

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



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**Circular JK/22**

**November 3, 2015**

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**My dear Confreres,**

Fraternal Greetings from Vinayalaya! South West Province is having the Canonical Visitation of our Superior General. He has completed the visitation of the communities in Kerala and he has also completed the visitation of most of the communities in Karnataka. I have been accompanying him in his visitation and have been present for all the community meetings. It is a time of both personal as well as communitarian renewal for us. I request all the Local Superiors to take as agenda the concrete suggestions given by the Superior General to the community for the next community meeting. I also request you to take some practical decisions for strengthening the community life and to implement the suggestion by the Superior General to have daily half an hour adoration in communities. Local Community is the foundation for our Congregational and Province life and the healthy functioning of local communities determine the vitality and growth of the Province and Congregation. I request all the Local Superiors to animate your communities by regular monthly community meeting in which each member shares one's religious life, apostolate and concerns. The community procurators are to present without fail the community accounts and the financial situation of the community or institution to all the members of the community during the community meeting. The Local Superiors are to ensure the participation of community members in the regular spiritual exercises and common activities of the community. I thank all the Local Superiors for preparing the community for the Visitation of the Superior General and also for preparing the community report of religious life, apostolate, concerns and vision for future. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit that is moving our hearts to renewal and transformation both personal and communitarian.

## **Year of Mercy: Never Tire in Asking for Forgiveness**



Pope Francis announced the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy during the Lenten penitential service at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome on Friday 13 March 2015. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness" was the request of Pope while he announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope said "Let us not forget that God pardons and God pardons always." He added that the Jubilee Year would be known as the Holy

Year of Mercy and it would begin on 8 December 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and close on 20 November 2016, the feast of Christ the King.

### **My Visitation to SW Confreres in the U.S.A Vice Province**

As I had announced in the Circular and by e-mail I made the visitation of the SW Confreres working and studying in the U.S from 13<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015. I was invited by Fr. Augustine Tharappel, the U.S.A Vice Provincial to animate the annual retreat of MSFS Confreres working and studying in the U.S. The retreat was held at Montserat Retreat House in Dallas, a house run by the Jesuits for retreats and seminars. The retreat was well attended and some 44 confreres out of 54 who are in the U.S were present. Fr. Augustine and his councillors had taken meticulous care in arranging and preparing for the retreat and the confreres participated in the retreat with great regularity and interest. I met all the South West Confreres in the U.S except Fr. George Valliamthadam. I had met him in India recently. Some of our confreres in the U.S will soon be completing their tenure of services there and returning to India. Fr. Santy Kurian had booked all my tickets, got the sim card for my use and arranged for my stay in Houston during my visitation to confreres. I thank him for all the concern and care he has shown to make my visitation successful. I also thank all the South West Confreres who are in the U.S for their committed ministry, enthusiastic studies, love for the mission of the Province and for all the generous help they are rendering by finding resources for the mission of the Province. I thank Fr. Joe Pottammel, the Vice Province Bursar, for his care and love for me during my stay in Atlanta. I also thank Fr. Joseph Mullakara for all the care and concern he showed to me and for the concerns of the Province. I take this opportunity to thank very specially Fr. Augustine Tharappel, the Vice Provincial of U.S for all his care and concern for the SW Province and for the care and love he shows to all the confreres who are under his care. Dear Fr. Augustine, my sincere thanks to you for inviting me to preach the retreat and for organizing my visitation and stay in different places. I assure you the support and collaboration of the SW Province for our collaborative ventures. May God bless you and the Vice Province!

### **Cancellation of the Follow-Up Visit of the Assistant Superior General to SW Province**

I had announced in the previous circular the itinerary of the follow-up visit of the Asst. Superior General to the Apostolic Communities. Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy, the Asst. General, has informed me that he is unable to make the follow-up visit this time as he is down with malaria and typhoid. Doctors have advised him to have complete rest. The follow-up visitation time and schedule will be announced later.

