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"I go away, and I will come to you" (Jn 14:28).



By dying he enters into the love of the Father. His dying is an act of love. Love, however, is immortal. Therefore, his going away is transformed into a new coming, into a form of presence which reaches deeper and does not come to an end. During his earthly life, Jesus, like all of us, was tied to the external conditions of bodily existence: to a determined place and a determined time. Bodiliness places limits on our existence. We cannot be simultaneously in two different places. Our time is destined to come to an end. And between the "I" and the "you" there is a wall of otherness. To be sure, through love we can somehow enter the other's existence. Nevertheless, the insurmountable barrier of being different remains in place. Yet Jesus, who is now totally transformed through the act of love, is free from such barriers and limits.

He is able not only to pass through closed doors in the outside world, as the Gospels recount (cf. Jn 20:19). He can pass through the interior door separating the "I" from the "you", the closed door between yesterday and today, between the past and the future. On the day of his solemn entry into Jerusalem, when some Greeks asked to see him, Jesus replied with the parable of the grain of wheat which has to pass through death in order to bear much fruit. In this way he foretold his own destiny: these words were not addressed simply to one or two Greeks in the space of a few minutes, it is told each of us.

### A Special Year of Priesthood

"On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the holy Curé of Ars, Jean Marie Vianney, His Holiness announced that, from June 19, 2009, to June 19, 2010, there will be a special Year of the Priesthood, that will have the theme: "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of the Priest". During the course of the Year, Benedict XVI will proclaim St. Jean Marie Vianney as the patron saint of all the priests of the world. The Pope also

stressed the importance of priestly formation which must maintain communion with unbroken ecclesial tradition, without pausing or being tempted by discontinuity. In this context, he continued, "it is important to encourage priests, especially the young generations, to a correct reading of the texts of Vatican Council II, interpreted in the light of all the Church's doctrinal inheritance."

### **A Special Year for MSFS - South West Province**

Emile Amougou Amougou



This year MSFS South West Province has become International in every sense. Emile Amougou Amougou has become the first Non Indian to be perpetually professed for MSFS South West Province. He is a Camerounian. Report follows at the end of circular. We have yet another reason to celebrate, after long years of wait there are three young novices ready for their First profession in Philippines. They are Jess Revilla, Filemon Torren

Jr., and Jundie Sumagaysay. I Congratulate the Formation team in Philippines for their dedicated service.

Jundie Sumagaysay



Jess Revilla



Filemon Torren Jr.



### **A Renewed Mandate**

With his letter dated 18 May 2009 Fr. Superior General has appointed me as Provincial for a second term starting from 3 July 2009. I have accepted this appointment with certain hesitation. Our Province is large, concerns are many and we have an uphill task ahead. My deep conviction that the wealth of our province is our confreres gives me courage and confidence. I see in them many talents, gifts and charisms, good will and devotion to duties assigned to them. Some show a daring spirit beyond the ordinary. During the last three years I have experienced many confreres with deep missionary zeal ready to go anywhere they are appointed. A deep love for the Congregation and its concerns permeates the heart of many. I continue to count of you, my dear confreres to do this ministry effectively as Provincial. I thank each and every one of you for the confidence you have placed in me. I know what it means and am still trying to understand the implications of that for my work and ministry.

### **Visitation to Chad-Cameroon Mission**

I had the joy of accompanying Fr. Superior General on his visitation to our Chad-Cameroon Mission from 16 April to 5 May 2009. A report of the visitation will be given in the next Circular.

## **Appointments of Provincials**

Fr. Superior General has appointed Fr. Simon Paikatt as the Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province from 15 August 2009 and Fr Gilberto Bugnon as the Provincial of Brazil Province from 15 October 2009. I congratulate both of them in the name of the Province and wish them God's grace and blessings for a fruitful service in their respective provinces.

## **Other Appointments from Fr. Superior General**

Fr. Ebin Christopher - Secretary to the Superior General

Fr. Varghese Chettupuzha – Superior at the house at Via del Mascherino, Rome

Fr. Thomas Cherukat – Procurator General of the Congregation to the Holy See from 1 July 2009.

