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My dear Confreres,

Fraternal greetings to you from Fr. Benny. As we are at the outset of the new academic year a lot of preparations and organizations are being done in order to enter into the thick of the new academic year. I wish each of you God's abundant blessings in this academic year 2017-2018. May God bless your hard works and commitment. As we travel through this academic year let us cherish one of those stirring virtues proposed by St. Francis de Sales as the pattern for our Salesian life-style: **The Virtue of Optimism.**

The Virtue of Optimism: A Confident Step towards the Future

St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians Ch. 3:1-3 says: *Set your heart on what pertains to higher realms. Be intent on things above rather than things of earth.* This is an ardent invitation for all of us to begin this academic year with a sense of **confident optimism**, as MSFS Constitutions, no. 8 invites us to live. As St. Paul says again: *Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up* (Gal. 6:9).



The term **Optimism** comes from the Latin root *optimus*, meaning "best", which in fact describes how an optimistic person is always looking for the best in any situation and expecting good things to happen. Optimism is the attitude to believe, expect or hope

that things will turn out well.

The Bible is a voluminous tome on optimism. All that God created is good (Gen 1:31). For us, creation is a visible manifestation of God's love. In the abundance of His love,

God sent his only Son for our redemption (Jn 10:10). Thus God empowers us to participate in His love. **Christian Optimism is the ability to face good and bad occurrences with trust in God.** Optimism results from Faith (Ps. 52:8; 125:1). Optimism is trust in what God can do (2 Cor 1:10-11) and our trust is the confidence that we place in God who takes care of us (2 Cor 5:5-8). This confidence is founded on God's grace (Is 12:1-2; Rom 15:13).

Optimism is a major pillar of Salesian Spirituality. A positive world-vision in addition to his gentleness and humaneness made St. Francis de Sales a saintly stalwart of optimism. St. Francis de Sales believed that God's goodness is everywhere. *It is not the world that spoils us, but we spoil ourselves and the world.* Let us remember the oft-quoted axiom of SFS: **What you are is God's gift to you; what you will be is your gift to God.** The good nature that God has blessed us with should be sustained; if we destroy nature recklessly, we shall be punished by it. Instead of worrying about our emptiness or mental distress, let us fill our mind with goodness, peace and the fullness of God's love.

My dear Confreres, in the thick of your activities in the new academic year, it wouldn't be an easy job to be an optimist. When you encounter difficulties and struggles as you undertake your ministries, I wish that you should neither be desperate, nor be impatient. I always try to look at life-situations in the following manner: You may be surprised that you imperceptibly lose your hair, as you grow older. But think of a young cancer patient who loses her entire hair due to radiation or chemotherapy! **Should we not be grateful to God considering that fact that many unpleasant situations could have been worse?**

Let us be confident optimists. St. Francis de Sales says: **True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.** God works powerfully and mysteriously. Often we don't realize the changes He's making in our lives while they're happening, but when we look back, we see how He has led us. But if we despair in the moment we are making no progress, we might become discouraged and give up. Keeping our focus outward, on God and others, instead of on ourselves, will leave room for God to do His work in us. **I wish you an optimistic beginning of the new academic year 2017-2018.**

Visitation to England



My dear Confreres, from the 16th of May 2017 to the 25th of May I was on visitation to our Confreres in England who are engaged in Studies and Pastoral Ministries. I was received by Fr. Benny Valiyaveetil at the Heathrow Airport, London. Following nine days were wonderful time of visitation, sharing, meetings and discernments.