### **National Eucharistic Congress**

The National Eucharistic Congress is to be held in Mumbai from November 12-15, 2015 with the theme, **Eucharist: Nourished by Christ to Nourish others**. This highlights the triangular relationship between the Eucharist, the partaker of the Eucharist, and

humanity - an understanding which finds its basis in Sacred Scripture and the Teachings of the Church, and expresses itself in the mission towards others, as mandated by Our Lord. Let us pray for the success of the same.

### **New Region in Northeast India Province**

On September 15, 2015, in the fortieth year of the arrival of the first MSFS missionaries in Northeast India, Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, our beloved Superior General, issued the decree of the establishment of the new Region comprising Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, and Upper Assam. We as Province congratulate the North East Province for the new development and growth of the Province. We assure you dear Fr. Provincial, Administration and Confreres of NE Province our support and prayers.

### **New Provincial Administration of Vizag Province**

The recently concluded Provincial Congress of the Vizag Province elected the following confreres to the new Provincial Administration.

Fr. Mandagiri Jojaiah - Councillor in-charge of Mission  
Fr. J. Lourdu Ravi Kumar - Councillor in-charge of Social and Innovative Ministries  
Fr. P. Bala Sundar Rao - Councillor in-charge of Formation  
Fr. G. Sandeep Reddy -Councillor in-charge of Education  
Fr. B. Anil Bosco - Provincial Bursar

South West Provincial Administration and the members of the Province congratulate and felicitate the newly elected administrative team. We assure you dear Fr. Provincial and the Council our prayers and we wish you God's abundant blessing for a fruitful tenure in service.

### **Consultation on the Division of SW Province**

It was one of the decisions of the last Provincial Congress to initiate the process of the Division of SW Province. This matter was taken up in the previous Provincial Councils and made known to the General Council. Superior General has given his response with certain guidelines for consultation which I will be initiating immediately after the Visitation of the Superior General to SW Province. It will reach to you personally by post to respond with indicating your preference for the options mentioned there.

### **Superiors Forum Meeting – Change of Date – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

I had announced in the Previous Circular informing the date of the Superiors' Forum Meeting. There is a change of date from 3<sup>rd</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. Please take note of the change of date. It will be on **2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016** at Vinayalaya from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. The change of date is due to the non-availability of resource person. Fr. Joe Mathias SJ will animate the forum with his input sessions and there will be sharing from the local superiors and planning sessions in the afternoon.

## **Silver Jubilee of Ordination Celebrations of Superior General and Asst. Superior General at Vinayalaya**

We are all aware that our Beloved Superior General and Asst. Superior General are in their Silver Jubilee Year of Priestly Ordination. We had tried on several occasions to get our Superior General for felicitating him at Province level. We will have a simple ceremony of thanksgiving Mass and dinner with felicitation of both our Jubilarians on **15<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 6.00 pm** at Vinayalaya. We solicit the presence of the General Curia and the participation of the Province members for this celebration. Confreres coming from Kerala, kindly inform the Provincial Secretary for accommodation and other arrangements.

## **Neighbourhood Local Communities and Local Superiors**

According to our Constitutions and Directory all the members of the Province should belong to a Local Community. During the Visitation of the Superior General to the communities he had been insisting on this aspect. Although it was given in the appointment of the confreres, the regular community meetings with Neighbourhood Local Community members were not happening. I hereby announce the Local Neighbourhood communities and the names of the members and I request all the Local Superiors of these communities to invite the members for monthly community meetings in which the members will share their religious life, apostolate, concerns and financial statements. The members of the Local Community have the constitutional obligation to inform the Local Superior of their travel, absence from the place of ministry and the activities that are happening in the place of ministry. The Local Superior in turn, takes care of the religious life needs of the members, inquires about their welfare, visits them and supports them in their ministry. If they are sick treatment arrangements are made and due information is given to the Provincial concerning their welfare.

