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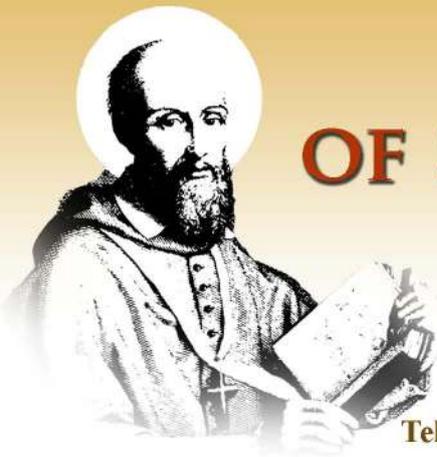
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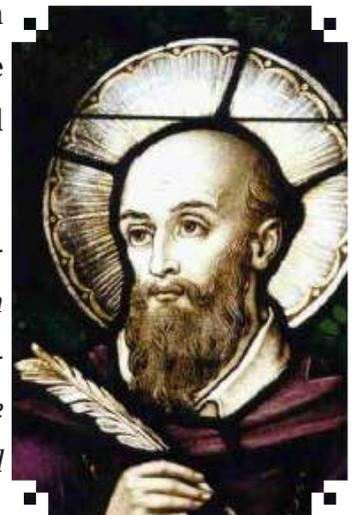
My dear Confreres,

Today we celebrate the feast of St Francis de Sales (1567-1622), one of the most well-rounded saints in Church history who played a major role in returning tens of thousands of Calvinists to the Catholic Church. You'll often find a saint who was accomplished as a theologian, a mystic, an apologist, or a devotional author. Francis was all of these, in addition to being a successful evangelist, and then the bishop of a persecuted diocese. I wish each one of you, my dear Confreres, **Happy Feast of St Francis de Sales.**

FRANCIS DE SALES: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Francis de Sales' famous work *Introduction to the Devout Life* was focused on **the need for laypeople to be saints**. In this way, as **Pope Paul VI** noted, he anticipated the emphasis of the Second Vatican Council about four hundred years ahead of time:

"No one of the recent Doctors of the Church more than St Francis de Sales anticipated the deliberations and decisions of the Second Vatican Council with such a keen and progressive insight. He renders his contribution by the example of his life, by the wealth of his true and sound doctrine, by the fact that he has opened and strengthened the spiritual ways of Christian perfection for all states and conditions in life. We propose that these three things be imitated, embraced, and followed."



Francis was a brilliant Apologist and his writings weren't just devotional. He was a priest and later bishop of Geneva when the city (and much of the surrounding area) was under strict Calvinist control. The people were banned from attending Mass or even listening to a Catholic preach. Francis got around this by writing apologetics tracts comparing Catholicism and Calvinism, and posting them wherever he could, even sliding them under towns people's doors. These tracts, later assembled as the book *The Catholic Controversy*, were massively influential. The Superior of Annecy, *Mother de Chaugy* said in 1661: "It is considered that this Treatise is calculated to produce as much fruit amongst heretics for their conversion as the *Introduction to the Devout Life* amongst Catholics for devotion."

Francis also was a brilliant Theologian who *helped orchestrate something of a cease-fire* in the debates between the Dominicans and Jesuits on grace and predestination. He also wrote the mystical *Treatise on the Love of God* of which **Pope Benedict XVI said**: “In an intensely flourishing season of mysticism *The Treatise on the Love of God* was a true and proper *summa* and at the same time a fascinating literary work.”

THE BURNING CHARITY OF THE PRIESTLY HEART OF FRANCIS DE SALES

Behind all of his devotional, apologetical, theological, and mystical contributions was **a true evangelist and pastor of souls**, and it's this aspect of St Francis de Sales that I want to emphasize. From the start, **he gave up nearly everything to be a priest**. He came from a prominent, well-connected, devoutly Catholic French family. His father, François de Sales, Lord of Boisy, Sales, and Novel, was a magistrate. He wanted Francis, the eldest of his thirteen children, to follow in his footsteps. He sent his son to some of the finest schools in Europe. By age twenty-five, Francis had graduated from the Collège de Clermont (where he studied philosophy and humanities) and had received a doctorate in law and theology from the University of Padua.

