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My dear Confreres,

Pope Francis has surprised the world with his latest Encyclical Letter “*LAUDATO SI* – On Care for our Common Home” in which he speaks on non traditional themes like global warming, the use of alternative energies and caring for the mother Earth. The Pope is true to his name “Francis”, the mystic and reformer of the Church who lived in the last part of the 12th Century and the beginning of 13th Century in Italy. St. Francis of Assisi is honoured in the Catholic Church as the patron saint of animals and the environment. “*Laudato si, mi Signore* – Praise be to you, my Lord” is a beautiful canticle of St. Francis of Assisi that reminds us about the interconnectedness of the entire creation – the Earth and all its Creatures. Pope Francis has always surprised the world with his peculiarities which are challenging and radical, posing a question mark before all Christians about our fundamental options in life. He is respected by the entire world for walking the talk, for being true to what he preaches. Although we are thrilled by his radical approach and constant invitation to live our Christian consecration with more simplicity and transparency, the message remains only at the hearing level and in our life and actions we follow the values of the world. This is very much visible in the options we make for furnishing our community houses, in the purchase of vehicles, articles of personal use and mode of travelling. Pope in this encyclical letter warns us about becoming victims of consumerism which he describes as a “whirlwind of needless buying and spending”. Pope invites us for a new style of life that liberates us from the enslavement to consumerism. One of the powerful statements of the encyclical is “Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act”. In the Silver Jubilee Year of the South West Province and the Year of Mission of the Congregation, let us consciously embrace the difference our life and options can make for the society by being more simple, transparent and genuinely authentic.

SW Province’ Annual Retreats – Dates and Venues

As it was announced in the previous circulars, our first Annual Retreat will be held at **Charis Bhavan, Athirmapuzha from 27-31st July 2015** preached by Rev. Fr. Vincent Antony CSSR. The participants are requested to arrive at Charis Bhavan before 9.00 am on 27th July to begin the retreat in time. It will be over on 31st July with tea at 4.00 pm. The second retreat will be held at **Vinayalaya from 12- 16th October, 2015** and it will be guided by Rt. Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga. As I had mentioned in the previous circular, kindly register your names at the earliest. According to our

Constitutions and General Directory all the members of the Province have the obligation to participate in the Annual retreat organized by the Province. You are requested to bring the **Mass Diaries** updated and I will be having the personal meeting with the confreres during the retreat.

New Apostolic Community Conveners

Mysore Apostolic Community – Fr. Kallacheril Joseph (Convenor) Fr. George Choorapuzha (Secretary)

North Karnataka Apostolic Community – Fr. Puthiaparambil Jose (Senior) (Convenor) Fr. Jais Mecheril (Secretary)

Trivandrum Apostolic Community – Fr. Regi Narikunnel (Convenor) Fr. Baby Elanjimattathil (Secretary) - Members: Fr. Chacko Ottalankal, Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil, Fr. Jose Karekatt, Fr. Baby Elanjimattathil, Fr. Mathew Kavithazha.

Shivamogga Apostolic Community – Fr. Salvadore Fernades (Convenor) Fr. A. Mathias (Secretary) – Members – Fr. Joseph Thoppil, Fr. Thomas Illikattil, Fr. George Mariaraj.

I thank all the out-going convenors and the secretaries for their praiseworthy animation of the Apostolic Communities and for their dedicated services.

New Members of the different Secretariats

Fr. Y. Mathias is appointed to the Core-Committee of the Education Secretariat. I thank Fr. Saji Eanthanamkuzhyil the out-going secretariat member for his dedicated services and availability.

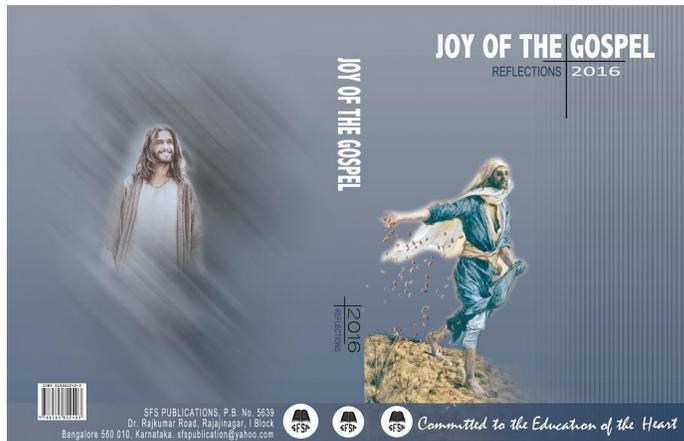
Fr. Santhosh Pereira is the new Secretary to the Formators' Forum. I thank sincerely Fr. Balavendra, the out-going secretary, for his dedicated services in his capacity as the secretary to the Formators' Forum during the past three years.

