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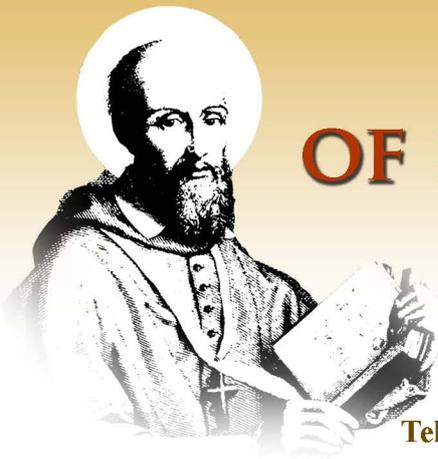
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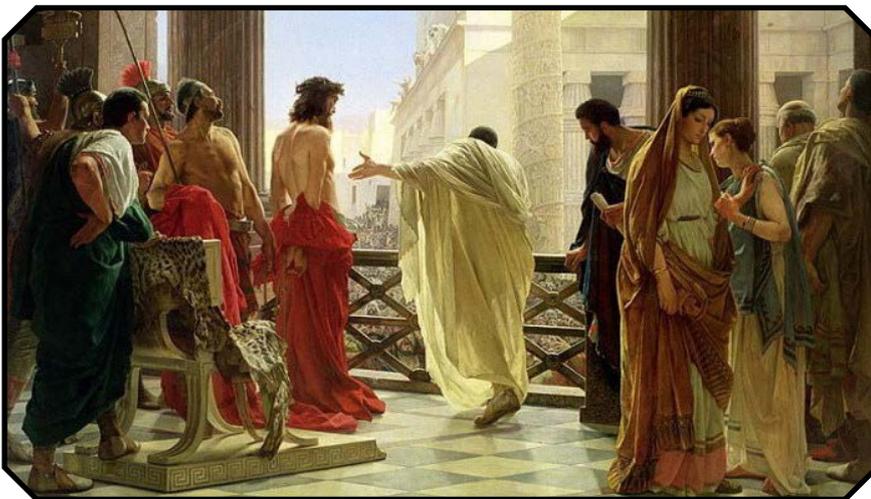


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My dear Confreres, Fraternal greetings to you from Fr Benny Koottanal. We are in the season of Lent preparing ourselves intensively to encounter the salvific occurrences of the Mystery of Christ. As we travel through this Lenten season may I invite you to give a special attention to one of those sterling aspects of Jesus' life: **Jesus, the Accused!**

ACCUSATIONS - THE JESUS WAY



One of the most difficult moments in the life of a human being is to encounter the web of negative opinions others create about him/her. To go through such a shameful experience is odious. Due to such experiences, very many young people consider suicide as the only solution; many grown-ups shut themselves up from public contacts. Everyone wants to safeguard his or her good name.

It is said that even the animals desire to be understood. St Jerome is always presented with a lion lying at his feet. One day a lion appeared in front of the monastery of Jerome. It was roaring aloud. St Jerome went near this lion and found that there was a thorn stuck in the palm of the lion. He removed the thorn and this lion became so friendly with all in the monastery and got domesticated. The one responsibility that was given to this lion was to escort a Monk who went daily with a donkey to the forest to collect the firewood. One fine day the donkey was found missing. Naturally, everyone blamed the lion for it. The lion was very sad, at the same time alert to find the donkey. The lion found that a group of dacoits stole the donkey. The lion chased the dacoits who took shelter in the monastery. Jerome instructed the monks not to harm the dacoits. The lion was appreciated by all for having brought the donkey back to the monastery. The legend goes like this: Shedding tears, the lion came and sat near Jerome. **Yes, even the animals need understanding. Even a domesticated animal thinks that its good name should be safeguarded**

When your good name is at stake who is your ultimate reference? It should be none other than Jesus. When we tread through the gospels we can notice that there were at least six serious accusations raised against Jesus. His personal life, his relationships and his religiosity were questioned. **In spite of such perfidious accusations and humiliations, he still asks – who can accuse me of sin? I believe that it is the voice of his conscience.** He considered all these accusations like a few drops of ink that fell on his clothing, understandably removable. The life of Jesus shows that one should not be shattered by some of these experiences of abhorrent accusations. **There are six serious accusations raised against Jesus in the Gospels.** Let us travel through those lived experiences of Jesus and tally them with our life-experiences.

