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My dear Confreres,



Suffering is part of human life and it can either bring us closer to God or take us away from God. When suffering is man-made and it is meaningless, one begins to question one's own faith in God. We are aware of the sufferings of thousands of innocent people in the Middle-East due to their religious faith. There is a great number of Christians who are victimised, tortured and brutally killed because they do not share the faith of the majority in the country of their birth and where they live. It is tragic and barbaric in a civilized society that this kind of man made suffering on account of one's religious faith is inflicted on the innocent. It is time for

all the people of good will to rise up and condemn such barbaric torture of the innocent for religious faith and we need to uphold the fundamental right of humans to believe and practice what one chooses. On the eve of the Feast of our Patroness, Our Lady of Compassion/Sorrows it is good for us to reflect on the aspect of compassion we feel for the suffering brothers and sisters. Our Blessed Mother shared the sorrow of her Son, the sorrow of the entire humanity and bore it with faith and trust for the redemption of humanity. I appeal to all our confreres to show our solidarity with the suffering innocent people, both Christians and non Christians, for reason of their faith. We pray for the all the persecuted Christians and other innocent people through the intercession of Mother of Compassion that She continues to strengthen them in their faith and that all people of good reason rise up in solidarity to condemn violence and strive together for liberty and peace. I also appeal to all the confreres that we show our true solidarity with our fellow-citizens of Kashmir who are suffering from the devastating floods that destroyed homes and all their material security. I wish you all a very Happy Feast of Our Lady of Compassion!

General Chapter Retreat for the Province

The Superior General in his recent letter to all the confreres of the Congregation had made it clear that it was the decision of the last General Chapter that all the members participate in the retreat organized by the Congregation. No one is exempted from it. In

our Province the next retreat is from **6th October morning 9.00 am to 10th October evening 4.30 pm**. All the participants are to be present in time for the retreat and have to participate in the entire retreat. All the participants should bring along the MSFS Constitutions and Bible. The retreat is well scheduled and all the sessions are arranged in such a way that it prepares one for a greater familiarity with our Fransalian identity and mission. Kindly contact the Provincial Secretary, Fr. Joji, for any further details or regarding return tickets. Once again I remind all the confreres that no one exempted from this retreat and kindly ensure your participation in this retreat and if you are participating in the same retreat in other Provinces or with the seminarians the information has to be given to the Provincial secretary.

Visitation to Chad- Cameroon

In my last circular I had given my schedule of the visitation of our Chad-Cameroon Mission from 17th September, 2014. This visitation has to be postponed to the month of February 2015 due to the Ebola fever in West Africa. The Indian Govt. has taken stringent measures to prevent the spread of the Ebola fever by keeping travellers from African countries for 20-30 days under observation. After my consultation with the council and the Mission Superior of Chad-Cameroon the visitation is postponed to February. I am in contact with the confreres in Chad-Cameroon to see if they are safe and I have given instruction to the Mission Superior to take precautionary measures to protect our confreres.

Young Priests Seminar and On-going Formation for Confreres

We are organizing a two day seminar for all the young priests in our province who have been ordained during the last six years (Ordination 2008 December onwards, including those who are in the sixth year of their ordination). This is in view of accompanying the young confreres in the early stages of their priesthood and as part of the on-going formation for confreres in the province. This will be from **28th 4.00 pm to 30th 4.00 pm January 2015** at Vinayalaya. I request all the young confreres of SW Province who are in India to take part in the Seminar without fail. We will have another seminar for confreres who are from 7th -10th year of their ordination (including those who are in the 10th year of ordination) from **5th 4.00 pm to 7th 4.00 pm of May 2015**.

Congregational Biblical Diary "Joy of the Gospel" 2015



According to the directives of the Superior General, Indian Institute of Spirituality had taken up the responsibility of bringing out the Biblical Diary for 2015. The Diary is ready and it will be officially released on 19th October, 2014 by the Superior General during the Silver Jubilee celebrations of IIS. I request all the confreres of the Province to buy the

diary and support the new venture the Congregation has taken up in publishing the Bible Diary. It is a very impressive work with very good reflections on daily readings and the biblical passages. I congratulate Fr. Benny Koottanal and the IIS staff, along with Fr. Tom Kanat, Fr. Jijo Manjackal and other confreres who collaborated in the completion of this venture. The diary will be available for sale from 20th September 2014.

