

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



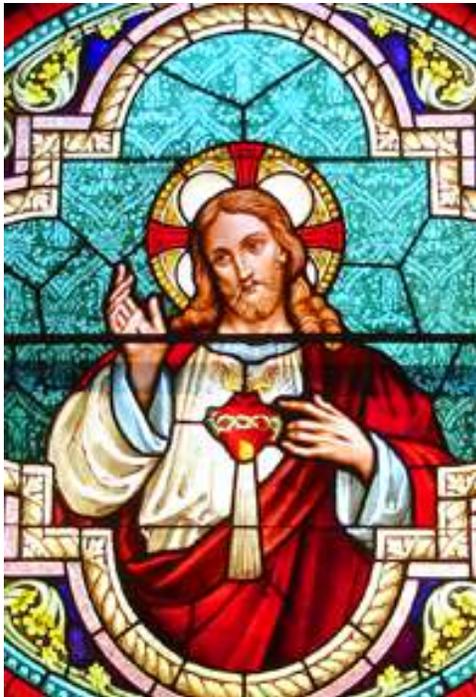
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Circular AB/09

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My dear Confreres,



Greetings and prayerful wishes from Vinayalaya. June is one of the busiest months for many of us: travels, transfers, handing over responsibilities, new places of ministries, new candidates joining us, first profession, renewal of vows, and final profession. The new Local Superiors have taken charge of many of our communities. I wish all of us a fresh start and blessings of the Lord to fulfill the responsibilities of the mission entrusted to each one of us. The good news that Jesus communicated to his brothers and sisters is the good news of a life-style, a life together in a community. It is from a life lived and shared together in a community that we get answers to our questions and that we can define our roles and functions. Any renewal that is not a return to living together as a community in relationships with members of the community is not a genuine renewal of our religious life. I invite all of us to stay focused on our community life and

community based ministries. My thoughts and prayers are with each one of you as we step into a new academic year with renewed spirit. We shall consecrate all our ministries to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

1. Province Retreat - 2012

In the last two Constitution Retreats on Community Living, we had 64 participants. We have a vast majority of our confreres in India who have not responded to the requests for registration to the retreats yet. Your participation in this retreat is mandatory. As we are already re-grouped into different Local Communities with transfers and new appointments, and every confrere belongs to a Local Community, it is important we all attend the retreat at this stage. It will be helpful for the Local Superiors to animate the local communities when all the members of the community have sufficiently reflected

upon the life style and spirituality of MSFS community life. We are therefore organizing two more retreats at the earliest in order to ensure 100% participation. The October retreat remains cancelled. Please make sure that you plan out your programs and schedules at the parishes, schools, seminaries, and communities in such a way that every member of the community will have already attended this retreat by August 10, 2012.

The two upcoming retreats:

July 2 -6, 2012 at Vinayalaya and August 6 – 10, 2012 also at Vinayalaya

Please contact Fr. Prince, the Secretary and register your name at the earliest.

2. Guidelines for Local Superiors and Communities

- Since community meeting once a month is the only visible and obvious sign and means of fostering communion, members of each community will ensure that greatest priority is given to the community meetings. The dates of all the compulsory 12 meetings in a year are fixed by the members of the community
- Agenda of community meeting
 - To review the life and mission of the community
 - To exchange mutual ideas and information
 - For constructive evaluation
- The monthly statement of the account (cash book) should be made available to the community by the procurator (if no procurator then by the Superior) during the community meetings.
- The confreres of the community will plan their holidays/travels in the community meeting so that all are informed of their absence, and arrangements for mutual assistance could be made by the local Superior.
- The members have to seek permission from the local superior when they are absent from the community and community exercises like prayers and meals
- In case of illness/crises of the members, the Local Superior will do all that is needed in emergency situations and keep contact with the Provincial and under his guidance take all the necessary measures.
- Daily morning prayer, Eucharistic celebration, rosary and night prayers are to become part of daily community living
- Outside ministries/commitments are to be arranged only in consultation with and with the permission of the Superior
- A weekly Holy Hour, conducted by the community members, has to become part of the community time table.

- The Local Superior will keep a directory with the names of confreres, their birthdays, priestly ordination days, patronal feast days and celebrate and honor the confreres in the community.

3. Four Provincial Councillors' Visit to different Centers in the Province

Our Councillors will be visiting their respective ministry places and communities in the months of June, July, and August. These visits are in view of gathering information, and for reviewing, evaluating, and planning our various ministries.

4. Province Fund from Schools

Most of the schools have not yet paid their contributions to the Province Fund for the financial year that ended on March 31, 2012. It is very important that you pay your contribution to the Province Fund on time and thus allowing this fund to grow. You are requested to pay all the arrears related to the Province Fund for the year 2011-12 latest by June 30, 2012.