- a) **GLUTTON:** The most commonly raised accusation against Jesus was that he is a glutton. We must not forget that someone who fasted for 40 days, someone who resisted the drink when he was very thirsty even as he was dying, is the same person who is now called a glutton. If we refer through the Gospels, we can find that Jesus participated in 40 banquets. Are those banquets abominable? The sad thing is that no one considers these banquets as part of spirituality. For most of us, only fasting is part of spirituality.

But it is equally relevant to ask, why Jesus was present at many banqueting tables? More than thinking about the reconciliation and forgiveness those banquets generated, he was present there most probably because Jesus and His companions didn't have the material bounty to reject those meals; they were really hungry. These thirteen men were wanderers and meal was a rare joy of their life. That is why the gospels announce loudly that **He took the bread gratefully... yes he ate from the goodness of someone else...** only those who are hungry can understand the value and the taste of food!

- b) **DRINKER OF WINE:** Yet another accusation leveled against Jesus was that he drank wine. It was equal to making a statement that he was not an ascetic as was his contemporary, John the Baptist. **For Jesus, drinking wine was a sign of his jubilant lifestyle.** It was a sign of his joy. Unfortunately, we give a melancholic tone to spirituality. The more you appear sad, serious and dismal, the better your spirituality. We always considered our "Gurus" as people who are too serious. What a sad definition? That is why Jesus says when you fast apply oil on your head and present yourselves as joyful people. Joyful lifestyle is contrary to disorderly happiness that is momentary. We think only about the passion of Christ, forgetting the joy of his living. Before he returned to his Father he told, "I spoke all these things to you that your joy may remain."
- c) **FRIEND OF PROSTITUTES AND TAX COLLECTORS:** Yes, Jesus was accused to be the friend of the sinners. The sickness of the mind is sin. The greatest and most fitting doctor on the face of the earth to heal such sickness is Jesus. He cannot avoid them. But he was criticized. We always try to protect our children from anything unbecoming and bad. We tell our children to keep themselves away from bad company. If your child is so good, why don't you teach your child about the need to make a positive difference in his/her surroundings? Instead, we try to make our surroundings healthy by distancing others from our company.

The most discerning moment of our life is to decide who we wish to have around us. What

was the life situation of the people who went with Jesus or that of the first Christian Community? It was a community of the poor, sinners and prostitutes. They never bend their head before anyone because of their past. Jesus held them close to his heart. **He gave utmost importance to the last, the least and the lost.** Today we need to ask the question: who are our friends? Is the Church meant for the holy people? When did the Church become the place of the Holy People? It is a place of the sinners, those who are gone wayward. The church should be a place of purification and not the place of the purified.

- d) **LAWBREAKER:** Yes, this was one of the prominent accusations against Jesus. He was considered a felon, a delinquent. **We need to notice that Jesus never broke the commandments; what he confronted was the traditions, which were not appropriate.** Think of the recent decision of Pope Francis who declared that the feet of women and non-Christians could be washed on the Maundy Thursday. It naturally brought in a lot of furor, especially among some of the clergy. In fact, what Jesus lived during his life by walking with women and people who belonged to other religions, are made abominable by us! **It is enough just to consider one thing: Wherever the food is served, whose presence we desire the most, if not that of women? Still, during the past two thousand years, we kept them away from these practices! When such partial and unacceptable practices are challenged and the opposites are proposed, they bring along an unimaginable rumble of opposition.** When the so-called 'untouchable traditions' are disturbed, it's only fitting that criticisms follow thereafter.
- e) **FRIEND OF BEELZEBUL:** Yet another accusation against Jesus was that he healed the people with the help of the satanic power. The early church too suffered such accusations. Perhaps even Christianity itself has gone wrong by doing such things, as history would prove. There is a need to look back. Many of them who were even considered witches and were thrown into the burning furnace were people who really lived a life of sanctity. Sanctity always carried with it contrasting lifestyle, which many cannot understand. Many of the words and actions of Jesus were not understandable for the people of his time; hence the irresistible temptation to attach such words and actions to the power of the evil spirit.
- f) **MAD MAN:** Yes, Jesus was considered mad! Why not? We have created an order around us. Anyone who doesn't fall in line with that order, we consider him/her mad and abnormal. **Why should a young and handsome man go around unmarried, get in friendship with the fisherfolk, sleep at the roadside and in the wilderness? Is he not mad?** This same question is raised even in our own times too. Yes, Jesus' brothers thought that he is mad and went to bring him back home so that they can treat him. **Yes, anyone who stood different from the view of the society, at any time of the history, was considered mad!** The one who walks differently from the set norms of the society will always be called 'mad'! Yes, Mary had a Son; he is mad; he doesn't go to work; they came to get hold of him to treat him. To our luck, he did not heed to their whims and fancies. Let his name be praised!

