the members of our apostolic communities.

The New Provincial Administration

The 2nd Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the South West India Province of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales has elected the following confreres to the Provincial Administration:



Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar- **Admonitor and Councillor In Charge of Formation**



Fr. A. Jerome- **Councillor In Charge of Mission**



Fr. Joy Vazhappillil- **Councillor In Charge of Social and Innovative Ministries**



Fr. Roy Plathottathil- **Councillor In Charge of Education**



Fr. Vinod Kanattu- **Provincial Bursar**

I thank the capitulants for electing these our confreres to the office of the counsellors and Bursar. Through the power of God we had a fair and sincere election of deserving

persons to these noble offices. On behalf of the province, I congratulate them and welcome them to the new team of Administration. I thank them for accepting this great responsibility and making themselves available to the service of the life and mission of the Province.

Heartfelt Gratitude to the Outgoing Provincial Administration

I would like to place on record the sincere commitment and whole-hearted support of the outgoing provincial administration. I am grateful to **Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil (Provincial Admonitor), Frs. Vinod Kanattu, Christopher Crasta and Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel (the Bursar)** for their unfailing reliability, team work and above all confidentiality and spirit of service for the well-being of the province. Dear Fathers, it had been a tremendous experience of brotherhood and commitment in our journey together to build up the edifice of our province. In the name of the whole province I place on record your selfless services for the glory of God through our province. I wish you abundant blessings of God in your future ministry.

I am also equally grateful to express my heartfelt gratitude to God for the outgoing provincial secretary **Fr. Joji Kazhukanolickal** for his priceless service to the province through the right fulfilment of his responsibility as the Provincial Secretary. Through his meticulous actualisation of the entrusted responsibility he effected a tremendous experience of collaboration, hard work and confidentiality. I thank Fr. Joji for his support and wish him God's abundant blessings in his future endeavours.

Annual Retreat 2016

My dear Confreres, I am happy to announce to you the time-schedule of the forthcoming Annual Retreats of our Province. The Retreats for the year 2016 are arranged in two places. The first retreat will be held at **Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha from July 11-15, 2016**. The second Retreat will be held at **Vinayalaya, Bengaluru from October 10-14, 2016**. The Directory of our Congregation in its number 80 clearly mentions about the obligatory nature of the Annual Retreat: *Every Confrere is to attend the annual retreat of at least five days, arranged for the confreres of the province. (...) the annual retreat is to be considered an obligatory province-community exercise.* The annual retreat shall be conducted for five full days. Therefore, I request every one of you to register your name with the Provincial Secretary latest by 25th May 2016. The Superiors of each community must ensure that the members have registered themselves for either of these retreats.

This year we are very privileged to have **Rev. Fr. Jose Pamplany** as the preacher of both retreats. Fr. Jose belongs to the Arch-diocese of Thalassery, Kerala. He is one of the best known preachers in India today and a very sought after resource person on any topic. I deem it as a great privilege for us to have him as our retreat preacher and extend to him a very hearty welcome.

Contributors to the SWI Province Jubilee Housing Project

Dear Confreres, I am very happy to announce to you third list of the contributors to the South West India Province Jubilee Housing Project.

Tejas Vidya Peetha :	₹ 1,00,000
Fides India Society:	₹ 50,000
MSFS Mission, Sedam:	₹ 1000
SFS School, Kannur	₹ 50,000
Fr. Jose Edasseril:	₹ 5000
Fr. Jomon Cherolickal:	€10,300
Fr. Louis Parappuram:	€1000
Fr. James Panickerveetil:	€1500
Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal:	€1000
Mr. Jophy Cherian:	₹ 10,000

Until now we have received a total amount of Rupees Twenty nine Lakhs, sixty one thousand, two hundred and fifty (Rs. 29, 61, 250). There are still a few communities that have not contributed to this noble effort. I request you to contribute your might for this noble task latest by the 31st of May 2016. We have received until now 25 applications for the housing project. No more applications will be accepted. The previous provincial administration had constituted different committees for the effective planning of the jubilee celebration. With the administrative changes in the province I would like to place before you the different committees and request them to work on the implementation of the project.