The Newly Constituted Forums

Members of the Superiors' Forum (in India)

These include the Local Superiors and Neighborhood Local Community Superiors (NLC)

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| 1. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal (Provincial) | 18. Fr. Parakottil Timson |
| 2. Fr. A .C. Arokianathan | 19. Fr. Parappillil Jose |
| 3. Fr. Anchanickal Thomas | 20. Fr. Pandanam Abraham |
| 4. Fr. Aranjanil Paul | 21. Fr. Pulinthanam Tomy |
| 5. Fr. Arockiya Samy | 22. Fr. Puthiaparmabil Jose (Sr.) |
| 6. Fr. Balavendra Jacob | 23. Fr. Salvador Fernandes |
| 7. Fr. Chennakattukunnel Thomas | 24. Fr. Thoppil Joseph |
| 8. Fr. Conrad Sebastian | 25. Fr. Thudipara Jacob |
| 9. Fr. Crasta Herold Christopher | 26. Fr. Vadakkedath Saji |
| 10. Fr. Elanjimattathil Baby | 27. Fr. Vazhappillil Joy |
| 11. Fr. Jose Karekatt | 28. Fr. Vechuvettickal Jose |
| 12. Fr. Kalariparambil Thomas | 29. Fr. Vilachirayil Saju |
| 13. Fr. Kalathungal Mathew | 30. Fr. Vinod Kanattu |
| 14. Fr. Kanjiramparambil Johny | 31. Fr. Kulangarathottiyil Sebastian |
| 15. Fr. Koottanal Benny | |
| 16. Fr. Maliekal Jose | |
| 17. Fr. Mullasseril Tomy | |

Local Superiors' Forum Meeting at Vinayalaya

The Local Superiors' Forum meeting is scheduled for **15th January 2015** at Vinayalaya from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. It is obligatory for the local superiors to be present for the meeting as it is part of the yearly animation for them in tune with our Directory. Kindly make early arrangements that you are free on the designated date for the meeting.

Members of the Social and Innovative Forum

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| 1. Fr. Kumbloickal Jose
(Provincial) | 12. Fr. Johny Puthiaparampil |
| 2. Fr. Koottanal Benny (Councillor) | 13. Fr. Kalathil Mathew |
| 3. Fr. Chemplanickal Jijo (Secretary) | 14. Fr. Kanat Tom |
| 4. Fr. A.C Arokianathan | 15. Fr. Kanjiramparambil Johny |
| 5. Fr. Anil Thondampallil | 16. Fr. Karekatt Jose |
| 6. Fr. C. Joseph | 17. Fr. Kulangarathottiyil Sebastian |
| 7. Fr. Chennakattukunnel Thomas | 18. Fr. Mariaraj George |
| 8. Fr. Cheravelil Jikson | 19. Fr. Kulamkuthiyil Mijo |
| 9. Fr. Choorapuzha George | 20. Fr. Palathadathil Aneesh |
| 10. Fr. D. Doraiswamy | 21. Fr. Parakottil Timson |
| 11. Fr. Edasseril Jose | 22. Fr. Ponnambel Josey |
| | 23. Fr. Puthussery Shino |

24. Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar
25. Fr. S. Arockiya Samy
26. Fr. Saji Vadakkedath
27. Fr. Thadathilankal Lalu
28. Fr. Thudipara Jacob
29. Fr. Valakodiyil Philip
30. Fr. Vazhaparambil Riju

31. Fr. Vazhappillil Joy
32. Fr. Kalariparambil Thomas
33. Fr. Plathottathil Jino
34. Fr. Mookenthottam Antony
35. Fr. Kallacheril Joseph

