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SOUTH-WEST INDIA PROVINCE

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My dear Confreres,

We are on the verge of two Solemnities: Ascension and Pentecost. The disciples who sat behind shut doors out of sheer fear and inability to face the cruelties of the outside world “held their breath” as Jesus “breathed on them His Spirit.” For most of the millions of people who died due to the recent Covid pandemic, their last conscious thought must have been “I can’t breathe.” The countless “apocalyptic events” that break upon us from far and near on an hourly basis does indeed “take our breath away.” It is against such existential context that the Pentecost narratives about Jesus breathing on the disciples, and through them on the entire humanity, the gift of the Holy Spirit is to be understood. There are two distinctive features to this Spirit coming down on the disciples. First, he rests on each and, then, brings all of them together in fellowship. On the one hand, to each is given a unique gift, in the form of new and varied charisms, and He causes them to blossom in all its diversity. Indeed, many and varied gifts are given, and yet the result is not to be some sort of savagely selfish competition that foresees the survival of the fit-

test, richest, visibly talented, or the best educated. Rather, the resting of the spirit on the individual, investing him or her with unique gifts, is geared towards creating a new heart, a heart that is capable of receiving the “shalom” of Christ by letting itself be renewed by forgiveness and self-correction and broadening itself to embrace the unique diversity of all others. Thus, the same Spirit that gives each individual a unique gift gathers them all into unity. In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse, and unified fellowship. This, precisely, is the heart of consecrated life as well!

Just as we are all gearing up to begin a new academic year, the solemnities of Ascension and Pentecost tell us that God calls us, anoints us with his Spirit, and sends us out to make a difference as members of a Spirit-formed and Spirit-filled religious community, enriched with varied charisms as individuals, but bound together into our Fransalian fellowship. What Jesus said at Ascension still remains valid and indispensable: You be My witness – and in our case, His witnesses as Fransalians of the South-West Province.



SUPERIOR GENERAL'S CANONICAL VISITATION

It is with great joy that I share with you all the news about the forthcoming canonical visitation of our beloved Superior General to our South-West India Province. The scheduled dates are the following: **Arrival - September 09, 2023; Visitation from September 10 to October 04, 2023. The visitation will begin from Trivandrum and will conclude in Bangalore.** The detailed schedule of Fr. General's visitation will be announced in the next circular. Superior General's visitation is primarily a spiritual event and it is an occasion to reflect, share, learn, and to plan out our common religious life and ministries. Therefore, it calls for serious preparation both at the individual and community levels. I invite all of you to prepare this sacred occasion in such a way that it becomes truly an enriching and reinvigorating experience for all of us in the Province. Fr. General has explicitly stated that he is focussed on meeting all the confreres in the communities and special care should be taken to avoid all sorts of gala events and programmes, especially in the institutions. He wishes it to be a simple family, fraternal experience.

DISPLAY OF THE CHARISM

During the last Extraordinary General Chapter held in Pune we have articulated our MSFS Charism in a single sentence for the sake of uniformity and clarity. Our Superior General has directed us to display this articulation of our Charism in all our communities, formation houses, and residence in a visible way. Let our charism become clear and visible to us and those who visit MSFS communities.

“Our charism is to continue the mission of Christ and His Church by living the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in a religious community of missionaries, as lived and envisioned by our Founder”

There are three constituent elements to our Charism. The first one is to continue the mission of Christ and His Church. This we do through the three foundational apostolates, namely i) preaching missions and pioneering evangelization; ii) education of the young; and iii) social apostolates. The second element is living the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. The third element is living in a religious community as lived and envisioned by our Founder.

YEAR OF FRANSALIAN YOUTH



Logo for the Year of Fransalian Youth

Very Rev. Fr Superior General has declared the **YEAR OF FRANSALIAN YOUTH (16 April, 2023 to 31 March, 2024)** for the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales.

Keeping in mind the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* and the motto of the World Youth Day, "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39), **THE YEAR OF FRANSALIAN YOUTH** aims at providing all the Fransalian Youth with a universal Church experience, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ in and through the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and the missionary zeal of Father Mermier.