- **Fr. Benny Joseph Valiyaveettil** is the Parish Priest of St. Patrick's Church, Duston, in the diocese of Northampton. The parish consists of around 3000 Catholics. He is also regularly involved in the ministry to the Syro Malabar community consisting of 130 families. In addition Fr. Benny engages himself in Hospital Ministry, services to the old age homes and celebrating masses in various mass centers. Fr. Benny still undergoes the treatment for cancer that had badly affected him once upon a time. But through God's grace he has regained his health well. Through his simple and unassuming life he has endeared very well to the Bishop, the diocesan clergy and the people. I had the privilege of staying with Fr. Benny and celebrating mass in his parish.
- **Fr. Joseph (Roji)Kuttivayalil** is the Parish Priest of St. Teresa of Child Jesus Parish, at Princes Risborough in the diocese of Northampton. The parish also runs a school of which Fr. Roji is the manager and renders ministry of Chaplaincy to the school. It is a typical English Parish and under the able leadership of Fr. Roji the Church is being renovated and the completion will take place in the near future. The people of the parish admire the able leadership and the serene, spiritual animation of Fr. Roji and are very grateful for the services rendered by him to the parish. Fr. Roji has also completed his PhD in Media Studies. I had the great privilege of staying with Fr. Roji and celebrating the Weekend masses in the parish.
- **Fr. Prince Kurian Cheriyaakavil** is the Associate Parish Priest in the Parish of St. Teresa of Lisieux at Beakensfield, in the Diocese of Northampton. At present he is also co-pastor in St. Augustine's Parish, Highwycombe. Fr. Prince will be appointed as Parish Priest in the parish of St. Bernardine in Buckingham, which has also an additional mass center called St. Martin's Church, Brackley. I had the joy of meeting the present Parish Priest of Fr. Prince who is very grateful for the services rendered by him. Fr. Prince has also secured a Master's Degree in Contemporary English Literature.
- **Fr. Jose Maliekal** is the Associate Pastor in the Parish of Holy Ghost in Yeovil, in the diocese of Clifton in South Somerset. This is a parish that is entrusted to the MSFS by the diocese of Clifton. Fr. Maliekal also takes care of a small Syro-Malabar community of around forty families. In addition he also does service to the nearby hospital as Chaplain. Rev. Fr. Jean Patrice MSFS is the Parish Priest of Yeovil, who is of great appreciation for the services of Fr. Jose Maliekal. During the time of his stay in England Fr. Maliekal is a member of the English Administration with active and passive voice in it.
- **Fr. Benny Jacob Marangolil** is the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church in Devizes in the Diocese of Clifton, in Wiltshire, from 11th January 2017. This is a historical parish that is entrusted to the MSFS since 1861. There are four hundred families in this parish. In addition to the ministry in the

parish Fr. Benny is also involved in Chaplaincy to St. Joseph's School, ministry to the Prisoners and rendering services to the Syro Malabar communities. He is very well appreciated as a pastor, organizer and animator. During the time of his stay in England Fr. Benny is also a member of the English Administration with active and passive voice in it.

- **Fr. Wilson Kottam** has reached England since a couple of months. After a few weeks' inculturation experience in the company of our Confreres Fr. Wilson is now appointed as the Associate Parish Priest in the Parish of Immaculate Conception Church at Stroud. During the time of his stay and ministry in England Fr. Wilson is a member of the English Administration with active and passive voice in it.

Meeting with the Bishop of Northampton

Together with Fr. Benny Valiyaveetil I had a meeting with **Bishop Peter Doyel**, the Bishop of Northampton. Bishop Peter is a great friend of MSFS and has a great appreciation for all the three Confreres of ours (Benny Valiyaveetil, Roji and Prince) who are rendering services in the diocese of Northampton. The diocese has taken keen interest in their wellbeing and has supported them in their studies. As I expressed my gratitude to him for the love and concern shown to our Confreres, the bishop has extended further collaboration with the MSFS Congregation and particularly with the South West India Province.

Meeting with Fr. Terry McGrath



I had the great opportunity to meet Fr. Terry McGrath, the former provincial of English province in Kettering, a town in Northamptonshire, where the MSFS has a house of our own. It was a time of personal meeting, sharing and studying the possibilities of collaboration. Together with Fr. Benny Valiyaveetil who accompanied me to Kettering we shared a fellowship meal.

Meeting with Frs. Martin Griffin and Jean Patrice Coulon



Fr. Jean Patrice Coulon commuted me from Yeovil to Malmesbury, a market town in the southern Cotswolds in the County of Wiltshire. **Fr. Martin Griffin** is the Parish Priest of the historical Bremilham Church that is entrusted to the MSFS. We had good time of togetherness, sharing of a meal and personal sharing.

