

MSFS - MISSIONARIES OF ST.FRANCIS DE SALES
SOUTH-WEST INDIA PROVINCE



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My dear Confreres,

Fraternal greetings to you from Fr. Benny Koottanal. I wish each one of you the blessings of this advent season and pray that the coming of the Lord makes a difference in the life of each of us to define our missionary charism more concretely and effectively. As we are at the wake of the 20th General Chapter we had been reflecting on the topic proposed to us by the General Chapter, that is, **MSFS – Wake up to the Basics**. Those basics are our **Consecrated Life in Community, Mission, MSFSness** and **Salesian Spirituality**. In the last circular we reflected on the “Consecrated Life in community” as our basic. This time we shall reflect on the concept of **Mission**.

MSFS – WAKE UP TO MISSION

The fundamental point that pops up in our mind when we speak of “Mission” is that Mission always belongs to God. For a religious/consecrated person there is no personal



mission. We are at the behest of a mission that is entrusted to us and our responsibility is merely to fulfill that mission. Bible brings before us vividly through various personalities like Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, John (the Baptist) and Mary, that these people

had no personal agenda. Even when they had initially certain personal agendas they had been totally challenged and were ‘converted’ to lay down their agendas and attune

themselves to the agenda of God. In order to follow the “Mission of God” one has to travel the **Road Less Travelled**.

1. Mission Demands Intimate Personal Relationship with God: Every relationship demands communication. Even in our personal relationships we know that the less the communication, the less the intensity of relationship. Most of the time the reason for broken relationships is that the friends fail to communicate constantly with each other. In communication we understand the mind of the friend; even when we differ from our friend, we never stop loving him/her.

We need to challenge ourselves today of the level and frequency of our communication with God. How would we ever understand the Mission of God unless we are in communion with him. More than ever the modern generation fails to communicate with God because of the various distractions it suffers. We should never forget the fact that **we have no wife, no children, not even parents to cling on. There is the need for a ‘Guru’ in our life.** Let us always realize that we will never be able to fulfill the mission of God unless we are in constant contact with him.

2. Mission Demands Obedience to God: The word “Obedience” means to **listen attentively**. Very often we say that we pray to God, but the unanswered question is: Is not my prayer mere petition? In my prayer do I really listen to God? In the recent times in one of my interactions with a group of young people I surprisingly realized that most of them at this young age of their life suffer from ‘forgetfulness’. It is something very strange. I understand that most of us do many things at one time and thereby we never fulfill anything perfectly. To understand what is God’s mission for me I need to listen to him undividedly, I need to set priority for him and I need to avail myself for him.

3. Mission of God is fulfilled through the Rudiments of the Church

The Mission of God is always communicated in and through the Church. The four preambles through which the Church expresses God’s Mission are **Scripture, Traditions (Oral and Written), Dogmas and the Liturgy**. These four pillars of the Church help us to understand the way God communicates with us and help us respond to him through the past, in the present, into the future. When any of these fundamentals is disrespected or disregarded we get into the lacuna of self-assertive attitudes and thereby highlighting our mission.

My dear Confreres, we live under the heavenly umbrella of a great Founder, Fr. Peter Mermier who cried out “**I want Missions**”. If we look into the relationship that Fr. Mermier had with his Confreres we would understand how much he was enthused by the mission of God. In all his writings he set God’s will and mission as his priority. Constantly he prayed to God; relentlessly he listened to the plan of God and communicated with him by surrendering our Congregation to God; he inspired his confreres to remain faithful to the Church by reading the Scripture, by practicing the traditions, by obeying the teachings of the Church and by living the liturgy meaningfully. **It’s time for us to scrutinize our commitment to God’s Mission.**

- a) Do I have a personal intimate relationship with God through my prayer?
- b) Do I listen attentively to God by obeying him or am I distracted with various commitments and thereby forgetting my primary commitment?
- c) Do I accept and practice the rudiments of the Church, the Scripture, traditions, dogmas and the liturgy?

My dear Confreres, I invite you to dwell on these points for a while and thus prepare ourselves to participate meaningfully in the General Chapter of our Congregation.

