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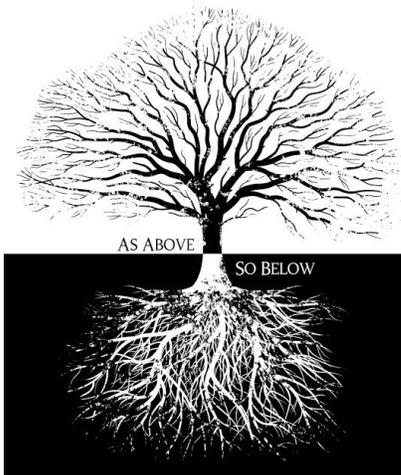
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My dear Confreres,

Fraternal greetings to you from Fr. Benny Koottanal. **On the 24th of October we are celebrating the 180th Birth Day of our Congregation.** It is in fact a historical moment as we are going to commence the XXth General Chapter from the 1st to the 13th February 2019. It leads us to a natural reflection of the founding spirit of Fr. Mermier, our beloved Founder, who inspires us to follow Jesus through the Spirit and Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Our Superior General has invited all of us to participate in this General Chapter with the thrust theme: **MSFS - Wake Up to the Basics.** Those basics are our **Consecrated Life in Community, Mission, MSFSness and Salesian Spirituality.** Let us reflect on the first basic concept, **Consecrated Life in Community.**

MSFS – Wake Up to Consecrated Life in Community



My dear Confreres, Spirituality is at the heart of Community Life. We can say that Spirituality is a way we undergo the presence of God and others in this world. It has to do with Faith, relationships, reflection, the moral fiber of our lives as well as awe and wonder at the being of others. Just as spirituality has many definitions, so does community life. There are a few essential qualities of healthy religious communities. They are:

a) Commitment to a Spiritual Journey - Walking Together

Every religious Commitment is rooted in prayer and reflection. It mirrors the continual unfolding of the response to the initial call to the spiritual journey to be taken with others. Four factors are common elements of commitment to a life that seeks deeper relationships and works for a more peaceful and coherent community life, such as **working for the common good, appreciating the giftedness of each person, participating in meals and being nurtured by each other and being open to share everything we have.**

As we all experience there are times on the journey where the road is unclear and where the road has many twists and turns. **The spiritual journey in religious life is always a wilderness zone.** It is here the importance of the community emerges. One of the gifts we have in the community life is accessibility to spiritual resources. We are encouraged to explore, discover and rediscover the ever expanding and life-giving death into life-reality with others. **Teilhard de Chardin** reminds us: *Let us leave the surface and without leaving the world let us plunge into God* (Teilhard de Chardin, *Divine Milieu*, p. 92).

b) Common Good

Commitment to Community living does not look primarily at what is in it for me. It has an element of an unconditional promise to work for the good of the whole. It is a commitment to belong with the expectation of mutual support and affection (MSFS Constitutions #85). The hallmark of committed communities is having conversations that matter, often moving away from problem solving and fears. Instead, our conversations should be around the growing awareness of the "Universe Story". **Pope Francis** challenges us to look very broadly at the common good and to understand all creation as a loving gift and as a 'reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion' (*Laudato Si* #76).

c) Hospitality

Authentic spirituality nudges the community to be open to each person and her/his strength. Hospitality, not only welcoming those outside of the community, but also being very open to those within the community, is an essential mark of a vibrant community (MSFS Constitutions #84). **Creating space for different personalities, diverse**

opinions, unusual world-views and various modes of operation can be challenging. Hospitality creates space for variations that can bring about new thinking and innovative action.

d) Common Meal

Sharing meals and good conversation is life-giving and can transform a waning community into a vibrant one, where the blessing of food is a memory jogger for all the gifts we have received. **It is living the pattern of the Eucharist – gathering the folks, sharing the stories and breaking the bread.** It is at meal times when we can share our disappointments, our hopes and dreams and our concerns about things we may have no control over. Meal can be time when isolation fades and the human pain of disconnection recedes. Communities, together at the meals, thrive on the commitment to share what matters and to listen well to the sorrows, hopes and dreams of others – it creates a true web of communal relationships.