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1. Fr. Kumbloickal Jose (Provincial)
2. Fr. Crasta Herold Christopher, (Councillor)
3. Fr. Plathottathil Roy (Secretary)
4. Fr. P. Maria Lawrence
5. Fr. Wilson Kottam
6. Fr. A. Jabamalai
7. Fr. A. Johnson
8. Fr. A. Mathias
9. Fr. A. Prashanth Kumar
10. Fr. Eanthanamkuzhiyil Saji
11. Fr. Jeevan Prashanth
12. Fr. Kolarickal Jojo
13. Fr. Mamala Mathew
14. Fr. Marangolil Benny
15. Fr. Maroor Soby

16. Fr. Marottikudy Shalbin
17. Fr. Mecheril Jais
18. Fr. Pangi Raj
19. Fr. Parakottil Timson
20. Fr. Plathottathil Jino
21. Fr. Puzhakkara Subin
22. Fr. Thoppil Joseph
23. Fr. Ummikuzhiyil Cyriac
24. Fr. Vallisserikettil Majish
25. Fr. Vechuvettickal Jose
26. Fr. Victor Kujur
27. Fr. Vilachirayil Saju
28. Fr. Kujur Prabhu Prakash
29. Fr. Olickal Sijo
30. Fr. Sudeep Paul

Members of the Formators' Forum

1. Fr. Kumbloickal Jose (Provincial)
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3. Fr. Balavendra Jacob (Secretary)
4. Fr. Anchanickal Thomas
5. Fr. Anish Chirackalpuraidathil
6. Fr. Dijo Koikkara
7. Fr. Ekka Francis
8. Fr. Kalariparambil Thomas
9. Fr. Kalathungal Mathew
10. Fr. Maliekal Jose

11. Fr. Mattathil Joby
12. Fr. Mookenthottam Antony
13. Fr. Mullenkuzhy Joseph
14. Fr. O.V Zacharias
15. Fr. Parappally Jacob
16. Fr. Pulpara Joseph
17. Fr. Puthukary Jose
18. Fr. Puthuparambil Tito
19. Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar
20. Fr. Thadathilankal Lalu
21. Fr. Valliamthadathil George

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3. Fr. Mullasseril Tomy (Secretary)
4. Fr. A. Jerome
5. Fr. A.C. Arokianathan
6. Fr. Aranjani Paul
7. Fr. C. Joseph
8. Fr. Chennakkattukunnel Thomas

9. Fr. Chirackalpuraidathil Tomy
10. Fr. Chirayil George
11. Fr. Conrad Sebastian
12. Fr. D. Doraiswamy
13. Fr. D. Robert
14. Fr. Ekka Anand
15. Fr. Elanjimattathil Baby

16. Fr. Illikkattil Thomas
17. Fr. Jabamalai Perianayagam
18. Fr. James Thomas
19. Fr. Joseph Charles Perianayagam
20. Fr. Kokkandathil Jose
21. Fr. Kollarayath Jaison
22. Fr. Kulangarathottiyil Sebastian
23. Fr. Kuzhuppillil Aloysius
24. Fr. Narikunnel Regi
25. Fr. Ottalankal Chacko
26. Fr. Padikara Nelson
27. Fr. Pallassery Sujith
28. Fr. Parayankunnel Shinto
29. Fr. Pendanam Abraham

30. Fr. Kanjiramparambil Johny
31. Fr. Kannadom Joseph
32. Fr. Kavithazha Mathew
33. Fr. Kizhakkethazhe Francis
34. Fr. Puthiaparampil Jose Sr.
35. Fr. Puthuparambil Varghese
36. Fr. R. Bartholomew
37. Fr. S. Arockiya Samy
38. Fr. Salvador Fernandes
39. Fr. Santosh Pereira
40. Fr. Sudeep Paul
41. Fr. Thudipara Jacob
42. Fr. Vadakkedath Saji
43. Fr. Vellaramkunnel Sebastian

Members of the Preachers Forum (Under Mission Forum)

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Members of the Stewardship Forum

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Kindly bring to the notice of the Provincial Secretary any omissions or overlapping of the members of the different forums and they can be rectified in the next circular.

Golden Jubilee of Five MSFS Provinces in 2015

The year 2015 is an important year for the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales as five of our MSFS Provinces, namely, **Franco-Swiss Province, English Province, Brazil Province, Visakhapatnam Province and Nagpur Province** are getting ready to celebrate the Golden Jubilee (1965 – 2015) of their existence as Provinces. We wish all of them our prayerful felicitations in anticipation.