It is a time of evangelisation for the Fransalians to empower the youth to realize their potential at their disposal and strength in their hearts to promote peace, unity, and fraternity.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr Jose Devasahayam MSFS is appointed as the new Provincial of Brazil Province. We congratulate him and offer him our prayers and best wishes.



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to the
New Provincial Administrations*

THE NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA OF THE ENGLISH PROVINCE

- Fr Benny Joseph : Provincial
- Fr Thomas Kulandaisami : Councillor and Admonitor
- Fr Roy Karakattu : Councillor
- Fr Terry McGrath : Provincial Bursar

THE NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA OF THE GUWAHATI PROVINCE

- Fr Sabu Francis : Provincial
- Fr George Poovathunkal : Councillor in Charge of Education
- Fr Alois Borogaon : Councillor in Charge of Formation
- Fr John Berman : Councillor in Charge of SAIM
- Fr Joby Kurikilamkattu : Councillor Charge of Mission
- Fr. Santhosh Chavaranal : Provincial Bursar

THE NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA OF THE SOUTH EAST INDIA PROVINCE

- Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj : Provincial
- Fr. S. Joseph Henry : Admonitor & Councillor in Charge of Mission
- Fr. C. Sebastin Raj : Councillor in Charge of Education
- Fr. A. Edward : Councillor in Charge of SAIM
- Fr. A. Charles Michael : Councillor in Charge of Formation
- Fr. S. Santhanam : Provincial Bursar

ANNUAL RETREAT

The dates of the Province Annual Retreats for the academic year 2023-2024 have been finalized.

1ST RETREAT

Date : 23rd October 2023 to 27th October 2023
(From Monday Morning till Friday Noon)
Venue : Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Preacher : Rev. Fr Mathew Illathuparambil
(Former Rector of St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva)

2ND RETREAT

Date : 08th January 2024 to 12th January 2024
(From Monday Morning till Friday Noon)
Venue : Charis Bhavan, Kerala
Preacher : Rev. Fr Mathew Illathuparambil



I request all of you to enrol your names with the Provincial Secretary for anyone of the retreats and plan your programs accordingly.

SUPERIORS' FORUM MEETING

Right at the beginning of the academic year, it would be good if all our superiors could come together and collectively reflect together about and plan ahead our life in the community. For various reasons we could not hold the Superiors' Forum meeting last year. *I am, therefore, happy to convene the Superiors' Forum meeting to be held on Friday, June 9, 2023. The sessions will begin at 9.00 am and will conclude by 4.00 pm.* The morning sessions will be animated by *Rev. Fr Thomas Thekkel CMI*, former Provincial and current Rector of Dharmaram College. In the afternoon, we will have a concluding shared session. May I request all the superiors to participate in this meeting.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEAM IN THE EDUCATION MINISTRY

During the course of the last two weeks the results of our 10th and 12th grade students have come out. It is indeed a matter of pride and joy that all our schools could obtain truly enviable results. On behalf of all the members of our Province, I would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to all our beloved confreres engaged in the ministry of education for ensuring such excellent results. While thanking the good Lord for His abundant blessings on our ministry of education, we acknowledge and appreciate your commitment, dedication, and passion for excellence. Let us begin the new academic year in the same spirit.

PROMOTIONS TO THE NEXT STAGES OF FORMATION

Promotions of the Scholastics in India

Promoted to Novitiate

1. Bro. Alan Antony
2. Bro. Ashin Antu
3. Bro. Bovas E. Emmanuel
4. Bro. Roshan Joseph
5. Bro. Sharath. S
6. Bro. Jebastian

Promoted to First Profession and First Year of Philosophy at Suvidya College

1. Bro. Alphonse Christopher
2. Bro. Godwin David
3. Bro. Ishanandan Mantry
4. Bro. Jeesmon Thomas
5. Bro. Joyson Nazareth
6. Bro. Patrick Vadoparambil

Promoted to Second Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows at Suvidya College