e) Holding All Things in Common

Living out the practice of the Early Church (*Acts 2/44-45*) to hold all things in common and to care for those in need is embedded in our community mission, values and spirituality. It is the manner in which we live our lives according to the Gospel; it is our commitment to each other and those in need and it is our way of finding meaning and purpose in our lives.

f) Reflection, Study, Prayer and Solitude

The ‘eye of the heart is’ the quest for God. As busy as Jesus was serving others, he knew the importance of solitude, reflection and prayer (Mk 1/35). **Jesus was connected to the past, understood its implications for the present and was energized to create an engaging future, which met the needs of his time and catapulted into new ways of thinking and being.**

It is in solitude that we find inner strength, discover new connections, fresh insights and energy for building a more just and peaceful world. It is in the quiet meditative parts of our lives where we become truly open to the other and radically hospitable. As **Chittister** says, in community *“we are challenged to exchange all those empty ideas for the depth of reflection, the calm of thought and clarity of insight that silence brings in its*

wake to the soul that longs for it to come. **Silence protects us from our noisy selves and prepares us for the work of God in us**" (Chittister Joan, *The Monastery of the Heart*, p.43).

My dear Confreres, In reference to the first basic concept proposed by the General Chapter XX, **MSFS - Wake up to Consecrated Life in Community**, I was sharing with you some of the fabrics that keep our community life intact. In my personal visitations to our communities in the province I find some of these essential elements of our Community Life eroding. Constant absenting of oneself from the community, bickering and backbiting and consequent sectarian mindset are poking their tails up. The distressing question that came to my mind is: **Is the Salt losing its saltiness?** Therefore, I request you to dwell personally on the following points to make a difference for our community living and thus prepare ourselves for the General Chapter.

- Am I a man of prayer – praying personally and participating in the common spiritual activities of the community?
- Do I work selflessly for the glory of God and for the well being of my local community and religious family?
- Am I hospitable to my community members just as I am to outsiders?
- Am I regularly present in the community and participate in the community meal regularly?
- Am I willing to share my 'giftedness' with all in the community?
- Do I take time and effort to read, study and reflect, so that my life and witnessing will be authentic and reliable?

Let us put an effort to make a difference for our personal life, our community, our congregation and the Church at large.

PIF-GC Meeting in Hyderabad

From the 11th to the 14th of September 2018 a meeting was conducted with the General Curia of our Congregation together with the Provincials of India, East Africa and the Vice Provincial of USA. The meeting was conducted with the sole intention of evaluating the mission and ministries of our congregation through the fibers of various provinces, regions and delegations. The Superior General Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, animated the meeting. The whole focus of the meeting was based on the fundamental question: **Is our**

Animation of the Congregation Charism Based or Issue Based? The necessity to grasp the basics of our life as MSFS, such as, Consecration in Community Life, Mission, MSFSness and Salesian Spirituality were strongly insisted in the meeting. The meeting also took a strong resolution to communicate to all the members of the Congregation about the importance of participating in the General Chapter through our prayers and personal, communitarian and province-level study and evaluation of our Consecrated Life.

General Chapter XX, 2019

My dear Confreres, the General Chapter XX of our Congregation will begin on the **1st of February 2019 to the 13th of February 2019 in Guwahati**. Through this General Chapter all the members of the Congregation are invited to participate in the life-style of a Fransalian, discovering the basics of our MSFS way of life. The Superior General shares his mind saying: **The General Chapter is not merely the business of those elected Delegates or the Ex-officio members alone; it is the life stream of every member of the Congregation. Therefore, everybody is exhorted to participate in it through personal preparation of the Study Papers, through our prayers for the Success of the General Chapter and also through our credible and witnessing life.**

As proposed by the Superior General, a pre-capitular commission for the General Chapter 2019 is appointed. The commission consists of