Silver Jubilee General Committee

1. Fr. Benny Koottanal, Provincial (Convenor)
2. Fr. Vinod Kanattu, Bursar (Secretary)
3. Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel (Member)
4. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil (Member)
5. Fr. Joy Vazhappillil (Member)

Silver Jubilee Magazine Sub-Committee

1. Fr. Roy Plathottathil (Convenor)
2. Fr. Jijo Manjackal
3. Fr. Tom Kanat
4. Fr. A. Johnson

Silver Jubilee Housing Project Scrutiny Sub-Committee

1. Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel (Convenor)
2. Fr. A. Jerome
3. Fr. Tony Erniakulathil
4. Fr. Thomas Chennakattukunnel

The constituted committees under the respective convenors shall come together at the earliest and choke out the prospective plans and programs.

Land at Channarayapatna

Dear Confreres, I am happy to inform you that we have identified 6 Acres of land on Channarayapatna-Holenarasipura State Highway. The land is situated on a prime spot. Having obtained the legal clearance and with the advice of the legal consultant we have paid the initial advance of Rs. 25 lakhs. We are awaiting the permission for the section 109 to register the land in our name.

Property and House Purchased at Trivandrum

Dear Confreres, with joy I inform you that we have purchased the property and the house where ITSSCAT (Institute of Talent Search for Social Change and Transformation of India) is situated. The province has paid Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs (Rs. 1, 40, 00,000) including registration charges for the purchase of the property and the house. I sincerely thank Fr. Jose Karekatt for this wonderful initiative he has envisaged for the uplift of the clever but poor children and thereby offering them hope and confidence in life. Fr. Jose has, through his personal effort, made an invaluable contribution for the realisation of this innovative movement. I congratulate and thank all those who are engaged in the ITSSCAT movement.

Transfers and Appointments

My dear Confreres, I am happy to announce to you the new transfer list. Of course it had been a tedious job to come to settlement with various perspectives in giving and effecting transfers. I had met all of you personally and discussed with you the need of the mission and the province. I sincerely thank you for your compliance with the plan of the province and greater good of the mission of God. I thank you for your religious spirit and the sense of obedience in accepting the transfers. Please take charge of the new assignments as mentioned in the transfer list that you would get sufficient time to settle down in the new place and ministry before engaging in the allotted responsibility.

Fr. Mathew Kalathungal is appointed as the Superior of the Provincial House, Vinayalaya with effect from 30th May, 2016.

Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel is appointed as Parish Priest at SFS Church, Hebbagodi and manager of SFS group of Institutions, Hebbagodi with effect from 20th May, 2016.

Fr. Jijo Manjackal is appointed as the Vice-Principal of SFS College and the Principal of the SFS Evening College, Hebbagodi with effect from 1st July, 2016.

Fr. Joji Kazhukanolickal is designated for Studies and Parish Ministry in Austria. From May 2016 he will do German course in Goethe Institute, Indiranagar, Bengaluru. He will have residence in Vinayalaya.

Fr. Santosh Pereira is appointed as the Secretary to the Provincial with effect from 10th May 2016.

Fr. Philip Valakodiyil is appointed as the Director of IIS, Manager of SFS Publications, Chief Editor of Indian Journal of Spirituality with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. Jomon Cherolickal is appointed as the Dean of Indian Institute of Spirituality, Rajajinagar with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil is appointed as the Rector of Tejas Vidya Peetha, Kengeri with effect from 28th May 2016.

Fr. Mathew Mamala is appointed as the Administrator of SFS School and the Community at Kannur and Vice Principal of SFS School, Kannur with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Riju Vazhaparambil is appointed as the Director of PSI and Administrator of SFS school and Community at Malur with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Jijo Chemplanickal is appointed as the Administrator and Program coordinator of Fides India and Procurator of Nest, Kengeri with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Sijo Olickal is appointed as the Principal of SFS School, Kengeri with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Anand Ekka is appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest at St. Alphonsa's Church, Kuvempunagar, Mysore with effect from 15th May 2016. He is also designated to practice law and to teach in Sannidhi, Mysore.

Fr. Johny Kanjiramparambil is appointed on the Staff in Sannidhi, Mysore as Spiritual Director and professor with effect from 20th May 2016. He will also assist in Vocation Promotion.

Fr. E. Erudaya Raja, in addition to his responsibility as Rector of Sannidhi, Mysore, is appointed as the Administrator of Sannidhi with effect from 10th May 2016.

