

# MISSIONARIES OF ST.FRANCIS DE SALES – MSFS

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**My Dear Confreres,**



The month of October is dedicated to the devotion of the Holy Rosary. This powerful prayer has fought heresies, brought about renewal and helped spiritual growth in the Church down through the centuries. Mother Mary was entrusted with the task of taking care of the believers represented in St. John, the beloved disciple, at the foot of the Cross. She has accepted this responsibility entrusted to her by her Son very seriously. She assiduously makes her presence felt in different parts of the world, through apparitions, visions and inspirations. Our Holy Founder, Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, was an ardent devotee of Mother Mary. In his death bed he made a vow to Mother Mary that he would visit her shrine in La Salette, if he recovered from his illness and Mother Mary miraculously healed him and our Founder fulfilled his vow. He has placed before us, the members

of the Missionary family, the inspiring example of Mother of Compassion, standing at the foot of the Cross. In this month of the Holy Rosary, let us contemplate Mother Mary in this incomparable devotion of meditating the different mysteries of Our Lord and become true missionaries like Mother Mary.

### **1. Brief Reports on the Forum Meetings in the Province**

As announced earlier, the different Forums in the Province held their meetings with the General Secretary of the respective Forums. The Social and Innovative Forum could not hold its meeting as the General Councillor was recovering from surgery. A meeting of all the Provincial bursars with the General bursar was held at Vinayalaya on 5-6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2013.

#### **A. Mission Forum Meeting with General Councillor In-charge of Mission**

A meeting of the Mission Forum of the South West India Province along with General Councillor in-charge of Mission, Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, was organized on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 at Vinayalaya. The meeting was well attended with 30 confreres from Kerala and Karnataka along with the General Secretary and the Provincial. The first session, animated by Fr. Agnelo, enlightened on a contextual and Salesian understanding of our Mission. In the sessions that followed the draft document 'MSFS Parish and MSFS Pastor' was presented and discussed in depth. The sessions on the second day focused on the

implementation of the Action plan of the Provincial Congress 2013 and the Directives of the 19<sup>th</sup> General Chapter on the role of the Mission Forum and the ways and means of concretely executing it. Rev Fr. Provincial was present for the sessions to guide and clarify Forum concerns. The meeting concluded with a discussion on making the Mission Forum more effective and presenting a forecast of the Forum works in the future by the Provincial Councillor in-charge.

**Fr. Vinod Kanat**

## **B. Education Forum Meeting with General Councillor In-charge of Education**

South West India Province's (SWIP) Education Forum meeting with General Councillor in-charge of Education was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The meeting was attended by the General Councillor in-charge of education, the Provincial, and 23 members of the SWIP's Education Forum. The meeting reviewed the progress and the challenges faced in the apostolate of education and it proposed a way forward in the Fransalian way for education in the light of the new constitutions and new governance. Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial, very strongly underlined the need of our educational institutions' pastoral focus in imparting knowledge to the students. He reemphasised that Fransalian vision and mission should be reflected in the mission and ministry of the apostolate of education. He also noted that resources and facilities in the campuses could be shared to circumvent undue investments. In the keynote address the General Councillor in-charge of education, Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil, commended SWIP Education Forum for their excellent work in the ministry of education of the Congregation. He reiterated the need for educational leadership with reliability and predictability, as it calls for personal, academic and organisational leadership. The meeting also analysed the proposals, policies, and reports of the previous Regional and Province level Education Forum meetings. Discussions over the course of the day focused on the profile of a Fransalian Principal, the profile of a DeSalite and the profile of Fransalian Educational Institutions.