Francis was quickly admitted to the Bar, although he held out hopes of becoming a priest instead. At Clermont, a priest had helped him battle depression and despair, and this encounter seems to have planted the seeds for Francis' own vocation. His father, meanwhile, had secured a variety of prestigious positions for him, including as a senator. A compromise was finally secured, brokered by Francis' cousin, Canon Louis de Sales: François would agree to let Francis become a priest, in exchange that Francis would be appointed Provost of the cathedral chapter of Geneva, a prominent position within the diocese. Both François and the Bishop of Geneva agreed, and Francis was ordained the next year.

Almost immediately, Francis plunged himself into reconverting the people of his diocese. In 1594, at age 26, Francis and his cousin Louis embarked on a lengthy mission of conversion in and around the Calvinist district of the Chablais, in what was then the northern edge of the Duchy of Savoy (modern-day Switzerland and France). Here's *how he described the situation* that he entered into:

“When we entered those bailiwicks, sad indeed did everything appear. For we saw sixty-five parishes, in which, except the officials of the Duke, there were not, among so many thousands of persons (ex tot millibus), one hundred Catholics. The Churches, partly stripped, partly in ruins; nowhere the sign of the cross, nowhere altars; and everywhere all vestiges of the ancient and true faith destroyed; everywhere ministers – i.e., teachers of heresy.”

A number of priests face challenging assignments after ordination, but this is on a whole other level: Geneva had been subjected to a generation-long campaign to try to purge all vestiges of Catholicism: altars and statues destroyed, churches whitewashed, and the Catholic religion crushed in every way. The people were *forbidden, by law, from hearing him preach*: Francis writes: “The obstinacy of these people is so great that it has been forbidden by public ordinance to come to Catholic sermons.”

In response to this, as I mentioned, Francis wrote the apologetics tracts that would become *The Catholic*

Controversy. But for the first two years, he met with little success. The people he was trying to convert wouldn't listen to him, much less give him anything to eat, or a place to sleep. Mackey notes:

"It is on authentic record that he could not even buy bread, that on one occasion he and his cousin only saved themselves from being frozen to death by taking refuge for the night in the village bakehouse. On December 12, 1594, benighted in a wood frequented during the deep snow by packs of wolves, he had to tie himself to the higher branches of a tree, and was found by some peasants next morning utterly benumbed and almost dead."

That's how much he loved his people, even when they turned their backs on him. All of this, of course, was taxing on him. His father refused to continue funding his mission because it seemed like a hopeless cause. Eventually, exhausted and out of money, even Louis turned back. Reportedly, there were even assassination attempts made on Francis' life. In a 1595 letter to Antoine Favre, baron of Pérouges, Francis wrote:

"The harvest in Thonon is a burden that depletes my strength, but I am resolved not to abandon it with your agreement (and) your order. However, I continue to prepare by all sorts of expediciencies and labors new workers for this work and to seek them by means of subsistence. I notice no end, no close to the ruses of the enemy of the human genre. I have been tormented and I am still, my Brother, seeing that among such catastrophes that threaten our heads, there remains for us scarcely a moment to cultivate the devotion of which we would have so pressing a need. It is necessary however, counting on the mercy of Our Lord, to elevate our hearts to greater hopes."

Truly, it is a testament to his piety that the biggest struggle he complained of was wanting more time to pray. It would have been easy for him to give up, but by the grace of God, he didn't. His persistence paid off. Over the span of a few years, fruit began to sprout up. Ultimately, the mission was a huge success, with nearly every one of the 72,000 souls living in the Chablais returning to Catholicism. Mackey describes it this way: "At the end of four years the whole country was Catholic, the parishes organized, churches being restored and scarcely one hundred Calvinists remained."

This legacy continues to the present day, in the form of a continual Catholic presence. For example, the great Church of Saint Hippolytus, built in the twelfth century, became Calvinist in 1536. Under the influence of St. Francis de Sales, it returned to the Catholic Church in 1594, and remains Catholic today.

What contributed to the success of St Francis' mission to the Chablais? Certainly, his natural talents play some role, but I would suggest that God made great use of his charity and his persistence.

He combined a solid orthodoxy with an intense pastoral devotion. On doctrine, he wouldn't move an inch; pastorally, there was nothing he wouldn't do. In fact, he coined the saying, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." He lived out Matthew 18:12 in a radical way, going to the extreme (sometimes life-threatening) ends to save even a few souls. **He's the Patron Saint of the Catholic press**, because of the way that he used media (at the time, printed tracts and books) to evangelize when all of the other doors were shut and to provide spiritual direction. **He's also the Patron Saint of**

the deaf, for an even more radical reason: in order to teach a deaf man about God, St Francis *invented a form of sign language*.