My dear Confreres, let this Lenten Season be a source of inspiration for us to understand that whenever we go through difficult moments of our lives when others accuse us, the Carpenter of Nazareth also went through some of those excruciating moments. In fact, all these accusations against Jesus were

complements to him. It revealed who he really is. Each accusation brought out the best side of Jesus to the forefront, for us to imitate and to live.

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL CHAPTER 2019

The call of the General Chapter 2019 insists that **All Communities will form themselves into disciplined and healthy communities with Local Superiors and the Members remaining accountable to each other regarding their duties and responsibilities to the community.**

My dear Confreres, this invitation of the General Chapter is a pertinent aspect of our community life. This is a special responsibility entrusted to the Local Superiors to exercise effectively the Ordinary Powers entrusted to them in the most religious and human spirit. Leaders need to recognize that they are called to be responsible in spite of the difficulties involved in animation. Perhaps one of the loopholes of religious leadership is the fact that Leaders are unwilling to exercise their 'authority' due to fear of criticism and prejudice.

The General Chapter also invites us with a specific responsibility stating that **Confreres in multi-cultural communities will use a common Language for communication.**

This is a specific guideline to keep the unity of every community. A true realization that I am born in a particular part of the world is as accidental as the colour of my skin is the focus that a religious should hold in community life. Let us respect each other without hurting anyone by subjectively interested in a particular language, region or caste. Let us speak the common language of English in our communities so that unity and religiosity will be fostered in our communities.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL CHAPTER 2022

The Extraordinary General Chapter is re-scheduled to February 01-07, 2022, in Pune. Please continue to pray for the success of the Chapter.

YEAR OF MISSION

Taking into account the Year of St Joseph, the Year of Family, the Devotion to Holy Family, and the directive of the General Chapter XX to initiate more ministries directed to families, with the consent of the General Council, the Superior General has formally declared, **the year 2021-2022 as Year of Mission** in our Congregation starting from Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021, and concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022.

Objectives of the Mission Year 2021-2022:

- Bring to the forefront the apostolate of Missions in the Congregation.
- For the renewal of the individuals and communities so that we can function more effectively with credibility as agents of renewal.

- To impart to our young formees and scholastics the correct orientation regarding the nature and purpose of being a member of a missionary congregation. For the renewal and rejuvenation of our parishes through PMP (Parish Mission Preaching).
- Focused implementation of the directives of the General Chapter 2019 on MISSION.
- To initiate ministries directed to families, to promote devotion to Holy Family, and to celebrate the Year of Family and Year of St Joseph.

Fr Johnson KALLIDUKIL, General Secretary for Mission, in consultation with Provincial Councillors In Charge of Mission will work on a detailed program for the Mission Year in the coming weeks and months. Let us collaborate with the Mission Forums and Mission Secretariate in this noble cause of Mission.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is unconditional and faithful. Without love, the holiness of life is impossible. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are perfect models of pure love that requires sacrifice and forgiveness. The Holy Family is a model of love for families and communities. 'Devotion enhances every calling' (St Francis de Sales). Honoring the proposal of Rev. Fr Emil Mayoraz and valuing his spiritual insight and wisdom for the renewal of the Congregation, the Superior General invites us to cultivate devotion to Holy Family in our Congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS

Let us join together as Fransalian Family to congratulate **Fr Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil**, who is appointed by the Archbishop of Calcutta as the Regional (Bengal Regional Bishop's Council) Secretary of the CCBI Commission for Theology and Doctrine, **Fr Sudeep Paul**, who was appointed as the Chief Promoter for the Cause of the Founder and **Fr Jijo Manjackal**, who is appointed as the member of the Editorial Board Fransalian International. We congratulate them and wish them all the best in their new endeavors.