**Fr. Roy Plathottathil**

## **C. Formators Forum Meeting with General Councillor In-charge of Formation**

The Formators Forum meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2013. There were ten formators present for the meeting from our different formation houses in the Province along with Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello, the General Councillor in-charge of formation, Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial and Rev. Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil, the Councillor in-charge of formation. The two days discussions focused on making our formation better, so as to equip the youngsters to fit themselves for the future ministry of the Congregation. General Councillor in charge of Formation emphasised on **Graded formation** so as to avoid overlapping in the subjects taught in the different stages of formation. To facilitate this objective it was decided to have a meeting to plan a common syllabus for the first three stages of formation. Rev. Fr. Provincial, in his address, called the attention of the formators to train the youngsters to set their minds on mission during the formation years. He also urged the formators to update themselves as and when possible by attending some short courses on formation. 'Grow in Salesian virtues to become more human and approachable to the formees' was the call of Fr. Noel Rebello to the formators.

**Fr. Balavendra Jacob**

## **D. The Local Superiors' Forum Meeting**

A gathering of the Local Superiors' Forum, along with General Councillor in-charge Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes and the Provincial was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The meeting was attended by almost all the local superiors of the Province.

Fr. Agnelo, who animated the sessions, remarked that we have sufficient indicators of the role of the local Superior in our MSFS Constitutions and General Directory. Role is possible to be exercised only when the members, including the local Superior, understand the vocation of those who constitute local community to community living. Failure to understand the vocation to community living has led to a string of problems and difficulties in community living. At times there is witness to disunity, disobedience, authoritarianism, scandal and consequently ineffectiveness in mission.

First Session, based on the topic "The Local Superior in the context of our vocation to community living", enlightened on the following concerns: Understanding the vocation to community living and basic requirements on the part of every member; ongoing self-formation to community living; the Christic and Salesian characteristic of Local Superior Leadership: a search towards a Profile of the MSFS Local Superior; and problematic situations and understanding them with a view to find the right solutions. The other sessions were mainly based on the topics: Self-Formation for community living, some do's and don't's for local superiors; towards a profile of a "Live Jesus – Salesian prophetic leadership", and the introduction and discussion on the Profile of a MSFS Local Superior.

The concluding session was animated by Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial, who enlightened on the role and functions of a Local Superior in Community Life. The instructions given to Local Superiors after the Community based retreat was reviewed and its implementation at community level was discussed. The meeting concluded with a discussion on proposals for follow-up.

**Fr. Binoy Kuzhuppil**

## **E. Stewardship Forum Meeting**

The Stewardship forum meeting of the South West India Province will be held at Vinayalaya on **12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013** from 9 am to 5 pm. This is a very important meeting for all the local bursars in the Province as there will be training sessions for them according to the new directives from the Home Ministry and Income Tax. All the superiors and bursars should take note of this date and superiors should ensure that the procurator attends this meeting without fail. Fr. Joby Mattathil and Fr. Jikson Cheravelil are appointed as the new secretaries to the Stewardship Forum.

## **F. Social and Innovative Forum Meeting**

Social and Innovative Forum will hold its meeting with the General Secretary on **13<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**. It will be held at Vinayalaya from 9 am to 5 pm. All members of this Forum are expected to participate in it without fail.

## G. Members of the Forums

The following members belong to the below mentioned Forums in the Province:

Fr. Conrad Sebastian	-	Superiors' Forum / Mission Forum
Fr. Francis Kizhakkethazhe	-	Superiors' Forum / Mission Forum
Fr. Jose Kokkandathil	-	Mission Forum / Stewardship Forum
Fr. Jacob Thudipara	-	Superiors' Forum / Mission Forum / Innovative Forum / Stewardship Forum
Fr. Saji Vadakkedath	-	Superiors' Forum / Stewardship Forum / Innovative Forum
Fr. Mijo Kulamkuthiyil	-	Stewardship Forum / Innovative Forum
Fr. Johnny Puthiapampil	-	Stewardship Forum / Innovative Forum
Fr. Chennakattukunnel Thomas	-	Superiors' Forum / Innovative Forum
Fr. Joy Vazhappillil	-	Superiors' Forum / Stewardship Forum / Innovative Forum
Fr. Vinod Kanat	-	Mission Forum / Stewardship Forum
Fr. D. Robert	-	Mission Forum / Stewardship Forum / Innovative Forum
Fr. Salvador Fernandes	-	Superiors' Forum / Mission Forum / Stewardship Forum
Fr. Jaison Kollarayath	-	Formation Forum / Stewardship Forum
Fr. Jose Karekatt	-	Innovative Forum / Stewardship Forum
Fr. Benny Marangolil	-	Educational Forum / Stewardship Forum
Fr. Dijo Koikkara	-	Preachers Forum / Formators' Forum

