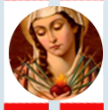
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On this July 3rd, the 31st Anniversary of the birth of the South-West India Province, it is a matter of pure joy for me to announce the launch of a separate news letter of our Province Family under the title "SWIP NEWS." This is done with a two-fold intention. On the one hand, the province circular can be reserved purely as a portal of official communication of administrative matters as well as serious information and concerns of the province and congregation. On the other hand, in this age of information, there is the need for a shared forum for all the members and communities to bring to each other on a regular basis information of every kind that is of common interest. It could be about an event, a happening, a celebration, an achievement, or anything that would be capable of building up and celebrating our being united as one family. The launching of "SWIP NEWS" as a monthly bulletin opens up such a shared forum. While inviting all of you to be actively part of this venture, it is my wish that our South-West Family Spirit finds a truly fertile soil in this "SWIP NEWS".

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Missionaries of Mercy Meet at Rome



THREE OF OUR SWIP CONFRERES MEET POPE FRANCIS DURING THE MEETING THE 'MISSIONARIES OF MERCY'

- Fr Jijo ManjackalMSFS

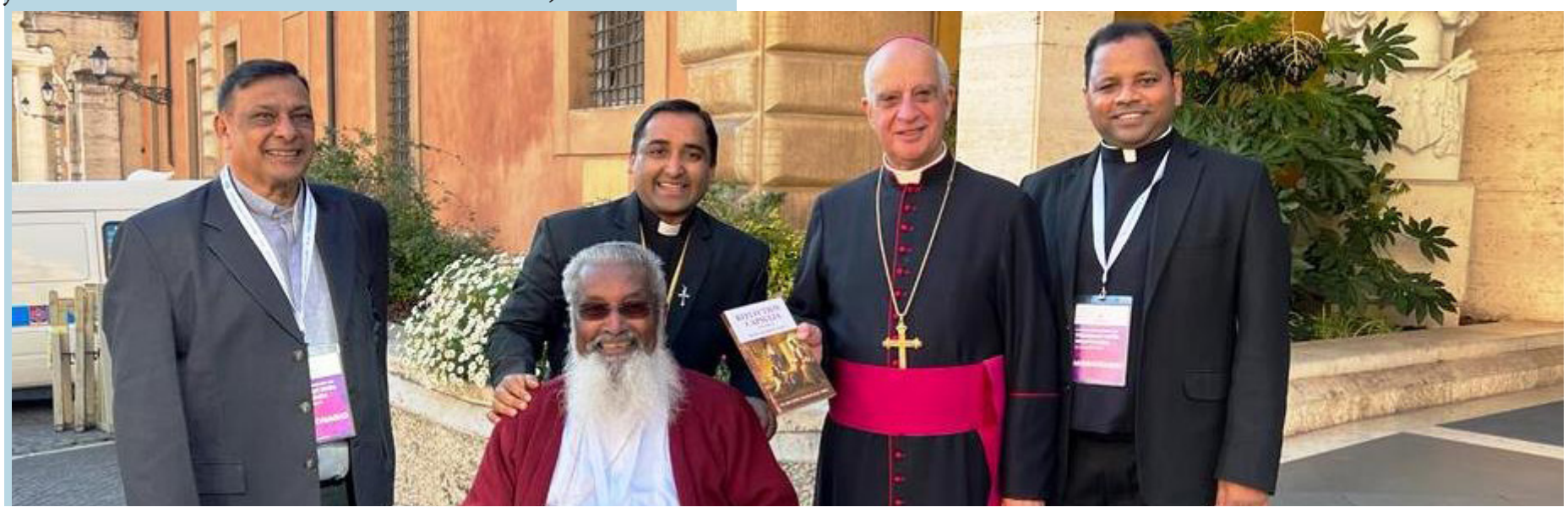
Three of our MSFS Confreres – Fr James Manjackal, Fr Dijo Koikkara, and Fr Jijo Manjackal (along with Fr Mario Dsouza - Pune Province) – had the great privilege of personally meeting the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and also concelebrating with him for the Divine Mercy Feast Mass at St Peter's Basilica. They were attending the 3rd International Meeting of the Missionaries of Mercy, at the Vatican, Rome from April 23-25, 2022.

