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**SWIP Circular TK/30** **July 2026**

**My dear Confreres,**

I extend to you all my prayerful and fraternal greetings. As we are in the month of July, I am sure that all of you are settling down after the hectic start of the new academic year, while some of you are adjusting to new assignments. I wish you all God's providential accompaniment and renewed energy.

## I. COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL REGARDING THE CAUSE OF OUR FOUNDER

Following a communication from the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints and at the behest of the Superior General, I would like to share an important update regarding the Cause of our Founder, Fr Peter Mermier. As many of you are aware, the acts of the Cause are currently with the Dicastery in Rome, where they are examining the juridical validity of the entire process. We have recently received a communication requesting supplementary documents and clarifications; this is a normal part of the process and expected at this stage.

Among the requests made by the Dicastery is the identification of additional witnesses who can testify to the holiness, virtues, reputation, and lasting influence of Fr Peter Mermier. In particular, the norms encourage the inclusion of witnesses who are not directly connected with the MSFS or the Holy Cross Sisters. Therefore, while we deeply value the testimony of our own Fathers and Sisters, we are specifically looking for diocesan priests, religious from other congregations, and lay people who knew Fr Peter Mermier personally, have been inspired by his life and spirituality, or can speak credibly about his reputation for holiness and the fruits of his work.

Rev. Fr Superior General solicits your help in identifying such individuals within your local communities and circles of contact. If you know anyone who may be a suitable witness, kindly contact the Promoter appointed for our Province or communicate their details to the Provincial Office. Please do not hesitate to suggest names, even if you are unsure whether the person meets all criteria; it is better to have more names at this stage, and we can discern together who should be approached. Fr A. Jerome is the appointed promoter for our Province, while Fr Sengor Peygres Nguimatio Eteudem and Fr Philip Valakodiyil will serve as the promoters for the Chad-Cameroon and Philippines Delegations, respectively.

Fr Thomas Kulandaisamy, MSFS, and Fr William Antony Samy, MSFS, who are assisting with the Cause, will be in touch in due course with the Provincials and the Promoters to coordinate this work and explain the next steps in greater detail.

This is an important moment for the Cause and a beautiful opportunity for us to gather testimonies from a wider circle of people whose lives have been touched by the spirit and vision of Fr Peter Mermier. Please keep this intention in your prayers and assist in whatever way you can. With everyone's collaboration, I am confident that we can successfully move this important work forward.

## II. CANONICAL VISITATION TO GA

The Provincial completed his second canonical visitation of the confreres of the SWIP who are working or pursuing studies in Germany, Austria, and Italy from May 1 to June 9, 2026. In addition to meeting each confrere individually in his respective place of ministry, group meetings were also held at geographically proximate locations. It is heartening to see the passion and dedication with which our confreres work. The appreciation expressed by both the people they serve and the dioceses that employ them is a matter of great joy and pride. The visitation was a time to share in their joys and concerns, as well as an occasion to assure them of our solidarity. I also had the privilege of meeting the Auxiliary Bishop of Münster and those in charge of our confreres in the diocese of Regensburg.

## III. INFORMATION

1. **PSI Campus, Kengeri:** Our campus has long suffered from a lack of proper road access, as the only narrow path running through the middle of a thickly populated village created constant difficulties. I am happy to inform you that we have **purchased a plot of land** on the right side of the campus (relative to the current entrance), which provides us with unhindered, direct, and broad access to the main road.
2. **DeCARE Community, Makkiyad:** The community in Makkiyad has been balancing the Novitiate with the ministry of DeCARE. Until now, this was treated as one community engaged in two ministries; however, the diverse nature of these responsibilities makes it nearly impossible to participate in common prayers and community activities. Therefore, with the permission of the Superior General, DeCARE has been established as an **independent local community** with Fr. Tom Pannalakunnel as Superior, Fr. Subin Puzhakkara as Administrator, and Fr. Abraham Pendanam as a member.
3. **Novitiate Programme:** As none of the candidates from our two minor seminaries wished to enter the novitiate, we were left with no option but to **suspend our novitiate** programme for this year. However, the novitiate community continues to exist.
4. **Palamattam, Kerala:** We purchased land at Palamattam, Kothamangalam, in 2012. For reasons beyond our control, we have been unable to initiate the originally intended ministry there. The Provincial Council feels it is time to establish a community at this site so that, while seeking pastoral opportunities in the neighbourhood, we can also systematically develop the land into a productive farm. We have already **initiated the construction of a small house** for two

residents with two additional guest rooms; construction is expected to be completed by October this year. **Volunteers are invited to help begin this community, develop the farm, and engage in available pastoral services in the area**.