- Fr. Saji Puthiyakulangara (Secretary General of the Chapter – SGC)
- Fr. J. Stephen
- Fr. Suresh Babu
- Fr. Manoj Tirkey
- Fr. George Panthanmackel
- Fr. George Parampukattil

This commission will be involved in matters concerning the preparation and organization of the General Chapter 2019. **My dear Confreres, I request all of you to pray for the success of our General Chapter individually and as community.**

Circular of the Superior General (SG-AB-23)

My dear Confreres, I shall be forwarding to all of you the latest Circular of the Superior General (SG-AB-23). This is a special circular from the Superior General once again reminding us of the necessity to feel attached with the Congregation as we are going to start the General Chapter XX. In this circular the Superior General has once again emphasized the basics of our Religious life as the theme of the General Chapter. Please do read it personally and study it and discuss it once again in your next community meeting. **I request all the Superiors to take print of this circular of the Superior General and place it in your community parlour.**

Flood Relief Program

My dear Confreres, I come with a grateful heart to all of you to thank you for the great generosity that all of you showed towards the alleviation of the sufferings of those affected by the flood both in Kerala and Karnataka. We have received more than one Crore Rupees towards this cause. We are still awaiting the contributions of a few more who have promised to do so. We are charting out a target group and are already in touch with those who deserve help. I shall surely get back to you with further details of it as soon as we have completed the planning of our projects. I express my wholehearted gratitude to **Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil**, the General Secretary for Education and **Rev. Frs. Chinnappa Reddy, MuthuSwamy, Jayaseelan and Ignaci Muthu and Tomy Joseph** (the Provincials of Visakhapatnam, Nagpur, Pune, South East and the Vice Provincial of USA Vice Province respectively) for their generous help and personal attention at this time of great struggle of the people of Kerala and Karnataka. There had been innumerable individual contributions from Confreres from all over the Congregation, which shall be updated in the course of time.

My Visitation to Australia

My dear Confreres, from the 25th of July to the 2nd of August 2018 I visited our mission and Confreres in Adelaide, South Australia. Three of our Confreres, Frs. Manu Kumbidiamakkal, Shibu Thundathil and Josey Ponnambel are engaged in Parish Ministry in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. I had meeting with all the three of them and I had interaction with the diocesan authorities and faithful in the parishes our Confreres serve.

Meeting with the Archdiocesan Authorities

During my visitation I had the great privilege of meeting with the **Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Msgr. Philip Marshall and Msgr. David Cappo** who is in charge of the



foreign priests working in the Archdiocese. The meeting was specifically to plan out the future ministries of our missionaries. The diocese has entered into a contract to support the studies of our Fathers working there. Frs. Manu and Shibu would begin their PhD studies in the

coming academic year in the university. They are in constant contact with the diocesan authorities in this regard. Fr. Josey has to complete some more technical requirements before he begins his studies.

We are also entering into a contract with the diocese regarding community based management of the pastoral ministries. The Archdiocese is willing to give two full-fledged parishes to our care, which could be developed in the course of time as MSFS Parishes, communicating to the people about the Salesian Spirituality through our life-style and teachings.

Fr. Manu Kumbidiamakal is the Parish Priest of PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH, MODBURY. Approximate number of parishioners is 14000. This parish was created by amalgamating two parishes into one. So there are two churches Holy Trinity Church at Para Hills and St John XXIII church at Modbury. There is one School and one college attached to the parish where Fr. Manu renders services as manager and celebrates regular masses in the schools. There is one hospital and 8 nursing homes in the parish and visits on regular basis for anointing and communion and other spiritual services are done there. There parish has various pious associations and social groups. Fr. Manu organises special bible study programs during the lent and is presently engaged in making a Parish Review and organising a Parish Spiritual Retreat. Fr. Manu is also engaged in helping the diocesan organisation as a member of the Formation Education and Welfare Council for Clergy and a member of the Diocesan Council for Parishes Renewal Program.

