

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



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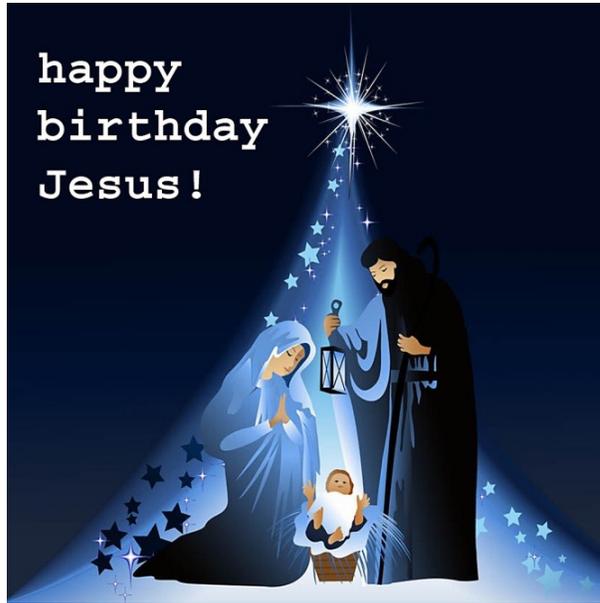
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My Dear Confreres,



“Give thanks to the Lord, for his mercy endures forever” (Ps136:1). With gratitude to all of you I complete my tenure as Provincial of South West India Province of the MSFS. I accepted the mandate as Provincial of South West Province, fully knowing the responsibility and challenge I was shouldering. My only concern was to be at the service of all of you as a member of the Province. It was not my concern to cling to power or to make my authority felt on anyone. Right from the beginning of our first Council meeting, I explained to the councillors that we are appointed to serve the members and we

work as a team to fulfil this task in transparency and sincerity. In the past two and a half years of my tenure as Provincial we had 39 Provincial Council meetings to attend to the needs of the confreres. The administration gave at most importance to prompt response and communication with members in their needs. There may be instances where there was delay in communication, which was not deliberate but only due to human limitation as the duty of the Provincial demands from him regular travels and moving out of the Provincial House. I place on record the total cooperation, dedication and team work of the Provincial Curia – the Councillors, the Bursar and also the Provincial Secretary. Whatever this administration could do or achieve it owes to all in the Provincial Curia for their wholehearted support and cooperation.

As I handover the responsibility to the new Provincial, I take this opportunity thank all the members of the SW Province - fathers, brothers and scholastics in formation. I see the immense wealth of persons and talents we possess as a Province and thank God for the tremendous human potential we have. We have many dedicated confreres who do wonderful and inspiring ministry in the areas of Education, Formation, Parochial Ministry, Preaching and Social-Innovative ministries. I thank the committed works done by our fathers in the missions abroad of the Province. Philippines Delegation is

stabilising itself with vibrant leadership, team-work and promising vocations. Chad Cameroon Mission of the Province too is growing in number and mission units with a School already functioning in Ngaoundéré and the Minor Seminary under construction. More members are opting for this Mission, which is a positive sign of growing sense of the mission in the Province. For the coming year 4 more scholastics from Regency and other scholastics from Noviciate are opting for African Mission. More confreres will be joining the mission in the coming year. I thank the generosity of all these confreres.

Our SW Delegation of GAH is stable and the Delegation administration is active in the animation of the members. Local Superiors of GAH exercise their responsibility with dedication and there is constant communication with members. Our confreres working and studying in the U.S Vice Province show tremendous sense of love for the Province and support of the missions of the Province. Our fathers working in Australia are appreciated very much for their committed works and dedication to the task entrusted to them. Our confreres are working in the Franco Swiss Province and English Province and this collaboration has helped these Provinces to be more vibrant. I thank the generosity of all these confreres.