Hearty Congratulations

Rev. Fr. Babychan Arackathara MSFS is reappointed as the Regional Superior of the Southern African Region for a second term of three years. On behalf of the South West India Province I wish you dear Fr. Babychan, God's abundant blessings and fruitful mission.

Joy of the Gospel – New MSFS Bible Diary 2016

The new Bible Diary from SFS Publications ***Joy of the Gospel 2016*** is out and it is already on sale. It has incorporated all the suggestions for improvement and has come out in a very attractive content and presentation. As I congratulate Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Manager of SFS Publications and his team I place before the SW Province family our commitment to help the circulation of this venture of the MSFS Congregation. After the last General Chapter, this project of the MSFS Bible Diary was commissioned to the IIS



Community by the Superior General. In the last PIF and General Curia meeting it was decided as a commitment from all the Provinces and members to promote this venture. Every Indian Province of the MSFS was asked to make a pledge of selling 3000 copies among the members, friends and collaborators. So I request all the communities of the SW Province to take it as our commitment and promote the circulation and sale of this Bible Diary. I will be approaching specific communities to take it as a responsibility to circulate and sell it. I thank you in anticipation for your cooperation and good will.

St. Francis de Sales College, Bangalore is Accredited with 'A' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)



St. Francis de Sales College, Electronics city, Bangalore, affiliated to the Bangalore University, volunteered to be assessed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. The NAAC Peer Team visited the Institution from 10th to 12th March 2015. After the assessment by the NAAC Peer Team, St. Francis de Sales College has been awarded with an excellent CGPA rating of 3.11 on a scale of 4.0 ('A' Grade). St. Francis de Sales College has emerged victorious as one of the best Educational Institution in the Country in its first cycle of Accreditation. A truly proud, happy and momentous occasion for the Institution!

On behalf of the Province I congratulate Fr. Benny Marangolil, the former Principal, for his untiring efforts in achieving this great honour for our College. He has worked tirelessly in coordinating all the staff and students of SFS College to obtain this accreditation. I also place on record the dedicated support and help rendered by the Vice Principal, Fr. Timson Parakottil. His silent and committed work went behind this achievement. I congratulate Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar, the Manager and Fr. Tony Erniakulathil, the Financial Administrator for not sparing any effort in supporting the

Principal and the Vice Principal towards the achievement of this goal. On behalf of the administration I thank the entire team. I also congratulate the Teaching Faculty, Office Admin Faculty and the students for their wonderful cooperation and team-work.

Mission Preaching Team in Karnataka for the Year of Mission

One of the Action Plan of the SW Province for the Year of Mission is to have a Renewal Retreat Preaching Team in Karnataka and to conduct retreats in all our parishes and Mission Centres in Karnataka. In our last Mission Forum Meeting, this action plan was discussed and a Core Committee with a preaching team is proposed. I am giving below the details. I hereby authorize Fr. Conrad Sebastian, the Core Committee Convenor, to convene a meeting of all the Preachers listed below and plan for the themes, talks and dates for conducting Mission Preaching Retreats in all our Parishes and Mission Centres in Karnataka.

The Core Committee of the Mission Preaching Team

1. Fr. Sebastian Conrad (Convenor)
2. Fr. James Thomas (Core Committee Member)
3. Fr. A. C Arokianathan (Core Committee Member)

The Members identified to be in the Preaching Team

1. Fr. Conrad Sebastian
2. Fr. James Thomas
3. Fr. A.C Arokianathan
4. Fr. Christopher Crasta
5. Fr. A. Jabamalai
6. Fr. L. Selvaraj
7. Fr. E. Erudaya Raja
8. Fr. Balavendra Jacob
9. Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar
10. Fr. Santhosh Pereira
11. Fr. A. Prashanth Kumar
12. Fr. A. Jerome
13. Fr. Joseph Thoppil
14. Fr. A. Mathias
15. Fr. Tony Erniakulathil

I request these fathers to cooperate with the Convenor and the Core Committee and make our Mission Year a success by animating retreats in our Parishes and Missions as a Renewal Mission Preaching Team.