Fr. Shibu Thundathil is engaged in pastoral ministry as Parish Priest of ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PARISH, SALISBURY. He has two assistant priests to support him in the ministry. There are about 22,500 catholics in the parish. Parish has two substations, St. Finbaar's Church and Holy Family Church. The parish is quite multi cultural in nature with migrants from about 30 countries around the world. Parish has got 3 schools in it's care and the Fathers have to provide pastoral support to 11 nursing homes and 2 hospitals in the area. People are quite welcoming and open. There are a wide range of activities with about 12 outreach groups/pious associations/youth groups etc. in addition to the priests, a deacon is working full time in the parish and a large volume of work is managed by about 350 volunteers who are part of the ministry. Besides these Fr. Shibu serves as the dean of the Northern Deanery of the Archdiocese of Adelaide and as member of a couple of administrative bodies of the Archdiocese.

Fr. Josy Ponnambel is appointed as the Parish Priest early this year of the Southern Cluster of Parishes which is the largest cluster of the Archdiocese of Adelaide comprising of 3 parishes namely ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST (NOARLUNGA DOWNS), ST. JOSEPH' CHURCH (WILLUNGA) and OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH (KANGROO ISLAND). All the three Parishes together have approximately about 25,000 Catholics. These Parishes together have two Colleges, three Schools and eight Nursing Homes. His Pastoral commitments include Education Ministry, Youth Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Sacramental Programmes, Ecumenical Endeavors, Faith-Formation Programmes for children (Atrium), Pastoral Counselling, Hospital Ministry, Craft Workshops, Retreats and Coordination of Bible and Salesian Spirituality Study Groups. He is actively engaged with interdenominational groups as his Parish has an Ecumenical Centre named Seaford Ecumenical Mission. Fr. Josy is also appointed as the Director of the School of Evangelization and the Director of the Vocations Office in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Blessing and Inauguration of Vatsalya MSFS House and Suchethana Vikas Kendra in Shiralkoppa

Vatsalya MSFS House and **Suchethana Vikas Kendra** – Social work centre... An undertaking of PSI was blessed and inaugurated on September 15, 2018, by Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal, Provincial Superior, South-west India Province at Chattaradahalli,

Shiralakoppa in the presence of many MSFS Confreres, Priests and Religious of Shimoga Diocese and local well wishers. Vatsalya MSFS House is the community house for the



MSFS Fathers working in Shiralakoppa mission. Suchethan Vikas Kendra is envisaged to give a concrete shape to our social work programmes by creating small scale employment especially to the local

women. The centre is also planned to enhance and develop the skills of the marginalised and lower strata of the society in and around Shiralakoppa. Currently the centre undertakes the production of Pickles, Papads and Solid Bricks.



The consecration of Altar and blessing of the tabernacle of the Vatsalya MSFS House community chapel was held on September 22, 2018 by His Lordship Bishop Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga in the presence of MSFS Confreres working in Shimoga Diocese and local Parishioners from Tandagunda Parish.

Blessing and Inauguration of New Kindergarten in Thelpara



On the 8th of October 2018 a new building for the already existing Kindergarten in Thelpara was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal MSFS, the Provincial Superior of the South West India Province. This was a long cherished dream to provide adequate facilities of basic education to the poor children in the neighbourhood who

otherwise do not have any opportunity for education. This also goes in line with the action plan of the Provincial Chapter 2016. The new structure consists of two well-furnished and equipped classrooms with a sitting capacity of fifty students each. The ceremony was attended by the Parish Priest of Thelpara and more than three hundred students and Teachers of the primary school and the parents of the Children. The hard work and meticulous planning of Frs. Saji Vadakedath and Joby Pulichamakkal are instrumental in making this dream come true.