Fr. Joseph Charles Periyannayagam, in addition to his responsibility as the Dean and Disciplinarian of Sannidhi, Mysore, is appointed as the Vocation Promoter for Karnataka with effect from 10th May 2016.

Fr. Saju Vilachirayil is appointed as the Principal of SFS State Syllabus English Medium School, Hebbagodi with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Timson Parakottil is designated for One-year Formators' Course at NVSC, Pune from June 2016.

Fr. Wilson Kottam is designated for Pastoral Ministry in England.

Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar is appointed to the Community of Mermier Bhavan, Hebbagodi. He will be specially involved in the ministry of the Music Academy and the proposed Language Institute in the SFS Campus, Hebbagodi. He will also pursue all his teaching assignments in Suvidya College.

Fr. Shajan Manickathan is appointed as the Superior and Director of the Community and Counselling centre at Batheri with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. D. Doraiswamy is appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of SFS Church, Hebbagodi and priest in-charge of Singasandra with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Jeevan Prashant is designated to the diocese of Bellary for pastoral ministry with effect from 20th May 2016. He will receive an appointment by the Local Ordinary of Bellary, Bishop Henry D'Souza.

Fr. Sebastian Conrad is appointed as the Parish Priest of SFS Church, Koppal, Superior of the Community and Manager of the SFS Schools, Koppal with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Tomy Mullasseril is appointed as the Director of Prateeksha Boys' Home and the Hostel, Hebbagodi, with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. D. Robert is appointed as the Asst. Director of Prateeksha Boys' Home and the Hostel, Hebbagodi, with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. R. Bartholomew is appointed as the Administrator of SFS School and the Community and In-Charge of Boarding at Mundargi with effect from 15th May 2016. He will also be teaching in the School.

Fr. J. Perianayagam is appointed as the Administrator of SFS School and the Community, Savanur with effect from 15th May 2016. He will also be teaching in the School.

Fr. Y. Mathias, in addition to his responsibility as Principal of SFS School, Savanur, is appointed as the Superior of the Community and Parish Priest at Savanur with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Thomas Illikattil is undergoing treatment. Until he is assigned with a new appointment he will have his residence in Vinayalaya.

Fr. Justin Chirackal is designated to the diocese of Shimoga with effect from 20th April 2016. He will be given an appointment by the Bishop of Shimoga.

Fr. A. Mathias is presently engaged in the education ministry in the diocese of Shimoga. The Bishop will appoint him with the new ministry.

Fr. Nirmal Jose Pulikkalath is designated to the diocese of Gulbarga with effect from 25th May 2016.

Fr. Innaci Muthu is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Sagar in the diocese of Shimoga.

Fr. Josemon Kochuputhenpurayil is appointed to the community of Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokkad with effect from 20th May 2016. He will be specially involved in the parish ministry in the parish of T K Colony.

Fr. Anish Palathadathil is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community (ITI) Kolar and as the Principal of ITI and of the FSST Note Book Industry with effect from 5th May 2016.

Fr. Ouseparambil Joseph is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest at Kolar and Assistant at FSST Note Book industry. He will have his residence at MSFS community (ITI), Kolar.

Fr. Aloysius Kuzhuppillil is appointed as the Manager of SFS PU College, Tamaka, with effect from 1st May 2016.

Fr. A. Jabamalai is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community at Tamaka, Kolar.

Fr. Francis Ekka is appointed to the Teaching Staff and as Hostel Warden at De Sales PU College, Tamaka, Kolar with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. S Arockia Samy, in addition to his responsibility as Parish Priest of SFS Church, Malur, is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community at Malur with effect from 20th May 2016.

Fr. Joseph Thoppil is appointed as Principal of SFS School, Malur with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. Tom Pannalakunnel is appointed to the community at Aluva. He will return to India by the end of July 2016. His future ministry shall be envisaged in discussion with him.

Fr. Joseph Pulpara is appointed to the community at Charis Bhavan as Confessor and Spiritual Director with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. Josey Ponnambel is designated for Studies and Ministry in the diocese of Adelaide, Australia. His Visa is ready and he will have his residence in Vinayalaya until he leaves for Australia.

Fr. Dijo Koikkara is designated for Pastoral Ministry in the USA. He will continue to be part of the community at Pattikad and engage in preaching ministry until his documents are cleared.

Fr. Mathew Thottiyil is appointed to be on the Staff of SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor as Teaching Faculty and Spiritual Director with effect from 30th May 2016.