Jubilee Year Inaugural Mass Celebrated at PSI, Malur

PSI has reached a milestone this year as we celebrate its Silver Jubilee. PSI is still ever active with a lot of programs and like a tree that is planted along a river bank it flourishes and overcomes all ordeals that come on its way. With deep sentiments of



gratefulness we thank Almighty God for his loving presence all through the journey of PSI for the past 25 years. On 13th July 2015 at 6.15 pm, we had the joy of celebrating the Jubilee Inaugural Mass at PSI, Malur. Fr. Saju Vilachirayil, the Superior of the Community welcomed the gathering. Inaugural mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Joshy

Thazhathukunnel, (*the former Executive Director of PSI*) and concelebrated by fathers from Kolar deanery. The participation of the inmates of Asha Bhavan and Holy Cross Sisters made the event more meaningful. Fr. Jijo Chemplany, the Executive Director of PSI proposed the vote of thanks after the Mass and the function was concluded with the dinner.

Reported by Fr. Jijo Chemplany

Innovative and Social Forum Meeting, 2015

The Innovative and Social Ministry Forum called for a meeting of the Directors of Pratheeksha Boys' Homes in the Province on 20th June 2015 at Vinayalaya, in order to coordinate the Boys' Homes under one umbrella and to get to know the present scenario of Boys' Homes in the Province. Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal - the Provincial, the councillors - Fr. Benny Koottanal, Fr. Vinod Kanat, Fr. Christopher Crasta, Provincial Bursar, Fr. Joshy T. and all most all the Directors of Boys' Homes were present for the meeting. Fr. Provincial invited the Boys' Home Directors to explain about the present scenario of our boys' homes in the Province. The Directors of each Pratheeksha Boys' Homes promptly presented the present situation, financial stability, and present issues existing in the Boys' Homes. Assessing the situation, it was felt that there should be Bylaws for all our Boys' Homes. Fr. Provincial made certain observations based on the presentation and sharing. He said that we need to register all our Boys' Homes with the Government to be safe in running the Boys' Homes. The Directors are asked to get the help from Fides India for guidelines for the registration of the Boys' Homes. It was made clear that the goal and purpose of our Boys' Homes should be clearly understood by the Directors and team and they should not convert them into hostels. The Forum also felt that there should be Bylaws with clear criteria for selection and admission of boys for Boys' Home which should be common to all our Boys' Homes. Thus the Forum decided that the Core Committee of the Social & Innovative Ministry Forum will work out a draft of the Bylaws before end of July 2015 and in consultation with the Forum members it will be approved by the Provincial Council. It was also decided to give free education to the boys in our Boys Homes in our own Schools. Fr. Provincial strongly suggested that we should provide quality service to our Boys' Home children, wherein we can expect

and hope for a qualitative change in every child, whom we care for. The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Fr. Jijo C.