1. Bro. Alan Prince Attapattu
2. Bro. Daniel Ignatius Pellissery
3. Bro. Jeevan Tirkey
4. Bro. Justin Johnson Paruthipara
5. Bro. Prashanth Ekka
6. Bro. Raphael A.
7. Bro. Satish Kujur
8. Bro. Vijay Bernard

Promoted to Third Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows at Suvidya College

1. Bro. Bibin Jose Kannamkulathu
2. Bro. Bristo Augustine Karyakkadan
3. Bro. Vinod Kumar Y.

Promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows at Tejas Vidya Peetha

1. Bro. Ajo Mookenthottam
2. Bro. Ameer Pottackal
3. Bro. Antony Kunnumpurathu Puthenveedu
4. Bro. Abishek Ekka
5. Bro. Akash Tirkey
6. Bro. Christin Tom Kidangayil
7. Bro. Jerin Kulamkuthiyil
8. Bro. Prabeen (Probin) Tirkey
9. Bro. Ranjith Panna
10. Bro. Rechin Deepak
11. Bro. Sebastian Joseph Arinjaniyil
12. Bro. Sebastian Kaniyanparambil
13. Bro. Sibi Jose Poomarathil

Promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows at Tejas Vidya Peetha

1. Bro. Anthony Rosario
2. Bro. Albin Kadaparambil

Promoted to Third Year Theology and Perpetual Profession at Tejas Vidya Peetha

1. Bro. Asher Kochuparambil
2. Bro. George Karottukizhakel
3. Bro. Jerin Ponmalakunnel
4. Bro. Jerry Balthasar
5. Bro. Joachim Anthonyswamy
6. Bro. Jostro B. Muthupeedika



Promotion of the Scholastics in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Promoted to Novitiate

1. Bro. Mbai-Adoum Christian
2. Bro. Buh Eugene Achang
3. Bro. Bere Evrard
4. Bro. Abdoulaye Gaou Aimi Mahamat Rene
5. Bro. Eboa Mark Lancelote Mua

Promoted to First Profession and First Year of Philosophy.

1. Bro. Menwa Yong Ngah Tchaoula Alexis
2. Bro. Allahrassem Bonheur
3. Bro. Noubayam Chirac
4. Bro. Mbang Norbert Yuh

Promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Wiysahnyuy Nelson Fonyuy
2. Bro. Ni Stanley Kang
3. Bro. Franckvart Ahamed Takougoum

Promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Chidjo Djoko Bertrand Armand
2. Bro. Djoitanan Paulin
3. Bro. Nsoyuka Mbinkar Melchisedek

Promoted to Third Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Nzesseu Chimi Valentin
2. Bro. Yibongha David Shiynyuy
3. Bro. Nga Modo Engelbert

Promoted to Fourth Year Theology and Perpetual Profession

1. Bro. Temgoua Jacques Clovis
2. Bro. Adzaba Evang William Favier Henri

Promoted to Priesthood

1. Dn. Robin Joy Karumathy
2. Dn. Ndeialdongar Toussaint
3. Dn. Tomy George (Anthony) Kezhakenthottam
4. Dn. Vinu Varghese Ponnor
5. Dn. Nyamsi Panteun Yves Cyrille

The Following Scholastic Ceases to be Member of the Congregation

1. Bro. Nanguenpjumpou Martin Auriol



TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Transfers and Appointments in India

1. **Fr Anand Ekka** is appointed as the Superior and Procurator of the MSFS Community as well as the Financial Administrator of SFS School at Anthoninagara.
2. **Fr Mathew Mamala** is appointed as the Manager of both ICSE and State Syllabus schools in Koppal .
3. **Fr Saji Vadakkedath** is appointed to the MSFS Community at Kannur to pursue IELTS. At the request of the Provincial of English Province, Fr. Saji is designated to take up Pastoral Ministry in England as part of strengthening the English Province.
4. **Fr A. Mathias** is appointed to the MSFS Community at Srinivaspur to pursue his Doctoral Studies.

