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My dear Confreres,

Fraternal greetings to you from Fr Benny Koottanal. At the end of the year 2019 as we lift up our hearts and hands in praise and thanksgiving for all that God has done for us, let us keep the same hands up in prayer and surrender pleading for his mercy and grace in the New Year 2020. May the unfathomable ways of God bring blessings and graces upon each one of us and our dear and near ones. Keeping each of you close to my heart I wish you, my dear Confreres, **Happy and Blessed New Year 2020.**

MENE, MENE, TEKEL PARSIN: THE WRITING ON THE WALL

My dear Confreres, as we look up to the New Year with lots of hopes and aspirations, I am sure that many wishes and desires are welling up in our hearts. As always, once again we begin with the litany of plans and projects and timetable that we would like to follow in the coming year. It is a welcome gesture of good will and surrender. At the same time, **it is important for us to realise that God's plans for us do not differ from our plans for Him.** We



need to rise up to the wisdom of understanding the meaning of true SURRENDER to know the purpose of our lives. The fundamental question is: **HOW DO WE LIVE OUR LIVES?**

One passage in the Bible that comes to my mind very often is **Daniel 5/25: MENE, MENE, TEKEL and PARSIN.** Drinking the wine of injustice and immorality and sitting lazy in his chamber, king Belshazzar saw the writing on the Wall. But what touched me the most is the meaning of the word TEKEL. It means, **you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.** Of course, it is the hand of God, which writes it; but, surely not His alone. Whoever we encounter in our lives write these judgemental words about us and paste it on the wall: It's a kind of public prosecution.

From childhood onwards, I had been familiar with these words. To a great extent, it has even the taste of a communist manifesto. But one way or the other it touches the heart. **TEKEL: it is very much applicable to those who try to live their lives in such a way as though no one has the right or permission**

to challenge or judge them. The writing is on the wall: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

Peter asked Jesus: *We have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?* (Mt. 19/27). Jesus answered him: *At the renewal of all things when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones...* (Mt. 19/28). **Whom do the Apostles represent? They are the symbols of those who are deeply committed and surrendered. They are the ones who have nothing else to hold on than the Lord.** What about us? The truth is that we are not committing ourselves to anything. To those of us who are merely satisfied with half-hearted surrender and commitment, an old man sitting in the Patmos Island writes these judgemental words: ***So because you are neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth*** (Rev. 3/16).

My dear Confreres, half-hearted commitment is a death warrant for religious life today. Totally affected by the trends of modernity, many of us are wavering to see the light even at the initial stages of our committed life as religious and priests. **Without doubt, I can say through my personal experience that if we face the judgment of God today most of us would find the writing on the Wall: TEKEL - You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.** In such an attitude of lukewarm surrender what would happen to a person, is well narrated in the *Acts of the Apostles* through the incident of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5/1-11), two persons who invited death because they kept something for themselves after having created an impression that they surrender totally. **They are symbols of those who live like the dead.** What is necessary today is to rededicate ourselves with the earnestness of a warrior with the total desire to resist the temptation to turn back. The one who places the hand on the plough shall not turn back and look. (Lk. 9.62)

My dear Confreres, Our call to Religious Life and Priesthood is hard. No doubt about it. **To remain focused on our call and the consequent choices we make is not an option but an obligation.** The call of Elisha is very meaningful for us to reflect (1 Kings 19/21). He was ploughing the field when he was called by the Prophet. What stands stupendous is the way he responds to the call. He kills the bulls and breaks the plough that he was using for ploughing and uses it as firewood to cook the meat of the bulls. The Moral is very clear: **If I choose to go ahead respecting this call, I will not leave a tint of possibility to return. I surrender totally! It is like the military plot of Napoleon: In order that his army can pass over the dungeon and rivers he constructed bridges, but once the army has crossed it over he used to destroy the bridges immediately. The Moral: When one knows that there is a chance to return, one's commitment remains half-hearted.**