I had also the opportunity to meet and spend some time with **Fr. Roy Karekatt** of the North East Province who is doing his PhD in England and the Parents of **Dn. Justin Panachickal**.

Fraternal Colloquium

On 23rd May, 2017 all the members of the South West India Province came together in Devizes to have a fraternal colloquium. The colloquium began with a very enriching celebration of the Holy Eucharist and it was followed by a sumptuous lunch organized by Fr Benny Marangolil. Thereafter we had a quality session of interaction, sharing and evaluation of the life of our confreres in England. It was a time to express the possibilities of our ministry and commitment in England as well as to share ways and means to improve the quality of our missionary dynamism in the Church in England. During the colloquium I got the opportunity to update the Confreres of the life of our province.

Evaluation

Positive Thrusts

- a) One of the most important aspects of the life of our Confreres in England is that they are very committed in their pastoral ministries. All of them expressed their satisfaction in rendering pastoral services to the people
- b) The diocesan administration as well as the diocesan clergy hold our priests very high in esteem and appreciate them for their generous services
- c) It is very vivid that some of the parishes, which had been dying out are vibrantly resurgent now after our confreres have taken up ministries there
- d) There is also a sense of unity among our Confreres and they come together often for meetings, celebration of Feast or Birthday and keep in communication with each other.
- e) The willingness to support the needs of the province have been well expressed and practically implemented by them
- f) All our confreres have maintained a wonderful relationship with other Confreres in the English administration and it brings dividend fruits for the future mission and ministries there

Suggestions for Further Growth and Missionary Dynamism in England

- a) As it is seen usually in any Western Country one of the most dangerous things that can affect our life in England too is loneliness. One of the most important weapons against it is our spiritual life and personal prayer. In addition personal readings and equipping oneself with knowledge will keep one's life focused on the goal set ahead.
- b) More organized common community meetings and gatherings with sharing, prayer, especially adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and common meal can bring in a lot of sense of purpose and belongingness.

Gratitude

With a sense of gratitude I look back at those days of my visitation to the Confreres in England. It had been a time of mutual uplift, belongingness and a time of delving in to find the proper direction. I thank all the Confreres for their respectful relationship and sharing during the time of the visitation. Each of them meticulously organized their own parishes and places for the fruitful visitation. I thank very specially Fr. Benny Valiyaveettil who painstakingly organized the schedule of the visitation with every minute detail. Thank you, my dear Confreres. May God bless your endeavours to spread the Gospel effectively. **God bless you.**

Silver Jubilarians

My dear Confreres, we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of three of our Confreres. Along with you, I take this opportunity to congratulate each one of them for their total surrender to the Lord through the MSFS Congregation and in particular through our Congregation. Dear Fathers, you are unique and through your own unique dynamism you have brought in the flavour of love and commitment through the various ministries you have undertaken in the province until now. May this Jubilee year be a time of joy, fulfilment and motivation for further commitment.

Fr. Erudaya Raja



Father	: Irudaya Swamy
Mother	: Pushpamary
Siblings	: 1 Brother and 5 Sisters
Date of Birth	: February 10, 1961
Place of Birth	: Kurubarapet, Kolar
Date of Baptism	: February 19, 1961, St. Mary's Church, Kolar
Primary Education	: Government Primary School, Kaiwara
Higher Education	: Government Junior College, Kolar
Minor Seminary	: SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor, 1980-83
PDC	: 1982
Pre-Novitiate	: Philip Nagar 1983.

Novitiate : 1983-84
First Profession : 15th December 1984
Philosophy : Suvidya College, June 1985-March 1988
Regency : St. Aloysius Non-Formal Industrial School, Vizag, 1988-1989
Theology : St. Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology, Bangalore, 1989- 1993
Perpetual Profession: 08th December 1991 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Diaconate Ordination: July 03, 1992 By Rev. Bishop Alphonsus Mathias, Archbishop of Bangalore at Vinayalaya, Bangalore.
Priestly Ordination: 11th May, 1993 by Rev. Dr. Joseph D'Silva, Bishop of Bellary, at St. Mary's Church, Kolar.