Transfers and Appointments in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation

1. **Fr S. Innaci Muthu** is appointed as the Parish Priest and Superior at Buea with effect from 1st July 2023.
2. **Fr Abessouguie Christophe Bertrand** is appointed as the Director of the SFS School, Ngaoundere with effect from 1st August 2023.
3. **Fr Boris Nixon** is Designated for Pastoral Ministry and Studies in the Franco-Swiss Province.
4. **Fr Bipin Kishore Xess** is Designated for Pastoral Ministry in the Franco-Swiss Province.

Appointment of the Regents in India

1. **Bro. Abin Abraham Ellickamuriyil** : SFS Vidyashram, Aluva.
2. **Bro. Akshay T. M. Thurutheparannolil** : ITSSCAT, Trivandrum.
3. **Bro. Jaison Jaimon Parakalayil** : Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha.
4. **Bro. Jerin Shaji Panachickal** : SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor.
5. **Bro. Jerome Christi** : Sannidhi - MSFS Minor Seminary, Mysore.
6. **Bro. Joseph Francis Kozhikkadan** : MSFS House and Garment Factory, Karahalli.
7. **Bro. Manish Tigga** : Vinayalaya, MSFS Provincial House, Bangalore.
8. **Bro. Ravi Kumar** : Pratheeksha SFS Boys' Home, Hebbagodi.
9. **Bro. Rohit Kujur** : MSFS House and Garment Factory, Karahalli.

Appointment of the Regents in Chad-Cameroon Delegation

1. **Bro. Che Bertran ching** : Ngaoundere School
2. **Bro. Dassi Lambo Jean Baptiste** : Gaki Boys' Home and School
3. **Bro. Venyeni Julius** : La Feuillette Retreat House
4. **Bro. Mua clovis Ewi** : Bero Community
5. **Bro. Titus Ngaoundere** : SFS Seminary

OBITUARY



Fr Bernard Caszo MSFS (90)
Died on: March 11, 2023
English Province



Fr Cyriac Vellikettel MSFS (82)
Died on: March 24, 2023.
Nagpur Province



Bro. George Ettackakunnel MSFS (87)
Died on: March 29, 2023.
Vizag Province



Fr Jerry Misquith MSFS (74)
Died on: April 30, 2023
Pune Province

- Mr. Mathew Theneth (79), Maternal Uncle of Fr Benny Koottanal, died on January 17, 2023.
- Mr V. J Joseph Vazhaparambil (73), Beloved Father of Fr Riju Vazhaparambil, died on February 03, 2023.
- Mrs. Thresiamma (78), Beloved Mother of Fr Sibichan Panthanmackal, died on February 14, 2023.
- Mrs. Thresiamma Paluvelil (86), Maternal Grandmother of Fr Lalu Thadathilankal, died on February 27, 2023.
- Mr. Kulandai Sesu (85), Paternal Uncle of Fr P. Maria Lawrence, died on March 16, 2023.
- Rev. Fr Joseph Plathottam (93), Uncle of Fr Jimmy Parayankuzhy, passed away on March 29, 2023.
- Mrs. Elamma Joseph Cheravelil (94), Paternal Grandmother of Fr Jikson Joseph Cheravelil, died on April 05, 2023.
- Rev. Sr Amelia (77), Elder Sister of Fr Joseph Mullankuzhy and Fr Abraham Mullankuzhy, passed away on April 25, 2023.
- Mr. M. C. Joy Manjackal (83), Beloved Father of Jiji Manjackal and Elder Brother of Fr James Manjackal, died on May 13, 2023.



MY SCHEDULE

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| May 28, 2023 | Perpetual Profession at Tejas Vidya Peetha, Kengeri |
| May 30, 2023 | Initiation of the candidates to the Novitiate at Sneha Jyothy Ashram, Makkiyad |
| May 31, 2023 | First Profession at Sneha Jyothy Ashram, Makkiyad |
| June 14 -July 02, 2023 | Visitation to Chad-Cameroon Delegation |
| July 07, 2023 | Animation of Superiors' Forum, Visakhapatnam |
| July 10, 2023 Onwards | Classes in Suvidya College |

VOICE OF SFS

"No one can be united with God unless he goes to him. No one can go to him unless he is attracted by him"

Fraternally,



**Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS
Provincial**