## IV. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

### a. Within the Province in India

1. **Fr A.C. Arokianathan** is appointed as the Mission Moderator of St. Anthony's Mass Centre, Tharabanahalli, Siluvepura.
2. **Fr Albin Kadaparambil** is appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of St George Church, Kanichar (Tellicherry Archdiocese).
3. **Fr Anthony Rosario** is appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of our Lady of Health Minor Basilica, Harihar (Shimoga Diocese).
4. **Fr Antony Valiyaparampil** is appointed to the community of ITSSCAT-India, De Sales Bhavan, Trivandrum, to be in charge of the boys, with effect from July 15, 2026.
5. **Fr Benny Marangolil** is appointed as the Principal of SFS Degree College, Tamaka, with effect from August 15, 2026, or from a mutually convenient date after August 1, 2026.
6. **Fr George Chirayil** is appointed as the Resident Priest at St. Mary's Forane Church, Taliparamba, Kannur.
7. **Fr George Choorapuzha** is appointed to the MSFS Community at Pattikad.
8. **Fr Jefin Devasia Elivalankil** is appointed as the Financial Administrator of the MSFS Community and SFS Academy, Karahalli.
9. **Fr Jijo Chemplanickal** is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS House, Karahalli, with effect from August 15, 2026, in addition to his current responsibilities at the Garment Factory and Subhodhana Pvt. Ltd.
10. **Fr Jose Simon Thuruthipallil** is appointed as the Superior of the Tejas Vidya Peetha Community, Kengeri.
11. **Fr Jose Parappillil** is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community and Manager of SFS Academy, Mattannur, with effect from July 15, 2026.
12. **Fr. Joseph Thoppil** is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community, Tamaka, in addition to his present responsibilities, with effect from August 15, 2026.
13. **Fr Subin Puzhakkara** is appointed as the Administrator of the DeCARE Community, Makkiyad, with effect from July 3, 2026.
14. **Fr Tom Pannalakunnel** is appointed as the Superior of the DeCARE Community, Makkiyad, with effect from July 3, 2026.
15. **Fr Tomy Pulinthanam** is appointed as the Superior and Administrator of the MSFS House at Pattikad, in addition to his current responsibility as the Director of Atmajyothi Retreat Centre.
16. **Bro. Jerin Kulamkuthiyil** is appointed to the MSFS Community at Pattikkad.

**b. Chad-Cameroon Delegation**

1. **Dn Mbinkar Melchisedek Nsoyuka** is appointed as Socius and Administrator at St. James Novitiate. He shall assume office after his ordination, on a mutually convenient date in August 2026
2. **Fr Nga Modo Engelbert** is designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of Bero and appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community at Bero, with effect from August 15, 2026.
3. **Fr. Djoitanan Paulin** is designated for appointment as the Assistant Parish Priest of Bero and is appointed as the Community Procurator and Priest-in-Charge of the Boys' Home, Bero, with effect from August 15, 2026.
4. **Dn Chidjo Djoko Bertrand Armand** Dn. Chidjo Djoko Bertrand Armand is designated to be appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of Daniel Comboni Parish after his ordination and as the Procurator of the MSFS Community, Doba, with effect from August 15, 2026.
5. **Fr Yves Cyrille** is appointed as the Rector and Superior of the La Feuillette Community, Cameroon, and is assigned to pursue Master's Studies at UCAC, with effect from August 15, 2026.
6. **Fr Sen Vellakada**: Return from the delegation (Chad-Cameroon).

**c. Philippines Delegation**

1. **Fr Nathaniel Masendo** is appointed as a member of staff, formator as well as the House Procurator at the MSFS Formation House, Silang, Philippines.
2. **Fr Jeson Berdida** is designated for Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Imus, Philippines.
3. **Fr Alex Estancia** will continue his pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Imus as an Assistant Parish Priest for another two more years.
4. **Fr Roberto Batohinog** is designated for a Renewal Program for one year, effective from August 2026.