My dear Confreres, religious life today is at crossroads. It is time for us to evaluate and to see whether our convictions are losing its shine. The constant instances of breach of commitment make me feel that the trends of the society are badly affecting us. **Our commitment to religious vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience is constantly becoming bleak and weak. Unlimited use of gadgets and mobile phones are causing ripples in our convictions and making many of us to cross the limits. The tendency to criticise destructively and enter into the privacies of the others are becoming ac-**

ceptable trends. I THINK THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL: TEKEL. It is a question of time that we begin to see it written against us on the wall. **The mercy of God always goes hand in hand with His justice.**

My dear Confreres, as we enter into the New Year, I wish each of you a renewed mindset of total focus on the choice that you have made as religious and priests. Let this New Year be a time of total surrender and commitment to the Lord. **I wish each of you Grace-filled and Blessed NEW YEAR 2020.**

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

As it was already requested to us by the Superior General, one each intention of the Superior General will be sent to all of you every month. I request all of you to pray for the same. All the communities, especially the Formation Houses are expected to pray for this intentions every day.

Prayer Intentions for the Month January 2020

That all the members and communities in our Congregation may increase our love for and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament by spending every day at least half an hour before the Eucharistic Face of the Lord

MDO MEETING IN VINAYALAYA

Mission Development Office (MDO) meeting of our congregation was held in Vinayalaya from November 5, 2019 to November 8, 2019. There were 40 participants representing all the Indian provinces. The meeting was graced with the presence of all the General councilors. The meeting was enriched with different input sections from competent resource persons and group discussions on different MDO activities in all the provinces of the Congregation. Fr J. Stephen, the General Secretary of Social and Innovative Ministries and Fr Thomas Chozhithara animated the whole meeting.



REGIONAL (INDIA) FORUM OF THE MISSION MEETING IN VINAYALAYA

Regional (India) Forum of the Mission Meeting was held in Vinayalaya from November 29, 2019 to November 30, 2019. Rev. Fr Johnson Kallidukil, the General Secretary of Mission animated the meeting. There were 13 participants from different Indian provinces.

CONGRATULATIONS

1. In the name of the South West India Province we Congratulate **the newly appointed Provincials of different provinces in India and abroad.** We wish **Rev. Fr Sabu Francis Manasrayil MSFS** (Provincial elect of Guwahati), **Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mapilaparambil** (Provincial elect of Dibrugarh), **Rev. Fr Ignaci Muthu**(Provincial of South East) and **Rev. Fr Benny Joseph Valliyaveetil** (Provincial elect of England) God's abundant blessings in their new ministry.

2. I am very happy to extend my heartfelt congratulations prayerful wishes to **Rev. Fr Ignaci Muthu**, the Provincial of South East India Province, who is appointed as the Chairman of the PIF (Provincials India Forum). May God bless him abundantly in this ministry of service.
3. Our heartfelt Congratulations to **Rev. Fr Chinnappa Reddy**, the Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province, who is appointed as the Governing Body Chairman and Major Superior of Suvidya College. He will take charge on the 24th of January 2020.

LIFE IN THE PROVINCE

GRATITUDE



My dear Confreres, painful were those moments of the sad demise of Frs. Wilson Kottam and Mathew Kalathungal. At the same time, those were also moments in which we experienced God's immense grace and the accompaniment of many who are around us. With grateful hearts, I say a word of thanks to everyone who stood by us and journeyed with us prayerfully in those moments of sorrow and pain.