### **Vattiyoorkavu – Fr. Regi Narikunnel – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. Jose Karekatt, Fr. Chacko Ottalankal, Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil, and Bro. Bipin Sebastian.

### **Aluva – Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. Jino Plathottam, Fr. Mathew Kalathil, Fr. Francis Kizhakkethazhe, Fr. Josey Ponnambal.

### **Kannur: Fr. George Chirayil – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. Shalbin Marottikudy, Fr. Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil, Fr. Anil Thondampallil, Fr. Jose Vechuvettickal, Fr. Tomichen Chirackalpuraidathil.

### **Sedem: Fr. Balavendra Jacob – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. Anand Ekka, Fr. J. Perianayagam.

**Kolar: Fr. Vinod Kanat – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. Aneesh Palathadathil , Fr. A. Jabamalai, Fr. Aloysius Kuzhuppillil, Bro. Israel Lakra.

**Srinivaspur: Fr. L. Selvaraj – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. Magish Vallisserikkettil, Fr. Prabhu Prakash, Fr. A. Arokianathan.

**Sannidhi, Mysore: Fr. E. Erudaya Raja – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. K.V. Joseph, Fr. Charles Perianayagam, Fr. Santosh Pereira, Fr. George Maria Raj, Fr. George Choorapuzha, Fr. Thomas Chennakattukunnel, Bro. Dhanoop, Bro. Shince and Bro. John B.Gannot.

**Shimoga: Fr. Joseph Thoppil – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. A. Mathias, Fr. Salvador Fernandes and Fr. Thomas Illikkattil

**Chintamani: Fr. Cyriac Ummikuzhiyil – Local Superior**

**Members:** Fr. Victor Kujur, Fr. T. James, Fr. C. Joseph, Bro. Nitesh Minj

**No Objection Certificate for SFS Academy, Hebbagodi**

Our SFS Academy (CBSE School) in Hebbagodi has obtained the No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the government of Karnataka and we have already applied for the CBSE affiliation. The Principal, Fr. Soby Maroor has been tirelessly working for the same and he deserves our sincere appreciation and thanks for the great achievement. The school is having great strength and the infrastructure of the school is under completion. I congratulate Fr. Conrad Sebastian, the Manager for the support and care he gives to the School.

**Congratulations**

The meeting of CCCK (The Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka) held at Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore on 29.09.2015 elected Fr. Herold Christopher Crasta as the Secretary for the CCCK at state level. Hearty Congratulations to Fr. Christopher for this recognition and all the best for discharging this duty with efficiency and commitment.

**Hearty Congratulations to the New DSFS Mother General and Provincial**

Hearty congrats to Rev. Sr. Phina Kuruvilla DSFS, who has been elected as the new Mother General of the Daughters of St Francis de Sales during the recently convoked General Chapter in Rome from July 16 to 28, 2015. Sr. Celine DSFS has been elected as the new Provincial in place of Sr. Phina. South West Province extends our hearty congratulations to the new Mother General and Provincial and assures them our prayers and support.

## Priestly Ordinations

This year South West Province has got five deacons who will be ordained Priests in December 2015 and January 2016. The deacons are now doing their Diaconate Ministry in different parishes in Kerala and Karnataka. Please pray for them as they are in their diaconate ministry and prepare themselves for the retreat and ordination. We wish them our prayerful wishes and assure them our support at this important time in their life.