The Pope gave a special blessing to Fr James Manjackal on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. Fr Dijo Koikkara received a personal blessing while Fr Jijo Manjackal could present both the volumes of his Reflection Capsules Books to the Holy Father. These our confreres were appointed as Missionaries of Mercy, in the Year 2016 – the Year of Mercy. As a Missionary of Mercy, they are entrusted with the duty of dispensing God's Mercy more emphatically through their ministries, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and preaching the Divine Mercy.

They are also given the faculty to forgive the following sins, reserved to the Holy See:

i. Profanation of the Eucharistic species by taking them away or keeping them for a sacrilegious purpose
ii. Use of physical force against the Roman Pontiff
iii. Absolution of an accomplice in a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue
iv. Direct violation against the sacramental seal by a confessor.
v. Recording by means of a technical device of what the priest says in a Sacramental Confession or divulging such recording through the means of social communication.

It is indeed a great blessing that 3 out of the nearly 1050 Missionaries of Mercy all around the world, are from our South West India Province. All the confreres are encouraged to use the ministry of these Missionaries of Mercy – a special privilege granted by the Holy Father – and to share this information with others in our places of ministry.



Inauguration of De Sales Hostel



Fr Jino Plathottathil MSFS

DATA- De Sales Academy for Talent Assistance, remaining true to its vision and mission is making great strides in providing professional guidance and assistance to students who wish to pursue a serious academic and professional career in India and abroad. In accordance with the growing demand for various courses offered by DATA, facilities are enhanced to facilitate the integral development of everyone who enters this temple of learning and professional development. One of the latest additions to the existing sprawling campus is the De Sales Hostel Block. The De Sales Hostel Block was inaugurated on March 30, 2022 by Rev. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of South West India Province of MSFS, in the presence of a large number of priests, religious, and guests. His Grace Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkel presided over the solemn Eucharistic Celebration. The beautiful and graceful chapel, spacious refectory, and accommodation facility of De Sales Hostel Block is a masterpiece work of Fr Thomas Kalariparambil. The exquisitely, meditatively, and magnificently conceived Chapel is a reflection of his artistic excellence.





Blessing of the Church at Savanoor



Fr A. Johnson

The long-awaited and newly constructed St Francis de Sales Church at Savanur, blended with Romanesque architecture was blessed by the Bishop of Belgaum and Karwar Dioceses Rt. Rev. Dr Derek Fernandes on May 17, 2022 at 10.30 am. Rev. Dr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, the Provincial of Southwest India Province inaugurated the newly built Church, and Rev. Dr Thomas Cherukat MSFS, the Director of Vikasjyothi: MDO, Mysore unveiled the plaque. They were accompanied by Rev. Fr Joseph Phillipkutty the Vicar General of Belgaum Diocese, Councillor and Administrator of South West India Province, Rev. Fr Felix Pinto, the Dean of Haveri Deanery, MSFS Priests, Priests from Belgaum Diocese, Nuns of various Religious Congregations, SFS Parishioners, neighbouring Parishioners, Benefactors, Friends, and well-wishers.

The ceremony began with the blessing of the Church Bell, the blessing of the Holy water, and the blessing of the Church, Altar, and Tabernacle according to the order of the Liturgical Ceremony. Officiating the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration, Rev. Dr Derek Fernandes brought forth the true meaning of the place of worship and sacrifice tracing the roots to Holy Scripture and History. Rev. Fr Erudaya Raj MSFS, the Master of Ceremony invited everyone present for the Felicitation programme after the Eucharistic Celebration and Fr Johnson MSFS, the Moderator of St Francis de Sales Mission, Savanur thanked all the dignitaries and everyone for their support and contributions. The Bishop after the felicitation thanked the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales for their hard work, commitment, and service to the Local Church in the Diocese of Belgaum. He appreciated the Provincial Rev. Dr Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS for the continuation of the dedicated missionary work, and Rev. Dr Thomas Cherukat, MSFS for the initiative to find resources for the project. The Provincial too acknowledged and placed on record the cooperation and support of the Bishop and the Diocese of Belgaum to MSFS and Southwest India Province in particular. A Fellowship meal for all gathered brought an end to the day's proceedings.



