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Circular JK/16

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My dear Confreres,

We are at the end of the academic year and many of our schools, colleges and formation houses are closed for summer vacation. It is the time for evaluation of the ending year of activity, to refresh and to relax and at the same time revamp ourselves for dedicated and committed activity and ministry for the new academic year. It is very important that we usefully spend this time of vacation and preparation and to be focused on our ministry and the responsibility. During my visitation to the communities and meeting with confreres individually, I came across instances of increasing habit of consumption of alcohol and the culture of partying and dinner-outs. Communities should be the true venue of recreation and celebration of our life as religious and animation of community should include quality time of sharing, relaxation and refreshing for members within the parameters of community living and what is expected of our religious life. The culture of very expensive batch-gatherings is also slowly creeping in. We are in the Year of the Consecrated and it should be a matter of soul-searching for each confrere as to what am I seeking in religious life? What is happening in the communities has got deeper implications for the scholastics in formation. They look up to the seniors in the province for inspiration and model. What we sow today is what we reap tomorrow. If we find deviant behaviour and lack of orientation among some of the scholastics in formation, the reason needs to be searched within. I earnestly appeal to all the confreres to assume personal responsibility for our life as religious and let us recommit ourselves as one family to the task of joyful witness of our Consecration. I wish you all a wonderful time of summer vacation and God's abundant blessings in this Easter Season!

Young Priests' Seminar and On-going Formation Program- 2nd Batch

As announced earlier in the Circular, we will be organizing the second batch of Young Priests' Seminar and on-going formation for those who have been ordained between 2000 January- and 2008 April- May. It will be held at Vinayalaya from **6th May 5.00 pm to 8th May 5.00 pm (May 2015)**. The following confreres are to participate in the ongoing formation program:

1. Fr. A. Jabamalai
2. Fr. A.C Arokianathan
3. Fr. A. Johnson
4. Fr. A. Prashanth Kumar
5. Fr. C. Joseph
6. Fr. Crasta Herold Christopher
7. Fr. D. Doraiswamy
8. Fr. Eanthanamkuzhiyil Saji
9. Fr. Ekka Francis
10. Fr. Fernandes Salvador
11. Fr. J. Pangi Raj
12. Fr. Jaison Kollarayath

13. Fr. Kanat Vinod
14. Fr. Koikkara Dijo
15. Fr. Kolarickal Jojo
16. Fr. Kujur Victor
17. Fr. L. Selvaraj
18. Fr. Lalu Thadathilankal
19. Fr. Marottikudiyil Shalbin
20. Fr. Mecheril Jais
21. Fr. Muthukattil Reji

22. Fr. Narikunnel Reji
23. Fr. Plathottathil Jino
24. Fr. Plathottathil Roy
25. Fr. Puthussery Shino
26. Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar
27. Fr. S. Arokiya Samy
28. Fr. Sudeep Paul
29. Fr. Thondampallil Anil
30. Fr. Thoppil Joseph
31. Fr. Vadakkedath Saji

This seminar and update program is in view of the ongoing-formation of confreres in the Province and for accompanying them in their consecrated and priestly life. This is mandatory for all the young confreres listed and I request you to take part in the seminar without fail by registering your names for the same to Fr. Joji, the Provincial secretary, **on or before 25th of April, 2015**. We have arranged very good resource persons for this renewal and update program.

Sale of our Property at Channarayapatna and Mulbagal

According to the decision of the Provincial Council and in view of expanding our missions in North Karnataka we have sold the property at Channarayapatna. We have begun our new mission at Antoninagara in Chikmagalur Diocese and we are identifying the new land in view of starting an educational institution and permanent presence of MSFS in the Diocese of Chikmagalur. Part of the money from the sale of this land will also be used for the completion of the infrastructural need of Sannidhi Minor Seminary at Mysore. The land at Mulbagal is partially sold and the rest is yet to be registered by the Archdiocese of Bangalore. There is some more paperwork to be completed for the sale. We are investing that money in the Sedem Mission at Gulbarga on the purchase of property and for the building of the infrastructure. We are still in need of money for the construction of the community house and parish church at Chintamani and the community house in Mundargi.