The Formation Forum Meeting

The meeting of the Formation Forum of South West India Province took place on 26th August 2018 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The meeting began at 9.00 am with a prayer and



the words of welcome by Fr. Santhosh Kumar, the councilor in charge of formation. Thereafter the Provincial, Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal, addressed the gathering and thanked the formators for their hard work and dedication. In his

address he exhorted the formators to accompany the formees in moulding the future members of the congregation after the model of Jesus Christ, who accompanied his disciples. The sessions that followed contained an evaluation of the last academic year and an updating from the different formation houses with regards to the present academic year. There were also evaluation of the vocation promotion and the policies that we need to adopt for the effective functioning of the Formation. At the end of the day, all the participants felt that it was indeed a day of reorientation as we move forward with the ministry of formation.

Stewardship Forum Meeting

Stewardship forum meeting was held on August 28, 2018. Fr. Vinod Kanat formally welcomed the gathering. Fr. Provincial, the president of the meeting, addressed the gathering. He thanked everyone for the great works being done by the confreres of Stewardship forum and also for participating in the gathering. Fr. Benny reminded that



we are just the stewards and not the owners. Thus the responsibility should be carried forth as per the Scriptures and as per the statutes of our congregation. He also elaborated on the role of Stewards. He instructed

members to be people of integrity and thanked everyone for showing solidarity with the flood victims by generating contributions from the places of work.

Mr. Rohan Miranda, the Chief Auditor, also addressed the gathering and enlightened the participants about the New Rules in accounting especially the new tax system (GST) introduced by the government, about the TDS, and other areas to be taken care of in our accounting. Many of our confreres clarified their doubts during the session. Mr. Bipin, one of our accountants, also instructed us about the problems accountants faced during the audit. He also, at the request of Fr. Vinod Kanat, informed us about the Uniform Salary Structure. Fr. Vinod, the Provincial Bursar, said that a common Office Automation program will be introduced in the province. He thanked everyone for the wholehearted participation in the gathering.

Mission Forum Meeting

On 9th October 2018, the Mission Forum of Kerala Sector gathered at Charis Bhavan for its annual meeting. The meeting began with the Eucharistic Adoration. The meeting was graced and enriched by the presence of our beloved provincial, Rev. Dr. Benny Kootanal. There were 22 participants. Fr. Provincial, in his key-note address, underlined the importance of participating in the province meetings. He clarified about the mission saying, "Mission does not belong to us but it always belongs to God". He also said that our commitment must be charism oriented rather than ministry oriented. The thrust of our ministry is to bring love of God to the people. He further spoke about two types of priesthood: Mosaic and Aronian. Aronn never had personal encounter with God whereas Moses had. Finally he exhorted the confreres to go beyond sectarian tendency. During the meeting, there was fruitful sharing concerning the preaching ministry, PMP and the pastoral ministry. In the end, Fr. Provincial briefed the members with the

updates reviewing the action plan of our provincial chapter. The members were delighted to hear that the province has been consistently and vigorously animated in line with the mission plan. He also highlighted on the juridical nature of 'Fransalian Associates'. The gathering was concluded with a short prayer.

Education Forum Meeting

The Education Forum Meeting of the South West India Province was held on October 12, 2018. After the prayer, words of welcome and report of the previous meetings, Rev. Fr. Benny Kootanal, the Provincial in his keynote address, appreciated and congratulated



all the members for the dedicated services, he also called forth for making a genuine evaluation of the Educational Apostolate, especially in the context of the Missionary Dimension of our Congregation. He elaborated on these points: 1. Call to realize the basic reason to be educators as missionaries. 2. Understanding the history and the spirit of our Charism. 3. Realizing the Constitutional recognition to the Educational Apostolate. 4. Making an honest critique of all our works with an important question for reflection: Are we basically charism-oriented or ministry-oriented? 5. Becoming aware of the possible vulnerabilities: (a) Failure to live a credible way of life (b) The absence of Community Life. (c) Lack of Congregational Commitment leading to erosion of religious identity in our institutions, emergence of lucrative mind-set and negligence of the vowed way of life, tendency to become "sectarian" and nepotistic. There was also an update about the KRCE Guidelines and Instructions by the secretary. The Provincial updated and spoke about the proposal from Karahalli mission. Fr. Vinod, the Provincial Bursar, in his address set forth the two major areas of concern: (A) The big challenges of auditing, (B) Having a common software for monitoring and maintenance. Mr Bipin explained the common format with respect to the salary disbursement. The afternoon session had the following major areas of concern that was discussed and deliberated upon: (A) Evaluation of the Action Plans of the Provincial Chapter 2016, (B) Academic,

Infrastructure and Transport Facilities, (C) Financial Management, (D) Fransalian Education Policy Challenges in implementation.