Reported by Fr. Jijo Chemplany

Report of the Annual General Body Meeting of SWIP-Education Forum- 2015

The annual general body meeting of the Education Forum was held on 21st June 2015, at Vinayalaya. A total of 22 fathers from different educational institutions of our Province attended the meeting. Rev. Fr. Ignacimuthu MSFS was the resource person and Rev. Fr. Jose Kumblolickal, Fr. Vinod Kanat, and Fr. Joshy Thazathukunnel were the special invitees for the meeting. Fr. Ignacimuthu elaborated on the canonical status and the legal status of various appointments in our institutions in connection with service rules approved by the government and legal bodies. He also elaborated on ESI, EPF and Gratuity. In the afternoon session, he spoke on the Code of Conduct to be followed in our institutions. He elaborated on various aspects of the Code of Conduct of the staff. Fr. Vinod Kanat, in his address informed the forum that there is a risk involved in the sale of notebooks, uniforms and stationery in the schools. He also said that this can be addressed and from TTI Kolar they are working out possibilities of reducing this risk and providing these study materials in our Schools. Fr. Joshy Thazathukunnel, the provincial bursar said that all eligible employees in our schools and colleges should be covered under EPF and ESI schemes and asked to deduct TDS wherever applicable. Fr. Provincial in his address congratulated all those involved in the education ministry for the great academic results reaped in the last academic year. He also reminded the gathering that recruitment and appointment of staff in our institutions should follow the approved standard procedures. He spoke of our right approach that we should have regarding the education of Boys' Home students and our approach towards the poor and needy students. He also made a mention of the Jubilee year of our Province. Fr. Herold Christopher Crasta congratulated all for their hard work and untiring efforts in getting good results in all our educational institutions. He also informed that the Province has a plan to start PU colleges in Koppal and Savanoor. Fr. Christopher Crasta proposed vote of thanks and the meeting came to a close at around 3:30 PM.

Report of the Young Priests' On-going Formation Program

The update programme for the priests ordained between the years 2000 to 2008 was conducted in Vinayalaya on 7th and 8th May 2015. The programme was to begin on 6th afternoon and due to certain reasons the programme could begin only on 7th. It began with the morning Adoration at 6.00 am, followed by the Provincial's address. Father Provincial exhorted the confreres on the need to personalize the meaning and the value of consecrated life as we are in the Year dedicated to Consecrated Life. Quoting Pope Francis, he explained the demands of the Church from each of the consecrated members. Mr. T. J. Abraham, one of the resource persons, challenged the participants with his convictions and motivated the priests to realize our worth and reminded all on



the necessity of having an intimate communion with the Lord. It was also an eye opening session to know more about the modern challenges in dealing with children and minors especially in matters regarding sexual harassment. Dony Peter Chacko, an eminent Jesus Youth Leader and Leadership Trainer, was

sharing his life experience and his encounter with Jesus which transformed his life and also the need to encounter the Lord to proclaim Him for the world's transformation. The classes were very challenging as the resource persons spoke with conviction and from their life and activities. There was also time for the confreres to share their concerns and to get to know the latest updates of the Province. The update programme came to an end at 4 pm on 8th May 2015. It was a great time of coming together and meeting everyone and getting rejuvenated for the future ministry.

Reported by Fr. Lalu Thadathilankal

The Blessing of the New Novitiate House and the First Profession, Philippines



The 3rd of June 2015 was a significant day for the Philippine Delegation as we blessed and inaugurated our new Novitiate House. On the same day four of our Novices Jerry S. Cesar, John Rey V. Simeon, Marc Edward B. Malihan and Luis A. Pagal, Jr., made their first commitment to the Lord and six of our Pre- Novices were accepted to the Novitiate. The celebration was presided by Most. Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D., the Bishop of Imus, together with the concelebrants MSFS fathers, diocesan priests and religious men and women. The celebration also was blessed by the presence of the family members of the Novices and the Friends of the Fransalian in the Philippines and our benefactors.

At the end of the Eucharistic Celebration Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam, the Delegation Superior, thanked everyone who contributed for the establishment of the New House. He thanked Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial Superior, Fr. James Manjackal, Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam for the encouragement and the financial support they had given in materializing the project. He also thanked Franco-Swiss Province and American Vice- Province for their generosity in actualizing this project.

Reported by Bro. Luis A. Pagal

Fresher's Day at SFS PU College, Kolar



St. Francis De Sales P U College, Kolar began its second college year with a colorful Academic Inauguration and Freshers' day celebration on 10-06-2015. The theme of the day was the words of St. Francis de Sales: "Have patience to walk... till you have

wings to fly", projecting SFS Kolar, as the PU College that helps the students to earn their wings. SFS Kolar has currently 360 students on the roll with 250 of them joining this academic year. Rev. Fr. Aloysius MSFS, the Dean and Parish Priest of Kolar, blessed and inaugurated the academic year and the College during the function. Fr. Vinod Kanattu MSFS, the Manager of the College in his inaugural address highlighted the theme and motivated the students to work hard with patience for a successful future. Shri. Mariswamy, the Commandant of Home Guards Kolar, and Shri. Sadananda, the Principal of GBVS School, Kolar – two ardent supporters of SFS PU College in Kolar, were present for the function and addressed the students and motivated them for a brilliant beginning at SFS. Fr. A. Jabamalai MSFS, Principal of the College, speaking to the parents and students, explained the academic program for the year and highlighted the importance of discipline and hard work in the life of a Desalite. Fathers from SFS Schools Malur, Srinivasapura, Chintamani and Desales ITI Kolar graced the occasion with their presence. Around 850 Parents and students attended the Freshers' day function with colorful cultural program and sumptuous lunch.