Appointments:

1. Priest-in-charge of St. Joseph's Church, Chintamani, 15th June 1993
2. Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Parish, Adigondanahalli, 15th January 1995
3. Principal of SFS Kannada Medium School, Hebbagodi, June 01, 1996
4. Principal of SFS English Medium High School, Hebbagodi, April 15, 1997
5. Parish Priest of SFS Church ,Hebbagodi, June 03, 2001
6. Principal of SFS English and Kannada Medium Schools and Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Parish, Chintamani, May 17, 2002
7. Principal of SFS School, Malur, May 01, 2008
8. Superior and Parish Priest, Malur, June 20, 2009
9. Pastoral Ministry, U.K., 2013
10. Administrator of SFS Schools, Koppal, March 04, 2014
11. Rector of Sannidhi, Minor Seminary, Mysore, May 15, 2015

Fr. Jose Karekatt



Father : Varghese
Mother : Mariam
Siblings : 2 Brothers and 2 Sisters
Date of Birth : January 01, 1963
Place of Birth : Meladoor
Date of Baptism : January 09, 1963, Infant Jesus Church, Meladoor, Trichur
Primary Education : Government School, Meladoor

Minor Seminary : SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor, 1980-83
PDC : 1982
Pre-Novitiate : Philip Nagar 1983.
Novitiate : 1983-84
First Profession : 15th December 1984
Philosophy : Suvidya College, June 1985-March 1988
Regency : St. Mary's Church, Thelpara. 1988-1989
Theology : St. Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology, Bangalore, 1989- 1993
Perpetual Profession: 08th December 1990 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Diaconate Ordination: July 03,, 1992 By Rev. Bishop Alphonsus Mathias, Archbishop of Bangalore at Vinayalaya, Bangalore.
Priestly Ordination: 02nd May 1993 by Rev. Dr. James Pazhayattil, Bishop of Irinjalakuda, at Snehagiri, Mala.

Appointments:

1. Vocation Promoter for Malabar and Mangalore Region, Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Kannur and Prison Ministry, 15th June 1993
2. M.Th. in Youth Ministry, Viswadeep, Bangalore, June 1996
3. Ph.D in Youth Ministry, Salesian University, Rome, 2000
4. Director of Justice, Peace and Development Commission, KCBC, 2006
5. Director of ITSCAT, Trivandrum, 2011

Rev. Fr. Sebastian Vellaramkunnel



Father : Devasia
Mother : Mary
Siblings : 3 Brothers and 5 Sisters
Date of Birth : April 04, 1963
Place of Birth : Thiruvambady
Date of Baptism : April 08, 1963, Sacred Heart Church, Thiruvambady, Tellichery
Primary Education : Sacred Heart School, Thiruvambady
Higher Education : Sacred Heart High School, Thiruvambady
P.D.C. : Universal College, Kooderam, Calicut

Minor Seminary : SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor, 1981
Pre-Novitiate : Philip Nagar 1983.
Novitiate : Salesianum, Vizag, 1983-84
First Profession : 15th December 1984
Philosophy : Suvidya College, June 1985-March 1988
Regency : Vinaya Kumar Estate, Chokkad 1988-89
Theology : St. Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology, Bangalore, 1989- 1993
Perpetual Profession: 08th December 1990 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Diaconate Ordination: July 03,, 1992 By Rev. Bishop Alphonsus Mathias, Archbishop of Bangalore at Vinayalaya, Bangalore.
Priestly Ordination: 15th April, 1993 by Rev. Dr. Sebastian Mankuzhikkary, Bishop of Thamarasserry, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thiruvampady.

