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Happy 75th Independence Day



Happy Feast

of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

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Salesian Seminar and Retreat



Do not sow crops of good intentions in your neighbours garden; rather, Cultivate your own with diligence

SALESIAN SEMINAR

The 38th Salesian Seminar was organized at the Indian Institute of Spirituality, Rajajinagar, Bangalore from 1st May to 6th May 2022. The event became more relevant as we celebrate the 400th death anniversary of our Heavenly Patron, St. Francis de Sales, and the 450th birth anniversary of St. Jane de Chantal. The celebrations began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, the Provincial of South-West India Province followed by the inaugural ceremony. Eminent resource persons presented various Salesian themes in relation to the contemporary events. 42 members from different congregations namely MSFS, OSFS, DSFS, SSS, and SMMI came together as one Salesian family to receive more insights into the spirituality and teachings of our Patron. Holy Eucharistic celebration, Adoration, and Salesian devotions enriched every participant. The cultural program conducted showcased the talents and definitely nourished the unity among the Salesians. All the themes were well presented and they made an impact on the listeners to know and learn more about the teachings of St Francis de Sales, the Doctor of Love. We place on record our gratitude to the IIS community under the leadership of Fr Joe Cherolickal MSFS, the superior for systematically arranging the seminar.

SALESIAN RETREAT

Salesian Retreat was held from 6th to 26th May 2022, at the Indian Institute of Spirituality, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Twenty-two young Fransalians from five MSFS Indian Provinces namely, Visakhapatnam, South–West, South–East, Nagpur, and Pune attended the retreat as a preparation for their Perpetual Profession. It was a 3 weeks journey with the theme; Vision of God and neighbour to a state of becoming love and thus understanding our call to love with our Heavenly Patron, St. Francis De Sales. The one-day outings at the end of the week gave the participants an opportunity to put into practice or apply the themes they had been reflecting and the day ended with the sharing session. Thanks to Fr Joe Cherolickal, Fr D. Jeevan Prasad, Fr Shajan, Fr Arockianathan, Fr Austin, and Fr Tony Prem for animating the retreat with their valuable sessions and for constant accompaniment. They also shared their experiences as ministers of God and prepared us to face the challenges of priesthood in today's society. Eucharistic celebration, Adoration, Salesian meditation, and other devotions helped the participants to experience God and receive his blessings. We received sufficient time to reflect on our life and prepare well for committing ourselves perpetually to God. We are greatly indebted to the members of Indian Institute of Spirituality (IIS) for the accommodation and for arranging the retreat. We were blessed with a conducive atmosphere for prayer and reflection. This journey of 21 days helped us to strengthen our call to be joyful Fransalians and shepherds of God.

THEME

Vision of God and neighbour to a state of becoming love and thus understanding our call to love with our Heavenly Patron, St Francis De Sales.



A Sincere act of contrition consists in a firm determination never to offend God again.

Fr Arackal Manoj MSFS

2nd July 2022, was a memorable day for the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales of Chad Cameroon delegatLeaion of South-West India Province. On this day we had the joy of priestly ordination of Fr Leandre Francky Senguena and diaconate ordination of six MSFS brothers.



Priestly Ordination of Fr Leandre Francky Senguena & Diaconate of 6 Brothers

1. Mtoudjiel Abba
2. Nyamsi Panteun Yves Cyrille
3. Toussaint Ndeialdongar
4. Vinu Varghese Ponnor
5. Jeorge Tomy Keyzhakthottam
6. Robin Joy Karumathy.

Ordinations were held in St. Pius the X parish of Ngoya. 13 brothers were ordained to the diaconate and 2 deacons were ordained to the priesthood by Msgr Sosthène Leopold Bayemi Mateji the bishop of Obala. Rev. Fr Kurian Karicakal the admonitor of the South-West India province was present for the solemn Eucharistic celebration. Liturgy was meticulously organized and well animated. Bishop thanked the MSFS fathers for organizing the ordinations in the parish of Ngoya in the diocese of Obala. Fr Manoj Arackal gave the vote of thanks. After the ordination, a fraternal meal was shared in La Feuillete. On 3rd July on the feast of St Thomas and the 31st anniversary of the South-West India province the newly ordained were felicitated by la Feuillette Community and all the MSFS confreres. Fr Francky thanked everyone who helped them in one way or other in their priestly formation. A special thanks were given to Fr. Sen Vellakada, the rector and Fr Bipin Kishore Xess, rector and procurator of the La Feuillette community respectively.