Reported by Bro. Israil Lakra

Rev. Fr. Kurian Aranjaneyil MSFS Memorial Scholarship (KAMS) of PSI

'Memorial Day' of Late Rev. Fr. Kurian Aranjaneyil MSFS, the Founding Director of Pastoral Sociology Institute [PSI] was celebrated at PSI SEVA BHAVAN, Malur on 13.06.2015. The programme officially kicked off at 9.00 am with a prayer dance,



followed by the screening of a documentary film on the life of Late Rev. Fr. Kurian. Fr. Selvaraj, the Superior of MSFS House, Sreenivaspur community, narrated in short the life of Late Rev. Fr. Kurian Aranjaneyil highlighting his love for the least, lost and marginalized of the society. Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the growth of PSI, beginning from

Late Fr. Kurian and conscientised the audience the need of saving by the parents for the education of their children. The day culminated with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided by Rev. Fr. Jabamalai and concelebrated by the fathers from Kolar deanery.

This day was specially organized to remember and pray for our dear late Rev. Fr. Kurian Aranjaneyil and all our benefactors. The 'Memorial Day' also coincided with the get-together for the children who are the beneficiaries of "**FR. KURIAN ARANJANIYIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP [KAMS]**". Altogether 75 children have benefitted out of this programme for the year 2015. All the beneficiaries and their Parents took part in the memorial service. The programme came to an end at 1.30 pm with the vote of thanks followed by Lunch.

Reported by Fr. Jijo chemplany

Land in Kothamangalam and Kumbalgodu, Kengeri

We had requested to the Bishop of Kothamangalam for canonical approval for starting a community of the MSFS in his Diocese and to begin ministry for the children with an Educational Institution. I am happy to announce that the Bishop, with the consent of his Curia, has given us the canonical permission for the same. I thank the Bishop of Kothamangalam and the Diocese for this good gesture of welcoming the MSFS into the Diocese. We are still with the process of clearing the land from the plantation status in order to begin our community house and educational project. Kindly continue to pray for the same.

Our land in Kumbalgodu Kengeri where Tejas and NEST are situated was under litigation over the past 10 years. The final verdict has come in favour of the Ramapuram family and we have initiated the process of registering the land in the name of KFS. Let us thank God for answering our prayers for legal clearance, that without paying bribe the Government officials finally upheld the court verdict and legalized the possession of the land in favour of Ramapuram family.

New General Secretariat House in Hyderabad

Through the Circular of the Superior General, the news about the purchase of a House for the General Secretariat in Hyderabad has reached you already. Below given is the

address and Fr. George Parampukattil is the General Councillor who will be residing at the new Secretariat. We wish the General Administration all the best and assure our cooperation and support.

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Bon Voyage

Fr. Regi Muthukattil and **Fr. A. Sathiya Seelan** left for Klosterneuburg, Austria on 13th July, 2015. They both have reached Austria safe and they are in the introductory program before their ministry. I thank Fr. Regi and Fr. Sathiya Seelan for all the dedicated services they rendered to the Vinayalaya Community and to the Province in the past years.

Fr. Nelson Padikara left for the Philippines on 20th July 2015. He will be appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish at Molino, Manila. I thank Fr. Nelson for his cheerful availability for the mission of the Province and the Congregation.

We wish them all God's abundant blessings, bon voyage and fruitful ministry and study.

On Home Visit and Vacation

Fr. Robin Thonikuzhiyil from Chad, Fr. Joseph Mannukuzhumpil from Germany and Fr. S. Rajkumar from Germany are on home visits and for holidays in India. Fr. Joseph

Pattarakalayil, Fr. Binu Edathumparambil, Fr. Prince Kurian and Fr. Joseph Kannanaikkal will be visiting India soon. Frs. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, George Valliamthadathil, Santy Kurian and Bipin Xess returned to their places of ministry after their visit here in India. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam is on the Staff at Lumen Christi Institute in Arusha rendering his services there. He continues to support the Province and the Congregation with his active collaboration. We wish all these confreres pleasant stay and safe journey back to their places of study and ministry.