- **I thank God** for His unfathomable ways through which He has shown us His love and care. We could experience through these two Confreres God's mercy and love in one way or the other. We thank Him for giving us these Confreres as our own and pray to Him to keep them eternally in His abode.
- **My special thanks to the Bishops** who officiated the liturgy and the funeral ceremonies of our Confreres, namely, **Rt. Rev. Bernard Moras, Rt. Rev. Joseph Perumthottam and Rt. Rev. Mathew Vaniyekizhakkal**. I thank them for their availability and prayers for our Confreres.
- I am also grateful to the **Archbishop of Bangalore Rt. Rev. Peter Machado and the Auxiliary Bishop of Kanjirappally Rt. Rev. Jose Pulickal** for the communication of their prayerful wishes and condolences at the demise of our beloved Confreres. I also thank all those people, both priests and laity who extended their condolences and prayers at the demise of our Confreres.
- My special gratitude to **Rev. Fr Ignaci Muthu, the Provincial of South East India Province**, for making it to the funeral ceremonies of Fr Wilson Kottam.
- I remain very grateful to the **Vinayalaya Community**, especially to Fr Johny Kanjiramparambil, the Superior, Frs. Vinod Kanat, Santhosh Pereira and Joshy Thumpechirayil and Bros. Albin Kadaparambil and Ajo Mookenthottam for their intensive and brotherly accompaniment to Fr Mathew Kalathungal during the time of his sickness and pain.
- A word of special thanks to **Frs. Benny Joseph Valiyaveettil, Roji Kuttivayalil, Terry Mcgrath and Jose Maliekal** for the support and painstaking effort to get the mortal remains of Fr Wilson Kottam transferred to India.

- A word of special gratitude to **Fr George Chirayil, the Rector, Fr Aneesh Chirackalpuraidom, the Procurator and all the Members of the Community of SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor** for their hard work and meticulous planning and organisations of the funeral ceremonies of both our Confreres. It had been really great from their side to make so much sacrifice to see through every minute aspect of the funeral services for two days. I am very grateful to each one of them for this benevolent expression of solidarity and Salesian hospitality.
- I thank innumerable number of **MSFS Confreres** who came from near and far to participate in the funerals of our Confreres. It was indeed a great sign of our solidarity and love for each other. It was equally a witness and hope in the providence of God. I also thank **all the Priests and Religious** who participated in the funeral services of our Confreres.
- Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the **Family Members of Kottam and Kalathungal Families** for their love and affection. In spite of the emotional struggles that involve in the sad death of their own beloved ones, they showed magnanimity and goodwill to accept the plan of God and collaborated with the MSFS Congregation in the final journey of our Confreres. Let the blessings of God be on these both families.

VISITATION TO THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

I had the great privilege of holding the annual visitation to the Germany-Austria Delegation from the 3-23 November 2019. The visitation consisted of personal meeting with the Confreres, Delegation Colloquium and meeting with the authorities of Different dioceses.

Delegation Colloquium

All the members of the Delegation of Germany and Austria came together in the Diocesan Major Seminary of the Diocese of Fulda for the colloquium from the 17th and 18th of November 2019. The Colloquium began with a common gathering of all the Confreres sharing general matters of the Delegation as well as the life situations in modern Europe. After the Supper there was a time of common recreation as well.

The second day was officially the day of interaction between the Provincial and the Confreres. The Provincial updated the gathered Confreres of the life of the Province in the light of the General Chapter and the Provincial Chapter. He also insisted on the necessity to sustain our religious values based on the four pillars of our Charism, such as Consecrated life in Community, Mission, MSFSness and Salesian Spirituality. He specially thanked the Confreres for their generous contributions to the missions of the Province in various ways. The second part of the session was an open discussion wherein the Confreres could share their views and ask clarifications from



the provincial. The colloquium came to an end with the celebration of Holy Eucharist animated by the Provincial and concelebrated by all the Confreres.

Meeting with Fr Emile Mayoraz

It was a joyful moment as well as a great experience to meet with our beloved former Superior General, Rev. Fr Emile Mayoraz. He is now staying in an Old Age Home in the vicinity of Bonlieu, our Fransalian Community in Fribourg. Although physically weak Fr Mayoraz is very agile in mind and still continues his activities of writing letters to the benefactors and keeping in contact with them. It was a heartening experience to spend some quality time with him and to extend my wishes to him in the name of the whole Province of South West India.