After becoming Bishop of Geneva, he visited every one of his diocese's 450 parishes, five abbeys, six conventual priories, four Carthusian monasteries, and five convents. Even those who disagreed with his theology couldn't doubt his love for the people of God. Rightly has he been called "the Gentleman Saint and "the Doctor of Love."

My dear Confreres, Francis de Sales is a model both for priests and for all of those involved in evangelization. Although by his own admission he struggled from a short temper, he never let that interfere with his service towards his neighbour's salvation. **May we, like Francis, be unflinchingly orthodox, but unhesitatingly quick to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters.**

FOR OUR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- How do we rate our Priesthood today in comparison with our ministries?
- Do we sustain our Priesthood through regular prayer life and renewal?
- Do we update ourselves theologically and apologetically to face the challenges against Priesthood and the Catholic Doctrines?
- Do we excel in pastoral charity in our priestly ministries?

May the inspiration given by our Beloved Patron continue to shine in and through us.

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

Prayer Intentions of the Superior General for the MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

"That every Province takes necessary measures to organize the Fransalian Associates and that our Associates may grow in holiness and remain as missionary disciples by following the spirituality of St Francis de Sales."

Circular of the Superior General

My dear Confreres, a very important circular of the Superior General (SG-AB2-03-2) with the announcement of the Extraordinary General Chapter to be conducted in one year's time from now, is sent to all of you. Please have a studious reading of the same. A formulated prayer for the success of the Extraordinary General Chapter is also sent to you. **I request all the Superiors of the Communities to take copies of it and distribute it to all the members of the Community. This prayer shall be recited in every community from the 1st of February 2020 until the end of the Extraordinary General Chapter. I thank you for your Co-operation.**

Installation of the New Rector of Suvidya College: Rev. Dr Philip Thomas MSFS

At the wake of the election and appointment of Rev. Fr Sabu Francis as the new Provincial of the Guwahati Province, after consulting the Governing Body of Suvidya College, the Superior General has appointed Rev. Fr Philip Thomas as the new Rector and President of Suvidya College, the MSFS Philosophate,



Bangalore. Fr Philip was installed as the Rector during the concelebrated Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr Benny Kootanal, the Major Superior and Governing Body Chairman of Suvidya College, in the presence of the Staff and Students of Suvidya College, the Superiors of the affiliated institutes of Suvidya and the neighbouring Religious Communities. In the name of the South

West India Province, I wish Fr Philip Thomas God's abundant blessings in his office as the Rector to lead and animate the Staff and Students of Suvidya College.

I take this opportunity to thank Rev. Fr Sabu Francis, the outgoing Rector for his committed services to the institute as the Rector and President of Suvidya College.

PMP National Meeting in Poondi

The General Secretariat for Mission animated by Rev. Fr Johnson Kallidukil, has informed us well in advance about the **PMP National Meet**, scheduled to be held from **November 28 to December 1, 2020** at Poondi, Tamil Nadu. The Councilor in charge of Mission, Fr Joe Cherolickal, shall contact the respective members who are expected to participate in this meeting. I request you to participate in this very important meeting without fail.

Formators' Meeting in Trichy

The Formators' Meeting for all the Formators of the Indian Provinces, the second of its kind, shall be conducted from the **28th to the 31st of January 2020** in Trichy, the MSFS Provincial House, under the direction of the General Secretary for Formation, Rev. Fr Suresh Babu. The Seminar will be animated by Rev. Dr BinuEdathumparambil. I request all the Formators in our Province, who have not attended the first Seminar, to participated in this very important seminar.

FYM (Fransalian Youth Ministry) Meeting in Pune

The General Secretariat for SAIM (Social & Innovative Ministries), under the animation of Rev. Fr J. Stephen, General Secretary for SAIM has convoked the Co-ordinators' Meeting of FYM on the **8th and 9th of February 2020** in the MSFS Provincial House, Pune. Fr Sijo Paul will represent our Province in this very important meeting.

