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**Rev. Fr Aloysius Kuzhuppillil MSFS
1965-2023**

A EULOGY TO A BELOVED CONFRERE

Right at the early hours of this morning, on March 24, 2023 we were confronted with the shocking and extremely sad news of the untimely death of Rev. Fr Aloysius Kuzhuppillil. We were indeed aware of the fact that Fr Aloysius was not keeping that well even after recovering from a stroke that he suffered two years ago. In fact due to his deteriorating health, he was relieved from his responsibility as the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Sidlaghatta and was appointed to the community at Chintamani for rest and relaxation. But on 17th March, 2023 he had to be rushed to St John's Hospital due to multiple complications. He was diagnosed with serious lung infection and several other complications and was tested Covid Positive too. As was informed earlier, he had to be put on ventilator and his health condition, although remained reasonably stable, did not show much improvement. Then, during the early hours of 24th March, he suffered cardiac arrest due to Covid pneumonia and went to his eternal rest at 7.30 am.

My dear confreres, in Fr Aloysius we have lost a pioneering and zealous missionary, charming and cheerful companion, loyal and committed confrere, and above all a wonderful human being. As we struggle to come to terms with this terrible loss, our minds are being flooded with memories, memories that remind us what a wonderful person he has been. A great part of his priestly life, he spent in the difficult mission centres of our province. He was a pioneering missionary in the northern parts of Karnataka, Mundargi in Belgaum Diocese and Munirabad in Bellary. Staying in a rented house for years, he formed the catholic community in Mundargi and initiated the ministry of education there. Be it in facing alien situations, fighting loneliness, putting up with inconveniences and wants of every kind, confronting antagonism and opposition from other religious forces, he remained focussed, cheerful, and passionate about his missionary commitment. He readily immersed himself into the local culture, informed himself of their customs and traditions, learned their language and dialects so well, that he was always at home everywhere be it in North Karnataka, Hebbagodi or Kolar Mission. He was an eminently effective pastor, serving the people under his care in humility with compassion and love. He had a unique way of touching the lives of people and making strangers into friends. His influence and legacy is so vibrant that in every community he served – be it a parish, a school, a formation house, or a children's home -- all fondly and lovingly recall the several encounters with him and the innumerable ways he touched their lives. He was an inspiration to many and will be remembered for his selfless devotion and commitment towards helping others. As a confrere, he was at home in every community and every member. Very amiable and friendly in approach, he had a special knack to avoid situations of discord and confrontation. He found joy in helping others and creating an atmosphere that is conducive for true fraternal life. At this juncture, as we are compelled bid adieu to our beloved confrere, Fr Aloysius, let us take a brief glance at his life and field of activities.

Rev. Fr Aloysius Kuzhuppillil Son of Mathew and Annakutty was born on May 28, 1965 at Mankuzhi, Udumbannoor. He completed his schooling at St Thomas L.P. School, Ezhanikootam and St Joseph's H.S., Karimannoor. Having completed the Pre-degree Course(PDC) at St Joseph's PU College, Karimannoor Fr Aloysius joined SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor in the year 1985. He made his First Profession on July 16, 1988 at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam. He finished his

philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore, from 1988 to 1991. He did his regency at Vinayakumar Estate, Nilambur, from 1991 to 1992. He completed his theology at JDV, Pune from 1992 to 1995. He made his Perpetual Profession on June 14, 1994 at Fransalianum, Pune and was ordained a deacon on January 15, 1995 at Fransalianum, Pune. He was ordained a priest on 31, December 1995 at St Sebastian's Church, Udumbannoor.

Appointments

1996 : Assistant at PSI Seva Bhavan, Malur

1996-1997: Assistant Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Shimoga

1997-1998: Boarding in-charge at Mermier Bhavan, Hebbagodi

1998-2001: Procurator of Suvidya College, Bangalore, the common philosophate of the MSFS

2001-2007: Superior at MSFS House, Mundaragi

2007-2011: Parish Priest at SFS Church and Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Hebbagodi

2011-2013: Superior & Parish Priest at MSFS House, Koppal

2013-2018: Parish Priest at St. Mary's Church, Kolar

2018-2020: Superior, Principal, Parish Priest & Mission in Charge at MSFS House, Kuknoor

2020-2021: Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Church, Sidlaghatta

2021-2023: Community Member at MSFS House, Chintamani

Tomorrow, on the 25th of March 2023, the mortal remains of Fr Aloysius Kuzhuppillil will be brought to SFS Parish church, Hebbagodi and the Funeral mass will begin at 2. 30 pm. **His Grace, Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore Archdiocese** will preside over the funeral mass. As we, my dear Confreres, commend our beloved Confrere to the loving hands of our heavenly Father, let us gratefully cherish the several ways that he touched and enriched our lives while he was with us. With hearts filled with gratitude and love let us wish in unison: **ADIEU DEAR FR ALOYSIUS KUZHUPPILLIL.**

VOICE OF SFS

"Pray to God and cast yourself into His arms. O my God, take me into Thy care on that terrible day; may all other days be sad if only that single day will be a happy one!"

Fraternally,



Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS
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