Perpetually Professed Members to give Undertaking to Major Superior

As per the **Code of Ethics** for the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, every perpetually professed member is to read the Code of Ethics book named ***Integrity in Consecrated life and Pastoral Ministry***. According to the directives of the Superior General all the perpetually professed members, after personal reflection on the content of the book, are to make an undertaking that will clearly express their willingness to abide by the norms enshrined in the book. The Provincial Administration is directed to get an undertaking signed from all the perpetually professed members. All the perpetually professed members who do not have a copy of the book are to request for the same from the provincial secretary. The format of this undertaking will be prepared in the joint meeting of the PIF and General Administration in November 2014 and it will be sent to all the perpetually professed members to make the undertaking.

CBSE Affiliation, SFS School, Kannur

Our SFS School in Kannur has obtained the CBSE Affiliation after long years of struggle and uncertainty. The Principal, Fr. Jose Vechuvettickal, has been tirelessly working for the same after he took charge and he deserves our sincere appreciation and thanks for the great achievement. From now on our students at SFS School can rightfully go for the SSLC or Board Exams and we can also introduce the new fee structure. I also take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all the previous Principals and Managers of SFS School, Kannur for their valuable contribution for the growth of this school.

Appointments

Fr. Francis Kizhakkethazhe is appointed as parish priest of St. Joseph's Church, Thavalappara in the Archdiocese of Ernakulam- Angamaly with effect from August 23rd 2014.

Fr. Francis Ekka is appointed to SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor with effect from 25th August, 2014.

Fr. Sudeep Paul is appointed as the Dean of Studies of NISCORT (National Institute for Social Communications, Research and Training), Delhi, which is an Institute under CBCI, with effect from 1st September, 2014 for a term of three years.

Fr. Viju Kunnathottel is appointed as the Parish Priest of Saint François de Sales in the diocese of Annecy with effect from 31st August, 2014.

Fr. Jose Puthiaparambil (Jr.) is appointed as the Parish Priest of Saint Matthew at Ambilly, Ville la Grand with effect from 21st September 2014.

Fr. Santy Kochupurackal has been appointed as Parish Priest of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Sugarland, Texas, in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston from the beginning of July 2014. This is a parish which is given to the USA Vice Province on contract by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Fr. Jaison Pezhathinal is appointed as Parochial Vicar at St. Laurence Church, Sugarland, Texas in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston from August 2014.

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Inter-SFS School Games Meet

SFS School Chintamani is celebrating this year it's Silver Jubilee. To mark the occasion in our last Education Forum meeting it was decided to have an Inter-SFS School Games Meet at Chintamani. The inspirational motto of our SFS Schools is the famous quote from our beloved Founder Fr. Mermier: "Education of the heart is the heart of education". To keep alive his spirit we have named the tournament in his honour – *The*

Mermier Cup. SFS School Chintamani will host Volleyball and Throw-ball Competitions for all the DeSalites of our SFS Schools. The Inter-SFS Meet will be held at Chintamani on **8th November 2014**. The Management has requested all the Principals to make this event a remarkable and meaningful by sending the teams to participate. The invitation, norms and conditions of the event will reach to all the Schools by end of September.

Reported by Fr. A. Prashanth Kumar

Congratulations



Fr. Thomas Thekkekarottu has successfully defended his Licentiate Thesis titled: "*The Universal Dimension of the Redemption of Christ and the Mission of the Church in the Writings of Gerald O'Collins*" on 29th July 2014. He is now continuing with his Doctoral studies in the Theology Faculty in Burgos,

Spain. Recently he has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Palacios de Benaver, which is four small parishes clubbed under one, and he is also chaplain to the Benedictine sisters. Hearty Congratulations to Fr. Thomas for having completed his Licentiate successfully in two years! We wish you all the best for your further studies.