Hearty Congratulations to all of them.

## **Apostolic Communities**

Our Constitution No. 267 and 268 underlines the importance of the apostolic communities. Accordingly Apostolic Communities are formed:

- To strengthen the fraternal unity among different Local Communities and individual confreres.
- To facilitate more interaction and mutual support among them
- To strengthen the religious life of the members within a province

The directory No. 310 says that the convenor should organise the apostolic community meeting at least four times a year. The convenor should send the minutes of apostolic community meetings to the Provincial for his approval. The Constitutions No. 268 says that the Convenor is elected by the members of the respective communities and approved by the Major Superior, whereas the General Directory No. 310 says that the Provincial appoints a convenor in consultation with the local communities. I propose that we follow the constitutions in this regard.

In our Province we have seven apostolic communities. Some communities used to meet regularly, even once a month. Others used to meet at least four times a year. Some communities had less frequent meetings. For the sake of reviving the apostolic communities in the spirit of the Constitutions and General Directory the Provincial Administration is appointing the following confreres to hold the next meeting as early as possible. Some of the convenors are elected by the Apostolic Communities themselves and approved by the Provincial. One or the other is now appointed so that the first meeting take place. In the meeting you are free to elect the Convenor and send the name for approval.

**Ettumanoor Apostolic Community**

**- Fr. Joseph Thayil**

- (SFS Seminary, Charis Bhavan,  
Kadayanikad, Kattappana, Aluva, Trichur)
- Trivandrum Apostolic Community** - **Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil**  
(Adoor, Vattapara, Vattiyorkavu)
- Kannur Apostolic Community** - **Fr. George Choorapuzha**  
(Kannur, Ulickal, Vinayakumar Ashram,  
Calicut, Yellukochi)
- Mysore Apostolic Community** - **Fr. Sebastian Vellaramkunnel**  
(Sannidhi, Saumya Sadan, St Alphonsa  
Parish, Batherry, Chennarayapatna)
- Bangalore Apostolic Community** - **Fr. Benny Marangolil**  
(Vinayalaya, IIS, Suvidya, Mermier Bhavan,  
Tejas, Nest, PSI Sevagram, New Town,  
Venketala, Sudhirvana.
- Kolar Apostolic Community** - **Fr. Saji Vadakkedath**  
(Kolar Parish, Kolar De Sales, Malur,  
Srinivaspur, Chintamani, Kadisenahalli,  
Mulbagal, Gokunte, Sidlaghatta)
- North Karnataka Apostolic Community** - **Fr. Regi Narikkunnel**  
(Koppal, Kuknoor, Mundargi, Savanur)

The confreres who are alone doing their ministry are to attach themselves to the nearest Apostolic Community.

### **Shifting of Novitiate House in Philippines**

We had the novitiate till now in the old house at Silang Cavite. Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummuttil, the Novice Master, has now found a place for it Tagaytay and the Novitiate will be shifted to the new facility on 7 June 2009. I thank Fr. Joy for his hard work and his love for the Congregation. I also thank all the confreres for the wonderful cooperation they extend to each other.

### **Our Lady of The Sacred Heart Parish, Molino, Philippines**

The Bishop of Imus, Most Rev. Luis Antonio G. Tagle D.D appointed in January 2005 Fr. Jinu Pathiyakam as Parish Priest and S. Arockia Jayaraj as Assistant to look after the pastoral needs of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Pastoral Center, Citihomes, Molino 4. The Pastoral Center of Molino was carved out from the Santo Nino de Molino Parish. With a contract dated 29, Dec. 2006 the Bishop entrusted the full pastoral charge of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Pastoral Centre for at least 25 years. Fr. Jinu worked very hard to organise the finances needed to build the Church and both of our confreres put their heart and soul into organising the pastoral centre into a full-fledged Parish. As the Church was in place, although the work not completed, the Pastoral Centre was raised to the status of a Quasi-Parish. On 30 May 2009 it will be declared as a fullfledged Parish. The Church is almost complete, a presbytery is in place and the parish is throughly organised. All the confreres from the Seminary used to render pastoral service to the parish. I would like to make use of this opportunity to thank all of them especially Fr.