Education Seminar in Shillong

The General Secretariat for Education, under the animation of Rev. Fr Jacob Karamakuzhy, is organizing the Annual National Education Seminar from the **3rd to the 5th of May 2020** in Shillong, Meghalaya. I request all the Educators of our Province to participate in this very important Seminar.

The demise of Fr Antony Mookenthottam- Gratitude

My dear Confreres, the sad demise of Fr Antony Mookenthottam still looms heavy in our hearts. Once again we thank God for him and for the inspirations that he has left behind for us to reflect and live well our lives. It was very fitting that we gave him a grand send-off and thanked God in the presence of more than a thousand people who were gathered for his funeral. May he rest in peace!



- **My heartfelt gratitude to the Archbishop of Bangalore, Rt. Rev. Peter Machado** for his fatherly presence amidst us to preside over the Funeral mass of Fr Antony and to conduct the last rites.
- I express my gratitude to **Bishop William of Mysore** and **Bishop Anthony Swamy of Chikmagalur** for the extended condolences and solidarity.
- I am very grateful to **Very Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil**, our Superior General and **Very Rev. Fr Yves Carron**, the Assistant Superior General for their loving solidarity and nearness in prayers at the demise of Fr Antony
- I thank **all the General Councilors** who were present for the funeral ceremonies of Fr Antony and personally expressed their solidarity at this sad moment of our province in particular.
- I am very grateful to **all the Provincials from Indian Provinces of the MSFS who were present for the funeral and all those provincials who sent their delegates** for the last rites of Fr Antony.
- In a special way I thank **Rev. Fr Sabu Francis, the Rector of Suvidya College** and all the Staff and Students of Suvidya College first of all for taking care of Fr Antony as he was ailing and secondly for all the meticulous planning and arrangements for the funeral ceremonies.
- A word of special thanks and appreciation to the **Mermier Bhavan Community**, especially to **Frs. Saju Vilachirayil** and **Tony Erniakulathil** for all the meticulous planning and implementation of those plans for the funeral of Fr Antony.
- Thanks to the **multifarious group of people from different walks of life, who were in one way or the other associated with Fr Antony**, who came to pay the last homage to Fr Antony.
- My special appreciation to the MSFS Fathers who gathered in hundreds beyond the borders of the Provinces to express their gratitude and love to Fr Antony who touched them in one way or the other.
- Thanks to all the Priests and Religious who gathered in great numbers to show their respect and love for Fr Antony.
- Last but not least **I remember in gratitude the Mookenthottam Family members** who came in great number to pay their homage and love to their beloved one.

My dear Confreres, let the legacy of Fr Antony Mookenthottam continue to live in and through us. May his soul rest in peace.

News From Germany-Austria (GA) Delegation

Appointment of the New Delegation Superior: Rev. Fr Siby Joseph Manickathan

After having consulted the Members of the GA Delegation, with the unanimous consent of the Provincial Council and the approval of the Superior General I have appointed **Rev. Fr Siby Joseph Manickathan** as the new Delegation Superior of the GA (Germany-Austria) Delegation of our province. Fr Siby Joseph will take the Oath of Office on the 24th of January 2020 during a concelebrated mass of the Confreres. I wish Fr Siby Joseph God's abundant blessings in his new stint as the Delegation Superior of GA.



I take this opportunity to thank **Rev. Fr Joseph Pattarakalayil**, the outgoing Delegation Superior for his spirited animation of the Delegation for the past three years. Thank you, dear Fr Joseph.

News From Chad-Cameroon Delegation

43rd Annual Seminar of the Bishops of Cameroon at La Feuillette, Ngoya,

At the request of Mgr. Sosthène Léopold, the bishop of Obala, the MSFS community at La Feuillette, Ngoya hosted the annual seminar of the National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon (NECC). It was a moment of great pride for the MSFS Congregation in general and the Chad Cameroon delegation, in particular,



to welcome nearly 35 bishops into their house. MSFS was privileged to host such an important event. This important event was held from 6th to 11th January 2020 based on the theme: "What Episcopal Conference do we want". The seminar was presided over by His Lordship, Abraham KOME, bishop of Bafang and President of the National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon (NECC).