MY APPOINTMENT AS PROVINCIAL FOR THE SECOND TERM

My dear Confreres, as informed to you already, Our Superior General, after consulting with each of you, has appointed me as the Provincial of South West India Province for the Second Term with effect from 24th January 2019. As I thank each of you for the confidence placed on me I express my gratitude to our Superior General for his guidance and animation. Please do pray for me that I do serve the Congregation and our Province in particular with total commitment and love for Jesus. I shall do my best to accomplish the tasks entrusted to me in utmost religious manner and in complete availability and surrender to God's will.

VISITATION TO EUROPE

My dear Confreres, from the 26th of October to the 16th of November I was on visitation to all our Confreres in Europe. It was a wonderful time of meeting, sharing of life and experiences and evaluating the ministries in common and personally. This time I also could meet with our Confreres who are pursuing their studies in different Universities in Europe.

Meeting with the Confreres in the Local Community in the Archdiocese of Muenster

It was indeed a great time of coming together with our local community in the Archdiocese of Muenster in the North West of Germany. **Fr. Joseph Pattarkalayil**, the Delegation Superior, together with the assistance of **Fr. Joshy Mangalath** meticulously organized the gathering in the parish of Fr. Joshy. The meeting consisted of evaluations of the ministries, experiential sharing, future concerns regarding the ministries and life in Germany, sharing by the Provincial and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The meeting culminated with personal meeting of the confreres with the Provincial and lunch. I had also the opportunity to meet with Ms. Brunnette, who is in charge of the Foreign Priests who are involved in ministries in the Archdiocese of Muenster.

Visitation to Burgos and Meeting with Fr. Thomas Thekekarottu

It was for me indeed a joyful meeting with Fr. Thomas Thekekarottu who is pursuing doctoral studies in Burgos, Spain. Fr. Thomas stays in a Monastery, around 20 Kilometers away from the city of Burgos, as the Chaplain of the Sisters. He is also appointed by the diocese of Burgos as the Parish Priest of five independent parishes near the mountainous villages. In spite of the pastoral responsibilities entrusted to him, Fr. Thomas is seriously pursuing his doctoral studies and is expected to complete it by the middle of the year 2020.

Meeting with Rev. Dr. Jesus Maria Alvarez Martinez and Rev. Dr. Carlos Izquierdo Yusta in Burgos

Rev. Dr. Jesus Maria is a close friend and benefactor of the South West India Province. He was introduced to our Province through the contact of Fr. Jose Kumbloickal. He is a



diocesan Priest of the Archdiocese of Burgos and a Professor in the university of Burgos. Since 10 years he comes to India with a group of University students of Burgos to NEST, our children's village, to be with the children and to train them

in various ways. These university students are also introduced to many of our mission centers and had been very much impressed by our ministries. It had been a wonderful

experience of mutual learning. The students of the Burgos as well as the children in the schools constantly support us through various small and big initiatives. I had opportunity to meet with the Archbishop of Burgos, **Most Rev. Fidel Herraiez Vegas**, the Vice Chancellor of Burgos University, the Children in the school and the university students who had been part of the initiatives in India. I thank Fr. Jesus Maria and Fr. Carlos and their team for the inspiring association with the MSFS Congregation in India.

Visitation to Rome

I visited three of our Confreres, **Frs. Vinoy Valachathinakathu, Gijo Panamattathil and Emile Amougou** who are pursuing their studies in Rome. Fr. Vinoy is pursuing doctorate in Holy Scripture from Gregorianum and Frs. Gijo and Emile are pursuing post graduate in Psycho-spirituality and doctorate in Spiritual Theology respectively from Angelicum. I had personal time with them to enquire about their well-being. All of them are doing very well in their studies. I had also the opportunity to visit our Generalate and meet the Superior General and the Assistant General together with Frs. Jose Cheriyanthara and K. Thomas who are the members of the Generalate community. I stayed in our MSFS Community in Vatican together with Frs. Augustine Mangatt and Thomas Chozhithara. I am grateful to them for their hospitality and love.