Fr. Shalbin Marottikudy is appointed as the Village Master and Procurator of NEST with effect from 15th May 2016. He will also be teaching in the SFS School, Kengeri.

Fr. Paul Aranjanilyil is designated to the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly. He is appointed as the Parish Priest of Madackal by the Arch-Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly.

Fr. Jacob Thudipara is designated to the Diocese of Vijayapuram. He will be appointed by the bishop of Vijayapuram as Parish Priest of Twenty-Acre, Kattappana and priest in-charge of Kozhimala with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. Johny Puthiaparambil is appointed as the Director of the new Centre at Kattappana with effect from 15th May 2016.

Fr. Abey Thunduparambil is designated for MTh Studies in Spiritual Theology at IIS, Rajajinagar with effect from 30th June 2016.

Fr. Jimmy Parayankuzhiyil is designated for Pastoral Ministry in Klosterneuburg, Austria. From May 2016, he will do German language course in Goethe Institute, Indiranagar. He will be staying in Vinayalaya.

Fr. Sen Vellakada is appointed to Chad-Cameroon Mission. He will complete his doctoral Studies in Austria by July 2016. Thereafter he will undertake French Language Course in Austria. After a short holiday in India he will take up his new assignment in the Chad-Cameroon mission.

Fr. George Vattappara is returning to India at the end of July 2016 after the pastoral ministry in the USA. At his request he is granted a sabbatic leave of 6 months for refreshment and renewal. The place of his residence will be discussed and discerned.

Fr. Stany D’Cunha, belonging to the diocese of Shimoga is appointed as the teaching faculty and Assistant Principal of SFS State Syllabus English Medium School, Hebbagodi with effect from 25th May 2016. He will have his residence in our community at Mermier Bhavan. This is in tune with the missionary, collaborative venture of our province with the diocese of Shimoga.

Hearty Welcome

Bro. Nathaniel Masendo from the Philippines Delegation is in India for the preparation for the Perpetual Profession. He will be attending the Salesian Seminar and the Salesian Retreat from 24th April to the 20th May 2016. During his short stay in India he will also visit some of our Communities in the Province. His perpetual profession is proposed to be in the month of October 2016. I extend to Br. Nathaniel a very hearty welcome to India.

Promotions of the Scholastics

Promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

The following Brothers are promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

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| 1. Cherackal Zacharias Peter | 5. Palamattathil Subin Benny |
| 2. Ekka Rakesh | 6. Neyampakulam Joshy N. George |
| 3. Mundachalil Tony Thomas | 7. Antony Selvam |
| 4. Petrus Kerketta | 8. Staney I Rodrigues |

Promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

The following Brothers are promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Bibin Sebastian K
2. Kelvin Thomas
3. Thuruthiyil Arun Alex

All the Theology students are expected to come to Tejas on the 27th May 2016 for a day of Recollection and for the renewal of vows on the 28th of May 2016.

Bros. Israil Lakra and Valliara Arun Cyriac are designated for Chad-Cameroon Mission. They will do the French language course in Trivandrum. They will have their residence at MSFS House, Vattiyoorkavu from June 2016.

Promoted to Regency and Renewal of Vows

The following Brothers are promoted to Regency and Renewal of Vows.

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| 1. Albin P. Mathew | SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor |
| 2. David S. Buddini | Sannidhi, Mysore |
| 3. Vishwa Punith S | ITSSCAT, Trivandrum |
| 4. Thannikkal Justin | Vinayalaya, Bangalore |
| 5. Kottoor Vijin Mathew | Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha |

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| 6. Anil Kiran C.Buddini | SFS School, Kannur |
| 7. Amod Tirkey | Chintamani |
| 8. Dexter L .Rivera (Philippines) | MSFS Seminary, Silang, Cavite |
| 9. Bro. Joseph Unni (Rosmanian) | Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokkad |

Promoted to Third year Philosophy and Renewal of vows

The following Brothers are promoted to Third Year Philosophy and Renewal of vows

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| 1. Arun Kumar | 6. Outhuppacherry Bibin Kuriakose |
| 2. Avinash Kumar C | 7. Paraparambil Jibin Joy |
| 3. Champanniyil Jais Pious | 8. Payattukandathil Jilu |
| 4. Cherakkal Kuriakose | 9. Prathima Sunil Kumar |
| 5. Kallayil Sebastian George | |