Jinu who worked very hard and won the hearts of the people of the Parish to make the impossible possible within the short span of three and a half years. Congratulations and best wishes to Frs. Jinu and Fr. Devasia Kootarapallil who renders pastoral assistance to Fr. Jinu besides being a full time student of M.Sc. Psychology in La Salle University, Manila.

I shall really fail in my duty if at this juncture I do not speak a word about Fr. George Morales, the Parish Priest of Sto Nino de Molino Parish. Fr. George is a friend, a companion, a benefactor and above all a father to all our confreres in Philippines. He has invited us and encouraged us to take up the new Pastoral Centre at Molino. Our fathers feel at home in his company and knows him to be person whom they can rely. From the depth of my heart I thank Fr. George for his generous gestures, for his friendship and the guidance he gives to our young confreres.

### **Transfers and Appointments**

1. Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel is designated to be appointed as the **Parish Priest of Kolar Parish** and is recommended to the archbishop of Bangalore as the **Dean of Kolar Deanery**. His appointments will come into effect from the 24 June 2009.
2. Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel is also appointed as the **Correspondent of the SFS School Srinivaspura** with effect from 01 June 2009 and continues to be **Correspondent of the SFS School Malur**.
3. Fr. Doraiswamy is appointed, **Superior of the Community and designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Mundargi**, with effect from 24 June, 2009. He will also be the **Correspondent of the SFS School Mundargi**.
4. Fr. A Jabamalai is appointed as the **Principal of the SFS School Srinivaspur, the Superior of Martin Nivas, the MSFS Community with effect from 24 May and is designated to be appointed the Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish Srinivaspur** with effect from 1 June, 2009.
5. Fr. Victor Kujur is appointed as the **Vice Principal of the SFS School Srinivaspura, Assistant Parish Priest of SFS Parish and the Procurator of the community** with effect from 1 June 2009.

6. Fr. Erudayaraj is appointed as the **Superior of the community at Malur and designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish Malur** with effect from 22 June 2009.
7. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal is appointed to the **Staff of Tejas Vidya Peetha and as Director for the proposed counselling centre** with effect from 1 June 2009.
8. Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil is appointed as the Dean of Studies in Tejas Vidya Peetha with effect from 1 June 2009
9. Fr. Benny Koottanal is appointed as the **Director and Superior of Indian Institute of Spirituality** with effect from 1 June 2009.
10. Fr. Philip Valakodiyil is appointed as the **Assistant Director and Dean of Studies at Indian Institute of Spirituality, Rajaji Nagar** with effect from 8 July 2009.
11. Fr. Antony Valiaparambil is appointed as **Procurator in Indian Institute of Spirituality** with effect from 1 June 2009.
12. Fr. Justin Chirackal is appointed as the **Principal of SFS School Kannur** with effect from 1 June 2009.
13. Fr. Saju Vilachirayil is appointed to **study the possibility of starting an educational institution in Mattannur** with effect from 1 June 2009. Temporarily he will reside in the Kannur Community.
14. Fr. Thomas Anchanickal is designated to be appointed as Parish Priest **in St. Mary's Church, Mundaje in the Diocese of Belthangady** with effect from 24 May 2009.
15. Fr. Louis Parappuram is appointed to be on the **Staff in SFS Seminary Ettumanoor** with effect from 1 June 2009.
16. Fr. Thomas Thekkekarottu is appointed as Procurator to SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor with effect from 1 June 2009.
17. Fr. Francis Ekka is appointed as the **Director of Prateeksha – SFS Boys' Home, Hebbagodi** with effect from 24 May 2009.
18. Fr. J. Pangiraj is appointed as Principal of SFS School, Mundargi with effect from 1 June 2009