5. Roles and Functions of Manager/Correspondent, Administrator, and Principals in Schools/Colleges

This document comes into effect from June 2012. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Please read the Supplement for the roles and functions of the Manager, the Principal, and the Administrator of all our Schools.

6. **Minority Certificate:** All our Schools in the Province have to obtain Minority Certificate from the Government by the end of this academic year, 2012 - 2013.

7. Transfers and Appointments

Fr. Sebastian Vellaramkunnel is appointed Rector of Inter Provincial Minor Seminary at Sudhirvana, Carmelaram with effect from June 10, 2012

Fr. Joseph Pulpara is appointed Professor and Spiritual Father at Sannidhi (Minor Seminary), Mysore

Fr. Anthony Swamy is appointed Assistant Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Kolar and is designated for ministry in the U.S. later.

Fr. Henry Jose Kodukuthiyil is appointed Superior of Fides India Community, Kengeri with effect from June 10, 2012.

Fr. Kurian Karickal is appointed the Acting Superior of Charis Bhavan Community with effect from June 5, 2012.

Fr. Joseph Thoppil is appointed Headmaster of Loyola English High School-Shimoga by the Bishop.

Fr. Sudeep Paul is appointed Vice Promoter to the cause of Fr. Mermier

Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil is on sabbatical leave from June 1, 2012 to June 1, 2013. During this period he belongs to the community of De Sales Bhavan, Mysore.

8. Perpetual Profession



May 29, 2012 was indeed a joyful day for the South West India Province and to the Congregation as 5 of our scholastics, namely, Bros. Rayappa Bartholomew, Jebamalai Perianayagam, Santhosh Paul Pereira, Shinto Jacob Parayankunnel, and Sujith John Pallassery made their perpetual profession. Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, the Provincial was the main celebrant and officially received the brothers into the family of MSFS. The occasion was even

more solemnized by the presence of their family members, priests and religious from far and wide. The perpetually professed members, in turn, expressed their deep sense of gratitude to all those who guided them to this stage of life especially the Provincial, the Rector, and all the formators, family members and friends.

The day was also marked by the initiation of the new Rector. After the solemn Eucharistic celebration, in the presence of Provincial and other confreres Fr. Jacob handed over the responsibilities to the newly appointed Rector Fr. Jose Kumbloickal.

9. First Profession



On May 31, 2012 ten novices belonging to the South West India Province, six novices from Pune Province and one from East Africa Province, after completing one year of their Canonical Novitiate made their First Profession at Snehajyoti Ashram, Makkiyad. Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil presided over the Eucharistic celebration. Rev. Fr. Vincent Lourduswamy, the Provincial of Pune Province was also present for this joyous occasion. It was a joyful day for the Novitiate Community at

Makkiyad as seventeen novices made their first commitment to the Lord in the presence of a gathering of priests, religious, neighbors, parents and relatives of the novices. On May 30, 2012, twenty six brothers were initiated in to the Novitiate. We appreciate the

services of Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Joby in the formation ministry and we wish all the best to Fr. Thomas Anchany and the new team.

10. Formation: Chad-Cameroon Mission

Bros. Christophe Abessougue and **Ayissi Parfait** received the order of Acolyte on May 3, 2012 and promoted to the renewal of vows.

Bro. Boris Nixon is promoted to the Novitiate. He will have his Canonical Novitiate at the Novitiate of the East African Province at Fransalianum, Kibaha

11. Formation: Philippines Delegation

Bros. Jundie Sumagaysay, Nathaniel E. Masendo and **Noel Tatoy** are promoted to renew their vows. We welcome Bro. Jundie to India as he is visiting with our confreres and communities for the first time.

12. Promoted to Third year Philosophy, Renewal of Vows

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| 1. C. Kantha Raju | 6. Kumpukkal Pradeep |
| 2. Emmanueal J. Balu | 7. Panachickal Justin |
| 3. Kappithottam Sanoj | 8. Tirkey Jugal |
| 4. Kizhakkanputhenpallil Jithin | 9. Vettikkattil Mobin |
| 5. Kovilparambil Sijo | 10. Karuvelil Simil |

13. Promoted to Second year Philosophy, Renewal of Vows

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| 1. Tony Thomas Mundachalil | 7. Rakesh Ekka |
| 2. Dhanoop S. Puthenpurackal | 8. Robin Tomy Vattoth |
| 3. Subin Benny Palamattathil | 9. Zacharias Peter Cherackal |
| 4. John Joseph | 10. Abhishek J |
| 5. Shince P Tomy Panackapilly | 11. Chennikkara Manu |
| 6. Petrus Kerketta | |

14. Formators' Forum Meeting

The first meeting of the Formators' Forum of the new scholastic year was held on May 22, 2012 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. It was well participated by twelve people who are in the ministry of formation. The meeting was intended to discuss on the Action Plan of the Provincial Chapter. All members of the formation team along with the Provincial and the Councilor in charge of Formation were present for the same. The Provincial in his address encouraged and exalted the formators saying that they are the persons who share and mould the future of the Congregation by imparting good formation to the young formees. The Vocation Promoters and the Rectors shared their concerns and struggles they face in their ministry of formation. There was time for common sharing and discussions. The meeting was concluded with a concelebrated Holy Eucharist which was presided over by the Provincial.