## 2. Hearty Congratulations to the New Provincials!

The Superior General has announced the election of the following new Provincials:

**Rev. Fr. Antony Dharmaraj** is reelected for a second term as the Provincial of the South East India Province for a term of 3 years with effect from January 24, 2014.

**Rev. Fr. George Panthammackal** is elected as the Provincial of the North East India Province for a term of 3 years with effect from January 24, 2014.

We extend our prayerful greetings, congratulations and good wishes to the new Provincials as well as to all the confreres of both the Provinces.

## 3. The First Congress of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales USA Vice Province:

The first ever Vice Provincial Congress of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales, USA Vice Province was held from the evening of Monday, August 26, 2013 to 12:00 noon on Friday, August 30, 2013 at Wellspring, Fransalian Center for Spirituality in Tyler, Texas.

Forty one of the forty nine confreres in ministry in USA participated in the Congress. The occasion was graced by the presence and active participation of Rev. Fr. Thumma Mariadas, Assistant General.

The deliberations, discussions, sharing, and discernment centered on the main theme of the Assembly, "I want Mission: The Pastoral, Prophetic and Spiritual dimensions of our Mission in USA". Papers and reflections on the theme were presented by Fr. Augustine Tharappel, Vice Provincial. The congress was well attended and participated. There was a feeling of being together as brothers in mission and ministry as Fransalians. Confreres present took active part in all the proceedings and the general feedback on the process was very positive.

### **Vice Provincial Administration**

The Assembly elected two councillors from the permanent members, two Advisers from the short-term members and a bursar from the permanent members for the Vice Provincial administration.

Fr. Joseph Mullakkara	Councillor
Fr. Luke Kalarickal	Councillor & Admonitor
Fr. Tomy Joseph Puliyanampattayil	Adviser
Fr. Santy Kurian Kochupurackal	Adviser
Fr. Joseph Pottemmel	Bursar

We wish Fr. Augustine Tharappel, the Vice Provincial, the Vice-Province Administration and all the permanent and short-term members of the U.S.A. Vice-Province God's abundant blessings and our prayerful wishes!

### **4. The Quartoseptcentennial Celebrations in Suvidya College**



The concluding of the Quartoseptcentennial Celebrations of our Congregation was held at Suvidya, the Inter-Provincial Institute for Philosophy, on September 23, 2013. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by His Excellency Salvatore Pennacchio, the Apostolic Nuncio to India and concelebrated by over 175 priests. At the auspicious outset, Dr. George Panthanmackel, the Rector of Suvidya College, introduced and welcomed the dignitaries. The Indian lamp was lit to symbolize the presence of God. Immediately after the mass the colourful cultural evening began. The welcome speech was delivered by Rev. Dr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial of South West India Province. The various cultural items and power-point presentations were enchanting and informative because both echoed the need of our missions and the status of our provinces. The speeches by his Excellency Salvatore Pennacchio, Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Viruthukulangara, the Archbishop of Nagpur and Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, the Archbishop of Bangalore, were very inspirational as they focused and emphasized on new insights and advices for the effectiveness of our continued existence as MSFS in the world. The messages by Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvelil and Rev. Fr. Angelo Fernandes reminded the gathering of the great legacy of MSFS and the daring steps of our pioneering missionaries. The celebrations were concluded with the grand dinner. Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil, the General Councillor in-charge of

the Jubilee celebration, delivered the vote of thanks. The exhibition on the Congregation, the decorations, the presence of number of invited guests which included religious sisters from the neighbouring communities and lay benefactors of the Congregation, the melodious choir and the hard work of fathers and brothers of Suvidya College contributed to the beauty and success of the day.