19. Fr. A. Prashanth Kumar is appointed as Principal of SFS School, Savanur with effect from 1 June 2009.
20. Fr. Biju Palamkunnel is designated to go for a **short term technical course** with immediate effect.
21. Fr. Tito Puthuparampil is appointed as the Mission Superior of Philippine Mission with effect from June 6, 2009.
22. Fr. Jiji Manjackal is designated to go to **the Missions in the Philippines**
23. Fr. Xess Bipin Kishore is designated to go to **the Chad-Cameroon Mission**
24. Fr. Thomas Payattukandathil is appointed as **Rector and Superior of Maison Pierre Mermier, the Postulant House in Ngaoundere.**
25. Fr. Georgekutty Puthiyidom is appointed as **Rector, Superior and Procurator of La Feuillette, the Scholasticate in Ngoya, Cameroon.**
26. Fr. Georgekutty Puthiyidom is also appointed as Mission Procurator and Coordinator of Vocation Promoters for Chad-Cameroon Mission.
27. Fr. Sathish Vellaramkunnel is appointed as **the Procurator to Maison Pierre Mermier at Ngaoundere, Cameroon.**
28. Fr. Periyamayagam is appointed as **Procurator to Bini Dang Community and is designated to be appointed as Assistant Parish Priest of St. Thomas More Parish, Bini Dang and Assistant Chaplain to the University Parish of Bini Dang.**
29. Fr. Gijo Panamattathil is designated to be appointed as Assistant Parish Priest of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, Ekkoundoum, Yaounde, Cameroon and Procurator to the community at Ekkoundoum.
30. Dn. Lakra Giridhari is designated to do **diaconate ministry in Doba and (if possible) to do the initiation course in Doba.**
31. Fr. (Dn.) Boban Elanjimattathil is designated to do the **initiation course in Doba.**

Promotion to Priesthood (Deacons in Ngoya, Cameroon)

Dn. Boban Elanjimattathil will be ordained on 30 July 2009

Dn. Lakra Giridhari – the ordination date will be made known later

## **Promotion to Perpetual Profession**

The Perpetual Profession will take place in Tejas on 2 June 2009.

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| 01. Elayadathumadathil Martin | 03. Puzhakkara Subin    |
| 02. Mundiyanickal Anish       | 04. Thadathilankal Lalu |

## **Renewal of Vows**

**Will renew their vows on 2 June 2009 in Tejas**

First Year to Second Year Theology

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 01. Chemplanickal Jijo   | 06. Kujur Nirdosh      |
| 02. Cheravelil Jikson    | 07. Kulamkuthiyil Mijo |
| 03. D. Robert            | 08. Prabhu Prakash     |
| 04. Dung Dung Marcel     | 09. Solapura Mathias   |
| 05. Kazhukanolickal Joji |                        |

Promoted to First Year Theology

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| 01. A. Antony Sathiya Seelan    | 05. Kannala Dipu   |
| 02. Chirackalpurayidathil Anish | 06. Manjackal Jijo |
| 03. J. Marcellin Raj            | 07. Olickal Sijo   |
| 04. Jeevan Prashant             | 08. Paikattu Jinu  |

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Promoted to First Year Theology in Cameroon

1. Onomo Ayissi Innocent Parfait
  2. Abesouggie Christophe Bertrand
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Promoted to Regency

Will renew their vows on 11 June in Suvidya College

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Illickal Dinu               | - Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokkad       |
| 2. Jabamalai Perianayagam      | - Savanur                           |
| 3. Joseph Charles Perianayagam | - Nest, Kengeri                     |
| 4. Padikara Nelson             | - MSFS Community, Malur             |
| 5. Parayankunnel Shinto        | - MSFS Provincial House, Vinayalaya |
| 6. Periera Santosh             | - SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor          |
| 7. Prasanna Balavendra Anthony | - Saumya Sadhan, Mysore             |

To III year Philosophy

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| 1. B. Joseph Frank  | 4. Thurthippallil Jose |
| 2. Enthunkal Aneesh | 5. Varambathu Bivin    |
| 3. Fernandes Roni   |                        |

To II year Philosophy

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| 1. A.K Balan Bruno | 2. Dias Joel Xaviour |
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- 3.Kamukumthottathil Anishmon
- 4.Kochuputhenpurayil Josemon
- 5.Kottuppallil Noby Varghese
- 6.Minz Baldir

- 7.Ouseparambil Joseph
- 8.Pulikkalath Nirmal Jose
- 9.Theruvapuzha Sojan Sebastian

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## **To II Year Philosophy in Vinayalaya**

**Will renew their vows in Tejas on 2 June 2009**

1. Sujith Pallassery
2. Rijo Kuzhuveliparambil
3. R. Bartholomew

## **To II year B.Com in Christu Jayanthi College**

1. J Abhishek

## **Promotion to First profession**

The first profession will take place on 11 June 2009 in Sannidhi, Mysore.