Promoted to Second Year Philosophy and Renewal of vows

The following Brothers are promoted to Second Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows

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| 1. Infant Stephen | 6. Kaniyodickal Jain George |
| 2. Vadakkedath Siby Antony | 7. Kadaparambil Albin Shaju |
| 3. S. Franklin | 8. Antony Rosario |
| 4. Madathiparambil Roney Thomas | 9. Anithottathil Jibin George |
| 5. Kochupurackal Johnson | |

Promoted to First Profession and First Year of Philosophy

The following Brothers are promoted to First Profession and First Year Philosophy

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| 1. Elackodickal Cyril | 6. Pathil Jibin |
| 2. Elivalankil Jeffin | 7. Pathil Sojin |
| 3. Illikkal Somi | 8. Praveen Kumar J |
| 4. Kulandai Raj R | 9. Puthenpurackal Antony |
| 5. Maserene Andrews | |

These Brothers will make their first profession at **Sneha Jyothi Ashram**, our Novitiate at Makkiad, Kerala on **31st May, 2016**. I invite, in advance, all our confreres for this joyful event and to felicitate our young Brothers.

The following regents are promoted to the First year of philosophical studies and to renew their vows:

1. Nitesh Minj
2. Robin Pereira

Promoted to First Profession and to the Next Stage of Formation, Philippines

The following Brothers are promoted to First Profession and to the Next Stage of Formation.

1. Roberto G Batohinog
2. Dansen S. Abanes
3. Gem Lord Villanueva
4. Joelvin Natividad Ttहितit

These our Brothers will be making their First Profession on the 2nd June 2016. Let us join them in spirit and felicitate them and welcome them into the fold of our religious family.

Promoted to Admission to the Novitiate, Makkiyad

The following Brothers are promoted to the Novitiate

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| 1. P. Anush Anthony | 8. Jostro M.B |
| 2. Asher Mathew Kochuparambil | 9. A. Joachim Anthony |
| 3. Jerin Roy Ponmalakunnel | 10. Thomas Pottackal |
| 4. Alan Saji Anakuthiyil | 11. Devasia Pazhukkathara |
| 5. Jibin Kelachamuriyil | 12. Amal Varghese Tharayil |
| 6. Bal Praveen | 13. Jees Sebastian Kattiparambil |
| 7. Jerry B. | 14. Josekutty Mathew Mailackal |

These candidates will be admitted to the Novitiate on **30th May 2016**. Kindly let us pray for them and accompany them with our love and accompaniment.

Admission to Novitiate in the Philippines Delegation

The following Brothers are admitted to Novitiate in the Philippines

1. Flores Albert P.
2. Berdida Jeson Ly
3. Domingo S Suizo Jn
4. Faz Jr Chales F
5. Orlan A Bangahon

The following Brothers are promoted to renewal of vows and to continue their MSW Studies

1. Panackapilly Shince P. Tomy
2. Puthenpurackal Dhanoop Sebastian

M.Ph Studies

At the request of the Superior General **Bro. John Gannot** is designated for M.Ph Studies in order to support our philosophates LCI Arusha and Suvidya College. The Governing Body Chairman of Suvidya College will designate the place of his studies.

My Visitation to the Philippines



From the 12th of March to the 17th of March I visited our Philippine Delegation. It was a joyful occasion to come together with our Confreres working in the Delegation and to listen to them about their joys, difficulties and future hopes and concerns regarding the mission. I had the opportunity to meet each one of the Confreres personally and to share with them our concern as

one religious family. A Delegation Colloquium was also organised wherein we shared, evaluated and discerned the concerns and possibilities of the Delegation.



Our main ministries in the Philippines at the moment are two-fold: Parochial ministries and Formation of the Seminarians. At the same time we are also envisaging various other ministries such as starting a School, Spirituality Centre, Boys' Home and so on. We have also bought land for these purposes.

What challenges us at this juncture is the financial constraints. Let us still trust in God and look towards the future with hope. I had the opportunity also to visit the Bishop of Imus. It was a very brotherly encounter and dialogue with the bishop.

I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Ginu, the Delegation Superior for his spirit-filled leadership and all our confreres working there for their missionary zeal and enthusiasm. God bless the Philippine Delegation.