Name	Date and Place of Ordination
1. Dn. Innaci Muthu	21.12.2015: 4.30 pm at SFS Church, Hebbagodi
2. Dn. Pulikkalath Nirmal Jose	26.12.2015: 9.00 am at St. Mary's Church, Edoor
3. Dn. Ouseparambil Joseph	29.12.2015: 9.00 am St. Joseph's Church, Pulingome
4. Dn. Kochuputhenpurayil Josemon	30.12.2015: 9.30 am at St. George Church, Manvettom
5. Dn. T.C Jose Thottukadavil	03.01.2016: 9.30 am at SFS Church, Vattiyoorkavu

## Perpetual Profession

**Bro. Noel Tatoy** from the Philippines Delegation will make his Perpetual Profession at our Scholasticate in Amadeo in the Philippines on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015. He has been promoted to the Perpetual Profession by the Superior General and his Council and I will be there for the function together with Fr. Vinod Kanat, the Councillor in charge of Mission. We wish Bro. Noel God's blessings and congratulate the Formators and the Delegation Superior and his Council for accompanying Bro. Noel during his years of formation.

## Annual Retreat at Vinayalaya



The second and final Retreat of the South West Province was held at Vinayalaya from 12-16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015. Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga animated the retreat. It was a time of reflection, rejuvenation and interiorization for the participants. The atmosphere of total silence and the serious participation of the members contributed for the effectiveness of the

retreat. On the fifth day afternoon there was a gathering of the participants with the Provincial for an update of province matters and for sharing their concerns. The retreatants with the help of talks, meditation, Holy Eucharist and Adoration made best use of the retreat and went back energized by the Spirit. There were 64 participants for the retreat. I thank Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel, Fr. Jijo Manjackal, Fr. Joji Kazhukanolickal, Fr. Tom Kanat, Bro. Arun and all other temporary members of Vinayalaya for making all the arrangements and helping the retreat to be a success. I remind those who have not attended either of the two retreats of the Province to ensure that you fulfil our constitutional obligation of making the annual retreat and informing the same to the Provincial.

## Abhishekashakthi Convention 2015



Charis Bhavan Nagar was thickly crowded from October, 22 - 25 as the Silver Jubilee Bible Convention held here. This Convention was inaugurated on Oct 22 by Rt. Rev. Sebastian Thekkethecheril, Bishop of Vijayapuram Diocese. Fr. James Manjackal MSFS, the founder Director of Charis Bhavan Retreat Centre, one of the pioneers of charismatic preaching and renewal

ministry in Kerala, preached the Word of God all these four days. Irrespective of the health situation Fr. James preached whole day and met many persons personally and prayed for them long time by sitting on his wheel chair. The crowd was very much taken up by the powerful word of God he preached with great enthusiasm and with convictions. Charis Bhavan saw such a huge crowd after a long time in Annual Convention. Every day around 15000-20000 people attended the convention.

**Reported by Fr. Anish Mundiyanickal**

## Visit of Prelate Very Rev. Abtprimas Propst Bernhard Backovski of Klosterneuburg and Team

The Augustinian Canons Regular of Klosterneuburg in Austria were supporting FIDES India, NEST and Tejas Vidya Peetha in the past years and they continue to support these ventures of the SW Province. They were introduced to the SW Province through the medium of Fr. Mathew Kozhupakkalam who worked at St. Martin's Parish in Klosterneuburg which belonged to the Augustinians Canon Regular. Fr. Leopold Streit, who is the parish priest at St. Martin's Parish introduced Fr. Mathew to the Kloster and ever since they have been supporting the Province in a big way. Six of our confreres are working in the parishes belonging to the Kloster and they have also supported the studies of Fr. Joemon and Fr. Sen. The Prelate of the Klosterneuburg, who is also the Abbot General of the Augustinian Canons Regular, together with his Bursar and

Administrator, will be visiting our projects in Bangalore from 25 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. They will visit NEST, Tejas and Pratheeksha Boys' Home in Hebbagodi. I thank Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam for his instrumentality in making this collaboration possible and for his continued support. On behalf of the SW Province, I extend to Abt Primas Bernhard Backovski, Walter Simek, and Mag. Andreas Gahleitner hearty welcome to Bangalore. We wish them safe journey and pleasant stay with us.