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Blessing of MSFS Community House at Mundargi

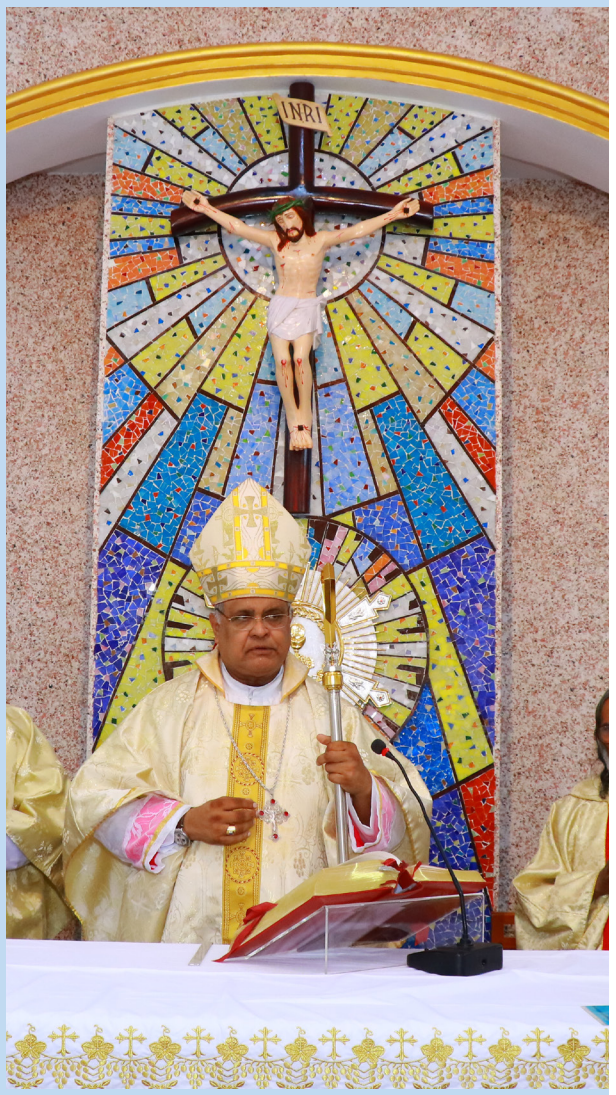


SFS Bhavan Mundargi

Fr Nirmal Jose Pulikkalath MSFS

It was a long-cherished dream to have a community house in Mundargi. For the past two decades, our priests were serving the Mundargi mission in different ways. And this dream was actualized on May 19, 2022 as SFS Bhavan and SFS Boys' home was blessed by Rev. Dr Derek Fernandes, the Bishop of the diocese of Belgam. and the new house was inaugurated and opened by Rev. Fr Benny Maragolil the Councilor in charge of Education of the South West India Province. Fr Benny represented the provincial Rev. Dr Thomas Kalariparambil and the provincial administration. The ceremony remembered and thanked Rev. Dr Benny Koottanal the former provincial and the team for the support and generosity showed towards the Mundargi mission. The occasion was graced by the presence of priests and religious from the diocese and different congregations and very specially from the north Karnataka apostolic community.

Our house is blessed with a beautiful chapel which is also opened to the small Catholic group here in Mundargi. The house can accommodate 20 poor and needy children aiding to their needs. We place on record all the efforts of our well -wishers who stood by us in making our dream come true. The function ended up with a sumptuous lunch.



Perpetual Profession at IIS, Bangalore



Fr Binu Edathumparambil MSFS

Tejas Vidya Peetha and the Fransalian family had much to rejoice on May 28, 2022, as seven of our brothers, Cyril Elackodickal, Jain Kaniyodickal, Jeffin Elivalankil, Jilu Payattukandathil, and Somi Illickal of South West India Province, Nevin Tete of Nagpur Province, and Renold Regan of South East India Province made their perpetual profession and were accepted into the MSFS Congregation as permanent members. 11 Brothers renewed their vows at the same celebration. Rev. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of South West India Province, presided over the Eucharistic celebration and received their vows. The ceremony was held at the Indian Institute of Spirituality in Rajajinagar. Along with the staff of Tejas, the family members of the brothers, MSFS confreres, and other priests and religious from the area joined the brothers in thanking the Lord for the gift of their vocation and commitment. The theme chosen for the celebration was Live Jesus, Give Jesus.The Provincial congratulated all the brothers who made their perpetual profession and renewed their vows and acknowledged and thanked the formation team of Tejas Vidya Peetha for their dedicated and loving service in the formation of our students. The celebration ended with a short felicitation and a sumptuous meal.