1. A. Avinash Abhishek
2. K.Sudeep Andrews
3. Karackatt Jince
4. Karuvelil Simil
5. Kunnummel Jobin
6. Madathiparambil Justin
7. Nettananikal Robin
8. Othalaparambil Jithin
9. Parayil Leo
10. Pulichumackal Joby
11. S. Innaci Muthu
12. S. Prakash Prashanth Raj
13. Thekkethotty Jijith

## **Promotion to First profession in Philippines**

The first profession will take place on 6 June 2009 in Our Lady of Sacred Heart Parish Church, Molino, Philippines.

1. Jess Revilla
2. Filemon Torreon Jr.
3. Jundie Sumagaysay

## **Admission to the Novitiate**

1. C. Kantha Raju
2. Chennikkara Manu
3. Emmanueal J. Balu
4. Kappithottam Sanoj
5. Kizhakkanputhenpallil Jithin
6. Kootunkal Manu
7. Kovilparambil Sijo
8. Kumpukkal Pradeep
9. Neyampakulam Joshy
10. Panachickal Justin
11. Tirkey Jugal
12. Vallappurackal Mintu
13. Vettikkattil Mobin

## **Admission to Novitiate in Philippines**

1. Alston Anabieza
2. Nathaniel Masendo
3. Noel Tatoy

## **Regents from the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales**

1. Paul Raj. OSFS -Prateeksha – Boys Home, Hebbagodi
2. John Gali OSFS - MSFS Community, Koppal
3. Lalson Vettukallumkuzhiyil OSFS -Charis Bhavan

Let us pray for the departed

**Mrs. Soosai Mary**, 60 years old, mother of Fr. Arockianathan (in Cameroon, Africa) expired on 14 April 2009.

**Mr. Binu**, 33 years old, elder brother of Dn. Jose Puthukary (Deacon in Tejas) expired on 17 May 2009.

Your Brother in Christ

*Mathew Kozhuppakalam*

**Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam MSFS**  
Provincial, MSFS South West province

## **Glimpses from the Life of the Province**

### **Sannidhi, MSFS Novitiate Mysore- Salesian Gathering**

23 February 2009 is a historical day for the South-West Province and for Mysore apostolic community as it was the first apostolic community to organize and host a Salesian gathering in the province. MSFS, DSFS, SSS, Holy Cross, SMMI, SDB, Lay DSFS from Mysore South, Friends of Fransalians from our parish and many others who follow St. Francis De Sales took part in the gathering. Fr. Sebastian Vellaramkunnel MSFS, the Novice Master and Convener of the Mysore Apostolic Community welcomed the gathering. Fr. Antony Mookenthottam MSFS presided over the inaugural function in the absence of Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, the Provincial who was unable to attend due to health reasons. In his address, Fr. Antony stressed the relevance of Salesian spirituality and the teachings of St. Francis de Sales for the lives of Priests, Religious and Laity even today. After the Inaugural talk, Fr. Christopher Crasta MSFS brought life to the gathering through the Ice-breaking session. After a small coffee break the resource person for the day, Fr. Jose Parappillil MSFS, the former provincial of South-West province, gave the picture of Fransalian view of Holiness and Love. At 12 noon every one gathered for the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Antony Mookenthottam beautified by the melodious choir under the direction of Fr. Christopher Crasta. The day's responsibilities were shared by various Salesian congregations which were in and around our Novitiate. Everyone was happy to be part of this event as it brought together many like minded people who follow the foot steps of SFS.

*Fr. Rosario Msfs*

### **Razzmatazz at SFS Degree College**

SFS Degree College organized an intercollegiate fest under the title Razzmatazz, on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2009 at SFS Degree College in association with Suvidya College.