Transfers and Appointments

Fr. K.V. Joseph is appointed at Sannidhi Minor Seminary, Mysore as Spiritual Father and formator with effect from 15th May 2015.

Fr. Dijo Koikkara is designated for pastoral ministry in the U.S.

Fr. Benny Marangolil is designated for pastoral ministry and PhD studies in the U.K.

Fr. Jose Parappillil is appointed as the Manager of the SFS Public School and Junior College with effect from 15th May 2015.

Fr. Jino Plathottam – is appointed as the Person in Charge of the Future Project of MSFS at Keermpara, Kothamangalam with effect from 1st January 2015.

Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil is appointed as the Person in Charge of developing and landscaping of Kothamangalam land and also with the responsibility of helping in the construction of the infrastructure with effect from 1st January 2015.

Fr. Shalbin Marottikudy is appointed as the Financial Administrator of SFS School Kannur with effect from 15th May, 2015.

Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe is appointed at Adoor Community for Pastoral assistance, rest and treatment with effect from May 30th 2015.

Fr. Scaria Kannezhath is rendering pastoral services at Resurrection Church, Indiranagar in the Archdiocese of Bangalore, from March 28, 2015. He is designated for pastoral ministry in the Franco Swiss Province from September 2015.

Fr. Boban Elanjimattathil is designated for Pastoral ministry in the Franco Swiss Province from September 2015.

Promotions of the Scholastics

Promoted to Perpetual Profession and Third Year Theology

1. S. Prakash Prashanth Raj
2. Pulichamackal Joby
3. K. Sudeep Andrews

We congratulate these brothers and wish them fruitful preparation for this great step in their lives. The Perpetual Profession of these three brothers from Tejas will take place at Tejas Vidya Peetha, Kumbalgodu, Kengeri on **28th May, 2015** in the evening. The Superior General has given his approval for their Perpetual Profession. I request all our confreres to attend this joyful function and to be present for the ceremony and to felicitate our new perpetually professed members.

Bro. Noel Suico Tatoy from the Philippines Delegation is in India for his preparation for the Perpetual Profession and his application has to be still approved by the Superior General. The date of his Perpetual Profession will be announced later.

Promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Abhishek J
2. Immanuel J. Balu
3. Kappithottam Sanoj
4. Kottuppallil Noby Varghese
5. Kovilparambil Sijo Paul
6. Panachickal Justin
7. Simil Deavasia
8. Dexter Rivera (Philippines)

Promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Cherackal Zacharias Peter
2. Ekka Rakesh
3. Mundachalil Tony Thomas
4. Petrus Kerketta
5. Palamattathil Subin Benny
6. Neyampakulam Joshy N. George
7. Antony Selvam
8. Staney I Rodrigues
9. John Joseph (Chad-Cameroon Mission)
10. Romnick S. Civico (Philippines)

All the Theology students are expected to join Tejas on **24th May 2015** before 4.00 pm.

Promoted to Regency and Renewal of Vows

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| 1. D. Madalai Muthu | SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor |
| 2. John B. Gannot | Sannidhi, Mysore |
| 3. Bibin Sebastian K | ITTSCAT, Trivandrum |
| 4. Valliara Arun Cyriac | Vinayalaya, Bangalore |
| 5. Thuruthiyil Arun Alex | Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha |
| 6. Kelvin Thomas | Vinayakumar Estate, Nilambur |
| 7. Israil Lakra | SFS PU College, Kolar |
| 7. Ajish C. Antony | Chad- Cameroon Mission |
| 8. Nathaniel Masendo (Philippines) | MSFS Seminary, Silang, Cavite |

Following Brothers are Promoted to Regency after their First Profession

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| 9. Robin Pereira | SFS School, Kuknoor |
| 10. Nitesh Minj | SFS Parish, Boys Home and School, Chintamani |