I thank the Superior General and the General Curia for the love and support they have given to me and the South West Provincial Administration. The visitation of the Superior General was a moment of renewal and rejuvenation for the Province. I also thank the Provincial's India Forum for the team-work and communication we have among the Provincials. I thank sincerely the U.S Vice Provincial for his support of the missions of the South West Province, and for his love and concern for us. I also thank the Franco Swiss Provincial and the English Provincial Administrator for their sincere collaboration and support. I thank the East Africa Provincial for his vibrant leadership and for the generosity of collaboration with South West Province in the formation of our scholastics. I also thank the Provincial of Brazil for opening more vistas of collaboration in the Latin American missions. I thank the Mission Development Office of the Congregation, headed by Fr. Thomas Cherukat, for all the support rendered to the missions of the Congregation and particularly to the missions of SW Province. I sincerely thank all our confreres, without naming them, for their generous efforts in finding funds for the missions of the Province.

I wish the new Provincial, Fr. Benny Koottanal MSFS, God's blessings and assure him my support. I request the wholehearted cooperation of all of you with the new Provincial to help our Province and Congregation to grow to greater heights.

Dear Confreres, on the eve of Christmas, I wish you the Peace and Joy of this Christmas! We are also entering into the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. I pray that we all be bathed in the Divine Mercy of the Lord and be moulded into true missionaries of Mercy. With gratitude to all of you for your love, support and cooperation I wish you a very prosperous and grace-filled New Year!

### **Contributors to the SW Province Jubilee Housing Project**

Fr. James Manjackal € 5000

Philippines Delegation      \$ 1500  
Sidlaghatta Mission          ₹ 1000

I thank these confreres and the Delegation of Philippines for their thoughtful contribution and collaboration with Province's Jubilee memorial housing project for the poor. I remind the communities and confreres to send the contributions latest by the end of December 2015 to the Jubilee fund.

### **Installation of the New Provincial of SW Province – Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal MSFS**

As I had announced through the e-mail, the installation of the new Provincial of South West India Province will take place on **24th January, 2016** at 6.00 pm at Vinayalaya. I invite all the confreres to this joyful ceremony. Kindly inform the Provincial Secretary, Fr. Joji Kazhukanolickal, of your participation either by e-mail or through phone call. The Installation ceremony coincides with the Patronal Feast of our Congregation. We will have the presence of the regular invited guests for the ceremony.

### **Local Superior's Forum Annual Meeting**

This is a reminder for all the Local Superiors to attend the Annual Local Superiors' Forum Meeting which will be held at Vinayalaya on **2nd February 2016**. The program will be from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Kindly attend this meeting without fail.

### **Provincial Vicar**

During my visitation to the Chad-Cameroon Mission, **Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil MSFS** will be the Provincial Vicar. Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Provincial Elect and Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel, the Provincial Bursar, also will be visiting our Mission in Africa. You can contact me through e-mail if there is any need of communicating with me personally.

### **Congratulations to Rev. Fr. George Panthanmackel MSFS, the New PIF Chairperson and Rev. Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhiyil MSFS, Vice Chairperson**

Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvilil, the Superior General appointed Rev. Fr. George Panthanmackel as the Chairperson of the Provincials of India Forum for a term of three years with effect from December 05, 2015. Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhiyil is the Vice Chairperson. On behalf of the South West India Province I congratulate you dear Fathers and wish you God's abundant blessings for a fruitful tenure in service.

### **Appointments**

**Fr. Jiji Manjackal** is appointed as the Bursar of the Delegation of Philippines with effect from 1st January, 2016. I thank Fr. Abey Thunduparambil for exercising this responsibility during the past years with total dedication and transparency.

**Fr. Junide Sumagaysay** is appointed as the Advisor to the Delegation Council of the Philippines with effect from 1st January 2016. I thank Fr. Jimmy Parayankuzhiyil for his dedicated services to the Delegation as Advisor in the past.

**Fr. Mathew Kavithazha** is appointed as the Priest in Residence of St. Theresa's Church, Kunnicode, Kollam of Punalur Diocese with effect from 5th December, 2015.

## Priestly Ordinations

As announced earlier, we have five Priestly Ordinations in India this Year. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of priesthood to these our confreres.