I had also the opportunity to meet two of our Scholastics from Chad and Cameroon, Bros. Abba and Titus, who are doing their theological studies at the University of Fribourg. I am very grateful to Rev. Fr Jose Puthiaparambil (Jr.) who is the rector of the Scholastics. He took extra effort to make my stay in Fribourg very familial and loving.

Meeting with Fr James Manjackal

It was indeed a moment of fraternal joy and cheer to have the meeting with Fr James Manjackal.



Fr Manjackal, in spite of his ill health, that causes him to be on the wheelchair, is more than energetic and spirit-filled to preach the Word of God in different countries of the world. Especially in the recent times he conducts a lot of retreats and seminars for people of various walks and communicates the Word with lots of conviction and courage. He also supports various projects of the province with financial assistance and mass intentions. Fr Joseph Pazhayattil spared his time to reach me to Fr Manjackal's residence at the border of Germany and Austria.

Meeting with Fr Mathew Kozhuppakalam

It was a wonderful time to meet with Fr Mathew Kozhuppakalam in Schlanders in Sued Tirol, Italy, which is bordered to Austria. There we have a community of three Confreres. This community is under the Generalate. Fr Joseph Thazhathukunnel is the Superior and Fr Mathew Kozhuppakalam is the Director/Co-ordinator of Program, the Dean of the Deanery and also the Parish Priest of Schlanders. Fr Johnson Pathiyil is also a member of the community.

Fr Mathew is doing the joyful ministry of pastoral service and co-ordinating various programs such as guiding and animating different groups. I thank him for his generous commitment to the congregation and the province.



Meeting with the Abbot Rev. Bernhard Backovsky

I had the great opportunity to have a personal meeting with the Abbot of Kloster Neuburg Rev. Bernhard Backovsky. It was a time of renewal of close association that Kloster Neuburg has with the MSFS Congregation especially with the South West India Province. It was also an opportunity to exchange mutually the future possibilities of closer association and collaboration. I also had the great opportunity, together with our Confreres, to participate in the Feast of St Leopold, which is a great feast conducted in the Monastery in the presence of all the major dignitaries of Political, Religious and Social Arena.



Gratitude

I express my heartfelt gratitude to Fr Joseph Pattarakalayil, the Delegation Superior and to Fr Siby Manickathan, the Delegation Procurator, who meticulously planned out my journey through the length and breadth of Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. I am also very grateful to all our Confreres for their cordiality, love and affection. Let the visitation of the Provincial be a sign of unity and strength of our bonding as brothers in the name of Jesus.

VISITATION TO CHAD-CAMEROON DELEGATION

From the 5th of December to the 21st of December 2019 I had the great joy of making my official visitation to the Chad-Cameroon Delegation. Frs. Riju Vazheparambil and Vinod Kanat also accompanied me during the visitation. For the first time, we flew directly from Bangalore to Adis Ababa, the Capital of Ethiopia as the Ethiopian Airlines started flying from Bangalore. We reached Yaounde around noon on the 5th of December. Fr Manoj Arackal, the Delegation Superior and Fr Joshy Nellimalamattam were there to welcome us.

My visitation consisted of personal meeting with every individual confrere following which the Community meeting. In the community meeting, the common program of the community was evaluated and means and ways of improving our common life-style, ministries and other activities were discussed and suggested. Every community meeting was done together with the Delegation Superior, the Councilor and the Provincial Bursar.

I also had the opportunity to meet with all the Regents personally, and common meeting of the Postulants and the Theologians were held. It was also a time to exchange views and opinions.

Delegation Colloquium

It was a wonderful experience of community living, sharing, discussions, evaluations and planning as all the confreres of the Delegation came together on the 16th and 17th of December 2019 in our Seminary in Ngaoundere. The colloquium began with the evaluation of the Action plan of the previous year. It was appreciatively noted that most of the action plans were put into effect. Thereafter, various aspects



of our religious life, ministries, projects and plans were discussed and evaluated. The provincial and his team also suggested various ways and means to address the common need of the Delegation. As the Delegation is growing, the immediate need for a few more Priests to work in the Delegation, as well as the financial needs, were discussed and evaluated.