Appointments:

1. Assistant Parish Priest, St. Mary's Church, Kurumulloor, 01st June 1993
2. Procurator, S.F.S. Seminary, Ettumanoor, January 15, 1995
3. Parish Priest, Blessed Alphonsa Church, Valiakolly, Thamarasserry, June 04, 1998
4. Parish Priest, St. Xavier's Church, Kalikavu, Thamrassery, May 23, 2001
5. Diploma Programme in Pastoral Counselling and Religious Formation, NVSC, Pune, 2004
6. Novice Master, Sannidhi MSFS Novitiate, Mysore, June 10, 2006
7. Rector, Inter-Provincial Minor Seminary, Sudhirvana, Bangalore, June 10, 2012
8. Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Church, Chuvannamannu, Trichur, May 15, 2014
9. Parish Priest, St. Ignatius Church, Kannadiparamba, Kannur, May 17, 2015

New Provincials

We extend a very hearty congratulations to the newly appointed provincials of our Congregation.

Fr. Jayaseelan Selvaraj



Provincial Elect of Pune Province

Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel



Provincial Elect of East Africa Province

Rev. Fr. Thomson Micheal Arethadathu – Appointed for a Second Term as the Provincial of the Brazil Province



Congratulations

Board Exam Results -2017

In the Board Exam of 2017, all our Schools, Colleges and Seminaries have performed very well. The hard work and commitment of all those confreres in the apostolate of education and formation are reflected in the results of 2017. Our Institutions have proved to be centres of quality-education. On behalf of the Province, I congratulate all the Formators, Principals, Vice Principals, Managers, Staff, Students and Parents for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

School/ College	Students Appeared	D	I	II	III	Highest Mark in the School	Total Pass %
Chintamani, SFS School English Medium	67	31	35			600/625	99
Chintamani, SFS School Kannada Medium	43	05	17	16		593/625	96
Ettumanoor, SFS Public School	112	50	67				100
Ettumanoor, SFS Junior College	107	69	36	02		481	100
Hebbagodi, SFS School Kannada Medium	49	03	33	08	01	589/625	92
Hebbagodi, SFS State Syllabus School	145	86	58	01		620/625	100
Hebbagodi SFS ICSE School,	39	36	03			480/500	100
Hebbagodi, SFS PU College	276	37	176	46	17	581/600	85
Kannur, SFS School	26	07	16	03			100
Kolar, SFS College	234	45	104	43	21	573/600	91
Koppal, SFS School	50	20	30			608/625	100
Koppal, ICSE School	31	26	05	00	00	571/600	100
Kuknoor, SFS School	46	31	15			619/625	100
Malur, SFS School	80	21	58	01		605/625	100
Mundargi, SFS School	21	15	06			605/625	100
Savanur, SFS School	73	57	13			612/625	97.78
Srinivaspur, SFS School	114	50	61	02		613/625	99.12

Rev. Fr. S.L Paul Memorial SFS Hostel-Ettumanoor

The long awaited dream for a well furnished Boys' Hostel for the students of SFS School



who come from far and wide in search of entrance coaching and better education in class XI & XII was realized with the inauguration and blessing of the new hostel by Rev. Dr. Benny Koottanal MSFS, Provincial Superior of SWIP on June 1, 2017. The new Boy's Hostel can accommodate 80 boys studying in SFS School. The hostel is named after the

late Rev. Fr. S.L. Paul who was a dedicated and selfless missionary.

Perpetual Profession 2017

The perpetual profession of eight of our brothers at Tejas Vidya Peetha took place on the 28th of May 2017, on the solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. HERE I AM, TO LIVE JESUS was the theme of the auspicious day. The solemn Eucharistic celebration



was presided over by Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Provincial. At the very outset of the Eucharistic celebration, Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil, the Rector of Tejas Vidya Peetha, welcomed the august gathering.

In the homily Father Benny emphasized on the need of ascending to more perfection by following the evangelical counsels meticulously and the need of shattering the barriers that hinder the evangelization in the peripheries of the world. Fr. Provincial received the final vows from the brothers and confirmed their acceptance to the congregation as permanent members. The day was blessed with the esteemed presence of guests which includes, the parents and relatives of our Brothers, MSFS confreres, priests and religious, well wishers and friends. The programme came to an end with a sumptuous meal.