Priestly Ordination of Fr Madjita Tanibe Anniversaire



We the members of Chad Cameroon delegation rejoice with you all on the Priestly Ordination of Fr Madjita Tanibe Anniversaire, the very First MSFS priest from Chad. Though MSFS arrived in Chad in 1999 we had to wait 23 years to have the first priest from Chad. It is the fruit of the patient and loving dedication of many of us in the Chad-Cameroon Mission. It was a great joy for us to participate in the ordination of the First MSFS priest from Chad. On 9th July Dn. Anniverssaire was ordained to priesthood by the Msgr. Miguel Sebastien bishop of Sarh, Chad in the presence of Fr Kurian Karickal, the provincial admonitor and Fr Manoj Arackal, delegation superior of Chad Cameroon delegation and many MSFS confreres and religious. Bishop, who was the apostolic administrator of Doba diocese from 2013 to 2015 thanked the MSFS congregation for the great pastoral work being done in the diocese of Doba. He also availed this opportunity to invite the MSFS congregation to start a community in Sarh diocese.

We would like to appreciate and acknowledge the great work done by the family of the Fr Anniverssaire, Parish priest, MC sisters, MSFS fathers in Chad and parishioners. there is no element of exaggeration in stating that this was one of the best ordinations, we ever attended. Harmonious singing, rhythmic dancing, little children dressed like Angels and dancing girls well ornamented, Procession of the word of God in the boat, Liturgy well prepared and meticulously executed, Choirs in French and Sara, singing with many musical instruments were the highlight of the day. Altogether it was a celestial atmosphere. We pray that the example and ministry of Fr Anniversaire draw more young men to follow Jesus in his footsteps.





Annual Retreat: Chad-Cameroon Delegation



We the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales had the joy of spiritual renewal through the annual retreat. For the past two years due to the travel restrictions related to Coronavirus, many could not participate in the annual retreat. This year most of the confreres working in the delegation were present for the annual retreat. Fr. Kurian Karickal, the admonitor of the South-West India province, a renowned charismatic preacher was the resource person of the retreat.

THEME

Personal Sanctification

> **He who wishes to be esteemed by all, loses the esteem of all.**

The theme of the retreat was personal sanctification. He proposed one theme for each day for deeper study to arrive at personal sanctification. First day centered around the topic "Seek the Lord, while He may be found." On the second day, the reflections were based on the theme "Have a personal encounter with God." For the third day, we meditated on "Sanctification for a personal encounter". On the fourth day, it is an invitation to "Fall in love with God", and on the fifth and the final day, Fr Kurian exhorted us to "Be strong in the Lord". During these five days we the participants were spiritually nourished by the word of God. Fr. Kurian proved himself to be someone anointed by the Word of God. His in-depth knowledge of the Word of God was appreciated by all the participants. We wish Fr Kurian Karickal many more fruitful years of preaching ministry.

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Jubilee Celebrations
in Germany-Austria (GA)



Fr Mattathil Joby MSFS

It was once again a joyful moment for the members of the Southwest India Province Delegation in GA as they gathered together for the silver Jubilee celebrations of Fr Mullasseril Tomy and Fr Mannukuzhumpil Joseph in Haus Werdenfels in the Diocese of Regensburg. The celebration started on 10th July at 6 pm with dinner followed by an informal gathering of the members that served as a platform for friendly exchange about the day-to-day happening in their respective areas of ministry. The focus of the celebration was the Jubilee Mass on the following day, presided over by the Jubilarians. In his sermon Fr Mukalel James recalled the biblical background of Jubilee celebrations as a time to look back and thank God for his blessings, look above and trust in God and look forward with optimism towards the future. Fr James refreshed his memories about the Jubilarians as hard-working and well-motivated candidates right from minor seminary.

During breakfast Fr Sibi Manickathan honoured the jubilarians with a memento for their commendable service in the vineyard of the Lord. In connection with the celebration, an outing was organized to Kelheim. A Cruise trip along the Donau Kanal with Lunch in Kloster Garden Weltenburg was only befitting and added colour to the occasion.

One can only say the two memorable days came to an end on 12th July with Holy Mass and breakfast. The ones who found time to come together were of the one opinion that such small but sweet celebrations can be a sign of our Fransalian bond and a symbol of respect and honour for the dedicated service of the Jubilarians.