**Bro. Tony Thomas Mundachalil**

## **5. Jubilee Year Conclusion: Superior General's Exhortation**

Very Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, our Superior General in his letter to the Provincials, Superiors of Region and Delegations, he has exhorted us to conclude the Jubilee Year in a distinct manner: "We are in the last month of a historical year of our Congregation (1838-2013) celebrating 175th birthday. We have been preparing in varied ways to celebrate this year of Jubilee.... To mark the conclusion of the Jubilee Year, I invite all of us to declare **October 24th** as a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving to the Lord who has called us to our beloved Congregation. I suggest to all the Major Superiors and Superiors of Region and Delegations to instruct every community and mission center: i) To set apart either October 24th or any day convenient for confreres as a day of prayer (to come together as Apostolic Community or Local Community and spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the Congregation, remembering our confreres who have gone ahead of us for their eternal reward) and reminding ourselves of our MSFSness. ii) To make sure that in our Parishes and Schools and centers of Ministries, we celebrate our Jubilee with the people and students entrusted to our pastoral care." Let us respond to this invitation with gratitude for all that has been for us as a religious and missionary congregation during the past 175 years.

## **6. Mozambique Mission**

Mozambique mission was raised to the status of Delegation under Nagpur Province on August 19, 2013 and Fr. Petrus Kullu is appointed the first Delegation Superior. Hearty congratulations and prayerful wishes to Fr. Petrus and all the members in the Delegation!

## **7. Provincial Vicar**

I will be making the visitation of the Philippines Delegation from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. In my absence Fr. Henry Jose Kodukuthiyil will be the Provincial Vicar and you can contact him for any matters of urgent concern.

## **8. Purchase of Land in Shimoga, Hebbagodi and Kothamangalam**

The Province has purchased and registered a good plot of land in Shimoga in view of the implantation of the Congregation in that part of the Karnataka mission. I would like to thank Fr. Tony Eranyakulathil for his untiring effort in finding the appropriate land and doing the negotiation with the party on behalf of the province. I thank Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel, the Provincial Bursar, for his tireless efforts in making the registration possible. The province also has registered two third of the land we have purchased at Electronics City and one portion of land has got certain litigation to be settled and it will be resolved soon. I would like to place on record the wholehearted efforts of Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil in finding this land and doing all the negotiations for making the registration possible. The Kothamangalam land is yet to be registered and we hope to do it by the end of October, 2013. I thank Fr. Jose

Parappillil and Fr. Joby Mattathil for their valuable services in resolving the matters and arranging the process of registration.

## 9. Update on Kolar Degree College - P.U. College at Kolar

The Provincial Council which met at Vinayalaya on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 has decided to suspend the continuing of the Degree College in Kolar after making very serious study on its viability. The provincial council had gone to Kolar to be part of the Apostolic Community meeting there to discuss this matter with the confreres working in Kolar District. The province will have to paralyze all its other financial activities and investments if we want to continue with the College in Kolar. Moreover, there is no guarantee to assure the number of students to our Degree College there. The unanimous decision of the Council is to go for a P.U. College in Kolar and the work is in progress. We hope to begin with the first batch of students of the P.U. in the next academic year. The 24 students of the present Degree College in Kolar will be integrated into SFS College at Hebbagodi. I would like to thank sincerely Fr. Sudeep Paul and Fr. Vinod Kanat for making this smooth transition possible and I place on record the hard work done by Fr. Sudeep in getting all the legal formalities done for this venture.

## 10. Appointments

**Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil** is appointed to the SFS Vidyashram Community, Aluva with effect from August 1, 2013.