Salesian Retreat 2017

The Salesian retreat at Sneha Jyothi Ashram, Makkiyad began on 30th May with the solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev Fr. Antony Mookenthottam. The first 7 days of retreat, which was centered on the theme "called to love" was preached by Fr. Suresh Babu and Fr. Avilhou Stephen. The second phase of the Salesian retreat 2017 was animated by Rev. Fr. Benny Kottanal, the Provincial and Fr. Philip Valakodiyil. The main thrust of this phase was Salesian perspectives of Eucharist and



priesthood as well as practical aspects of prayer life from the point of view of Gratifying love. During this phase Fr. Vincent Lourduswamy, the provincial of Pune Province visited the retreatants and celebrated a Holy Eucharist for the intentions of those making the retreat. The third and the final phase of the retreat was led by Fr. Joe Cherolickal and Fr. Tito Puthuparambil. All the talks of

this phase were centered on the theme "Benevolent Love." During the retreat the scholastics were initiated into the indepth spirituality taught by St. Francis de Sales. MSFS scholastics from the South West India, Pune, Nagpur and Vizag provinces attended the retreat. Along with the scholastics Fr. Timson Parakotill, Fr. Philip Kurisummootil and Fr. Issac Mankulathil also attended the Salesian retreat 2017. The 21 days Retreat with 21 retreatants came to an end with the Holy Mass on 19th May, 2017. Big thanks to all the preachers and the Novitiate Community at Makkiyad for the lodge and boarding.

Pre-novitiate programme at Tejas Vidya Peetha

Pre-novitiate programme was organized for ten of our pre-novices, five from Sannidhi, and five from SFS Seminary Ettumanoor, at Tejas Vidya Peetha for a month. Fr. Jijo Chemplanickal, as the pre-novice master had organized the programme with the help of Fr. Nirmal Jose and Dns. Abhishek and Noby. Each day different resource persons were invited to give proper orientation in different aspects of formation. The pre-novices were given orientation for the novitiate life, opportunities were also given to exhibit their talents and develop them. Brothers were also formed in two groups to break their linguistic barriers and to foster the relationship between them by preparing the chart on various classes and other activities. The retreat for the pre novices was animated by Rev. Fr. Balavendra Jacob at MSFS house, Bethary. We sincerely thank all the resource persons and the retreat preacher who enlightened the young minds with their vast knowledge and experience.

First Profession at Makkiyad

On 31st May 2017, ten brothers of our Province made their first commitment to the Lord. Rev. Fr. Benny Kootanal, the Provincial of South West India Province, presided



over the Eucharistic celebrations and officially received the vows of the brothers. The celebration was coloured by the presence of Provincial Councillors Fr. Santhosh Kumar, Fr. Jerome and Provincial Bursar Fr. Vinod Kanattu and also MSFS Fathers from various parts of Kerala and Karnataka. The presence of fathers and sisters from neighbouring religious communities and the presence of friends, neighbours and well-wishers of

our Novitiate added joy to the celebration. The ceremony was concluded with the fellowship meal.

First Profession in the Philippines

June 3, 2017 was a significant day for the MSFS Philippine Delegation as four of our Novices made their first commitment to the Lord namely Bro. Orlan Bangahon,



Bro. Jeson Ly Berdida, Bro. Charles Faz jr. and Bro. Domingo Suizo. On the same day six of our scholastic brothers renewed their vows. The vows were received by the Delegation Superior Rev. Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam. The Eucharistic celebration was presided by Rev. Fr. Conrad Amon, the parish priest of St. Benedict Parish, Silang Cavite. The celebration was made complete by the presence of MSFS

Fathers, guest priests from the Diocese of Imus, the friends of Fransalians and the family members of the four newly professed brothers.

Congratulations

Publications

Fr. Sudeep Paul has published a new book titled "**Electronic Media Journalism**", which is a guide for budding journalists in Electronic media Education. The book is published by the A.R. Publishing Company, Delhi.

Fr. Jacob Parappally, in continuation with many other books already published, has edited and published the statements of the Indian Theological Publications, titled "**Theologizing in the Indian Context**", a true effort to render the spirit of the Second Vatican Council in the Indian Soil

I congratulate both our Confreres for these scholarly inputs, which impart true awareness and evokes commitment and sense of service in the life of the younger generation .