Apostolic Community Conveners and Secretaries

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1	Bangalore North Apostolic Community	Fr. Mathew Mamala	Fr. Philip Valakodiyil
2	Bangalore South Apostolic Community	Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar	Fr. Mariaraj George
3	Kolar Apostolic Community	Fr. Saju Vilachirayil	Fr. Majish Vallisserikettil
4	North Karnataka Apostolic Community	Fr. E. Erudaya Raja	Fr. Victor Kujur
5	Mysore Apostolic Community	Fr. Joseph Pulpara	Fr. George Choorapuzha
6	Ettumanoor Apostolic Community	Fr. Jose Maliekal	-
7	Kannur Apostolic Community	Fr. Jose Vechuvettickal	Fr. Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil

Mission Forum Meetings

The Mission Forum of the Province had two meetings this year. The first meeting of the Forum was held at Vinayalaya, Bangalore on 7th August 2014. There were 26 participants for the meeting. The second meeting of the Forum was held at Charis Bhavan on the 20th of August 2014. There were 15 participants for the meeting. Both meetings were opportunities for those in Mission and Preaching Ministry to share their life and activities with one another. In the light of Rev. Fr. Superior General declaring the Year 2015 as the 'Year of Mission' for the Congregation, the Forum members had fruitful discussions on this theme and came up with many proposals to make this celebration meaningful and successful. The highlight of the meeting in Vinayalaya was a talk by Rev. Fr. Joseph M Abraham, Director of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, on the mission and ministry of a parish priest. Rev. Fr. Jose Kumblolickal, Provincial, also participated and shared the developments and initiatives in the Province's mission. For the meeting at Charis Bhavan there was an inspiring talk by Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kottayil, the Forane Vicar of Athirampuzha and the former director of Changanasserry Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre. We appreciate with gratitude the communities of Charis Bhavan and Vinayalaya for organising the meetings wonderfully well.

Reported by Fr. Vinod Kanattu

Blessing and Inauguration of the Newly Built Auditorium of S.F.S P.U College, Hebbagodi, Bangalore



The blessing and the inauguration of the newly built auditorium of S.F.S. P.U. College, Hebbagodi, Bangalore took place on 8th September, 2014. Mr. Puttanna, MLC, the Deputy Speaker, Govt. of Karnataka and the Hon'ble Chief Guest of the function inaugurated the Auditorium at

10:00am. It was followed by the blessing by Rev. Dr. Jose Kumblolickal, MSFS, the Provincial of South West India Province, who also presided over the function. The presence of numerable Hon'ble Guests, Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Well Wishers & Parents enhanced the joy and solemnity of the occasion.

During his speech, Mr. Puttanna, the Deputy Speaker and the Hon'ble Chief Guest, praised the commendable services that the S.F.S. Institutions are rendering to the Society. He promised his help to provide Cauvery Water to the Campus at the earliest. In his presidential address Rev. Dr. Jose Kumblolickal appreciated the good works that

the Principal as well as the Management rendered in bringing the Auditorium to its successful completion in a record time.

The DeSalites, performed various programmes, which were well appreciated by all. During the function, prizes were distributed to the winners of Vibhinna and Vyuha. Toppers of the previous Academic Year 2013-14, were honoured and awarded with cash. The teaching staff, who completed five years and more in the College, also were felicitated on the occasion of the Blessing and Inauguration of the Hall which is dedicated as a memorial of the forthcoming Silver Jubilee of the South West Province. Fr. Cyriac Ummikuzhiyil, the Vice-principal proposed the vote of thanks.

The auditorium was built in record time of three months. The hall is equipped with perfect sound system, fire safety measures, a spacious stage and fully sound proof interiors. The Glass elevation adds beauty to the college from the high way. The carpet laid auditorium can accommodate up to 1,200 people.