**Fr. Conrad Sebastian** is appointed as Superior of SFS Parish Community, Hebbagodi with effect from July 3, 2013. He is also appointed as Manager of SFS High School (English Medium), SFS High School (Kannada Medium) SFS Public School (ICSE) and SFS P.U. College with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 2013.

**Fr. Dijo Koikkara** is appointed as Vice-Rector and Disciplinarian of SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2013.

**Fr. Crasta Herold Christopher** is appointed as Superior of Mermier Bhavan Community with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

**Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel** is appointed as Acting Superior of Vinayalaya Community with effect from October 1, 2013.

**Fr. Tony Eranyakulathil** is appointed as Programme Co-ordinator of Vinayalaya Community with effect from October 1, 2013.

**Fr. Johny Kanjiramparambil** is appointed as the Vocation Co-ordinator of the Mananthavady, Sulthan Bathery region with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

**Fr. Majish Vallisserikettil** is appointed as the Vocation co-ordinator of the Malabar region in Kerala with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

**Fr. Ekka Anand** is appointed as the Vocation co-ordinator of the North India with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

**Fr. J. Pangiraj** is appointed as the Vocation Co-ordinator of Udupi- Kharwar-Mangalore region with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

**Fr. A. Antony Sathiya Seelan** is appointed as the Vocation Co-ordinator of Tamil Nadu and North Karnataka with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

All these Vocation coordinators will work in consultation and collaboration with the two existing Vocation Promoters, Fr. Jose Puthukary in Kerala and Fr. Selvaraj in Karnataka.

**Fr. Joby Mattathil and Fr. Jikson Cheravelil** are appointed as Secretaries to the Stewardship Forum, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

**Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil** is at our community at Adoor for rest and treatment.

**Fr. George Rosario** is back to the Province and he is residing at PSI Sevagram Community at Kengeri.

**Fr. K.V. Joseph** is at Vinayalaya for rest and treatment.

## 11. New Apostolic Community Conveners and Secretaries

SL. NO	APOSTOLIC COMMUNITY	CONVENER	SECRETARY
1	Bangalore North Apostolic Community	Fr. Mathew Mamala	Fr. Philip Valakodiyil
2	Bangalore South Apostolic Community	Fr. Santhosh Kumar	Fr. Subin Puzhakkara
3	Kolar Apostolic Community	Fr. Saju Vilachirayil	Fr. Sudeep Paul
4	North Karnataka Apostolic Community	Fr. Ekka Francis	Fr. P. Maria Lawrence
5	Mysore Apostolic Community	Fr. Joseph Pulpara	Fr. Joseph Kannadom
6	Ettumanoor Apostolic Community	Fr. Jose Maliekal	Fr. Jais Mecheril
7	Kannur Apostolic Community	Fr. Shaju Arackal	Fr. Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil

## 12. Bon Voyage

**Fr. Binoy John Kurakalayil**, has left for USA on September 4, 2013 to pursue his Post-graduate studies at DeSales University. Fr. Binoy was rendering his service as the Principal of SFS Public School and Junior College. We make use of this opportunity to thank Fr. Binoy for the wonderful service he has done and wish him all the best for his studies.

**Fr. Thomas Moongamakkal** has left for Chad – Cameroon mission on September 10, 2013 to render his service in the Diocese of Buea. Fr. Thomas will be rendering pastoral services in the Anglophone area of Cameroon. The entire province thanks Fr. Thomas for his generosity and readiness to work in the Chad – Cameroon Mission. We wish you God's abundant blessings in the new ministry.

**Fr. D. Jeevan Prasad** has left for Belgium for his studies in Sacred Scripture at Leuven on September 18, 2013. He was rendering his service as the Director of PSI, Malur. We appreciate your dedicated service in the ministry of social apostolate and wish you all the best in your studies.