Visitation to Austria

My visitation to Europe also consisted of my visit to Austria to be with four of our Confreres, **Frs. Reji Muthukattil, Sathyaseelan, Joji Kazhukanolickal and Bobby Puthenpurackal**. Fr. Reji is the parish priest of Neustift am Walde, a parish belonging to the Kloster Neuburg, the Augustinian Chorherren, but entrusted to our care. Fr. Sathyaseelan lives in the Kloster Neuburg pursuing Master's Studies, at the same time also helping out in a parish. Fr. Joji stays in St. Martin's Parish, belonging to the Kloster Neuburg. He assists in the parish and at the same time he is completing the requirements to register in the university for the studies. Fr. Bobby does service to one of the parishes belonging to Kloster Neuburg as Assistant Parish Priest. All our Fathers are doing very well in the respective fields entrusted to them and are also very much associated with the province in supporting our mission in India. The community meeting, prayers and evaluations were organized in Neustift am Walde, the Parish Presbytery of Fr. Reji Muthukattil.

I also visited the **Kloster Neuburg** and had personal meeting with the Abbot of the great Monastery and with other officials. As we know Kloster Neuburg, the Monastery of the Augustinian Monks, for many years, is a great source of support in various projects of our province through the mediation of Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam. We remain always very grateful to them and to Fr. Mathew.

Meeting with Rev. Fr. Yves Carron, the Provincial of Franco-Swiss Province

It was indeed a great joy for me to meet with Fr. Yves Carron, the Provincial of Franco-Swiss Province in Florimont, Geneva. We had a variety of serious discussions concerning various collaborative initiatives between South West India Province and the Franco-Swiss Province. I am grateful to him and to the Franco-Swiss Province for all the Support that they render to our Province. It was also an opportunity for me to spend some quality time with Frs. Binoy Kidangathukarottu, Thadeus Lakra and Fr. Morel.

Visit to Fribourg and Meeting with Fr. Emil Mayoraz and the Community

It was very heartening for me to meet with Very Rev. Fr. Emil Mayoraz, our former Superior General, but unfortunately, in the hospital. Fr. Mayoraz was admitted in the



hospital due to his weak health. He has gone physically very weak and thin, but keeps a very good memory and recognizes all. I spent with him around half an hour and he was so delighted to give his blessings to all the members of South West India Province. I request you to specially pray for the speedy recovery of Fr. Mayoraz.

Incidentally two of our Brothers from Chad-Cameroon Delegation, **Bros. Abba and Titus** are pursuing their theological studies in the university of Fribourg. They stay in Bonlieu, the MSFS Community in Fribourg. All the Fathers are very appreciative of their lively presence in the community. Rev. Frs. Kurian Pochavalel is the Superior of the Community.

Meeting with Fr. James Manjackal

I had a wonderful opportunity to meet with Fr. James Manjackal who in spite of his physical ill health is vigorously involved in preaching ministry. I met Fr. James in

Salzburg, Austria, in the Physiotherapy centre where he is undergoing regular treatment and rehabilitation. In spite of his ill health he goes about with his daily routines and ministries with a lot of sense of purpose and commitment. At present Fr. James is in Kerala, conducting a few retreats. We wish him God's abundant blessings.

Meeting with the Confreres in the Local Community of Augsburg

The last phase of my visitation to Europe was with the Local community of Augsburg under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Pazhayattil. The meeting was organized in Regensburg in the parish hall of Fr. Siby Manickathan, where he is the Assistant Parish Priest. Nine of our Confreres who are working and studying in the dioceses of Munich, Augsburg, Eichstaett and Regensburg came together for a time of prayer, reflection, discussions and evaluations. The parish Priest of Fr. Siby, Fr. Martin Ramoser was also present with us for a meal.