Diaconate Ordination, Philippines

By the grace of God, two of our brothers in the Philippine delegation, namely; Noel Suico Tatoy and Anishmon Joseph were ordained as deacons on 16th February, 2016. The ordaining prelate was **MOST REV. RAMON C.ARGUELLES, DD**, the Archbishop of Lipa.



The solemn event was held in St. Francis de Sales Theological Seminary, Marawoy, Lipa City, along with the four seminarians of the diocese of Lipa. The celebration was witnessed by a great number of participants especially the clergy of the diocese, MSFS fathers and brothers of the delegation and the parents, relatives and benefactors of the other candidates of the Lipa diocese. The newly ordained deacons expressed their gratitude at the end of the mass for all those who enabled them to reach that stage of

life. The solemn celebration was concluded by a fellowship meal.

Reported by Bro. Roni Fernandis

Diaconate Ordination at Tejas Vidya Peetha



20th February, 2016 was a day of joy and pride for the two provinces – South-West and South-East, as they witnessed the great event of the Diaconate Ordination of seven brothers at Tejas Vidya Peetha of which five were our MSFS confreres and two Benedictines. Among these, three of them belong to South-West India Province, namely, Bro. Pulichumackal Joby James,

Bro. Prakash Prashanth Raj S. and Bro. Sudeep Andrews K. They were ordained deacons by Bishop Robert Michael Miranda, the Bishop of Gulbarga. In his homily, the Bishop very meaningfully stressed on the duties of a deacon and he exalted all of them to be more vibrant in their future ministry. The occasion was blessed by the presence of Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, Provincial of South West India province. The event was graced by more than 70 priests, a few religious, quite a number of relatives and a few friends. The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a short felicitation of the newly ordained deacons and the celebration came to an end with the fellowship agape.

Reported by Bro. Joshy N. George

Benefactors' Meeting in Charis Bhavan



On 1st April 2016, a gathering of the sponsors of the seminarians was held at Charis Bhavan. At 5 pm Fr. Kurian Karickal, the Director of Charis Bhavan conducted the Novena to

Our Lady of Compassion followed by the Holy Eucharist which was presided over by Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, the Provincial in the presence of Fr Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil, the coordinator of the benefactors, fathers from Charis Bhavan community, families of the sponsors of the seminarians and others. At 6.45 pm a meeting was held in the Retreat Hall. It was an interactive session with the families of the sponsors, Fr Provincial, Fr Henry and all the fathers from Charis Bhavan. At the beginning of this session Fr. Kurian Karickal spoke about the purpose and dynamics of this gathering followed by the words of welcome and introduction by Fr Jose Parappillil, the Superior of Charis Bhavan Community. Fr Provincial in his message thanked in a very special way all the sponsors for their generosity in extending their financial as well as spiritual support to the formation of the seminarians in our province. He exhorted them to continue and strengthen this bond of union and fellowship with the MSFS (Fransalians). There were around 60 persons including the family members of the sponsors. Some of the family members in their sharing expressed their gratitude of being part of this venture and wished that they would like to get the service of a priest in their need. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Fr. Aneesh Mundiany followed by a sumptuous dinner. On behalf of the Provincial administration, I place on record our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to Fr Kurian Karickal and the Charis Bhavan Community who did all the arrangements and made this get-together, the first of its kind, a memorable one.

Reported by Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil

Salesian Seminar 2016

Indian Institute of Spirituality is organising the **Annual Salesian Seminar** from the 24th to the 29th April 2016 on the theme: **Divine Mercy: A Salesian Perspective**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to deepen our knowledge of Salesian Spirituality in the year of Mercy. I recommend this seminar to all our Confreres for an in-depth knowledge of the spirit and spirituality of our Patron. For registration and participation please contact Fr. Philip Valakodiyil.

Gratitude to Rev. Fr. James Manjackal

I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Fr. James Manjackal for his generous contribution for the construction of the Minor Seminary in Ngaoundere, Cameroon. Chad-Cameroon Mission of our Province is on a progressive development through the sheer missionary commitment of our Confreres working there. They have the good will and missionary dynamism. What they lack is personnel and money. We had envisioned a minor seminary in Ngaoundere long back but were finding it difficult to accomplish it due to financial constraints. It is at this juncture Fr. James offered to support the full construction of the Seminary. I sincerely thank him for this generous commitment to our African Mission. Dear Fr. James, in spite of your physical ailments you undertake a lot of missionary journeys to different countries to proclaim Jesus and thereby also to highlight our Congregation. I thank you for all your support and love for

the whole province. I assure you my personal prayers and that of our province family for your good health. May God bless your cheerfulness in giving your best for God and His people.