15. Education Forum Meeting

Fransalian Education Forum Meeting was held at Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore, on May 14, 2012. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, the Provincial exhorted the participants to adhere to the guidelines of the Governance which dealt with all educational concerns of the Province. The expert standing committee for the apostolate of Education produced two documents – *Role and Functions of Confreres in the Apostolate of Education*, and *A Common Policy of Education for all Schools in the Province*. Three sessions of the Forum meeting discussed all relevant educational issues and came up with practicable suggestions on issues like ESI, scholarships to students, smart classes, utilizing government grants, etc. Participants were asked to send their feedback to Fr Thomas Kalariparambil by June 15, 2012 for analysis by the core committee and preparation of a final draft to be forwarded to the Provincial Administration.

16. Board Exam Results -2012

The hard work and commitment of all those confreres in the apostolate of education is reflected in the exam results of 2012. Our Schools have proved themselves to be the centres of quality education. Congratulations to the Principals and Staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

School	Students Appeared	D	I	II	III	Highest Mark In the School	Total Pass %	
SFS School, Koppal	74	24	44	02	04	604	100 %	
SFS School, Srinivasapur	86	30	50	05		595	99%	
SFS School Kannada Medium, Chintamani	48		28	16	03	524	99%	
SFS School English Medium, Chintamani	63	14	45	04		598	100%	
SFS School, Malur	64	09	57	08		597	100 %	
SFS School, English Medium Hebbagodi	119	28	85	06		608	100 %	
SFS School Kannada Medium, Hebbagodi	45	02	17	14	12	541	100%	
SFS School, Mundargi	12	07	05			578	100%	
SFS School, Kannur	12	06	06				100%	
SFS School, Ettumanoor	46	42	04				100%	
SFS Junior College, Ettumanoor	49	32	17			93.4%	100%	
SFS PU College, Hebbagodi	253	Number of students Passed 186						73.51%

D- Distinction, I- First Class, II- Second Class, III-Third Class

17. ITSSCAT: His Grace Rev. Dr. Soosa Pakiam, the Archbishop of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum has officially invited us to open our centre, Institute for Talent search for Social Change and Transformation (ITSSCAT) in the Archdiocese of Trivandrum

18. Congratulations

Fr. Pangi Raj secured first class with distinction in M.A and LTH in Spirituality and Counseling

Fr. A. Jerome will be defending his thesis titled “THE NEW FORMS OF CONSECRATED LIFE (CAN. 605): With Particular Reference to India,” on June 18, 2012 at the University of Urbaniana, Rome. We pray for him and wish him all the best.

19. Change of address

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20. SANGEETHOTSAVA-2012: From April 20th to May 19th **De Sales Music Academy (DSMA)** organized a month-long intensive summer camp for music and dance.



It was both a residential and non-residential camp. Eighty students, both children and grownups, participated in this camp. Students from different religious backgrounds and Catholics from different Dioceses of Karnataka, including a religious priest of Pillar Congregation from Goa

attended the camp. Residential camp students were accommodated in S.F.S Kannada Medium School for a week and later on in S.F.S Boys Hostel in the same campus for almost three weeks. Frs. Balavendra, Sudeep, Christopher and Anthony Swamy assisted

immensely to organize the camp very successfully. Many students were given scholarships in order to encourage them to attend the camp and improve their music skills. On 19th of May a concluding program was conducted in which all the students exhibited their talents and were given away certificates of recognition for their participation.

21. Let us pray for the Sick

Please continue to pray for **Fr. Devasia Kuzhupil** who continues to be weak and still in the hospital.

22. Let us pray for the Departed

Let us pray for **Mrs. Thresia** (79 yrs), mother of Fr. Shajan Manickathan who passed away on May 11, 2012.

Mr. Augustine Kumbloickal (99 yrs), father of Fr. Jose Kumbloickal passed away on June 3, 2012.

Salesian Thought:

“Perseverance will prove whether we have sincerely sacrificed ourselves to God and dedicated ourselves to a dedicated life” *St. Francis de Sales*

Fraternally in Christ,



Fr. Abraham Vettuvil MSFS
Provincial Superior