Blessing and Inauguration of the New Parish Hall, St Joseph Church, Ulikkal

Fr Shino Puthusserry MSFS

It was a long cherished dream of Pratheeksha Boys' Home to have a community hall of our own, where we could have catechism and other community gatherings. I must admit that it was the timely help and generous contributions of many that made this dream of ours, a true reality. Rt. Rev. Dr Alex Vadakkumthala, the Bishop of Kannur Diocese blessed the hall and Rev. Dr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, Provincial of South-West India Province inaugurated it on May 29, 2022, at 4:00 pm. I place on record the contributions of all our well-wishers and remain ever grateful to you for all your prayers, wishes and support.





Initiation into Novitiate and First Profession





Dedo Domini

I surrender to the Lord was the theme of the first profession which took place at Sneha Jyothy Ashram, Makkiyad on May 31, 2022. It was indeed a joyful day for the South West India Province and the Congregation at large as eight of our novices, Alan Prince, Dhaniyal Ignatious, Jeevan Trikey, Justin Johnson, Prasant Ekka, Raphael A, Satish Kujur, Vijay Bernard after completing one year of Canonical Novitiate made their First Profession. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of the South west India Province. The candidates were presented to the Provincial by Rev. Fr Timson Parakkottil, the Novice Master. The occasion was blessed by good number of MSFS confreres, and also many Fathers, Sisters and Laity from the locality. Nine brothers were initiated to the Novitiate in the initiation ceremony during the solemn Eucharistic celebration officiated by Fr Provincial on May 30, 2022.

- Fr Anil Kiran C Buddini MSFS

First Death Anniversary of Fr Anish



Fr Justin Joseph Panachickal MSFS

The first death anniversary of Fr Anish Mundiyanickal MSFS, on Thursday, June 9, 2022, brought tears back to our eyes. Praying on the first anniversary of his untimely demise, many visited his tomb and took part in the services. On that day, there was a special requiem mass held at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor at 6.45am, introduced by Fr Jose Parappally , the Rector of SFS Seminary and presided over by Thomas Mundiyanickal from Kanjirappally diocese, cousin of Fr Anish; held specially for the family members and close relatives, followed by the office of the dead at his tomb. At 11.00am there was a solemn requiem mass and service at Charisbhavan Retreat Centre, Athirampuzha for the public. The mass and service was presided over by Very Rev Fr Justin Madathiparambil, VG of Vijayapuram Diocese and the message was given by Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, Provincial of South West India Province. There were many priests and religious including those from MSFS Congregation, Vijayapauram Diocese and from neighbouring parishes and religious houses added to ahout a thousand laity being present. The services were followed by a lunch for all.

After the lunch, there was a memorial quiz – "Fr Anish Mundiyanickal Bible Quiz". The final round of the quiz was held on that day. It was organised by the Mundiyanickal Family in collaboration with Charisbhavan Retreat Centre. There were around 12 families present for the final round and prizes were distributed.



Congrats!



Hearty congratulations to Rev Fr Anthony Bonela MSFS on his appointment as the Vice Provincial of USA Vice Province. May God continue to bless him to lead the USA Vice Province to further heights.

Congrats!



Fr Tony Erniakulathil MSFS is appointed by the CBCI as the Associate Director of Finance in St John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore on June 1, 2022. He served as assistant Director of Finance for 6 months in St John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore.

OBITUARY

Rev. Fr Sudhir John Kullu MSFS (60), belonging to Dibrugarh Province passed away on May 18, 2022. We thank God for all the good things that he has showered upon our Congregation through the instrumentality of Rev. Fr Sudhir John Kullu. May God bless him and give him eternal rest.



Rev. Fr Sebastian Kuzhupil MSFS (71), belonging to East Africa Province passed away on June 26, 2022. We thank God for this great missionary. May God bless him with the eternal reward.



NB: For a deceased Confrere, who is a professed member, each one of us is obliged to celebrate a Holy Mass irrespective of the Province. I request all of you to do the necessary suffrages for the departed Confreres.

- Mrs Mary (87), Paternal Aunt of Fr George Choorapuzha, died on May 19, 2022.
- Mr Thomas KC (87), Father of Frs. Kurian Karickal and Jose Karickal, died on May 25, 2022.
- Mr Mathew Varghese(89), Paternal Uncle of Fr Augustine Mannaparambil, died on May 28, 2022.
- Mrs Elikutty kurian (94), Mother of Fr Mathew Mamala, died on June 10, 2022.
- Mr C V Joseph Chempakamattam (75), Maternal Uncle of Fr. Mijo Kulamkuthiyil, died on June 11, 2022.