New Team of Provincial Administration in Visakhapatnam

During the Provincial Congress that was conducted in the Visakhapatnam Province the following Confreres are elected as new team of Councilors and Bursar. They are:

Fr. Sesetty Mariadas – Councilor and Admonitor

Fr. Dola Velanganni Rao – Councilor

Fr. Manoj Pathipallil – Councilor

Fr. Sandeep Reddy – Councilor

Fr. Bellamkonda Anil Bosco – Provincial Bursar

In the name of the South West India Province I congratulate Rev. Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, the Provincial, and the new team of Administration and wish them God's blessings to lead the province to further spiritual and missionary renewal.

Reminder

- **Consultation for the Appointment of the Provincial:** I request all those who are yet to send the duly filled-in ballots to do so at the earliest. Participation in the Congregational events is a noble right and responsibility of every member. The duly filled-in ballots should reach the provincial's office latest by the 15th of November 2018, the set cut off date.
- **Ongoing Formation:** I would like to remind all those who are ordained before 1990 to take note of the Ongoing Formation Program, which will be conducted from 27-29 November 2018 in Vinayalaya, Bangalore. I request all of you to take note of these dates and be present without fail. Those who have not participated in the previous gatherings of this sort are also expected to participate in it.

South West India Province' ORDO 2019

I am very happy to inform you that the Ordo of the Province for the Liturgical Year 2019 is ready and are already being distributed. If anyone/community hasn't received it yet kindly contact the provincial secretary. I take this opportunity to thank **Fr. Tom Kanat** for the good and efficient work in getting the new Ordo ready much ahead of time.

Second Annual Retreat at Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bengaluru

My dear Confreres, I thank all those who attended the second annual retreat conducted at IIS from the 15th to the 19th of October 2018. There were 70 participants including



13 from other provinces. The retreat was a great experience for all the participants. I thank the IIS & Vinayalaya communities for all the preparations to create right ambience for the retreat. I also thank Rev Fr. Mario D'Souza and Rev. Fr. Binu Edathumparambil for guiding the retreat with subtle and thought provoking reflections. I request those Confreres who haven't participated in the congregational retreat to participate in any other province and report it to the provincial's office.

Hearty Welcome

Fr. Martin Richard, having completed 17 years of Ministry in the Chad-Cameroon Mission as well as in the Franco-Swiss Province, has returned to India. He has taken up a new ministry in the Province. I thank Fr. Martin for his resilient devotion to the Mission of the Congregation and total availability for the future ministries. In the name of the whole Province Family I extend a very hearty welcome to Fr. Martin Richard and wish him God's blessings in his new endeavours.

Bon Voyage

- **Fr. Regi Narikunnel** will be leaving for USA on the 23rd October 2018 for Pastoral Ministries. He is designated to the Diocese of Nashville, where he will be given an appointment by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Province Family wishes Fr. Regi God's abundant blessings in his new stint of ministry in the USA.
- **Fr. Tomy Mullasseril** will be leaving for Germany on the 24th of October 2018 for Pastoral Ministries. He is designated to the Diocese of Eichstaett,

where he will be given an appointment by the Bishop of the Diocese. We wish Fr. Tomy all the best and God's blessings in his ministry in Germany.

Appointment

Fr. Martin Richard is appointed as the administrator of SFS School Srinivaspur and Procurator of the Community House Srinivaspur. He also forms part of the Teaching Faculty of SFS Srinivaspur.