The Delegation Colloquium was a sweet occasion of praying together, dining together, playing together and sharing our commonness in spite of the various difficulties that our Confreres encounter in the mission. I thank them for their joyful presence in our growing mission.

The Ministry of Lector and Acolyte

On the 19th of December 2019 I had the privilege of giving the order of Lector and Acolyte to our Brothers. Three of them received the Order of Lector and five of them received the order of Acolyte during the solemn Eucharistic Celebration. It was good to experience the seriousness with which our scholastics accept these ministries and fulfill them in their day to day life. I thank the Rector Fr Sen Vellakada and the Delegation Superior Fr Manoj Arackal for instilling in our scholastics a spirit of missionary thirst and commitment.



Chad-Cameroon Delegation: Towards Further Heights

As it is my fifth visitation to the Chad-Cameroon Delegation I begin to see the future possibilities of this promising Delegation.



- First and foremost, I see the joy of the Missionaries in giving their wholehearted commitment to the growth of the mission in spite of the difficulties of ill-health and climatic conditions.
- The Delegation is progressing very well with various development projects such as the newly begun Boys' Home in Dhoba (Chad) as well as the School there.
- The School in Ngaoundere is taking a new shape with the construction of one more floor to it.

Various plans to improve the standard of this school are being planned out.

- The number of good vocations that we get there is a great sign of the realistic future. If everything goes well by the end of 2023 we will have 13 Priestly Ordinations for the Chad-Cameroon Delegation.
- With a futuristic view, we have already begun sending our Confreres in the Delegation for various specialisations. At present Fr Emil Amougou is doing his doctorate in Spiritual Theology in Rome; Fr Sandeep Tirkey is doing Master's Degree in Spiritual Theology and thereafter he will be attending the specialised Formators' Course and Fr Parfait had been preparing to go to Germany for pastoral ministries. Due to certain problems with the acquiring of the Visa, he was not able to go since one year. It should happen in the near future.
- At the same time, the Delegation needs to be supported with a few more personnel immediately to handle effectively the ministries.

Gratitude

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to Fr Manoj Arackal for his meticulous and effective leadership for the growth of Chad-Cameroon Delegation. Through his affable relationship and constant contact with and visit to our Confreres he has generated a new sense of purpose in the Delegation. I thank him also for the meticulous organisations of the visitation and for accompanying me throughout my journey to each community. I express my gratitude to Fr Sen Vellakada, the Delegation Bursar for the meticulous planning of the financial matters of the Delegation. He makes painstaking efforts to raise funds for various projects of the Delegation through different agencies and benefactors. I thank the Delegation Counselors, Frs. Robin Thonikuzhy, Bipin Xess and Christophe for their collaboration in the administrative matters of the Delegation. Thanks to all the Confreres for their genuine and generous missionary activities for the good of the people they serve as well as for the growth of our Delegation. God Bless Chad-Cameroon Delegation.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATES OF FRANSALIANS

On 22nd December, the meeting of the Associates of the Fransalians was held at Charis Bhavan together with well-wishers, sponsors and members of Crista Familia numbering around 300. The gathering began at 10:30 am



with Holy Rosary led by Bro. Jibin Joy, followed by the Introductory Talk by Fr Kurian Karickal, the Director of Charis Bhavan. The Holy Eucharistic celebration at 11.30 am was presided over by Fr Justin Panachickal and Fr Kurian preached the homily. Fr Jose Parapillil, the Superior of Charis Bhavan gave

the Christmas message and cut the Christmas cake along with all fathers and brothers present there. Fr Kurian Karickal appreciated and encouraged the well-wishers for their generous heart and exhorted and reminded them of the great mission they are involved in supporting the formation of the seminarians. The presence of the scholastics and fathers who were beneficiaries added colour to the programme. It was an occasion of joy, happiness and blessings for all gathered. The meeting concluded with the agape meal.