**Fr. Anthony Swamy and Fr. John Melukunnel** have left for pastoral ministry in the diocese of Harrisburg, USA on September 27, 2013. I thank Fr. Antony Swamy for his committed service to the Province as educator and pastor in the past years and wish him God's abundant blessings in the pastoral ministry and studies. I thank Fr. John for putting his entire self for the development of Mundargi SFS School during his tenure as Principal. We wish you every success in your new assignment as associate pastors in the diocese of Harrisburg.

**Fr. Erudaya Raja and Fr. Prince Kurian** have reached UK safe and sound on October 3, 2013. They have been sent to the English Province for pastoral work and studies as part of the agreement the South West India Province has with the English Province under the instruction of the General Council. I thank Fr. Prince Kurian for his dedicated services to the Province as Provincial secretary under three provincials. I thank Fr. Erudaya Raja for his hard work and dedicated service in the capacity as Superior and Principal of SFS School Malur. We wish you God's abundant blessings in the new ministry.

**Fr. Binoy Kuzhuppil** will leave for Philippines on October 19, 2013 early in the morning. He will be part of the Philippines delegation for five years during which he will pursue his studies and will be appointed as Rector at the Scholasticate in Amadeo. The province community thanks Fr. Binoy for his generosity and readiness to work in the Philippines Delegation. I thank Fr. Binoy personally for all the dedicated services he rendered to the Vinayalaya community as superior and programme coordinator. We wish you God's abundant blessings on your study and in the new ministry!

### 13. Change of Address

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#### 14. Promotion to Priesthood

Our deacons at TEJAS are promoted to priesthood. Please pray for them as they are preparing for their comprehensive exam, diaconate ministry, retreat, and ordination. We wish them our prayerful support at this important moment in their life.

SL. NO	NAME	DATE OF ORDINATION	PLACE
1	Pereira Santosh	27.12.2013	Our Lady of Miracles Church, Haliyal, Karwar Diocese.
2	Parayankunnel Shinto	28.12.2013	St. Thomas Church, Chittarickal, Kasargod
3	Pallassery Sujith	30.12.2013	Infant Jesus church, Navoor, Belthangady
4	Padikkara Nelson	01.01.2014	Little Flower Forane Church, Vellari kundu
5	R. Bartholomew	04.01.2014	St. Francis De Sales Church, Hebbagodi
6	J. Periyamayagam & Joseph Charles	07.01.2014	St. Joseph's Church, Valan Nagar, Kollegal, Chamrajanagar

#### 15. Promotion to Perpetual Profession

**Bro. Jose Thuruthipallil and Bro. Aneesh Enthungal:**

These two brothers are part of the Chad-Cameroon Mission and are doing their theological studies at Friebourg, Switzerland. They are promoted to Perpetual Profession. They will come to India in December 2013 for the preparation, Salesian Retreat and for their Perpetual Profession which will be on **12<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**, 5.30 pm. at Vinayalaya, Malleswaram, Bangalore. We congratulate them and welcome them into the South West India Province and to the Family of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, as permanent members!

#### 16. Update on Confreres who are Sick

**Fr. James Manjackal:** He is making steady progress in his recovery and he has been moved to the home of Dr. Richard in Germany. Fr. James can now use the mobile phone to attend calls and to make calls. He is responding to the treatment very positively. Dr. Richi has adapted his own house into a rehabilitation centre to treat Fr. James and he and Gaby are taking very personal care of Fr. James. I would like to thank sincerely Dr. Richi and Gaby for the dedicated care and love for Fr. James and the province family is very grateful to them for their love and care for Fr. James. Let us continue to intensify our prayers for the complete recovery of Fr. James.

**Fr. Joseph Thayil:** He was in the Carithas hospital till recently and now he is brought back to the SFS Seminary. He shows steadiness and his condition is stable. His physical health is weak and the condition of his heart continues to be the same. Some days he is able to read the news paper and to go to the community parlor with the help of brothers. Let us continue to raise up our fervent prayers for Fr. Thayil and entrust him to the loving care of God. I sincerely thank the SFS Seminary Rector and Community for their patient and loving care of Fr. Thayil in his illness.

**Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhiyil:** He is continuing with his Chemotherapy these days. He is at Mermier Bhavan Community at Hebbagodi. He is cheerful and responds to the medicine positively. At times he has vomits and feels tired and weak. Kindly continue to offer our fervent prayers for the complete recovery of Fr. Raison. I sincerely thank the Mermier Bhavan Community for the wonderful care and loving support given to Fr. Raison in moments of his illness.

### **17. Philippines Earthquake**

The 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck the central island of Bohol on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, triggering landslides that engulfed entire homes, ripping apart bridges and tearing down centuries-old churches. Let us express our closeness with prayers and solidarity to all the victims of this disaster, to all who are suffering especially to the family of Bro. Jundie Sumagaysay, our scholastic in the Philippines Delegation whose house had been partially damaged in the quake.

### **18. Let us Pray for the Departed**

**Fr. Prabhudas Kujur** of the Nagpur Province passed away on September 29, 2013 at the age of 50.

**Fr. Ignatius Puthur** (Visakapatanam Province) uncle of Fr. Shaju Arackal passed away at Mermier Bhavan, Vadakkumcherry on October 2, 2013 at the age of 69.

**Kindly favour our departed confreres with the suffrages prescribed in our Constitution**

Let us pray for **Mr. Chacko** maternal grandfather of Fr. Jaison Kollarayath who passed away on September 16, 2013.

### **My Programme :**

#### **October 2013**

19 – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Visit of Philippines Delegation

#### **November 2013**

- 5 Returning from the Philippines
- 7-10 CRI National Meeting, Guwahatti
- 12 Stewardship Forum Meeting, Vinayalaya
- 13 Social and Innovative Forum Meeting, Vinayalaya
- 16-17 Council Meeting, Vinayalaya

18-20 Visit to Mysore Communities, Meeting with Bishop of Mysore  
23-25 Visits of Parishes in Kerala

### **December 2013**

1 International Seminar on Carmelite Spirituality, Dharmaram, Bangalore  
2 Meeting Deacons at Kengeri  
8 Visitation of IIS, Rajajinagar, Bangalore  
11-12 Blessing of the Church at Hubli  
15 DIPR Meeting, Suvidya, Bangalore  
19 SFS Public School Anniversary – Ettumanoor  
21 SFS Public School Anniversary – Hebbagodi  
21-22 Council Meeting, Vinayalaya  
23 CRI Meeting, Bangalore  
27 Priestly Ordination of Dn. Santhosh Pereira  
28 Priestly Ordination of Dn. Shinto Parayankunnel  
30 Priestly Ordination of Dn. Sujith Pallassery

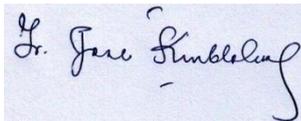
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1 Priestly Ordination of Dn. Nelson Padikkara  
4 Priestly Ordination of Dn. Bartholomew  
7 Priestly Ordination of Dn. Joseph Charles and Dn. Periyamayagam  
9-10 Council Meeting, Vinayalaya  
12 Perpetual Profession of Bro. Jose and Bro. Aneesh, Vinayalaya

### **Salesian Thought**

*“I must not speak of the individual blessings which grace has deigned to work in me during this year’s trial. Suffice it to say that I was commended to our Lady of La Salette. As soon as I was told of my vow, I thanked God and our Lady, impatiently awaiting the first favourable opportunity of fulfilling it. This I have just done at some risk, since I am still not completely cured”* (Venerable Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, *Monsieur Mermier 1790-1862*, (Adrian Duval), SFS Publications, Bangalore, 1985 p. 272)

**Fraternally in Christ,**

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**Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal MSFS  
Provincial Superior**