## V. NEW ADDRESS OF OUR CONFRERES

Fr. George Chirayil
St. Mary's Forane Church
Taliparamba
Kannur Dt,
Kerala- 670141

Fr. Nelson Manuvel
St Martin De Porres Church
Kanakapally, Kasargod
Kerala- 671533

Fr. Shalbin Marottikudy
Fathima Matha Church
Cherukunnu,
Kerala 670301

Fr. A. Jerome
St Theresa's Church
Near Silk Factory circle,
Mananthavadi Rd,
Ashokapuram, Mysuru South,
Karnataka-570008

## VI. HEARTY WELCOME

The following confreres, who have been rendering their dedicated service in different countries, have now returned to India:

| NAME | PLACE OF MINISTRY/ PROVINCE/DELEGATION |
|---|---|
| Fr Shalbin Marottikudy | English Province |
| Fr Rakesh Ekka | Chad-Cameroon Delegation |
| Fr Ajish Cheeramban | Chad-Cameroon Delegation |
| Fr. M. Periyanayagam | Passau Diocese, Germany |
| Fr Antony Valiyaparampil | Franco-Swiss Province |

As a Province, we express our sincere gratitude to them for their dedicated and selfless service to the mission of the Congregation. We warmly welcome them back to India and assure them of our prayers and best wishes as they begin the next phase of their ministry. **A hearty welcome home, dear Fathers!**

## VII. CONGRATULATIONS

**a. New Provincial**

**Rev. Fr Jaddu Joseph, MSFS,** has been appointed as the next Provincial of the Visakhapatnam Province. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and assure him of our prayers and best wishes as he assumes this important responsibility. He will be installed as the Provincial of the Visakhapatnam Province on July 2, 2026.

**b. New Rector at Morning Star Regional Seminary**

**Rev. Fr Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil, MSFS,** has been appointed as the Rector of Morning Star Regional Seminary, Kolkata. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Henry on this well-deserved recognition and assure him of our prayerful support as he carries out this important responsibility in the service of the Universal Church.

## VIII. PROMOTION TO DIFFERENT STAGES OF FORMATION

**SCHOLASTICS IN FORMATION, INDIA**

- **Promoted to the Third Year of Theology and Perpetual Profession, St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru**

1. Bro. Abin Abraham Ellickamuriyil
2. Bro. Jerome Christi
3. Bro. Joseph Francis Kozhikkadan

- **Promoted to the Third Year of Theology and Perpetual Profession, St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha**

  1. Bro. Jaison Jaimon Parakalayil
  2. Bro. Jerin Shaji Panachickal

- **Promoted to the Second Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows, St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru**

  1. Bro. Bibin Jose Kannamkulathu
  2. Bro. Vinod Kumar Y.

- **Promoted to the Second Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows, St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha**

  1. Bro. Bristo Augustine Karyakkadan
  2. Bro. Daniel Ignatius Pellissery

- **Promoted to the First Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows, St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru**

  1. Bro. Godwin David
  2. Bro. Jeevan Tirkey
  3. Bro. Prasanth Ekka
  4. Bro. Raphael A.
  5. Bro. Satish Kujur
  6. Bro. Vijay Bernard

- **Promoted to the First Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows, St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha**

  1. Bro. Alan Prince Attappattu
  2. Bro. Justine Johnson Paruthippara

- **Promoted to Regency and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Ashin Antu
  2. Bro. Sharath

- **Promoted to the First Year of the B.A. Programme and Renewal of Vows, Suvidya College**

  1. Bro. Ishanandan Mantry
  2. Bro. Joyson Nazareth

- **Promoted to the Second Year of Philosophy and Renewal of Vows, Suvidya College**

  1. Bro. Alan Antony Kochaparambil
  2. Bro. Papin Baliarsingh

- **First Profession and Promotion to the First Year of Philosophy**

  1. Bro. Abin Neeliyara
  2. Bro. Rohit Roshan Rozario
  3. Bro. Sunny Bagrawat

- **Renewal of Vows and Repetition of the First Year of Philosophy, Suvidya College**

  1. Bro. Jakeba Ranasandha

**CHAD-CAMEROON DELEGATION**

- **Promotion to Priesthood**

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

- **Promotion to the Fourth Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Ning Stanley Kang
  2. Bro. Wiysahnyuy Nelson Fonyuy

- **Promotion to the Third Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Dassi Lambo Jean Baptist
  2. Bro. Ewi Mua Clovis
  3. Bro. Venyeni Julius

- **Promotion to the Second Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Yada Bakari Abel
  2. Bro. Allahadjim Christian
  3. Bro. Bello Bouba Kaïna Armand Jules
  4. Bro. Konlack Moffo Cardin
  5. Bro. Jude Limnyuy
  6. Bro. Aba'a Zue Yann Karrol
  7. Bro. Ndjie Ndongo Nyebe Jean Rene
  8. Bro. Tatah Synesius Felim
  9. Bro. Dehezo Tsasse Christian

- **Promotion to the First Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Adiyi Alberto
  2. Bro. Ndzana Onana Jean
  3. Bro. Alladoumbeye Bienvenu
  4. Bro. Ayissi Manga Junior Soleil
  5. Essomba Jean Paul Carmel