Let us pray for our Confreres

1. **Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil** was admitted with Dengue fever at St. Martha's Hospital a week back and his condition was at one time a bit critical. He has been recovering stably and he is now moved to the special room from the MICU and he needs rest and medication. Let us pray for his speedy and complete recovery.
2. **Fr. Jose Edasserril** is undergoing treatment for his knee pain in Bangalore. At present he resides at Vinayalaya. His condition is stable, but his legs are weak to support the weight of the body. Let us continue to pray for his complete recovery.
3. **Fr. James Manjackal** is stable in his recovery. I spoke with him a few days back and he told me that his health is stable. He is still unable to stand and walk on his own without support. He has retreat programs in Poland by the end of July 2015 and also in the second week of August. He has other retreats in Germany in September. Let us accompany Fr. James with our continued prayers for his complete recovery. Dear Fr. James, we appreciate your zeal and passion for the preaching of the Word of God and pray to God for your complete healing and recovery. I also thank Gaby who takes care of Fr. James and also Richy and his family for their love and support to Fr. James and assure our prayers for all of them.
4. **Fr. Thomas Mattakkarathundiyl** is stable in his condition. He comes out now frequently and he is enthusiastic to celebrate Mass. For the feast of St. Thomas he presided over the Eucharist and shared the homily. Let us continue to have Fr. Thomas present in our prayers and Holy Mass and pray for his health. I thank sincerely the Superior and Community of Charis Bhavan for their attention and care given to Fr. Thomas.

Let us pray for the departed

1. **Fr. John Bosco Khakha** (53) of North East Province passed away on July 09, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. He died of cardiac arrest.

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

2. Fr. Santy Kochupurackal's father **Mr. K.S Kurian** (89) passed away on 11.07.2015.

3. Fr. Jeevan Prashanth's aunt **Ms. Sujatha** passed away on 05.07.2015.

4. Fr. Tomy Mullasseril's uncle and aunt **Mr. Jose Kocherikudiyil** and **Mrs. Mary Kocherikudiyil** passed away on 12th and 13th of July 2015 respectively. Let us join our confreres in their sorrow and we assure you dear fathers, the remembrance of your dear ones in our Holy Mass and prayers.

My Program

July 2015

- 3 Silver Jubilee Celebration Mass at Vinayalaya
- 4 IIS Orientation Talk for the MTh students
- 6 Council Meeting and Apostolic Community Meeting, Mysore
- 8 Mission Forum Meeting at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha
- 9 Formators' Forum Meeting, SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor
- 14 Second Mission Forum Meeting at Vinayalaya, Bangalore
- 19 Recollection for SSS Sisters, Rajajingar
- 20-21 Visitation to Sedam Mission Gulbarga with Provincial Bursar and Councillor in charge of Mission
- 25 Stewardship Forum Meeting, Vinayalaya Bangalore
- 26-31 1st Annual Retreat at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha

August 2015

- 4-5 Council Meeting and Apostolic Community Meeting, Koppal, North Karnataka
- 6 Wedding of Adv. Jerome's daughter, Bangalore
- 12-14 Visit with Spanish Team and NEST – FIDES Community
- 15 Independence day Celebration, Bangalore
- 23-25 Vattiyoorkavu, SFS Church
- 26-27 Charis Bhavan, anticipated Visitation of the Superior General to Charis Bhavan

Salesian Thought:

“He commanded St. Peter to walk upon the waves; and St. Peter, seeing the winds and the storm, was afraid; and fear sank him; he sought the assistance of his Master, who said: Man of little faith! Why didst thou doubt? And reaching out his hand, Our Lord helped him. If God requires us to walk on the waves of adversity, fear not, and doubt not, God will be with you; have good courage and you shall be delivered” (SFS *Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*, Père Huguet (Ed.), Tan Books, Charlotte, 2013, p. 111).

Fraternally in Christ,



Rev. Fr. Jose Kumblokal MSFS
Provincial Superior