## Regents' Meeting

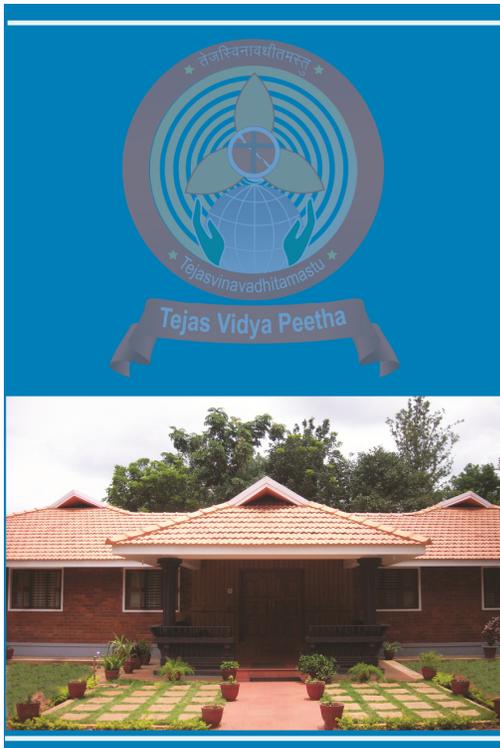
The mid-year evaluation meeting of our SW Province Regents will be held at Vinayalaya 21-22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. The Regents are to arrive at Vinayalaya on 21<sup>st</sup> morning and they will attend the Ordination of Dn. Innaci Muthu at SFS Church, Hebbagodi on 21<sup>st</sup> evening. On 22<sup>nd</sup> they will have program till 4.00 pm and they can return to their place of Regency that same evening.

## Change of Community

Fr. James Manjackal is appointed to the Community of Charis Bhavan in Athirampuzha with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. So far Fr. James has been a member of Mermier Bhavan Community in Hebbagodi. This change of community is at the request of Fr. James for an enhanced ministry of guiding the Charis Marian Maids and for strengthening the preaching ministry at Charis Bhavan.

## The Tenth Year of Tejas Vidya Peetha

### A Brief History:



The establishment of Tejas Vidya Peetha, Institute of Mission-Oriented and Contextual Theology on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2005 marks a new beginning with regard to the missionary, religious and priestly formation in India initiated by the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (M.S.F.S) of the South-West India Province.

*Tejas*, in Sanskrit means radiance. Theological education and formation at Tejas visualize that the students of Tejas remain open to the Goodness of God, contemplate on this goodness as Francis de Sales, the Patron of the MSFS, did and radiate it in their lives and ministry. Tejas is also an acronym that expresses what the institute stands for, namely, Theological Education for Joyful and Affirmative Service. (TEJAS)

Tejas Vidya Peetha re-captures the original spirit of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales who envisaged a contextual theological and missionary formation for its members already in 1890 by starting a Major Seminary at Gopalpur of Ganjam Dt. in Orissa. It was one of the first 'mobile seminaries' which taught philosophy and theology in the actual field of the apostolate. The professors took the students with them to the villages where they taught them and both the professors and the students involved themselves in the work of proclaiming the good news to the poor. Eventually, this seminary was shifted to Visakhapatnam in 1898 and in the same year another major seminary was established by the MSFS in Nagpur for central India and christened as St. Charles Seminary.

Almost after a century Tejas Vidya Peetha is established by the South-West India Province of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales to *make the Fransalian theological formation programme respond adequately to the needs of the missionary context, inspire the students to a radical commitment to the cause of the Gospel, and to enable and equip them to face the complex challenges of the mission.*

In 2007, Tejas Vidya Peetha and Suvidya College were formed into *De Sales Institute of Philosophy and Religion(DIPR)* and the institute was affiliated to De Sales University, Allentown, Philadelphia, USA.

Since 2008 Tejas Vidya Peetha publishes *The Journal of Indian Theology* three times a year to promote theological reflections in the Indian context.