LIFE IN THE PROVINCE

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT CHINTAMANI: RAISED TO PILGRIMAGE CENTER



My dear Confreres, in accordance with the wish of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Apostolic Penitentiary has bestowed the gift of the **Indulgences** during the **Year of St Joseph**. In line with this, the **Archbishop of Bangalore** has declared seven Churches in the Archdiocese as Pilgrimage Churches in this year of St Joseph. **One among them is ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, CHINTAMANI, which is permanently entrusted to the MSFS.** The Faithful are exhorted to visit these Churches to obtain Indulgences (naturally following all the modalities).

Along with our MSFS Confreres, I consider it as a great privilege and honour for us that one of our Churches in the Kolar

Deanery is raised as a Pilgrim Church. It is very necessary that we take special attention to promote the devotion to St Joseph especially through this special privilege entrusted to us. Therefore, I request all the Confreres to take note of the following and do the needful:

- **The New Church in Chintamani shall be blessed during this year of St Joseph, which is a sign of our commitment to the Mission of the Church**
- **In all the parishes that are entrusted to the MSFS in the Kolar Deanery, an announcement shall be made about the new status of Chinatmani Parish. Every parish shall make a decision to visit the Parish of Chintamani as a parish community or as different guilds or solidarities minimum once during this year of St Joseph**
- **Every MSFS Parish in Karnataka, especially in the Archdiocese of Bangalore, shall announce about the new status of the parish of Chintamani and make it a decision to visit the Church during this year of St Joseph.**
- **The Apostolic Community of Chintamani, together with the Provincial and his Administration, shall come together during this season of Lent to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to pray together. I request the Apostolic Convener of Kolar, Fr Y. Mathias, to organize it together with the Parish Priest of Chintamani, Fr Jose Puthiyaparambil.**
- **I request all the MSFS Confreres of South West India Province to join the blessing of the New Church of Chintamani dedicated to St Joseph the Worker and thus be part of this great privilege of receiving the indulgences. The blessing of the Church is proposed to be on the 18th of July 2021.**

My dear Confreres, let us thank God for this great honour given to us by the Archbishop of Bangalore by promoting the parish of Chintamani as a Pilgrimage Center. Let us specially pray for the blessing of God on all those who visit this Church during this year of St Joseph.

NEW EDUCATION POLICY

As per the instructions from the Government, it is mandatory for all the educational institutions to obtain the necessary legal documents to run a school/college. The government may cancel the affiliation if we do not produce the documents at the time of verification or departmental visits.

The councillor in charge of education (SWIP) too has conveyed this to all in the mail dated February 22, 2021. Hence, I request that all of you, who are engaged in educational ministries consider this as utmost important and obtain all the documents as per requirements.

SFS CARNIVAL

“When you face difficult times know that challenges are not sent to destroy you. They’re sent to promote, increase and strengthen you.”

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for a touch of a friendly hand... This was what the Desalites’ carnival was all about. The month of January saw the exuberant celebration and a fun-

filled day in the amphitheater of SFS ACADEMY, through the carnival held on January 31, 2021.



The history of the world is full of people who rose to the occasion and proved themselves by the sheer force of self-confidence, bravery, and tenacity. The young, ignited minds of our society are our greatest assets. We, at SFS Group

of Institution, designed a joint venture promoted by SWIP and organized by SFS Public School (ICSE & ISCE) and SFS Academy(CBSE) encouraged these youngsters from different schools of South West India Province to explore their true potential by awakening their passions and cultivating their talents by participating in various events held virtually.

The afternoon celebrations commenced with the Principals, students, parents, faculty members of SFS Group of Institution who are the beneficiaries of the proceeds of the carnival.

The president of the function, Rev. Dr Benny Koottanal MSFS, the Provincial of SWIP, a man of distinct vision and a fountainhead of illuminating ideas, presided over and lauded the efforts of Rev. Dr Jabamalai, councillor incharge of education in providing the virtual platform during this pandemic situation for the students across the SFS schools of south-west India province to express their talents. He also congratulated Rev. Fr P. M Lawrance Principal of SFS Academy whose constant support and enormous guidance motivated the students and the music teachers to compose and release the Desalite Album “Go Covid – 19”.

Mrs Pavithra, theatre and film artist, present faculty in theatre arts, Bangalore University, chief guest of the day expressed her anecdote in seeing her dreams come true in the field of performing arts. She shared her experience on how she was inspired to get into theatre arts even after she was discriminated due to her complexion.