Promoted to Third year Philosophy and Renewal of vows

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| 1. Amod Tirkey | 6. Puthenveetil Albin Mathew |
| 2. Anil Kiran C. Buddini | 7. Sandeep Ekka |
| 3. Dominic Lakra | 8. Thannikkal Justin |
| 4. David S. Buddini | 9. S. Vishwa Punith |
| 5. Kottoor Vijin Mathew James | |

Promoted to Second year Philosophy and Renewal of vows

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| 1. Arun Kumar | 5. Paraparambil Jibin Joy |
| 2. Avinash Kumar C | 6. Payattukandathil Jilu |
| 3. Outhuppacherry Bibin Kuriakose | 7. Cherkkal Kuriakose |
| 4. Champannyil Jais Pious | 8. Prathima Sunil Kumar |

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| 9. Sebastian George Kallayil | 12. Chittilappally Clinton T. Francis |
| 10. Poothara Binu Sebastian (Repetition of second year) | (Repetition of second year) |
| 11. Aranjanil Mathew Joseph (Repetition of second year) | |

Promoted to First Profession and First Year of Philosophy

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| 1. Kadaparambil Albin Shaju | 10. Robin Pereira (To Regency) |
| 2. Antony Rosario | 11. Antony K. J (Arusha) |
| 3. Deva Raj (Anil Kumar) | 12. Eanthanamkuzhiyil Jossy Sebastian |
| 4. Infant Stephen | 13. Karumathy Robin Joy (Arusha) |
| 5. Kaniyodickal Jain George | 14. Madathiparambil Roney Thomas |
| 6. Anithottathil Jibin George | 15. Vadakkedath Siby Antony |
| 7. Kochupurackal Johnson | 16. Sunil Joseph |
| 8. Ashish Toppo | 17. Ponnor Vinu Varghese (Arusha) |
| 9. Nithesh Minj (To Regency) | 18. S. Franklin |

These brothers will make their first profession at Sneha Jyothi Ashram, our Novitiate at Makkiad, Kerala on **31st May, 2015**. I invite, in advance, all our confreres for this joyful event.

Promoted to Admission to the Novitiate

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| 1. Andrews Mascrene | 7. Sojin Xavier Pathil |
| 2. Atony Varghese | 8. Somi Illickal |
| 3. Cyril Cyriac | 9. Praveen Kumar J |
| 4. Jeffin Devasia | 10. Kulandai Raj |
| 5. Jibin Joseph Pathil | 11. Arogya Swamy B |
| 6. Jithin James | |

These candidates will be admitted to the Novitiate on **30th May 2015**. Kindly let us pray for them and accompany them with our presence.

Admission to Novitiate in the Philippines Delegation

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| 1. Froilan Jay Gait | 4. Dansen S. Abanes |
| 2. Roberto G Batohinog | 5. Gem Lord Villanueva |
| 3. Dexter B Ilaver | 6. Joelvin Natividad Ttहित |

MSW Studies

The following Brothers who completed their Regency are designated for MSW studies.

1. Panackapilly Shince P. Tomy
2. Puthenpurackal Dhanoop Sebastian

Promotion to Lector and Acolyte

Jose Simon Thuruthippallil (Fribourg, Switzerland – for Chad Cameroon Mission)

Departures from the Province

Avinash Abhishek who was doing his Second Year Theology at Tejas Vidya Peetha

Kumpukkal Pradeep who was doing First Year Theology at Tejas Vidya Peetha.

Kanta Raju who was doing First Year Theology at Tejas Vidya Peetha

Robin Vattoth who was doing Regency at Vinayakumar Ashram, Kerala.

Manu Chennikkara who was doing his one year Community Experience at SFS Vidyashram Aluva.

Antony Anchil, who was at PSI Kengeri for Community Experience.

These brothers cease to be the temporary members of the Congregation and we wish them all God's abundant blessings in the new ventures they undertake.

Change of Address and Phone Numbers

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Cel: 015171668689

2. Fr. M. Periyamayagam

Hauptstrasse 35
46244 Bottrop-Kirchhellen
Germany
Tel: +49 2045 8549340

3. Fr. Scaria Kannezhathu

Resurrection Church (1980),
Old Madras Road,
Indiranagar,
Bangalore – 560 038.