The solemn opening ceremony took place on Monday 6th January in the Amphitheater of the Saint Cyprian Theological School of Ngoya in the presence of His Grace Julio Murant, Apostolic Nuncio to Cameroon, and His grace, Ludwing SCHICK, Archbishop of Bamberg (Germany) and the President of the World Church Commission (*Welt Kirche*) of the German Episcopal Conference. After the Solemn opening ceremony, the Bishops came to La Feuillette, MSFS house for the rest of the seminar. The Bishops stayed at La Feuillette for 5 days. They reflected on the Synod of Youth, basing themselves on the two papers presented: "Presentation and challenges of the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus VIVIT* (Christ is alive) by his grace, Andrew FUANYA NKEA and *The Pastoral implications of the Apostolic Exhortation Christus VIVIT* by his Lordship Joseph Marie NDI-OKALLA.

The 43rd Annual seminar of the Bishops was spiritually nourished by the prayers and Eucharistic celebration animated by MSFS Brothers with which other religious communities, priests and seminarians

from the Diocese of Obala were also associated. Bishops through the person of Msgr. Abram KOME, president of the National Episcopal Conference expressed their deep sentiments of gratitude to MSFS Congregation for hosting the annual seminar in their house. Local ordinary, the Bishop of Obala appreciated the MSFS community for their Salesian hospitality, cheerful availability and joyful service.

It was a time of intense activity for the MSFS confreres of La Feuillette. They did everything possible to make this event a memorable one. Bishops expressed their total satisfaction and requested the confreres to convey their sentiments of gratitude to the Provincial Superior and the Superior General for making MSFS house available for the annual seminar.

News From the Philippines Delegation

Volcanic Eruption in Philippines

On 12th January 2020 around 1.00 pm local time, the Taal Volcano which is situated near to Tagaytay City, Philippines, erupted without any warning. Thick clouds of wet ashes and sand were thrown into the air as tall as 15 km. Residents who came within the 14 km radius of the Volcano were forcefully evacuated to evacuation camps. The debris of ashes and sand smelling sulfur were spread as far as Manila Airport which is situated nearly 100 km away from the Volcano. The Philippines Delegation of South West India Province has 3 formation houses within the vicinity of the Volcano. Our Novitiate House and Theology Scholasticate are situated in Amadeo, which comes within the 17 Km radius of the Volcano. Our Philosophy Study House in Silang is also within the same radius. All these three houses and also the compound were covered with volcanic ashes and sand. We are now outside the forceful evacuation zone, but there is a high alert for a more fierce eruption imminent. All the members of the Delegation gathered on 20th January, 2020 to evaluate the situation and to plan for the future course of action. The confreres who are in these formation houses prefer to stay there itself, till there is a forceful evacuation measure adopted by the authorities. The cleaning of the houses and the premises are going on. There are also possible health hazards involved by breathing the dust-filled air. All the members are provided with masks to protect themselves.



Blessing of the Foundation Stone for the PG Block, SFS College, Hebbagodi

20-01-2020 - the fancy date - went into the annals of St Francis de Sales College as a historical day when the Foundation Stone of the Postgraduate Block was blessed by Rev. Dr Benny Koottanal MSFS, General Manager and Provincial Superior. The ceremony of blessing the Foundation Stone was held during the prayer service at 02.20 pm, in the presence of Rev. Fr Vinod Kanattu, the Provincial Bursar, Rev. Fr Jabamalai, the Provincial Councillor in charge of Education, Rev. Fr Mathew Chavelil, Rev. Fr Jose Puthi-

aparambil, Rev. Fr John Melukunnel and Fathers from Mermier Bhavan, along with all the Faculty, Staff and students of the College. We thank God for His abundant love and support that He always bestows upon us and we pray for the prosperous completion of our Postgraduate building.



Inauguration & Blessing of the New School Building in Anthoninagara, Chikmagalur

On January 22, 2020 was a red-letter day for the Fransalian Mission at Anthoninagara as it marked the formal blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed extension of the school building and (DeSalsava'20) 3rd Annual Day Celebration. Rt. Rev. Dr T. Anthony Swamy, Bishop of Chikmagalur, blessed the School Building and Fr Benny Kootanal Provincial, inaugurated the newly constructed extension.



The event was also graced by the presence of Shri. H. D. Revanna the Member of Legislative Assembly and Ex-Minister of PWD, Fr Vinod Kanat, Provincial Bursar and Fathers from different communities. The Bishop and Ex-Minister, Shri. H.D. Revanna were impressed by the progress of the school in a short period of time and thanked the MSFS in the mission for the commendable service rendered in the local area.