Departures from the Congregation

The following persons are discontinuing or have been asked to discontinue from the Congregation:

Joseph Madalai Muthu, Regent at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor

Jossy Sebastian Eanthanamkuzhiyil, First Year Philosopher at Suvidya College

Chittilappillil Clinton T. Francis, Second Year Philosopher at Suvidya College

Poothara Binu Sebastian, Second Year Philosopher at Suvidya College

Aranjanil Mathew Joseph, Second Year Philosopher at Suvidya College

Sandeep Ekka, Third Year Philosopher at Suvidya College

They cease to be the temporary members of the congregation and we wish them God's abundant blessings in the new ventures they undertake in life.

Website of MSFS in Germany

A new homepage of MSFS in Germany was created- www.msfs-missionarestfranzvonsales.jimdo.com. I thank Fr. James Mukalel for this wonderful effort to disseminate our presence and spirituality in Europe. We thank all who have helped Fr. James in initiating and pursuing this venture.

Let us Pray for the Departed

Rev. Fr. Panthalany Varkey (P. D. Varkey), son of Devasia and Theresa was born on



26th August 1928 at Moozhoor in Kerala. He was ordained a priest on 10th June 1961 at Mount Mary Minor Seminary, Arumanoor, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Absalom of Vijayapuram Diocese. After the Priestly ordination he went back to Pune to complete his theological studies and came back to Vizag on 7th September 1962. He was then available for pastoral services, to be in-charge of the postulants and the Farm at Philip Nagar from 1964. In 1971 he was appointed in Mermier Farm, Hebbagodi in Bangalore, and was incharge

of the construction of Vinayalaya. It was during his tenure there that the land, where Suvidya College is built now, was bought. From 1975 to 1981 he was at the service of the Church in Andhra Pradesh as Secretary cum Treasurer of Jyothirmal. Later in March 1981 he was called back to Vizag to be the Mission Procurator and the Superior and Correspondent of SFS School Seethammadhara. In July 1986 he was transferred to Stella Maris to devote himself fully to the work of the Mission Procurator. The need of the

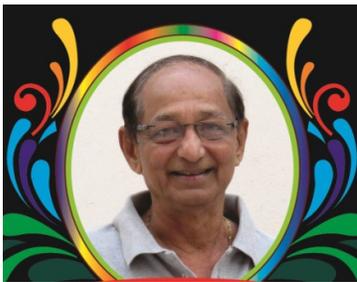
province forced him to be transferred to St. Aloysius Non-Formal Technical School where he took charge as the Manager, while continuing with the works of the Fransalian Seva Kendra, until he wished to retire from active ministry in 2005. Since July 2005 he resides at Mermier Bhavan, Vadakkumcherry, contributing his mite to the development of the centre and rendering his services as spiritual Director to the MSFS Minor Seminarians. He passed away to his eternal reward on 22nd February 2016 at Vadakumcherry, Kerala at 6 a.m.

Rev. Fr. Chempalakunnel Kurian (01.12.1938 - 16.03.2016)



We remember in a special way, the departed person of Rev. Fr. Chempalakunnel Kurian, who belonged to the Nagpur Province. We thank God for his generous love for the congregation. May his Soul rest in peace.

Rev.Fr William John D' Silva (31.01.1953 - 21.03.2016)



We remember with gratitude the departed person of Rev. Fr. William John D' Silva for all his love and commitment to our Congregation. At the time of his death he was a provincial councillor of the province of Nagpur. May his soul rest in peace.

Rev. Fr. Joseph T.P. Thalachirakuzhiyil (15.01. 1947- 03.04.2016)



With gratitude we remember the departed person of Rev. Fr. Joseph T.P. Thalachirakuzhiyil. Fr. Joseph T.P. belonged to the Nagpur province. We remain indebted to him for all his love and service to our congregation. May his soul rest in peace.

Kindly favour our departed confreres with the suffrages prescribed in our constitutions.

The Mother of Fr. Wilson Kottam, **Mrs. Thresiamma**, 92 years of age, passed away on March 19, 2016.