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Annual Retreat: Germany-Austria (GA)

19-24 JUNE 2022

After two years of Corona imposed break; it was a great joy for the members of GA to come together for the Annual retreat from 19-24 June 2022, in Lingen in the Diocese of Osnabrück Germany. It was not possible to plan well in advance for the Annual retreat due to the uncertainty caused by Covid and contact restrictions. Therefore, the number of participants was reduced to just 30. For the participants definitely, it was a time of spiritual renewal and enrichment. The very first day of the Retreat was made use for a visit to some of the historical places in the vicinity so that the members gained a much-needed break up from routine life. The participants believed how intensive, was the need to meet and communicate with each other which was very much restricted due to social and contact restrictions over the past two years.

Fr Naidu Prakash MSFS animated the retreat with his reflections and talks on St. Francis de Sales as a model and anchor point in our journey of religious life. He emphasized how there is an urgent need to rediscover our existence as Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, rooted in the life and teachings of our patron. The common prayers, the celebration of the Holy Mass, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament accompanied with the sacrament of reconciliation and common meals provided an adequate atmosphere for a spiritual reawakening. The participants found time on the last day to come together for an open discussion about the common matters of life and ministry in GA.

It is only apt to say that after the retreat everyone went back to their respective area of ministry being awakened and nourished by the Lord and at the same time enriched from the presence of each other.



Change of Baton



For over three decades Fr Mukalel James is the president of the Registered Society in Germany. The Society is the brainchild of Fr James without a doubt. MSFS in Germany owes a sense of gratitude to Fr James not only because he laid the fundaments for the financial discipline in GA but also rendered all his services over these years in addition to his commitments in the parishes. Since the beginning of 2022, Fr James has entrusted his office to his successor Fr Siby Manickathan, therefore it was an appropriate gesture that



the Jubilee gathering placed on record the outstanding service of Fr James and thanked him for his commitment. As a token of gratitude to him, Fr Siby handed over a certificate of appreciation from the Provincial Fr Thomas Kalariparambil. Fr Joy Vazhapally felicitated Fr James on the occasion as a man of selfless service and visionary, at the same time very much human. Fr James in his concluding speech brought to attention how difficult it was for him in those days to begin from nothing and that too in an unknown land. Trust in God, hard work, and discipline have brought about fruit from which everyone can benefit today. Heartfelt Thanks and Best wishes to you dear Fr James!

Parish Feast at Nithyadhara Mathe Church, Srinivasapura



Fr R. Bartholomew MSFS

"My Soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour", was the exclamation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on visiting Elizabeth. 26th June 2022, was a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the parish of Nithyadhara Mathe Church Srinivasapura, as it celebrated the annual feast of its dear Patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

The festive occasion was celebrated with the solemn Eucharist at 5.00 p.m. presided by Rev. Fr Sagayaraj, parish priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church Chikkabellapura and was concelebrated by MSFS priests of Kolar Deanery and Vinayalaya and IIS communities Bangalore. It was also witnessed by many religious sisters and the faithful of Kolar Deanery. The Holy Eucharist was followed by a solemn Procession in and around the city of Srinivasapura. It was a wonderful occasion to give witness to Jesus through Mary amidst non-Christians.

Not so Pleasant Guests Wreak Havoc at Makkiyad

Fr Parakottil Timson MSFS

From 28th June to 11th July 2022, four elephants from the nearby forest entered our novitiate land and destroyed almost 1000 plantains, 450 arecanuts, 175 nutmeg plants, 70 coffee trees, and 30 coconut plants. We have an estimated loss of 8 lakhs. Elephants have destroyed almost 5 acres of cultivation and have reached almost near novitiate house. We had informed the forest department and with the villagers, brothers, and priests from neighbouring religious communities made a protest rally from Makkiyad town to the forest department office. People of the locality and forest department are of the opinion that we need to go for electric fencing to prevent the future destruction of the cultivation.