Common Logo for Desalites Released



This term DeSalite was coined by Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy in 2007, and was used on the first graduating batch of students from SFS College, Electronic City Bangalore. The term was coined mainly keeping the College Students in mind and no one else. The word was derived from the patron's name "Francis De Sales". It was coined to address the students of St. Francis de Sales College, Bangalore by the founder of the word Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy. Later in the Education forum of South West India Province (SWIP) in 2013 it was unanimously approved to be used for all the students who study in SFS group of institutions across SWIP. Therefore, DeSalite is a student of SFS group of institutions who has imbibed the qualities of Gentleness, Knowledge, Love and Service. In the year 2014, March 27th, a common logo was invented by Fr. Christopher Crasta and Fr. Johnson to bring out a branded look to the popular word. Fr. Sudeep Paul and Fr. Aneesh Palathadathil gave a caption to the branded logo "*Brilliance Inspired*". St. Francis de Sales used the quill for writing and spreading messages to the people in order to revive their faith. Hence Quill was chosen to represent the DeSalites. On the auspicious day 8th September 2014 the Logo for all DeSalites in the province was released. DeSalite's ringtone was also released on 15th September 2013. SFS Group of institution is the only institution in the world to have a ringtone for all its institutions.

We thank Fr. Anthony Swamy, Fr Johnson, Fr. Sudeep Paul and Fr. Aneesh Palathadathil for their contributions.

Reported by Fr. Crasta Herold Christopher

Blessing of the New Administrative Block in Fides



5th September 2014 was a day of great joy for the Nest community and SFS School in Kengeri, as this day marked the blessing and inauguration of the new block of the present school. The program began at 11.15 am with a welcome by Fr. Joy Vazhappillil. The blessing ceremony was presided over by Rev. Fr. Jose Kumblolickal, the Provincial of the South West Province. The program was well attended by a number of

MSFS confreres from Bangalore, the school community, well wishers and friends. During the prayer session Fr. Provincial blessed and inaugurated the new block and dedicated it for the use of the school. He also thanked the community, especially Rev. Frs. Joy, Mathew, Riju and Sijo for their dedicated work and for mobilizing the necessary fund for the new building. To double the joy of the day there was a small cultural program put up by the students of the SFS School after the blessing ceremony. The day was also celebrated as the 'Teacher's day'. At the end Fr. Mathew Mamala thanked all for their gracious presence and the programs came to an end with a sumptuous "onam sadhya". And later in the afternoon we had a basket ball match between SFS College Hebbagodi and Christ University, which was a real treat to our eyes. We thank the almighty for His generous blessings and pray that our efforts may bring glory to Him and His people.

Reported by Fr. Sijo Olickal

Memoria, SFS School, Srinivaspur



ALUMNI meetings inevitably evoke 'emotions recollected in tranquility', as Wordsworth would have said. They help participants look back in wonder at the years they spent in the company of utter strangers who soon, however, became chums and inseparable companions. As such, they are going to remain lifetime friends. These alumni meetings, therefore, create nostalgia and feed upon it. The third alumni meeting

(Memoria) of SFS School at Srinivasapur held on 27 July 2014, bore ample proof of this fact. The theme of the meeting was *Trishna (Thirst to make difference)*. Almost all former Principals, teachers, and other staff members were present for the meeting. Their presence effectively re-created scenes from the past which the students relished to their hearts' content.

Fr. Majish, the Principal, presided over the function and provided a heart-warming message. He went on to explain how impressed he was with the large turnout of the alumni and their kind remembrance of their *alma mater*. 'Out of sight, out of mind' was not true in their case, he pointed out. He thanked Fr. Jabmalai for pioneering the alumni meeting at Srinivasapur. Normally, students leave their schools with a sort of relief and look forward to their new adventure in college or work station. These students, however, retained all the freshness and flavour of their student days at SFS and were indeed proud to boast of it. Fr. Jabmalai, Fr. Justin, Fr. Jikson, Fr. Saji, and Sr. Anastasia spoke about the importance of alumni associations in schools. They waxed eloquent on the glory of the bygone years. They were all praise for the former students of SFS who cherished their days in its portals. The program was well organized by our former students. Almost 300 students attended the meeting. The current crop of students performed a delightful prayer dance, and other programs were presented by former Desalites. Various cultural programs were put up on the stage and deeply appreciated.

It was a sort of home-coming experience for each of the old Desalites. It was also a return to the roots as far as the students were concerned. Some of them recalled their humorous as well as heart-wrenching experiences at the school. They shared their happiness, joy, experiences and love. They contrasted their present distressing experiences with their stress-free, happy-go-lucky days at school. They gushed forth on how their formation at SFS had equipped them to face the challenges in the big, competitive world out there. It was an emotional meeting where each one loved to recall all their memorable experiences at SFS in those halcyon days. The students presented mementos to all their dear Principals and teachers. The function ended with a community meal prepared by the Desalites.