In 2013 after 7 years of its existence in evolving a mission-oriented and contextual theological education based on the demands of priestly formation chartered in the document *Sapientia Christiana* Tejas Vidya Peetha opened its theological programme to the students of other MSFS Provinces as well to the scholastics of other Congregations.

### **Tejas: A Unique Programme of Priestly Formation of the Fransalians (MSFS)**

Tejas Vidya Peetha offers a unique programme of priestly formation going beyond traditional method of priestly formation and making relevant to the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century missionary situation. Tejas envisages a participatory formation programme. It emphasizes both a solid theological education and a direct involvement in the actual life situations of people leading to a transformation of the theologian as well as an enrichment of theology itself.

Tejas formation is contextual and mission-oriented. Both the staff and the students are to be alert to the life of the people and what is happening in the society that either promotes or destroys human life and dignity as well as the environment. They are to remind themselves of their commitment to live and proclaim Gospel values wherever they are with courage and conviction

### **Our Goal: The Expected Outcome of the Tejas Formation:**

The profile of a Priest who has participated in the formation programme of Tejas with freedom, responsibility and maturity would be the following:

- He is a person with a deep Christian faith-experience of God that he can theologially articulate it in the context of religious pluralism and the poverty of the masses and pastorally communicate it with clarity and conviction.
- He is very human, compassionate, gentle, approachable, available, discerning and pro-active.
- He is able to live a meaningful and joyful religious community life with his conviction that he is called to live a religious life with commitment to the person and cause of Jesus.
- He has developed his love for the Church and his religious Congregation/diocese
- He is competent in the areas of biblical, theological and pastoral, socio-cultural and religious studies.
- He has acquired competence and skills to be effective as a co-worker or a leader in any missionary and pastoral situation
- He is a person who has been able to understand and sufficiently overcome his complexes and insecurities that he can live peaceably with all to promote whatever is good in them.
- He can easily transcend the divisions based class, caste, language, region and gender and can feel at home with all.
- He is particularly sensitive to the suffering of the poor and the marginalized and discriminated and is ever ready to use his skills and competence to alleviate the suffering.
- He is open to cultures and religions other than his own and is competent to dialogue with them and is able to learn from them to deepen his faith-experience and enrich the quality of his life.
- Besides the above, a student who aspires to be a Fransalian (MSFS) Priest has to be competent in Salesian Studies and form himself to live the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in the mission.
- The students of other religious congregations are to become competent in the knowledge of their charism and their specific spirituality and religious tradition.

### **Ordained Priests from Tejas (2005-2015)**

So far there are 6 batches that had formation in Tejas. This year there are five deacons who will be ordained in December 2015 and January 2016. On this 10<sup>th</sup> Year of the existence of Tejas we thank all those who served Tejas as formators and professors and also congratulate the present team for their committed work and dedication for the cause of forming the future MSFS in our Province.

**Reported by Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil**

### **Confreres on Home Visit**

Fr. M. Periyamayagam, Fr. Bobby Puthenparambil and Fr. Jeevan Prasad are on home holidays and visit to India. We wish these confreres pleasant visit and safe return to their place of ministry.

## Bon Voyage

**Fr. Scaria Kannezhath and Fr. Boban Elanjimattathil** left for France on August 27, 2015 and they have already begun their ministries there. We wish both these confreres God's blessings in their ministry and religious life.

**Bro. Ajish Cheeramban** left for Yaounde on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015. He has reached La Feuillette, in Ngoya safe and has begun his regency there. On behalf of the Province I wish Bro. Ajish God's blessings and success in his Regency and future formation as religious and priest.

**Fr. Benny Marangolil** got his Visa for U.K. He will be rendering his services in the English Province and he will also pursue his Doctoral studies there. He will travel to U.K between 10-12<sup>th</sup> of November 2015. As I thank Fr. Benny for his dedicated services to the Province in various capacities, I wish him God's blessings in the ministry and the studies he is going to undertake.