Laurels from the Diocese

My heartfelt congratulations to **Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam** who is appointed by the bishop of Imus in the Philippines as a member of the Presbyteral Council representing religious Congregation active in the Diocese of Imus.

Prayer Request

My dear Confreres, I would like to request your special prayers for our dear **Fr. Mathew Kalathungal** who is diagnosed with prostate cancer. After sufficient and careful check up and scans he is now undergoing Chemotherapy under the supervision of expert doctors in Manipal hospital, Bangalore. Fr. Mathew, at present, is keeping good health and confidently encounters the treatment. Let us specially pray that the treatment would do good to Fr. Mathew and that he be recovered at the earliest.

Appointments

Fr. Jikson Cheravelil is appointed member of the staff and the Procurator at MSFS Scholasticate, Amedeo, Cavite, Philippines, with effect from June 07, 2017. In addition he will undertake Master's level studies in Formative Psychology.

Fr. Anishmon Kamukuthottathil is appointed Asssistant Priest in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Bacoar, Molino, Cavite, Philippines, from 07th of June 2017.

Welcome

Fr. Kuldeep Kujur, who had been part of the Chad-Cameroon Mission and rendered services to the East Africa province for the last four years has returned to the province on the 4th of June 2017 for a short break of studies and renewal. I extend a very hearty Welcome to Fr. Kuldeep and wish him God's abundant blessings in his undertakings.

Fr. Bobby Puthenpurackal, after 12 years of service in the Arch-diocese of Vienna and St. Poelten (in collaboration with the Augustinian Abbey Kloster Neuburg), is returning to India on 12th June 2017. I place on record the dedicated services of Fr. Bobby to the Church in Austria and for representing the Province credibly in Europe. As I extend to him a hearty welcome I wish him every success and satisfaction in the new appointment he has received in the province.

Bon Voyage

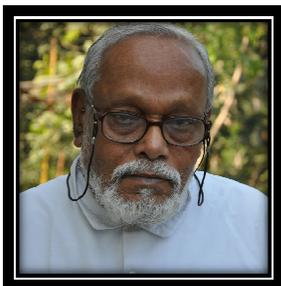
Fr. Francis Ekka will be leaving for Chad- Cameroon Mission on June 21, 2017 for the pastoral Ministry. As I congratulate and thank Fr. Francis for his good will to support and render services to our Chad-Cameroon Mission, we wish him Bon Voyage and God's blessings in all his endeavours.

New Address

Fr. Dijo Koikkara

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
359 West Areba Avenue, Hershey,
PA 17033
Phone: 717.533.7168

Let us Pray for the Faithful Departed



Brother Anthony Chalackal of Nagpur Province, aged 79 breathed his last on 3 June, 2017.

I request all the Confreres to fulfil the suffrages as prescribed by MSFS Constitutions.

Mr. Chinnappa, aged 67, maternal uncle of Fr. Y. Mathias, breathed his last on May 28, 2017.

We assure you, dear Fr. Y. Mathias, the remembrance of your dear one in our Holy Mass and Prayers.

My Program

My dear Confreres, please do take note of my program schedule. Different from the previous circular, each new circular would bring in additional changes in my programs as per the need. Please do organize the visitation and other common meetings/programs according to the latest communication.

June 2017

June 1	Inauguration of "Rev. Fr. S.L. Paul Memorial SFS Hostel" at Ettumanoor
June 3-5	Orientation course for the Diploma Students of IIS
June 7	Inauguration of the Academic Year in Tejas, Recollection and interaction with the Staff and Students
June 8	Visitation to the Community at Nest and Fides India
June 9	Visitation to PSI Sevagram, Kengeri
June 10	Officiating the First Profession Ceremony of St. Joseph of Cluny, Bangalore Province
June 11	Mass in Kadisenahalli on the occasion of the Parish Feast
June 12-14	Visitation to Suvidya College, Inauguration of the Academic Year, PIF Meeting
June 16	Council Meeting
June 18	Visitation to MSFS House, Kuvempunagar