Reported by Fr. Majish Vallisserikettil

Water the Source of Life: Drinking Water Project in Bero, Chad



Parish St. Josephine Bakhita of Béro is entrusted to MSFS since 2002. This parish is divided into four sectors. Each sector contains 7 to 10 villages and all together there are 35 villages under the parish. There are some 15,000 people and 6000 are Catholics. Since 12 years, Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales are rendering our pastoral services in this Parish. One of the existential

problems of Chad is the lack of proper drinking water. Being a sub-Saharan country it receives very little rain falls even during the three months of monsoon (July, August and September). So there is water scarcity in the villages but if we dig around 10-12 meters, there is sufficient water. In the present situation, people get drinking water from open wells, rivers and stagnated rainy water. They are not well maintained; even the domestic animals have direct access to these water sources. As a result, there is no proper drinking water in many villages and villagers are victims of many different water born sicknesses such as typhoid, Jaundice, Cholera etc. Every year around 30 children die in every village, due to water born diseases. For last few years MSFS gave great importance for the drinking water projects in various parishes of MSFS in Chad and Cameroon. We gratefully remember the contributions made by our confreres of Franco Swiss province, Fr. Thomas Cherukat, Fr. Augustine Tharappel, Fr. Mathew Kozhupakkalam, Fr. Viju Kunnathottel, Fr. Sen Vellakada etc.

We have been sensitising the local population and they are becoming more aware about the existing sicknesses due to lack of proper drinking water. But we lack the necessary finance to realize this project. We envisage providing every village with proper drinking water facility. With the help of Fr. Thomas Cherukat, the Director of Mission Development Office, and benefactors in Germany we are digging this year 4 wells in Bero, one in Doba and one in Berem Cameroon. In the past we have dug 5 wells in the Ekekam parish entrusted to MSFS since 2005. A good many wells were dug and made the water potable.

Reported by Fr. Arackal Manoj

Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the Novitiate in the Philippines



After strenuous efforts and with the collaboration of many, the dream for Philippines Delegation to have a Novitiate of its own is going to be fulfilled. On 8th September 2014 Fr. George Morales, a great friend of the MSFS in the Philippines, officiated the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Novitiate in the presence of MSFS confreres, friends and well-wishers. I thank the Provincial Administration, USA Vice

Province, Franco-Swiss Province, confreres in GHA and all other benefactors who contributed generously for realizing this dream.

Reported by Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam

Leaving the Congregation

It is very sad for a family to feel the absence of its members. For the South West Province it is a painful experience when its members leave. However, we have to respect the individual choice each one makes and wish them well in the course of life they embark. **Fr. Sathish Abraham** left the Congregation in 2012 on his own free choice

and his dispensation from priesthood is in process. **Fr. K. Geroge Rosario** left the province on 25th November, 2012 on his own choice and was not in touch with the Province since then. Several attempts were made from the administration to re-establish communication with him. Finally after the third canonical written warning issued to him he returned to the province for a while and he left the province again on his own. He has now given in writing his decision to leave the Congregation. **Fr. Martin Elayidathumadathil** has written to the Superior General on 15th July 2014 and a copy of the same was given to the Provincial concerning his free and personal decision to leave the Congregation. He had asked permission from the administration for leave from the Province from last December 2013 to reflect about his life and to decide about his future. He has been given all the possible help and support from the part of the administration to make the free choice and finally he has communicated his decision to leave the Congregation. **Fr. Shaju Arackal** has made his personal decision to leave the Congregation and has written to Superior General on 7th July 2014 for relieving him from the Congregation. Fr. Shaju was relieved from his responsibility as parish priest at Kannadiparamba, Kannur Diocese, at the request of the Bishop. He was appointed in Adoor to pursue his MSW studies as per his request. Fr. Shaju has written to Superior General and to the Provincial that it is his free decision to leave the Congregation. Although with pain, we wish all these confreres God's abundant blessings in the new path they have chosen. We pray and wish that they continue to be good friends of the MSFS wherever they are.