Dear Confreres, It was a wonderful occasion for me to visit, assess and appreciate our Confreres who are in the German Delegation and in various countries in Europe for their strenuous effort to keep the MSFS Flag flying. I thank them for the support and help they render for the well-being of the province. I thank Fr. Joseph Pattarakalayil, the Delegation Superior, for the organization of my journey through Europe. I am grateful to the Local Superiors, Frs. Joseph Pazhayattil and Joshy Mangalath and Reji Muthukattil for organizing the community meetings. I thank all our Confreres for their presence, sharing and personal commitment. God bless us all!

CHAD-CAMEROON MISSION RAISED TO DELEGATION:

29th September 2018, on the eve of our Founder's day was a great day in the history of MSFS Congregation as the Chad-Cameroon Mission was raised into a delegation and the



first Delegation Superior Fr. Manoj Arackal msfs was officially installed. The day called for a multiple celebration, as, two of our brothers namely Bro. John Joseph and Bro. Ajish Antony Cheeramban committed

themselves to become the permanent members of our Congregation through the perpetual profession, the Newly Ordained Priests namely Fr. Jose Simon and Fr. Boris

Nixon were welcomed to the Delegation and Fr. Emile Amougou was bid adieu by the community as he was leaving Chad-Cameron delegation for his doctoral studies to Rome. Since the day was quite remarkable we anticipated the founder's day and had a grand celebration. Various religious, from different communities were present. Fr. Binu Edathumparambil the representative of the Provincial and Fr. Sen Vellakada were the witnesses for the events. Fr Manoj pronounced his oath after the letters from the Superior General and the Provincial were read out by Fr. Binu. He promised to serve the congregation, particularly the Delegation in the best way possible by placing his hands on the Holy Bible. The Brothers John Joseph and Ajish Antony pronounced their vows before Fr. Manoj and the whole community congratulated Fr Manoj and the Brothers. I sincerely thank Fr. Manoj and every member of the delegation for their love for the mission and total dedication.

SILVER JUBILARIAN

My dear Confreres, we are celebrating the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr. Mathew



Mamala. Along with you, I take this opportunity to congratulate Fr. Mathew for his total surrender to the Lord through the MSFS Congregation. Dear Father, you are unique and through your own unique dynamism you have brought in the flavour of love and commitment through the various ministries you have undertaken in the province until now. May this Jubilee year be a time of joy, fulfilment

and motivation for further commitment.

Father	: Kurian
Mother	: Aley
Date of Birth	: July 15, 1967
Place of Birth	: Malapuram
Date of Baptism	: July 23, 1967, St. Theresa's Church, Malapuram
Education	: Government L.P. and High School, Ayamkudy
Minor Seminary	: SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor, 1982-85
Pre-Novitiate	: Philip Nagar 1985.
Novitiate	: Salesianum, 1985-86
First Profession	: 15 th December 1986

Philosophy : Suvidya College, June 1987-March 1990

Regency : Vinayalaya, Bangalore, 1990-1991

Theology : Fransalian Seminary, Pune, 1991- 1994

Perpetual Profession: 15th December 1992 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore

Diaconate Ordination: January 24, 1994 By Rev. Bishop Valerian D'Souza, Bishop of Pune.

Priestly Ordination : 27th December 1994 by Rev. Dr. Joseph Pallikaparampil, Bishop of Palai, at St. Theresa's Church, Ayamkudy.

Appointments:

1. Assistant Parish Priest Malur, 15th January 1994
2. Sudhirvana, Bangalore, 1st February 1996
3. Procurator, Vinayalaya, Bangalore, 1st June 1999
4. Parish Priest of Our Lady of Vailankanni Church, Yelhanka, Bangalore, 17th November 2002
5. Provincial Bursar, 2004
6. Principal of SFS School, Savanoor, 15th April 2008
7. Vinayakumar Estate 2011
8. Principal of SFS School Kengeri, May 20, 2013
9. Vice-Principal and Administrator of SFS School, Kannur, May 20, 2016

THIRD PARISH MISSION PREACHING MEETING AT CHARIS BHAVAN

The PMP meeting was held at Charis Bhavan from 12-17 November, 2018. 38 members



of the team, belonging to different provinces attended the third PMP meeting and all of them benefitted a lot from it, as it was a combination of retreat cum seminar. Programme started with three days retreat, which was conducted by Rev. Fr. Mathew

Naikanampambil and Fr. Mathew Kakkattupillil VC , Provincial superior of St. Joseph Province, on the charisms of the Holy Spirit.