The Mother of Fr. Joy Vazhappillil, **Mrs. Aleykutty Philip**, 86 years of age, passed away on March 27, 2016.

The Mother of Fr. E. Erudaya Raja, **Mrs. Pushpa Mary**, 83 years of age, passed away on April 12, 2016.

The Paternal Grandmother of Fr. Joji Kazhukanolickal, **Mrs. Rosamma**, 102 years of age, passed away on April 3, 2016.

Let us remember our confreres in their sorrow. We assure you, dear Fathers, the remembrance of your dear ones in our Holy Mass and Prayers.

My Program

April 2016

- April 1 - Benefactors' Meet at Charis Bhavan
- April 2-10 - Immediate Preparations for the Provincial Chapter
- April 11-15 - Provincial Chapter
- April 16 - Orientation Programme for the New Administration with the Assistant Superior General
- April 17 - Council Meeting
- April 21-23 - Visitation of Shimoga Mission and Meeting with the Bishop of Shimoga
- April 26 - Jubilee Celebration of PSI at Malur
- April 29 - Talk for the participants of Salesian Seminar and Holy Eucharist

May 2016

- April 29-May 1 - Visitation of Kannadiparamba, Meeting with the Bishop of Kannur, Prison Ministry Kannur, SFS School Kannur, MSFS House Mattannur, Parish and Boys' Home, Ulickal
- May 2 - Holy Mass and Talk for the SMMI Sisters on the *Treatise on the Love of God*
- May 5-22 - TMM (Triennial Mandatory Meeting) of all the Provincials with the General Curia at LCI Arusha, Tanzania.
- May 24 - Visitation to Anthony Nagara, Meeting with the Bishop of Chikmagalur
- May 26 - Visitation to IIS
- May 27 - Visitation to Nest
- May 28 - Perpetual Profession, Tejas Vidya Peetha
- May 29 - Council Meeting, Vinayalaya
- May 30 - Entry into Novitiate, Makkiad
- May 31 - First Profession, Makkiad

June 2016

- June 2-5 - Orientation Programme for the New Batch of Diploma Students of IIS

- June 6 - Inaugural Mass at the new academic year of Tejas, Orientation Programme for the Theologians
- June 7 - Lectio Brevis at Christu Jyothi College, Bangalore
- June 8 - Inauguration and Blessing of the new building at Sannidhi, Mysore
- June 9-10 - Visitation of the SFS Institutions at Hebbagodi, Meeting and Orientation Programmes for the Staff of our Schools and PU College, Community Meeting at Mermier Bhavan, Hebbagodi
- June 12 - PIF Meeting at Suvidya College
- June 13 - Inauguration of Suvidya Academic Year, Governing Body Meeting
- June 16 - Visitation to SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor, Orientation to the Students, Community Meeting
- June 17 - Visitation to SFS School and Junior College, Ettumanoor, Addressing the Staff and Students
- June 21 - Visitation to SFS School Malur, Addressing the Staff and Students, Community Meeting with the Confreres
- June 22 - Visitation to Desales PU College, Tamaka, Kolar
- June 23 - Visitation to Srinivaspur Community and SFS School
- June 25-26 - Council Meeting, Vinayalaya
- June 29 - Visitation to Chintamani Community and SFS Schools and Boarding
Visitation to Kadisenahalli, Sidlaghatta

July 2016

- July 1 - Recollection for the Post Graduate Students of IIS
- July 2 - Orientation Talk for the Post Graduate Students of IIS
- July 3 - Recollection for the Diploma Students of IIS
- July 4 - Visitation of the Community and SFS Schools, Koppal
- July 5 - Visitation of the Community and SFS School, Kuknoor
- July 6 - Visitation of the Community and SFS School, Mundargi
- July 7 - Visitation of the Community and SFS School, Savanur
- July 11-15 - Annual Retreat at Charis Bhavan
- July 15-16 - Council Meeting at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor
- July 16 - Provincial Administration's Meeting with the Apostolic Community of Ettumanoor
- July 17 - Visitation to Adoor, Vattiyookavu, ITSSCAT
- July 22- August 9 - Visitation to Germany, Austria, Belgium

Salesian Thought:

“Pray every day at least half an hour; but if you are very busy pray one hour” - SFS

Fraternally,



Fr. Benny Kootanal MSFS
Provincial