The school amphitheater pulsated with scintillating music and a lively crowd. The carnival had something in store for everybody, be it children or adults. An array of edible delights, rolling trophy – Desalites’ Vencedora 2021 won by SFS High school, Malur and exciting prizes ensured an unforgettable time with near and dear ones. The zest and zeal exhibited by an enthusiastic crowd of visitors and participants made the Desalites’ Carnival a memorable one.

I express my heartfelt congratulations to Fr A. Jabamalai, the councilor incharge of education and all the collaborators for executing this new venture with precise and meticulous planning. HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS!

PMP RETREAT- TAPASYA

TAPASYA is chosen as a brand name for all the PMP Programs in Karnataka. The Executive Committee decided on Tapasya, as an Indian name for the PMP Programs in Karnataka to convey more effectively the meaning and significance of Parish Missions in the cultural context of Karnataka. Tapasya primarily



means austerity, a refined form of self-control and surrender. It is a process of purification and renewal.

After much study, discussion and deliberations the Executive Committee of PMP finalized a blueprint for the Five Days' PMP Program. A preaching module was prepared with the 10 specific themes as suggested in the PMP Manual. It was decided that the PMP Teams will always comprise three preachers apart from the director. The Five Days' Program was designed with 10 major talks with Holy Eucharist and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occupying a prime place in the daily schedule. Due importance is also given to the popular devotions of Holy Rosary

and Way of the Cross. Family Visits are made an integral part of the Program. Visit to the cemetery and blessing of the tombs are also part of the program. The daily morning prayer, adoration and meditation by the Team as a community in mission is a mandatory spiritual starter for every Mission Team.

The first-ever Five Days' Tapasya Mission under the banner of Parish Mission Preaching (PMP) was conducted 01-05 March 2021 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Gumatapuram in Talavadi. The team of preachers consisted of Frs Erudaya Raja, Christopher Crasta and Sudeep Andrews besides Fr Sebastian Conrad, the Director. The entire program was a great success and was much appreciated by the parish community of over 250 people. Almost 80 % of the parish community had actively participated in the program. Apart from the 10 well-prepared Talks, the family visits as well as many of the popular devotions and practices had found sufficient space in the program. In a post-tapasya evaluatory session, the Team expressed their joy and happiness in having conducted such a beautiful program. All agreed that it was the result of a systematic planning and the hard work of the executive committee and the members of the first Tapasya Team. All expressed their eagerness to take up more such Tapasya Missions in the weeks and months ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRIEST

Fr Israil Lakra

The MSFS Congregation and the South-West India Province, in particular, is blessed to have Fr Israil Lakra who is ordained on January 27, 2021. We, as a province family, congratulate the new priest for his courageous decision to respond to the call of Jesus to consecrate himself as holy priest in the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales and wish him God's abundant blessings upon his priestly and missionary ministries.

Date of birth : January 20, 1988

Place of birth : Alanda, Odisha



Name of parents : Pius Lakra and Mariam Lakra
Parish : St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Kesramal
Diocese : Rourkela
First Profession : May 31, 2012
Perpetual Profession : May 28, 2019
Diaconate Ordination : February 1, 2020
Ordination : January 27, 2021

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS 2021

My dear Confreres, After having consulted with each of you personally and with your consent I am appointing you to the following communities and ministries. I sincerely thank you for your sense of obedience which I could experience without fail. I request you to live out your missionary commitment with maximum care in the newly appointed places so that God's glory will be communicated through your life-style and deeds. Assuring you my sincere accompaniment in these apostolic ministries you are entering into, I announce these transfers:

Fr A. Jerome is appointed to the MSFS Community of Sannidhi Mysore as Superior & Rector with effect from May 4, 2021

Fr Abey Thunduparabil is appointed to the MSFS Community of Sannidhi Mysore as Dean of Studies with effect from May 1, 2021

Fr Prakash Prashant is appointed to the MSFS Community of Sannidhi Mysore as Administrator & Vocation Promoter with effect from May 15, 2021

Fr Jose Parappillil is appointed to the Community of SFS Seminary Ettumanoor as Superior & Rector with effect from May 10, 2021.