The fest was inaugurated by Dr. S. Suresh, the director of CIT, Tumkur. It was a successful venture initiated to facilitate an interface between various colleges. The fest attracted participation from over 500 students of 25 colleges across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The competitions were held for over 30 events and all the events were well participated. The major attractions of the fest, Style Check, Frisk Factor, Adaptune, Mad Ads, and Brain Racking competitions invited most number of participation and each of these events created an electrifying atmosphere in the auditorium. The winners were given cash awards and certificates by Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy, the principal and Rev. Fr. Manu, the principal in-charge. The programmes were concluded with the release of **Resonance**, a yearly magazine from the department of management, by Rev. Dr. Jolly Chakkalackal, the President of Suvidya College. For the management and the staff at SFS College it was an exciting experience to resonate leadership skills to create effective teams and highly motivated individuals to make possible Razzmatazz, an exciting, noisy and showing fest true to its name. At the end of the day the winner was SFS Degree College not for the number of competitions it won but for the daring step it has taken to organize a programme of such glamour and show. As the curtains were brought down the only name that resounded the atmosphere was SFS....

*Fr. Jino Plathottathil*

### **The Catechism camp – 2009**

The Catechism camp of the year 2009 was held at Malur from 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009. 182 Children from different Parishes of Kolar deanery took part in this camp. The Camp was held on the Theme '**St. Paul**'. For the organization of classes the children were divided into three groups. The resource persons for the higher classes were Frs. Dorai Swamy, C. Joseph, Rosario, Prashanth and Brothers from Tejas and the classes for lower classes were organized by the two teachers and a Sister from Gokunte. All the children were divided into four groups and named them as, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mathias and St. Stephen. Various cultural and sports competitions were conducted. A quiz was held on Life and Letters of St. Paul. St. Stephen's group emerged as the Champions of this year's camp. The Camp was meticulously arranged by the confreres of Kolar Apostolic community. We thank Fr. Joshy for his support and encouragement by way of providing good food and accommodation for all of us. On 17<sup>th</sup> we had a small gathering wherein all those who excelled in the competitions were awarded and the best Camper Boy and Girl were crowned. With the lunch all children wished each other good bye and went to their respective places.

*Fr. Prashant Kumar*

### **Perpetual Profession & Decennial Celebrations in Chad**

On 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009, almost all the confreres, working in the Chad-Cameroon mission were gathered together in St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in Bero, Doba for the decennial celebrations which were organized to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our presence in Doba, Chad. It was also the occasion of the visitation of Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, Superior General and Rev. Fr.



Mathew Kozhupakkalam, Provincial of South West Province. On 20<sup>th</sup> April, Mgr. Michel Russo, Bishop of Doba, presided over the thanksgiving Mass in the presence of Frs. Superior General and Provincial. The MSFS community in Bero made all the arrangements to make the occasion an unforgettable experience. There were a number of priests and religious present for the decennial celebrations. There was also a large gathering of faithful for the Eucharistic celebration. Mgr. Michel Russo thanked the MSFS and appreciated the good pastoral work that is being done in our parish in Bero. The beginning and growth of the mission in Chad and Cameroon during the past ten years as well as the service rendered by all the confreres were recalled with gratitude. It was a wonderful moment to thank the Lord for His blessings. The only pioneer remaining in the mission, Fr. Thomas Payattukandathil was honored by Mgr. Michel Russo.

It was during the same Eucharistic celebration that two of our brothers Emile Amougou and Kujur Kuldeep made their perpetual profession. Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, Superior General of the MSFS, received the vows. Though Bro. Robin Thonikuzhiyil could not make his perpetual profession at this occasion due to malaria, he made it on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009 in the Ekoumdoum Parish as Rev. Fr. Superior General and Fr. Provincial visited the Ekoumdoum parish.