After the retreat the participants evaluated the program of the previous year and assigned certain topics to prepare the modules for the next level of retreat. The meeting

was meticulously planned and arranged by PMP team under the able leadership Fr. Agnelo Fernandez . I thank Fr. Jose Parappillil and the members of Charis Bhavan Community for all the arrangements done.

FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAM IN KERALA AND COORG IN KARNATAKA

Kerala

My dear Confreres, I am happy to inform you that the MSFS Congregation under the leadership of the South West India Province has begun to extend effective support to the



people who are affected by the flood. In addition to the various immediate measures of providing various rehabilitation measures we are now building 12 full fledged houses for the most deserving people. I had the great privilege of laying foundation stones for

these houses. It is expected that these houses are completed in three months time. The whole organization of the construction of the houses are animated by our community **SFS Vidyashram Aluva**, under the able leadership of our Fathers Thomas Kalariparambil, Jino Plathottathil, Tom Pannalakunnel and Mathew Kalathil. I thank these Fathers for their generous commitment in this regard.

Coorg - Karnataka

In Karnataka we are undertaking more of rehabilitation measures, by renovating the houses, providing utensils, gas cylinders, tailoring machines and so on. This rehabilitation works are entrusted by the province with the FidesIndia Society under the leadership of Frs. Joy Vazhappilly and Jijo Chemplany are accomplishing a great task. I shall get back to you in the course of time with further information about the flood relief programs.

BLESSING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE AT KAREHALLI

The foundation stone for the Garment factory at Karahalli was blessed by Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Provincial in the presence of a number of Conferrers and neighbors on 28th November 2018. The occasion witnessed the presence of a lot of enthusiastic people around.



Another initiative at Karahalli is blossomed in the form of English Coaching Class for the young people like college students, teachers etc. The response is really good as the number is going higher every day. I thank Fr. Benny Marangolil and Bro.

Emmanuel for the hard work and dedication.

SOCIAL AND INNOVATIVE MINISTRY FORUM MEETING

The IMF (Innovative Ministry Forum) Meeting of South West India Province was held on 05 December 2018, at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, chaired by Rev. Dr. Benny Koottanal, Provincial of South West India Province. The meeting was held in the presence of Fr. Joy Vazhappillil, Councilor for Innovative and Social Apostolate.

The active participation of the Fathers made this meeting meaningful. Fathers from different social centers shared their views and concerns. The meeting reviewed the difficulties and challenges faced in the social apostolate, and put forward suggestions to become more innovative and effective.



Fr. Joy Vazhappillil gave the introductory talk based on the action plan made by the provincial chapter. The Provincial expressed his concern for the Social Apostolate of our Province. He said if the vision is not clear, the mission will not succeed. He made a critical evaluation based on the previous projects that we had taken up in our NGOs. He regretted that we had failed to update them. He also mentioned that these projects thrive by individual charisma.

In the course of time, we failed to fill the positions with qualified persons. He said we need to undertake collective efforts to bring about effective changes in IMF. We need to have periodic assessment and evaluation of our NGOs. The Annual General Body (AGM) meeting must be conducted without fail, wherein we can evaluate the NGOs and make necessary changes, the Provincial added.

MISSION FORUM MEETING

On 6th December 2018, the Mission Forum of Karnataka Sector gathered at Vinayalaya 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 Koottanal. There were 21 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. Aron never had personal encounter with God whereas Moses had. Finally he emphasized the need of preserving our priestly purity and integrity by frequenting the sacrament of confession. During the meeting, there was fruitful sharing concerning the preaching ministry, PMP and the pastoral ministry. Till the end, the provincial was actively involved and responded positively to all the proposals and clarifications sought by the confreres. He also highlighted on the juridical nature of ‘Fransalian Associates’. The meeting was concluded with a short prayer.