MSFS YOUTH GATHERING, KARNATAKA

Karnataka SFS Youth of the South-West India province had a very meaningful and fruitful day on the 27th of October 2019, as the youth from several of the MSFS parishes in Karnataka were gathered together at St Francis De Sales Church, Hebbagodi for a day of Youth Festival. About 220 youths were gathered together to rediscover the meaning of Youth in this present age of Social Media and Mobile culture. Pope Francis's Post-Synodal Exhortation to Youth "CHRIST IS ALIVE" was the animating spirit of the Youth Festival. There was a meaningful group discussion on the document.

The Youth Festival began with two hours of Spiritual retreat led by a renowned Charismatic team "Little stars for CHRIST". There were many activities organized for the youth, such as Adoration of Blessed Sacrament along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Rev. Fr Riju Vazhparambil MSFS, the councilor in charge of Innovative Forum, had graciously represented our beloved Provincial Rev. Dr Benny Koottanal, MSFS. In his inaugural address, Fr Riju encouraged the youth to be Christ-like. He also cautioned the youth to be on their guard on the use of Social Media, Mobile and dangerous games that are promoted in our times.



Rev. Fr Joshy Thazhathukunnel MSFS, the parish priest of St Francis de Sales Church, addressed the gathering. Fr D. Robert who celebrated the Solemn Holy Eucharist, offered the Eucharist for the welfare of the youth and their families. The Karnataka SFS Youth Festival 2019 came to an end with prize distribution at 6.30 PM.

SUBHODHANA TRUST

My dear Confreres, I am happy to announce to you that, in order to assist the ministry of Education and to manage the distribution of Stationary, Books and Uniforms in our Schools, we have Registered and Started a new Trust for the Province namely **SUBHODHANA TRUST (Reg. No. BK IV 311/2019-20)**. All the Receipts and Payments of the Stationary, Books and Uniforms distribution/sale in our Schools will be managed through this Trust and will be Accounted and Audited from the coming academic year. The Trust will have its Head Office at the Provincial House and each Educational Institution will be a unit of this Trust. I request the management of each educational institution to take note of this information and to work hand in hand with the Provincial Administration.



PUBLICATION OF THE BOOKS OF CONFRERES

We never lag behind in expressing our inner awareness for the good of the Church and the world at large. Our Confreres, in the recent times, had been innovatively bringing out their knowledge and wisdom in the form of books. We are happy to introduce two more books written by our Confreres:

- **Rev. Fr James Manjackal** has brought out his latest book titled ‘**Ten Moments Jesus Shed His Blood for us**’.
- **Rev. Fr Bijil Chakkiath** has published a book titled ‘**Pathayil Praksham**’

We congratulate our Confreres for their commitment to spread the wisdom of the Word through their writings. These books are available at Charis Bhavan for purchase.

CONGRATULATIONS

- ❖ Congrats to Rev. Fr Maria Lawrence for the reception of the award of 21st Century Educational Leadership by the American Leadership Board.
- ❖ Congrats to Fr Shino Puthusserry for obtaining Government recognition for the Pratheeksha Boys’ Home, Ulickal.

OBITUARY

- **Mr Mathew Karivelymalayil (78)**, Brother In-law of Fr Payattukandathil Thomas died on 11th November, 2019.
- **Sr Ann (76)**, Sister of Fr K. V. Joseph died on 16th November, 2019.
- **Mr Sebastian Mathew Narikunnel (76)**, Uncle of Fr Narikunnel Reji died on 19th November, 2019.
- **Mr Jaykumar (40)**, Brother of Fr Balavendra Jacob died on 10th December, 2019.
- **Mr Paulose Ernat (96)**, Paternal Uncle of Fr Kannadom Joseph died on 20th December, 2019.

We assure you, dear Confreres, the remembrance of your dear ones in our Holy Mass and Prayers

MY SCHEDULE

My dear Confreres, please do take note of the schedule of my program. Different from the previous circular, each new circular would bring in additional changes in my programs as per the need. Please do organize the visitation and other common meetings/programs according to the latest communication.