*Fr. Joshy Nellimalamattam*

### **Salesian Seminar 2009**

Indian Institute of Spirituality organized the **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Salesian Seminar** from the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009 to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009. This year was a special occasion to cherish, as the seminar also emphasized the concluding act of the 4<sup>th</sup> Centenary Celebration of the Publication of “Introduction to the Devout Life”, the spiritual classic of St. Francis de Sales. Various themes of relevance were presented, discussed and reflected from a Salesian perspective. Topics, such as, Family and Lay Spirituality, Youth Spirituality, Social Realities and Inter-Religious Dialogue, Eco-Spirituality and Renewal of Religious Life were deeply reflected and carefully studied from a Salesian Perspective. The topics were presented by experts from both religious and lay circle. The panel discussion, which was conducted everyday gave an opportunity for the participants to clarify their doubts and share their views. More than 70 people from every walk of life participated in the seminar.

*Fr. Benny Koottanal, msfs*

### **The Pre-Novitiate in Prateeksha, Hebbagodi**

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a small step. Thus for us, the journey of religious life began with a small step into Pre-Novitiate. We did not know what to expect. So with a lot of excitement, nervousness and anticipations, we arrived at Prateeksha – Home for Boys on 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2009. We met our Pre-Novitiate in charge Fr. Antony Valiarpampil. He made great efforts to make us feel at home straightaway.

All of us were really happy to meet and greet each other. We are altogether 18 of us here, thirteen brothers are from South West province, and four brothers from Pune Province and one brother from East African Province. As the brothers are from four different states there are a lot of cultural differences among us. This Pre-Novitiate programme is a perfect icebreaker for all of us, to get to know each other. In the beginning there was

certain stiffness in interacting with everyone. But we are overcoming it. Everyone has fallen into the way of life here and is starting to feel at home. After the long vacation coming into a new situation, this was sure to take some time. There has been a noticeable difference in people's attitude. From doing prayers and other activities for the sake of it, they are showing more maturity and do everything as if they need it. It is evident that everyone is doing a lot of mental preparation to enter the novitiate.

We are having one each resource persons each day for our sessions. Everyone is enjoying the lectures especially as it is without the framework of a classroom. To name a few, we have had Fr. Jacob Parappally speaking to us about 'Who is Jesus for me?', Fr. Anthony Swamy on 'Motivation and Goal Setting', Fr. Antony Valiapampil on 'Basic Characteristics of Psycho-sexual Maturity', 'Psycho-Spiritual aspect of Human Formation' by Fr. Jose Kannanikkal, 'Bible in my Life' by Fr. Sibichen Panthanmackal, 'Vision and Mission of MSFS' by Fr. Provincial, 'Building up a just society' by Fr. Shibu, and 'Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priest' by Fr. Antony Mookenthottam. Everyone is getting new inspiration and ideals from these classes and we consider ourselves fortunate being able to listen to them.

The experience that we acquire throughout our life is the best treasure that we have. This Pre-Novitiate programme is a different experience for each one of us. Everyone seems to be more relaxed and at ease. There is a cheerful mood among us that sure lifts the spirit of everyone. The mutual understanding between all of them especially between those who are new is great. All together everyone seems to have a wonderful time. And by the grace of god we keep marching forward.

*Bro. Justin Panachickal*

### **SFS Schools sing "Jey Ho"**

The hard work and commitment of all those confreres in education mission is reflected in this years SSLC exam reults. SFS Schools have proved themselves to be the centers of quality education. Congratulations to the Principal and Staff.

### **Board Exam Results -2009**

School	Students Appeared	D	I	II	III	Highest % In the School	Total Pasa %
SFS School, Koppal	58	24	29	05		96.03%	100 %
SFS School, Srinivasapur	30	13	14	03		94.24%	100%
SFS School Kannada Medium, Chintamani	46	01	31	13	01	88.64%	100%
SFS School English Medium, Chintamani	60	16	44			93.60%	100%
SFS School, Malur	47	06	29	12		90.30%	100%
SFS School, English Medium Hebbagodi	73	10	57	05	01	94.05%	100.0%
SFS School Kannada							

Medium, Hebbagodi	47		19	16	11	80.20%	98%
SFS PU College, Hebbagodi	108	01	39	36	13	85.00%	83%