1. **Dn. Innaci Muthu** was ordained a priest on 21st December, 2015 at SFS Church Electronics City by Archbishop Bernard Moras of Bangalore. I congratulate our new Priest and wish him God's abundant blessings in the future ministry.
2. **Dn. Nirmal Jose Pulikkalath** will be ordained a priest on 26th December 2015 at St. Mary's Church, Edoor.
3. **Dn. Joseph Ouseparambil** will be ordained a priest on 29th December 2015 at St. Josephs' Church, Pulingome.
4. **Dn. Josemon Kochuputhenpurayil** will be ordained a priest on 30th December 2015 at St. George Church, Manvettom.
5. **Dn. T.C Jose Thottukadavil** will be ordained a priest on 3rd January 2016 at SFS Church, Vattiyoorkavu.

I request all our confreres to attend the Priestly Ordination of our confreres and show our solidarity and love towards them. It is an important moment in their lives and let us show that we are with them to pray for them and to support them. The new Provincial will give them their assignment of ministry after their ordinations.

## Promotion to Diaconate Ordination

The Provincial Council which met on 17th December 2015 has promoted the following scholastics to the Order of Diaconate which will take place at Tejas Vidya Peetha on 20th February, 2016.

1. **Bro. S. Prakash Prashant Raj**
2. **Bro. Pulichamackal Joby**
3. **Bro. K. Sudeep Andrews**

I congratulate them in anticipation and pray that God continues to guide them in the vocation they have received.

## Change of Address and Phone Number:

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Germany.

## **2. Fr. Mathew Kavithazha MSFS**

St. Theresa's Church  
Kunnicode P.O  
Kollam Dt. 691 527

## **3. Fr. Regi Muthukattil MSFS**

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### **Prayer for Confreres and other persons who are sick**

**Fr. Jose Maliekal** is detected with Pneumonia and he is under treatment. His health condition is stable. Kindly keep him in your prayers for his speedy recovery.

**Fr. D. Doraiswamy** suffered a heart attack this morning (23rd December) and was rushed to the Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital in Electronics City. The doctors performed angioplasty on him. He has blocks in all his major arteries and his condition is critical. He is kept under observation for 24 hours. Kindly offer your fervent prayers for his complete and speedy recovery.

**Mother of Fr. James Panickerveetil and Mother of Fr. Devassia Koottarappally** are seriously ill and under medical care. Let us join with our confreres in praying for their mothers' speedy recovery and assure them our support.

### **On Home Visit**

**Fr. Sibichen Kochuveedu, Fr. James Panickerveetil, Fr. Devasia Koottarappally, Fr. Mathew Eledathumadam, Fr. Thomas Cherukat and Fr. Marcel Dung Dung** will be here in India for their home holidays and visit to India. We wish these confreres pleasant visit and safe return to their places of ministry.

### **My Program**

#### **December 2015**

- 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

#### **January 2016**

- 3 Priestly Ordination, Dn. T.C. Jose, SFS Church Vattiyookavu, Trivandrum
- 5-16 Visitation of Chad-Cameroon Mission with Fr. Benny Koottanal and Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel
- 24 Feast of St. Francis de Sales and Installation of the new Provincial of SW Province, Vinayalaya

## **Salesian Thought:**

“We may practice zeal in three ways: Firstly, we exercise zeal by doing great acts of justice to repel evil. This is the task of those who hold public authority. They have to correct, condemn and reproach as they have the rank of superiors like princes, magistrates, bishops, preachers. Since this duty is honourable, everyone undertakes it, everyone wants to involve in it. Secondly, we make use of zeal for doing great virtuous deeds, by giving good example, by suggesting remedies for evil, by advising people to make use of them, by doing good opposed to the evil we want to destroy. This is the duty of each one. All the same few people come forward to do it. Finally, we practice zeal most excellently by suffering and enduring much to prevent and turn away the evil. Scarcely anyone wants to exercise this kind of zeal. To make a show of zeal is our desire. It is the one for which each one makes use of one’s talent. But we do not take care to realise that it is not zeal that we are seeking by it. Instead, we are seeking our glory, the gratification of our audacity, anger, vexation and other passions” (SFS, *Treatise on the Love of God*, Bk. 10, Ch. 16).

## **Fraternally in Christ,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Jose Kumbloickal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' at the end.

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