June 19-20	Visitation to Sannidhi
June 21	Visitation to Soumya Sadan
June 23-24	Visitation to Mermier Bhavan Community and SFS Institutions
June 25	Visitation to St. Francis de Sales Church, Hebbagodi Visitation to Prateeksha Boys' Home, Hebbagodi
June 26-27	Visiting the communities and running projects in Koppal, Kuknoor, Mundargi and Savanur *Official opening of the New Community in Shiralakoppa
June 28	Visitation to SFS School and Community, Anthony nagara, Chikmagaluru
June 29	Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore

July 2017

July 1	Orientation Course for the Post Graduate Students of IIS
July 2	Recollection for the Diploma Students of IIS
July 4	Council Meeting
July 7-8	Visitation to SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor
July 9	Visitation to Charis Bhavan
July 10-14	Annual Retreat in Charis Bhavan
July 17-August 5	Visitation to our Confreres in GAH and France-Suisse Province

August 2017

August 1-5	Visitation to our Confreres in GAH and France-Suisse Province
August 6	Recollection for the Students of IIS
August 8	Council Meeting
August 13	Visitation to St. Mary's Church, Kolar
August 13-14	Visitation to ITI Kolar, Visitation to SFS PU College, Tamaka
August 15	Visitation to the Community and School at Srinivaspura
August 16	Visitation to the Community and School at Chintamani
August 17	Visitation to communities of Kadisanahalli, Sidlghatta
August 20-21	Visitation to SFS Church and Community, Malur
August 21-22	Visitation to the Community and Parish, Gokunte
August 24-25	Meeting the Community Members of Vinayalaya
August 28-Sept. 2	Classes in IIS

September 2017

September 1-2	Classes in IIS
September 3	Recollection for the Students of IIS
September 4-15	Visitation to the Philippine Delegation (together with the Superior General), Ordination of Dn. Nathanael
September 17	Institute Day at IIS
September 17-18	Formation Forum Meeting with the General Councilor

September 19-20	Education Forum Meeting with the General Councilor
September 21-22	Mission Forum Meeting with the General Councilor
September 23-24	Social & Innovative Ministry Forum Meeting with the General Councilor
September 24-25	Visitation to the Community, Parish and Schools, Koppal
September 25-26	Visitation to the community and school, Mundargi
September 26	Visitation to the Community and School, Kuknoor
September 27	Visitation to the Community and School, Savanur
September 29	Council Meeting
September 30	Founder's Day Celebration at Tejas

October 2017

October 2	Blessing and Inauguration of the New MSFS House in Kattappana
October 4-5	Golden Jubilee Celebrations of SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor
October 9-13	2 nd Annual Retreat in IIS, Bangalore
October 14-16	Meeting of the General Curia with the Provincials in Trichy, Tamilnadu
October 17	Visiting the Postulants in Pudukottai, Tamilnadu
October 19-21	Visitation to Sedam Mission
October 22	Provincial Council Meeting
October 24	MSFS Foundation Day and Institute Day Celebrations at Suvidya College
October 28-29	Visitation of the MSFS Community at Shiralakoppa and Shimoga Apostolic community Meeting

November 2017

November 1	Visitation to Mattannur Community, Apostolic Community Meeting
November 2	Visitation to Kannur Community, Kannadiparamba
November 3	Visitation to Ulickal
November 4-5	Recollection for the Diploma Students of IIS
November 7-9	Meeting of the Confreres from 8-15 years of Ordination in Vinayalaya
November 11-12	Visiting Fr. Thomas Moongamakal in Srambickal, Sunday Mass in the Parish
November 12	Visiting Fr. Francis Kizhakethazhe in Thavalappara
November 13	Visitation to the MSFS Community, Pattikad Visiting Fr. Paul Aranjani in Madackal
November 13-14	Visitation to Aluva Community
November 14	Overnight stay in Ettumanoor
November 15-16	Visitation to Kattappana Community
November 19	Council Meeting
November 21-22	Visitation to Tejas

November 25-26	Orientation program for the General Chapter & New Provincial Teams of CSST Congregation, Generalate, Bangalore
November 28-30	Visitation to Snehajyothi Ashram, MSFS Novitiate, Makkiyad

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“An evil is half cured when its cause is discovered.” – SFS

Fraternally,



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