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE REGENTS

The mid-year evaluation of the regents of South-West India Province was held from 3-4 December 2018 at Vinayalaya, MSFS Provincial House, Bengaluru. All the regents of the Province took an active participation in the 2 days programme. The programme began at 9:00 am in the presence of Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Provincial and Fr. Santhosh

Kumar, the councillor in charge of formation. Father Santhosh Kumar welcomed the provincial as well as the regents. Provincial enlightened the regents with a talk on the



importance of regency as a time of intensive practical formation and the areas to be focused during the time of this formation. It was followed by a presentation by Fr. Joe Cherolical on the topic: "In search of meaning."

Fr. Santosh Pereira spend his valuable time in animating the interactive session and spoke the possible struggles and challenges during regency and the ways to face them positively. The second day was dedicated for the recollection animated by Fr. Arockianathan on the theme, "Issues and problems in religious life." The meeting was concluded with the evaluation of the programme in the presence of Fr. Santhosh Kumar.

BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF SFS ICSE NEW BLOCK, KOPPAL



The blessing and the inauguration of SFS ICSE School New Block and the Annual Day was held on 10th December 2018. The programme was commenced at 5:30pm with the blessing of the New Block by Fr.

Benny Koottanal, the Provincial of South West India Province along with good number of confreres from South West India Province, Priests and Sisters from Bellary and Belgaum Dioceses. The students staged a wonderful cultural fiesta Spectra 2018, Rainbow of Hope. On this auspicious day a house for one of our school non teaching staff Mr. Anand was constructed and given by the province and the school community also partially helped from the students



contributions named 'I share we Care'. The blessing and inauguration of the house was done at 3:30 pm by Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Provincial along with school Manager Fr.

Sebastian Conrad, Fr. Roy Councillor in-charge of Education, Fr. Vinod Kanattu Provincial Bursar, fathers and sisters, parishioners and family members. I appreciate the good work done by Fr. Sebastian Conrad and the Koppal community and thank them for the love and commitment to the responsibilities entrusted to them.

PROMOTION TO PRIESTHOOD

My dear Confreres the following Deacons are promoted to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. The ordinations will be held as following:

- **Dn. Staney Rodrigues** will be ordained on December 27, 2018 at Infant Jesus Church, Prabhat Nagar, Honavar, Karnataka
- **Deacons Tony Munduchalil and Joshy Thumpechirayil** will be ordained on January 02, 2019 at St. Mary's Basilica, Champakulam, Kerala
- **Dn. Zacharias Peter Cherackal** will be ordained on January 03, 2019 at St. Mary's Basilica, Ernakulam, Kerala
- **Dn. Antony Selvam** will be ordained on January 05, 2019 at Lourdu Matha Church, Elanthaikulam, Singamparai, Tamil Nadu
- **Dn. Petrus Kerketta** will be ordained on January 09, 2019 at St. Joseph's Church, Kanchanagar, Balarampur Dt., Chattisgarh
- **Dn. Rakesh Ekka** will be ordained on January 11, 2019 at St. Joseph's Church, Chiringa, Ambikapur Dt., Chattisgarh

My dear Confreres, I request all of you to join the ordinations of our Deacons. We shall show the great sign of our solidarity with each of them as we welcome them as Priests into our Province Family and the Congregation. I request the Superiors of the Communities to make sure sufficient representation from your communities. Please do pray for our Deacons that they live their chosen life as Holy Priests.

RECOGNITION OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES COLLEGE UNDER SECTION 2(F) & 12 (B) OF THE UGC ACT, 1956

Under the head of Non-Governmental, Self-financed Colleges teaching up to Bachelor's Degree to make it eligible to receive central assistance with their recognition. The

college would be eligible to get grants for all UGC schemes related to teachers and students and also research projects from sources other than UGC. I sincerely thank Fr. Roy and the college management and also the predecessors for achieving this dream.