Importance of Vocation Promotion

My dear Confreres, the dwindling number of candidates to Priesthood is alarmingly catching up with our Congregation and our Province too. The number of Seminarians in most of our seminaries is stooping to the lowest. There are various reasons cited for it. But one thing is sure, the ardency for promoting vocations to our province has not been a collective effort by the majority of our Confreres. I had been appointing a good number of Confreres to involve themselves in vocation promotion, given the fact that they are in the pastoral field or educational institution. But the response had been sadly very low. **My dear Confreres**, it is a matter concerning the future of our Congregation. I request everyone to be earnestly involved in Vocation Promotion. Help the officially appointed vocation promoters by referring to them, persons whom you know. We also notice that the dropout level of candidates in the seminaries has become very high. Even once these candidates come to our Seminary we should sustain their vocation by providing them with a religious ambiance of spiritual and physical well-being. Let us, therefore, promote good vocations to our Congregation and our Province in particular.

Appointments

- ❖ **Fr A. Prasanth Kumar** is appointed as the Principal of SFS School, Kengeri with effect from 1st January 2020.
- ❖ **Fr Cyriac Ummikuzhiyil** is appointed as the Interim Principal, SFS Schools, Chintamani with

effect from 1st December 2019.

- ❖ **Fr C. Joseph**, is appointed as the Manager, SFS Schools, Chintamani with effect from 1st December 2019.
- ❖ **Fr Sibi Manickathan** is appointed as the Delegation Superior of GA with effect from 24th January 2020.
- ❖ **Fr Tomy Mullasseril** is appointed as the Delegation Bursar of GA with effect from 24th January 2020.
- ❖ **Fr Joseph Pazhayattil** is appointed as the Advisor to the Delegation Superior of GA with effect from 24th January 2020.
- ❖ **Fr S. Arockia Jayaraj** is appointed as the Advisor to the Delegation Superior of GA with effect from 24th January 2020.
- ❖ **Fr Tomy Mullasseril** is appointed as the Superior of the Augsburg Community, Germany, with effect from 24th January 2020.
- ❖ **Fr Joseph Mannukzhumpil** is appointed as the Superior of the Muenster Community, Germany, with effect from 24th January 2020.

Promotions

Promoted to Priesthood

The following Deacons are promoted to Priesthood

1. Dn Kelamattathil Bibin Sebastian
2. Dn Olikkunnel Kelvin Thomas
3. Dn Cheeramban Ajish Antony
4. Dn John Joseph

Promoted to Diaconate

The following Scholastics are promoted to the Order Deacons

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| 1. Bro. Anil Kiran C Buddini | 5. Bro. PannackapallyShinceTomy |
| 2. Bro. David S Buddini | 6. Bro. ParaparambilJibin Joy |
| 3. Bro. Israel Lakra | 7. Bro. PuthenvetilAlbin Mathew |
| 4. Bro. KottorVijin James | 8. Bro. Thannikkal Justin Sunny |

Promoted to Perpetual Profession

Bro Romnick S. Civico

Cessation from the Congregation

Following Scholastics cease to be members of the MSFS Congregation

1. Subiera Ricardo D.
2. Kuriakose Kuzhiveliparambil

Obituary

- **Kochuputhenpurayil Devasia Joseph (92)**, the Paternal grand-uncle of Fr Josemon Kochuputhenpurayil, died on 21th January, 2020.

We assure you, dear Confrere, the remembrance of your dear one in our Holy Mass and Prayers

My Schedule

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

January 2020

January 24	Feast of St Francis de Sales – Festal Mass at Vinayalaya
Jan. 27-Feb.1	Classes for Diploma Students of IIS

February 2020

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

March 2020

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

April 2020

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

May 2020

May 3-9	Retreat for the Presentation Sisters (DPMT) in Perinthalmanna
May 12- 23	Visitation to Australia
May 26	Council Meeting
May 28	Perpetual Profession and Renewal of Vows at Tejas Vidya Peetha
May 30	Initiation to Novitiate at MSFS Novitiate, Makkiad
May 31	First Profession at MSFS Novitiate, Makkiad

June 2020

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

VOICE OF SFS

“Do not sow crops of good intentions in your neighbour’s garden; rather, cultivate your own with diligence.”

Fraternally,



Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS
Provincial