- **Promotion to the Second Year of Master's Studies and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Titus Tosam Chiabi

- **Promotion to Regency and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Allahrassem Bonheur
  2. Bro. Mbang Nobert Yuh
  3. Bro. Ndouba Fredy

- **Promotion to the Third Year of Philosophy and Renewal of Vows**

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

- **Promotion to the Second Year of Philosophy and Renewal of Vows**

  1. Bro. Ebot Vema Orock
  2. Bro. Embolo Assou Boris Donald
  3. Bro. Joel Aigonan
  4. Bro. Madjeyanouba Benjamin
  5. Bro. Malla Zigla Andre

- **Admission to First Profession**

  1. Bro. Tekabi Augustin
  2. Bro. Saap Teuka Dimitri Parfait
  3. Bro. Tankoh Godian Nyeonufon
  4. Bro. Akwo Roger Mua
  5. Bro. Toumba Sebastien
  6. Bro. Fouda Simon Gael
  7. Bro. Fokou Mba Wilfried

- **Admission to the Novitiate**

  1. Bro. Tchasiri Charles
  2. Bro. Nama Nama Brice François
  3. Bro. Nubadoumngue Franky
  4. Bro. Yepmo Dusuinyuy Freddy Jaures
  5. Bro. Omgba Effa Fouda Gaston
  6. Bro. Muambo Keries ILONG0
  7. Bro. Dawe Maurice
  8. Bro. Beldom Olivier
  9. Bro. Djedanem Yago Prosper

**PHILIPPINES DELEGATION**

- **Promotion to Priesthood**
  1. Dn Christian Ybañez Exclamado

- **Promotion to Diaconate**
  1. Bro. Robert Roy Paulo Sotomil

- **Promotion to the First Year of Theology and Renewal of Vows**
  1. Bro. Ricardo Subiera

**The following confreres have ceased to be members of the Congregation:**

1. Jeesmon Thomas
2. Jebastin S
3. Ebini Joseph Archange

## IX. APPOINTMENTS TO REGENCY & PROBATION

### India

1. Bro. Ashin Antu : Regency, Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha.
2. Bro. Sharath : Regency, Sannidhi-MSFS Minor Seminary, Mysore.
3. Bro. Karpin Sangma (Guwahati Province) : Regency, SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor.
4. Bro. Patrick Vadoparambil : Probation, ITSSCAT-India, Perinthalmanna.

### Chad-Camerron Delegation

The following appointments to Regency and Probation in the Chad–Cameroon Delegation shall come into effect on 12 July 2026:

1. Fouda Simon Gael : Regency at Gaki School and Boys' Home.
2. Allahrassem Bonheur : Regency at Bero Community.
3. Mbang Norbert Yuh : Regency at SFS Minor Seminary, SFS School, Ngaoundéré.
4. Ndouba Fredy : Regency at La Feuillette, Cameroon.
5. Metogo Abolo Kevin Serge : Probation at SFS School and Boys' Home, Ngaoundéré.

## X. OBITUARY

### i) MSFS Confreres



**Fr Jean RICHOZ (92)**
Died on: 04 May 2026
Franco-Swiss Province



**Fr Terrie Pinto (73)**
Died on: 18 May 2026
Pune Province



**Fr Peter Paul (67)**
Died on: 04 June 2026
Nagpur Province

- **Fr Daniel Bouchet,** Franco-Swiss province, passed away on June 30, 2026.

**ii) Dear and Near Ones of our Confreres**

- Mr Anthony Raj, the maternal uncle of Dn. Anthony Rosario, passed away on March 31, 2026.
- Mr P. D. Varkey (93), the elder brother of Fr. Abraham Pendanam, passed away on April 06, 2026.
- Mrs. Bhagyamma (90), the maternal aunt of Fr. Sebastian Conrad, passed away on May 19, 2026.
- Mrs. Treesa Olikunnel (59), the beloved mother of Fr. Kelvin Thomas Olikunnel, passed away on May 23, 2026.
- Mr George Joseph Thundathil (86), the paternal uncle of Fr. Shibu Thundathil, passed away on June 14, 2026.
- Mr Sesuraj (28), the younger brother of Fr. John Joseph, passed away on June 18, 2026.
- Mrs. Annamma (90), the paternal aunt of Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal, passed away on June 28, 2026.
- Mrs. Rosakutty John Chirayil (87), the sister-in-law of Fr George Chirayil, passed away on June 28, 2026.



**VOICE OF SFS**



**Do much for God, and do nothing without love, let this be your aim**

**-Spirit of SFS**

**Fraternally,**

**Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS**
**Provincial Superior**