News about Sick Confreres

Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhiyil: His condition is deteriorating. He is constantly accompanied for all his needs. Under the advice of the doctors he is in palliative care. I thank the Mermier Bhavan Community for their loving care and support to Fr. Raison. Let us continue to pray for Fr. Raison and commend him to the loving mercy of God.

Fr. James Manjackal: During my last communication with him a few days back, he told me that his health is steadily improving. Fr. James has started taking up preaching mission again, although from the wheel-chair. He has published recently his latest book: "*I saw Eternity*" an inspiring book which narrates his sickness and recovery. We pray for the complete recovery of Fr. James and for God's anointing in his ministry.

Fr. Jose Edasserril: Recently had a surgery on his right hand for rectifying some block in the vein. He is recovering. Let us pray for his good health.

Fr. S. Arockia Swamy was operated for piles and he is at Vinayalaya now. He is recovering. Let us pray for his complete recovery.

Fr. Paul Aranjanil was treated for some blocks in the heart-valves and he too is recovering. Let us pray for his good health.

Fr. Thomas Mattakkarathundiyl: Is stable in his health. He receives regular massages as part of physiotherapy. He moves on wheel-chair and meets people in the evening. Let us continue to keep him in our prayers.

Provincial Vicar – during my Visitation to English Province and GAH

During my visitation to English Province and GAH Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil will be the Provincial Vicar. You can contact me on e-mail and in case of emergency my contact numbers will be available with the Provincial Vicar.

On Home Visit and Vacation

Fr. Thomas Moongamakkal, Fr. Y. Mathias, Fr. Vinoy Valachathinakathu, Fr. Joseph Kuttivayalil, Fr. Praful Tigga, Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal and Fr. Thadeus Lakra are on home visit. We wish our confreres pleasant stay and safe journey back to their places of study and ministry.

Let us pray for the Departed

1. Fr. Clement Mendonca msfs, 76 years old, Pune Province, passed away on 9th August, 2014, at Bastora, Goa, due to heart attack.

2. Fr. François Mercier, 87 years old, Franco Swiss Province, passed away on 12th September, 2014 at Annecy.

Kindly favour our departed confreres with the suffrages prescribed in our Constitutions.

3. Let us pray for **K. J Varghese**, aged 82, father of Fr. Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil, who passed away on 14.08.2014.

My Programme

September 2014

- 9-10 Canonical visitation of Sannidhi Minor Seminary, SFS Parish, Soumya Sadan Mysore
- 11 Apostolic Community Meeting, IIS Rajajinagar
- 13-14 Council Meeting at Vinayalaya,
- 14-15 Jubilee Celebrations of Vinayakumar Estate, Nilambur
- 21 Visitation, Kannadiparamba, Kannur
- 23 Visitation, Ulickal, Kannur
- 24-25 Visitation, Novitiate, Makkiyad
- 28 SFS College, Hebbagodi, Bangalore
- 29 Statutes Committee Meeting, Vinayalaya

October 2014

- 6-10 Province Retreat, Vinayalaya
- 11 Council Meeting
- 15-19 IIS Jubilee, Rajajinagar
- 21- 19th Nov. Visitation of confreres in English Province, Italy, Spain, Germany & Austria

November 2014

22 Council Meeting, Nest Home Day celebrations

25-29 PIF - General Curia - Provincial Curia meetings, Vinayalaya

In the Footsteps of our Patron, St. Francis de Sales:

“Several sacred lovers were present at the death of the Saviour. Among them those who had the greatest love had the greatest sorrow. Love, then, was in sorrow and the sorrow in love. All those who had a passionate love for their Saviour were lovers of his passion and sorrow. But the gentle Mother, who loved the Saviour more than all, was more than all pierced by a sword of sorrow... That maternal heart was wounded by love. She did not seek any healing of her wound but loved her wound more than any healing. She constantly desired to die of them because her Son had died of them” (SFS Treatise on the Love of God Bk VII Ch. 14).

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Jose Kumblokal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Rev. Fr. Jose Kumblokal MSFS
Provincial Superior**