Provincial Vicar

During my Visitation to the confreres in Australia from 19th – to 30th April 2015, Fr. Vinod Kanat will be the Provincial Vicar. In case of emergency you can contact me on the mobile number +61 4146 39205 when I am in Australia and you can also contact me through my e-mail.

On Home-Visit and Vacation

Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummoottil, Fr. Jiji Manjackal and Bro. Roni Fernandis from the Philippines, Fr. Louis Parappuram, Fr. S. Arockiya Jayaraj and Fr. Joshy Mangalath from Germany, Fr. Augustine Mannaparambil from the U.S are on home holidays. We welcome them and wish them pleasant stay and safe return.

Bourn Voyage

Fr. Biju Palamkunnel got his Visa for the U.S and he is ready to leave for the U.S on 27th April, 2015. He will be working at Tylor, Well Spring with Fr. Augustine Tharappel, the Vice Provincial of the U.S.A Vice Province. We wish him God's abundant blessings, bourn voyage and fruitful ministry!

Let us continue to Pray for the Sick

Fr. James Manjackal is steady in his health. He has resumed his retreat programs again. He requests our continued prayers. As a province family, we assure you father, our prayers and support.

Fr. Thomas Mattakkarathundiyl is also steady in his health. I met him during the Holy Week and had conversation with him. He does not come out lately in the wheelchair as he feels giddy when he is sitting. He has assured the prayers for the Province and the Congregation. We also assure you, dear Fr. Thomas, our prayers and support for you!

Fr. Thomas Illikaktil has recovered from his cataract surgery and resumed his ministry. He celebrated the 40th Year of his Ordination (Ruby Jubilee) on 18th April 2015 at his home parish in Marika. On behalf of the Province, I wish him God's abundant blessings.

Fr. Sebastian Vellaramkunnel met with a bike accident on 9th April 2015 and he had injured two of his toes. After the surgery he is recovering. Let us accompany him with our prayers for his speedy and complete recovery.

Let us pray for the Departed

Bro. Lazarus Karakunnel (84), belonging to Nagpur Province, passed away on Sunday 29th March 2015, at 09.10pm. He was suffering from ailments related to the problems of aging.

Mr. Jose Choorapuzha (45), brother of Fr. George Choorapuzha who passed away on 14.04.2015.

My Programme

April 2015

- 18 Jubilee celebrations of Fr. Thomas Illikattil, Marika, Kerala
- 19 Council meeting Vinayalaya
- 20-30 Visitation of Confreres in Australia, meeting with the Bishop of Adelaide

May 2015

- 1-4 Major Superiors' National Assembly, Dharmaram, Bangalore
- 2 Perpetual Profession Mass at DSFS Provincial House, Hebbagodi
- 5 Council meeting, Bangalore North Apostolic Community meeting, IIS
- 6-8 Young Priests' Ongoing Formation, Vinayalaya
- 10 Kolar St. Mary's Church Blessing
- 12-14 General Chapter Retreat, Vinayalaya
- 15 Address to the Regents in Suvidya
- 23-24 Council Meeting, Vinayalaya
- 28 Perpetual Profession, Tejas Vidya Peetha, Kengeri
- 30 Initiation to Novitiate, Sneha Jyothi, Makkiad

31 First Profession of Novices, Makkiad

June 2015

3 Home, 3rd Death Anniversary of my father

7 Bangalore South Apostolic Community Meeting, Mermier Bhavan

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

“I bequeath to the beloved Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales the whole of the property which I acquired at Les Allinges, including the precious chapel where St. Francis de Sales for so long a time celebrated the sacred mysteries for the conversion of my fatherland. Although the mother-house of this pious Congregation is La Feuillette, the Missionaries are to look upon Les Allinges as a centre where the memory and traces of their Model and Patron are to be seen at every step. This will inspire them with fervour in the lofty and Godly work of preaching the missions”. (Bishop Rey’s Last Will, Quoted in Adrien Duval, *Monsieur Mermier (1790-1862)*, p. 69).

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**