## Change of Email ID

Fr. Louis Parappuram: [louisparappuram@gmail.com](mailto:louisparappuram@gmail.com)

## Prayers for Recovery

**Fr. Jose Edasseril** underwent a knee replacement surgery in September at St. Philomena's Hospital, Bangalore. At present he undergoes physiotherapy and he is slowly regaining mobility of his knee. We wish Fr. Jose speedy recovery and good health.

**Fr. K.V. Joseph** had a fall recently and broke his rib-bone. He is undergoing treatment and recovering slowly. Let us pray for his complete and speedy recovery.

**Mr. Philip Elayidathumadam – Brother of Fr. Mathew Elayidathumadam** had a fall in the beginning of October. He was unconscious and in ventilator for some time. His condition was very critical. He is slowly recovering. I request your prayers for the speedy recovery of Mr. Philip and also for his family and relations who are affected by this accident.

## Let us pray for the Departed

**Fr. Gerard Gill MSFS** (87), belonging to English Province, who passed away on September 10, 2015 at Sacred Heart Residence, Dublin.

**Fr. Antony Savary Raj** (32), belonging to South-East India Province, who passed away on 13th October, 2015.

**Kindly favour our departed confreres with the suffrages prescribed in our constitutions.**

**Fr. Antony Mookenthottam's** elder sister, **Mrs. Annamma**, 90 years old passed away on 15.09.2015.

**Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvelli's** youngest paternal uncle **Mr. Mathew** passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. He was 65 years old.

## My Program

### October 2015

12-31 Accompanying the Superior General during his Visitation to SW Province

### November 2015

- 1-7 Visitation of Communities together with Superior General
- 10-11 With Asst. Superior General at Vinayalaya
- 14-15 Joint Meeting of General Curia with SW Provincial Curia at Vinayalaya
- 14 Meeting with David Cappo, Vicar General from Adelaide, Australia, Vinayalaya
- 15 Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Superior General and Asst. Superior General, Vinayalaya
- 19-22 General Curia – PIF-PEA Meeting, Belgaum
- 23 PIF – USA Vice Provincial Meeting and Suvidya Governing Body Meeting – Vinayalaya and Suvidya
- 25 Visit of Prelate Abt Primas Bernhard Backovski to Bangalore
- 29 Provincial Council Meeting, Vinayalaya
- 30 KRCR Executive Meeting, Cluny Provincialate Bangalore

### December 2015

- 1-14 Visitation to Philippines Delegation
- 18 Council Meeting – Vinayalaya
- 19 Bangalore North Apostolic Community Meeting, Christmas Celebrations, Vinayalaya
- 20 KRCR Executive Meeting, Christmas Celebrations – Loyola Mandir, Bangalore
- 21 Priestly Ordination of Dn. Innaci Muthu, SFS Church Hebbagodi
- 22 Regents Mid-Year Evaluation Meeting, Vinayalaya
- 26 Priestly Ordination Dn. Nirmal Jose Pulikkalath, St. Mary's Church Edoor
- 29 Priestly Ordination Dn. Joseph Ouseparambil, St. Josephs' Church, Pulingome
- 30 Priestly Ordination Dn. Josemon Kochuputhenpurayil, St. George Church, Manvettom

## Salesian Thought:

The magnet, as everyone knows, Theotimus, naturally attracts iron to itself by a hidden and very amazing power. All the same, five things hinder its activity: a) a great distance between the magnet and the iron; b) if there is a diamond between them; c) if the iron is greased; d) if it is rubbed with garlic; e) if the iron is too heavy. Our heart is made for God. He attracts it constantly and does not cease to pour into it the delights of his heavenly love. Five things, however, prevent the activity of this holy attraction: a) sin which creates a distance between God and us; b) attachment to riches; c) sensual pleasures; d) pride and vanity; e) self love with its numerous disorderly passions which it produces" (SFS, *Treatise on the Love of God*, Book VII, Ch. 14).

## Fraternally in Christ,



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