Fr Johny Kanjiramparabil is appointed to the Community of SFS Seminary Ettumanoor as Vocation Promoter & Spiritual Director with effect from May 14, 2021

Fr Sudeep Andrews is appointed to the Community of SFS Seminary Ettumanoor as Dean with effect from June 1, 2021

Fr Sijo Kovilparabil is appointed to the Community of SFS Seminary Ettumanoor as the Administrator with effect from May 10, 2021

Fr Baby Elanjimattathil is appointed to the Community of SFS Seminary Ettumanoor as the Administrator of SFS School with effect from August 3, 2021

Fr Noby Kottuppallil is appointed to the Community of Snehajyothi Ashram, MSFS Novitiate, as So-

cius & Administrator with effect from May 13, 2021

Fr Rakesh Ekka is designated to be appointed as Socius at MSFS Novitiate Kibaha, Tanzania with effect from April 30, 2021

Fr Vinoy Valachathinakathu is appointed to the Community of Tejas Vidya Peetha as Dean of Studies with effect from June 15, 2021

Fr Thomas Thekkekarottu is appointed to the Community and Staff of Tejas Vidya Peetha with effect from July 1, 2021

Fr Jacob Parappally is designated to be appointed as the Formator and Spiritual Director at Suvidya College Bangalore with effect from June 1, 2021

Fr Tony Munduchalil is appointed to the Community of Indian Institute of Spirituality as Administrator with effect from May 15, 2021. He is also designated to do MTh in Missiology at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute with effect from July 2021.

Fr Christopher Crasta is designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of St Mary's Church Kolar with effect from May 2, 2021

Fr R. Bartholomew is designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of Srinivaspura & appointed as the Administrator of SFS School Srinivaspura with effect from May 5, 2021.

Fr Mathew Elayidathumadam is designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hebbagodi with effect from June 6, 2021

Fr Jose Vechuvettickal is designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of St John of the Cross Church Adoor with effect from August 1, 2021

Fr Vinod Kanat is appointed as the Superior of the Community of MSFS Provincial House Vinayalaya, Bangalore with effect from May 10, 2021

Fr Biju Palamkunnel is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community ITI Kolar with effect from May 1, 2021. He is also appointed as the Principal of ITI Industry

Fr George Chirayil is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community Mattannur with effect from May 20, 2021. He is also appointed as the Administrator of the School and Community and the Manager of SFS School Mattannur

Fr Sibichen Panthanmackel is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community Soumya Sadan Mysore with effect from July 5, 2021

Fr Justin Chirackal is appointed as the Superior of MSFS Community Batheri with effect from May 1, 2021

Fr Nirmal Pulikkalath is appointed to the MSFS Community at Mundargi as the Principal of SFS School Mundargi with effect from May 1, 2021

Fr Subin Puzhakkara is appointed to the MSFS Community at Mattannur as the Principal of SFS School Mattannur with effect from May 1, 2021

Fr Maria George is appointed as the Vice Principal of SFS School (State Syllabus) Hebbagodi with effect from May 15, 2021

Fr Jose Edasseril is appointed to the MSFS Community of PSI Seva Kendra Kengeri for Rest & Treatment with effect from May 10, 2021

Fr Shinto Parayankunnel is appointed to the MSFS Community Batheri as the Director of the Counselling and Preaching Centre with effect from June 1, 2021

Fr A. Arockiyasamy is appointed to the Community of NEST as the Administrator of SFS School and Community with effect from May 3, 2021

Fr Joseph Kannadom is appointed to the MSFS Community at Malur as Administrator of the Community and SFS School with effect from May 1, 2021

Fr Sibichen Kochuveedu is appointed to the MSFS Community at Aluva as the Administrator of the Community and DATA with effect from May 25, 2021. He will also teach the German Language in DATA

Fr Sanoj Plamthotathil is appointed to the MSFS Community of Vinayakumar Ashram Chokad as Assistant Manager with effect from May 20, 2021. He will also assist in the Parish Ministry at T K Colony

Fr Bibin Kelimattathil is appointed to the MSFS Community of ITSCAAT Trivandrum as Assistant Director with effect from March 15, 2021

Fr Mathew Kalathil is appointed to the MSFS Community of Atmajyothi Pattikad to assist in all the Spiritual Activities of the Retreat Centre with effect from May 1, 2021

Fr Thomas Mekkattu is appointed to the MSFS Community NEST Kengeri as In charge of the NEST Children with effect from May 20, 2021

Fr Lalu Thadathilankal is designated for studies in Music at Chiyaram, Thrissur, Kerala with effect from June 1, 2021