January 2020

January 1	New Year
January 7-8	Visitation to SFS Seminary Ettumanoor, Meeting the 3rd year Seminarians
January 9	Visitation to Charis Bhavan

January 10	Visitation to MSFS Community Kattappana, meeting with Frs. Jacob Thudipara and Tony Munduchalil
January 11-12	Visitation to ITSSCAT, Vattiyoorkavu Parish and Adoor
January 13-14	Visitation to MSFS Community Aluva *Meeting with Frs. Paul Aranjanil, Zacharias Cherackal & Chacko Ottalankal
January 15	Visitation to Atmajyothi Community Pattikad
January 16	Meeting the Postulants of SWIP in MSFS Seminary, Vadakancherry
January 18	School Annual Day – SFS CBSE Hebbagodi
January 19	Council Meeting
January 21-22	Mid-Year evaluation of the Regents at Vinayalaya
January 22	Inauguration and Blessing of the new school building at Anthoninagara & School annual day
January 24	Feast of St Francis de Sales – Festal Mass at Vinayalaya
Jan. 27-Feb.1	Classes for Diploma Students of IIS

February 2020

February 3-8	Visitation to Tejas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes in Tejas on Eucharist • Meeting with the Staff & Students
February 6	Golden Jubilee Celebration of Mermier Bhavan Community
February 10	Visitation to Sannidhi
February 11	Visitation to Soumya Sadan
February 12	Visitation to MSFS Community Kuvempunagar
February 16	Council Meeting
February 17-21	Classes for the MTh Students of IIS
February 17	Diaconate Ordination at Tejas
February 23-29	Retreat for the Presentation Sisters (DPMT) in Hyderabad

March 2020

March 1	Major Superiors Meeting in the Bangalore Archdiocese
March 3	Visitation to Kadasanahalli, Sidlghatta, Chintamani
March 4	Visitation to Srinivaspur
March 5	Visitation to SFS PU College Kolar, ITI, Kolar Parish
March 6	Visitation to Malur
March 7	Visitation to Gokunte
March 9-10	Meeting the Brothers of South West India Province in Suvidya College
March 15	Council Meeting

April 2020

April 25	Council Meeting
April 27	Ordination of Dn Kelvin Olikunnel at St Francis Assisi Church, Adukkalakandam, Archdiocese of Thalassery
April 28	Ordination of Dn Bibin Kelimattathil at St Mary's Church, Mangode, Archdiocese of Thalassery

May 2020

May 3-9	Retreat for the Presentation Sisters (DPMT) in Perinthalmanna
May 12- 23	Visitation to Australia

May 26	Council Meeting
May 28	Perpetual Profession and Renewal of Vows at Tejas Vidya Peetha
May 30	Initiation to Novitiate at MSFS Novitiate, Makkiad
May 31	First Profession at MSFS Novitiate, Makkiad

June 2020

June 1-10	Visitation to the Philippines: First Profession, Meeting with the Confreres, Delegation Colloquium and planning
June 12	PIF Meeting and General Body and Governing Body Meeting of Suvidya College
June 13	Inauguration of Suvidya Academic Year
June 15-16	Visitation to Mermier Bhavan Community, Parish Community and Boys' Home Community at Hebbagodi
June 20	Council Meeting
June 22	Visitation to MSFS Community Koppal
June 23	Visitation to MSFS Community Kuknoor
June 24	Visitation to MSFS Community Mundargi
June 25	Visitation to MSFS Community Savanur
June 26	Visitation to MSFS Community Shiralakoppa and the Parish of Thandagunde

VOICE OF SFS

“Here we are at the end of the old year; tomorrow will be the beginning of the new. We must bless the Lord for the many graces we have received. May it please God that by means of these fleeting years we may happily arrive at the permanent year of a blessed eternity! Let us make good use of these small passing moments, living them out in that kindness and humility which Jesus, right from the time He was a child, taught us.” (Letters 883; O. XV, p. 315)

Fraternally,



Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS
Provincial