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

### **Our Confreres who have gone away for their eternal reward**



Please fulfil the suffrages prescribed

#### **Fr. Anil Topno 19.07.1976 – 30 March 2009**

We are shocked to hear the sad news of the sudden death of Fr. Anil Topno. He was killed in a car accident in South Africa on March 30, 2009. The accident took place at Calvina, about 140 kilometers away from Vredendal. As per the information received, a pickup van, which overtook two big trucks, lost control and collided headlong with the car in which Fr. Anil was travelling with a companion priest. The companion priest was driving the car and the fatal event took place as they were returning to Vredendal. Soon after his Ordination, Fr. Anil was assigned to South African Region for pastoral ministry and the process for obtaining the visa was started. Until his papers were ready, he served the parish of Telam in the diocese of Tezpur. In July 2006, Fr. Anil left for South Africa, and was assigned as an associate pastor to the catholic community of Vredendal, where he served until the time of his death. In this time of sorrow, our confreres are supported by the Bishop of the diocese Keimoes- Upington, the priests of the diocese and several friends.

The Mortal remains of Fr. Anil was to India on April 13, 2009. the Mass of Christian burial was held on April 14, 2009 at 1.30PM. Rt. Rev. Michael AkasisusToppo, Bishop of Tezpur officiated the funeral Mass.

### **BRO.JOSEPH CARVALHO 20.12.1921 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009**



Bro.Carvalho, aged 88, breathed his last just before 11 am on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Born on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1921 to Francis and Aplonia, he joined the MSFS in 1945. He set an example from the time he opted for religious life -four of his sisters are religious and he has a brother-priest.

He made his First profession on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1949. He was in SFS School just for a few months. In the same year, he joined St.Joseph's Technical Institute. He was in the same community all his life except for a year at Thana and his studies. He has a unique record of having spent close to 60 years in the same community.

His early training of punctuality, discipline, fidelity to work stood him good all his life. Till his early eighties, he was active. Hundreds of students were trained by him in electricity and radio mechanism. He perfected the art of magnetization. People from all over Central India knew that once Bro.Carvalho has completed the work, they need not worry for another 15 years.

After the Workshop was closed in 2001, he took a special interest in Trinitarian theology. Many of us had the privilege of listening to him, speaking in simple words, the profound

mystery of Trinity. He was always happy to meet a confrere and his smile refreshed many a soul.

He looked after himself well and never asked for help till he fell ill two years ago. His condition was not good from September last year. One could see that he was preparing to say bye to this earthly life. Nagpur recorded its highest temperature for April on 30<sup>th</sup>. On that morning, he breathed his last just before 11 am. He was so fond of recording the temperature on his calendar.

His body was shifted to St.John's chapel. The confreres spent their time praying till midnight. The funeral service began at 9.30 am on 1<sup>st</sup> May – the feast of St.Joseph the Worker. What a beautiful coincidence. JOSEPH Carvalho, spent all his religious life at ST.JOSEPH'S Technical, was buried on the feast of ST.JOSEPH. The Eucharist was presided over by Fr.P.M.Joseph, the former Provincial with Fr.Jerome Pinto, the Vicar General and Fr.David Paul, the Vicar. The chapel was full with fellow confreres from neighbouring communities, priests, sisters and well-wishers. Eight of his relatives including his brother and two religious sisters were present.

Fr.P.M.Joseph highlighted the Man and his Mission. He spoke of daily fidelity to prayer and work which was the hallmark of Bro.Carvalho. Fr.David Paul thanked everyone connected with the life and death of Bro.Carvalho. The body was then carried to the Seminary Hills where after a short burial service by Fr.Jerome Pinto, Brother was buried. The scorching sun did not deter the people touched by his life.

Fr. David Paul, msfs

### **One Minute with St. Francis de Sales**

“True love knows no ingratitude; it strives to please those who give it pleasure. The likeness that often exists between lovers may be traced to this, for love brings to birth in us a resemblance to what we love. So the enjoyment we find in God begins to make us godlike; our wills become his through the gratification he affords us. . Love, says St. Chrysostom either finds people alike, or it makes them so.”

### **Inspirations from our Founder**

“God who is all powerful, who has no need of anyone, does not demand miracles from us. They are not in our power. He expects some works or at least our good will. May he graciously give us this will which is the source of interior peace...”