Fr Joby Pulichumackal is designated to do studies in Film and Television at St Joseph College of Communication, Changanassery. He will continue to do pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Changanassery

Fr Kelvin Olikkunnel is designated to be appointed for Pastoral Ministries in Guwahati Province of the MSFS with effect from May 25, 2021

Fr Israil Lakra is designated to be appointed for Pastoral Ministries in Guwahati Province of the MSFS with effect from March 20, 2021

Fr Kuldeep Kujur is designated to be appointed for Social Work Ministries under 'FAScE India' in Guwahati Province of the MSFS with effect from July 1, 2021

Fr Charles Perianayagam is designated to do Doctorate in Philosophy at the University in Innsbruck, Austria in the Winter Semester 2021

Fr Sujith Pallassery is designated to do Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Northampton, England with effect from April 2021 and to pursue Master's studies in Psychology and Counseling

Fr Roji Kuttivayalil is designated to do Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Nottingham, England with effect from July 2021

Fr Shalbin Marottikudy is designated to do Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Nottingham England with effect from July-August 2021 and to pursue Postgraduate studies

Fr Prince Cheriyaakavil is designated to do Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Nottingham, England with effect from July-August 2021 and to Pursue Doctoral Studies in English Literature

Fr Sandeep Tirkey is designated for Pastoral Ministry in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation with effect from June 2021

Fr Ajish Cheeramban is designated for Pastoral Ministry in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation with effect from March 2021

Fr John Joseph is designated for Pastoral Ministry in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation with effect from March 2021

Fr Simil Karuvelil is designated for Pastoral Ministry in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Fr Anishmon K. is designated to be appointed for pastoral ministries in the diocese of Imus, Philippines with effect from June 2021

To be taken note of:

- The Provincial shall install all the newly appointed Superiors on the appointed day
- The councilor in charge of Formation, Fr Binu Edathumparambil, shall be present for the installation and induction of the new staff in the Formation Houses.
- The councilor in charge of Education, Fr A. Jabamalai, shall be present for the handing over ceremony of the new Principals
- The councilor in charge of Mission, Fr Joe Cherolickal, shall be present for the installation of the new Parish Priests

NB: A few more transfers and appointments will follow within a couple of weeks.

My dear Confreres, I request you to abide by the stipulated time given for the transfer. If any inconvenience arises, please handle the matter with mutual understanding and agreement and let me know of the change that you are making. Wish you all the best.

The Following scholastics are asked to leave the congregation or have chosen to leave the Congregation

1. Orlan Abequibel Bangahon
2. Eyeya Amot Aloys JB
3. Nkong Tchoupe Eric
4. Disuja Lakra
5. Marwari Lal Tirkey
6. Pazhukkathara Devasya

We wish them God's abundant blessings in their future life-endeavours

OBITUARY



Rev. Fr Alwyn Zothansanga MSFS (38), Guwahati Province (South African Region), expired on January 22, 2021. We thank God for all the good things that He has showered upon our Congregation through the instrumentality of **Fr Alwyn Zothansanga MSFS**. May God bless him and give him eternal rest.

NB: For a deceased Confrere, who is a professed member, each one of us is obliged to celebrate a Holy Mass irrespective of the Province. I request all of you to do the necessary suffrages for the departed Confreres.

- **Mrs Christina Greta Crasta (82)**, Mother of Fr Herold Christopher Crasta, died on February 1, 2021.
- **Mr Thaveethu (84)**, Father of Fr T. Paul Raj, died on February 9, 2021.

We assure you, dear Confreres, the remembrance of your dear ones in our Holy Mass and Prayers

MY SCHEDULE

March 2021

March 16	Meeting of the Members of the Study Commission on SFS PU College Tamaka
March 17	Meeting of the Core Committee of PSI
March 20	Council Meeting
March 28	Palm Sunday
March 29	Meeting of the Major Superiors with the Archbishop of Bangalore

April 2021

April 1	Maundy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 3	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
April 4	Easter Sunday
April 8	Meeting with the officials on the NAAC Accreditation in SFS College Bangalore
April 9	One day Seminar for the Superiors of the Augustinian Sisters
April 12	Council Meeting

VOICE OF SFS

“If we are humble we would not be so eager to be held in esteem for our possessions.”

Fraternally,



Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS
Provincial