Obituary

- **Susan Mary**, aged 15, niece of Fr. Sudeep Andrews, died of cancer on August 09, 2018.
- **Mr. Kuriakose Chorettu Vattakkunnel**, aged 82, brother in law of Fr. Jacob Parappally, died on August 27, 2018.
- **Mr. Ulahannan Kokkandathil**, aged 89, father of Fr. Jose Kokkandathil, died on October 06, 2018.
- **Mr. Pappachan**, aged 62, brother in law of Fr. Joseph Thoppil, died on October 14, 2018.

My Schedule

My dear Confreres, please do take note of my program schedule. 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.

October 2018

October 15-19	2 nd Annual Retreat in IIS
October 15-16	Provincial Congress of the Visakhapatnam Province
October 20	Annual Charismatic Convention in Charis Bhavan – Mass and Talk
October 23	Council Meeting
October 24	MSFS Foundation Day and Institute's Day at Suvidya College, Bangalore
Oct.26-Nov. 15	Visitation to Germany, Austria and Confreres who are studying in different Universities in Europe

November 2018

Oct. 26 – Nov. 15	Visitation to Germany, Austria and Confreres who are studying in different Universities in Europe
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Nov. 16-17	Recollection – IIS
Nov. 18-19	Visitation to St. Joseph's Parish and SFS Boys' Home, Ulickal
Nov. 19-20	Visitation to MSFS Community & SFS School Mattannur
Nov. 20	Visiting Fr. Simil in Panathur, Visitation to Kannadiparamba Parish
Nov. 20-21	Visitation to MSFS Community & SFS School Kannur, Meeting the 10 th Standard Students
Nov. 23	Council Meeting
Nov. 24-25	Visiting the Sedam Mission, Meeting with the Bishop of Gulbarga
Nov. 27-29	On-going Formation for all those ordained before 1990

December 2018

December 2	1 st Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Hebbagodi
December 3-4	Regents' Meeting – Mid-Year Evaluation
December 5	Social & Innovative Forum Meeting
December 6	Mission Forum Meeting (for those in Karnataka)
December 7-8	Recollection – IIS
December 9	2 nd Sunday of Advent: Visitation to IIS – Holy Mass and Meeting with the Staff and Students and the Associates of Fransalians
December 10	Blessing and Inauguration of the New wing of the ICSE School Koppal; Blessing of the house constructed for the Domestic Staff; School Annual Day – ICSE & State Syllabus Schools Koppal
December 11-12	PIF Meeting, Governing Body Meeting and Rev. Fr. Gabriel Memorial Lectures at Suvidya College
Dece.13-23	Visitation to Chad-Cameroon Delegation
December 25	Christmas
December 27	Ordination of Dn. Staney Rodrigues , Infant Jesus Church, Prabhat Nagar, Honavar, Karnataka

January 2019

January 1	New Year
January 2	Ordinations of Deacons Tony Munduchalil and Joshay Thumpechirayil , St. Mary's Basilica, Champakulam, Kerala
January 3	Ordination of Dn. Zacharias Peter Cherackal , St. Mary's Basilica, Ernakulam, Kerala
January 5	Ordination of Dn. Antony Selvam , Lourdu Matha Church, Elanthaikulam, Singamparai, Tamil Nadu
January 9	Ordination of Dn. Petrus Kerketta , St. Joseph's Church, Kanchanagar, Balarampur Dt., Chattisgarh
January 11	Ordination of Dn. Rakesh Ekka , St. Joseph's Church, Chiringa, Ambikapur Dt., Chattisgarh
January 18	Council Meeting

January 19	School Annual Day, SFS School Mundargi
January 24	Feast of SFS at Vinayalaya, Installation of the Provincial

Thought from our Founder

“It is uprightness, purity of intention, fidelity in all our works that the lord asks of us; not so much to do more, but to do much better.”

- Fr. Peter Mermier, Servant of God

Fraternally,



Fr. Benny Koottanal MSFS

Provincial