HEARTY WELCOME TO THE NEW DOCTOR IN PHILOSOPHY – DR. JOSE KANNANAİKAL MSFS

My dear Confreres, I am very happy to inform you that **Fr. Jose Kannanaikal** has successfully completed his doctoral studies in Philosophy by defending his doctoral thesis in the University of Munich, Germany. The title of his Doctoral Thesis is: **From Pleasure to the Human Good: A Critical Study of the Platonic Dialogues with a Special Reference to the Philebus**. In the name of all the Confreres of South West India Province I congratulate Dr. Jose Kannanaikal for the great achievement and extend to him hearty welcome back to India and wish him God's abundant blessings in his new missionary endeavours.

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APPOINTMENTS

- **Fr. Jose Kannanaikal** is appointed to Suvidya College to be on the staff as Formator and Lecturer.

- **Fr. Sen Vellakada** is appointed the Delegation Bursar of Chad-Cameroon Delegation
- **Fr. Robin Thonikuzhy** is appointed the Delegation Adviser of Chad-Cameroon Delegation
- **Fr. Christophe Bernard** is appointed the Delegation Adviser of Chad-Cameroon Delegation
- **Fr. Bibin Xess** is appointed the Delegation Adviser of Chad-Cameroon Delegation

OBITUARY

- **Mr. A. Maria Raj**, aged 65, father of Fr. Maria George, died on November 01, 2018.
- **Mr. Verghese**, aged 88, father of Fr. James Panickerveedu, died on November 12, 2018.
- **Mr. OWONO Nicolas**, aged 80, father of Bro. Eyeya AMOT Aloys, died on November 21, 2018.
- **Mrs. Mariakutty Marangolil**, aged 86, mother of Fr. Benny Marangolil, died on December 03, 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.

December 2018

December 13-23	Visitation to Chad-Cameroon Delegation
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Meeting with the Bishop of Shimoga
December 27	Ordination of Dn. Staney Rodrigues , Infant Jesus Church, Prabhat Nagar, Honavar, Karnataka
December 29	One day Seminar for the DSFS Sisters in Bangalore

January 2019

January 1	New Year
January 2	Ordinations of Deacons Tony Munduchalil and Joshy

	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 13	Meeting with the team of Guests from Germany initiated through Fr. Joseph Mannukuzhumpil
January 15	Council Meeting
January 19	School Annual Day, SFS School Mundargi
January 21	Meeting of all the Principals of the SFS State Syllabus Schools
January 24	Feast of St. Francis De Sales at Vinayalaya, Mass with the Archbishop of Bangalore, Installation of the Provincial
January 25	* First Mass of the New Priests in Vinayalaya * School Annual Day, SFS School Anthoninagara, Chikmagaluru
January 27	Jubilee Celebration of Koppal Mission, Mass with the Bishop
January 29	Meeting the Brothers of South West India in Suvidya College

February 2019

February 1-13	20 th General Chapter of MSFS in Guwahati
February 18	Diaconate Ordination, Tejas
February 19	Council Meeting
February 20	Meeting the third year Seminarians of Sannidhi, Mysore
February 23	Meeting the third year Seminarians of SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor
February 25	One day with Tejas Theologate Community
February 26	* Executive Meeting of the PMP (Parish Mission Preaching Team) * Executive meeting of Vikas Jyothi (in the afternoon)
February 27	* Meeting of all the Directors of Prateeksha Boys' Homes * Executive Meeting of PSI (in the afternoon)

March 2019

March 2	Suvidya-Tejas Academic Convocation in Suvidya College
March 4	* Executive Meeting of Fides India * Core-Committee Meeting of the Innovative & Social Ministry Forum (in the afternoon)
March 5	Core-Committee Meeting of the Mission Forum Executive Committee Meeting of SFS Publications (in the afternoon)
March 6	Core-Committee Meeting of the Education Forum
March 7	Core-Committee Meeting of the Formation Forum

March 8	* Core-Committee Meeting of the Stewardship Forum * Meeting of the Internal Auditing Team (in the afternoon)
March 11	Core-Committee Meeting of the Associates of the Fransalians
March 12	Council Meeting

THOUGHT FROM OUR PATRON

"All that does not move towards eternal love, moves towards eternal death" SFS

Fraternally,



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