Inauguration of the Language Academy, Hebbagodi

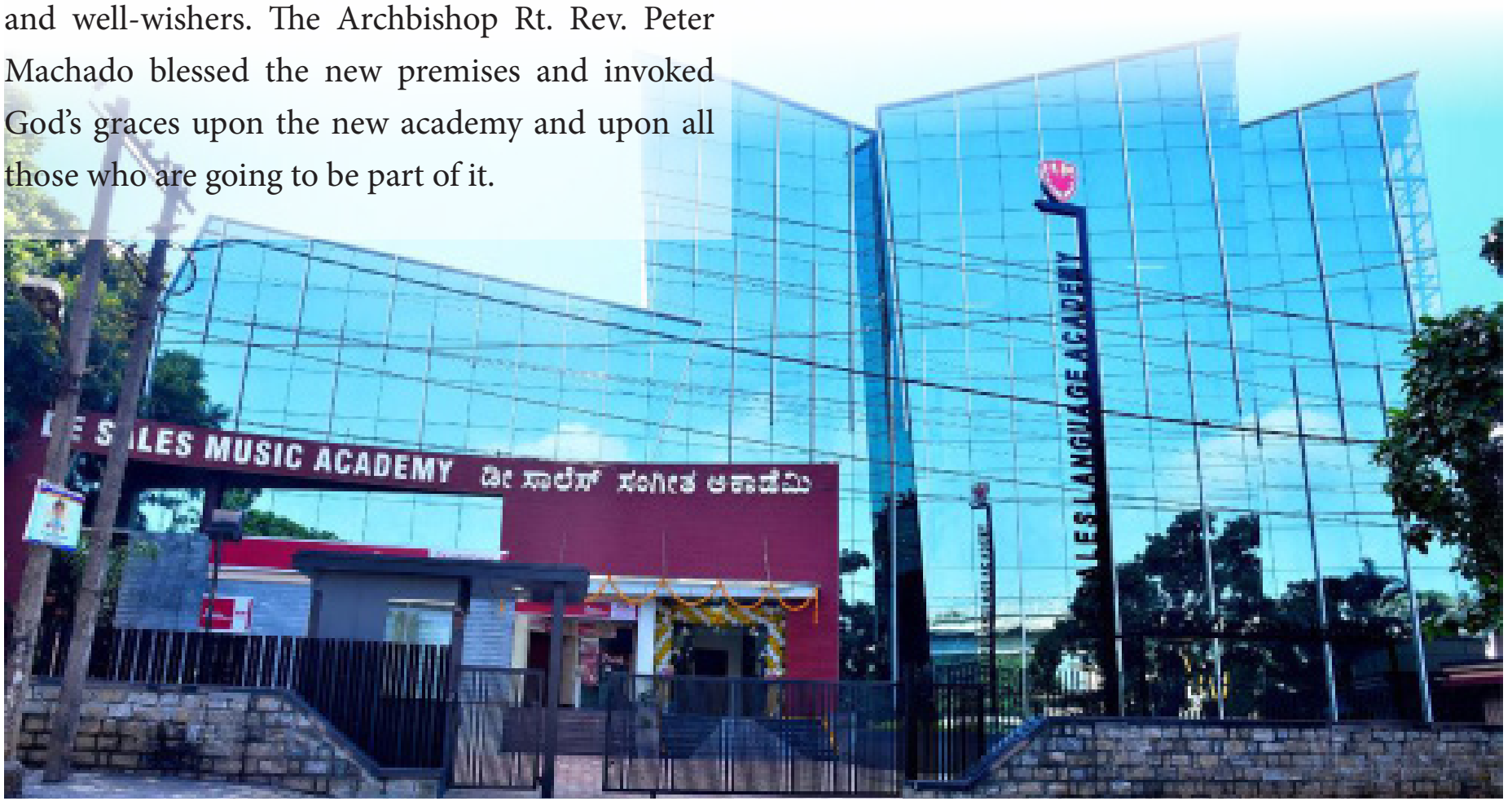


Fr R. Santhosh KumarMSFS

30th July 2022, goes down in the history of MSFS Congregation as one of the memorable days. South-India Province was blessed with yet another feather in its cap, namely, the birth of yet another language and skills centre known as 'De Sales Language Academy'. Rev. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial of SWIP inaugurated the newly built structure in the presence of His Grace Rt. Rev. Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bangalore, two representatives of the funding Parish of Brunnenthal in Upper Austria, religious and well-wishers. The Archbishop Rt. Rev. Peter Machado blessed the new premises and invoked God's graces upon the new academy and upon all those who are going to be part of it.

To mark this event and also to commemorate the 12th Anniversary of De Sales Music Academy, a colourful cultural and musical program was organized on the SFS School premises. Rev. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial, in his address appreciated this new initiative and thanked the Mermier Bhavan community for their collaboration and support. He also launched the new website of the language academy: www.de-saleslanguages.com.





Results of Board Exams 2021-2022
South-West India Province

Sl. No.	Name of School	X/XII	Appeared	Passed	Pass %	Above 60%	Above 80%	Highest %
1.	SFS Public School, ICSE& ISC, Hebbagodi	X	85	85	100	4	81	99.5
	SFS Public School, ICSE& ISC, Hebbagodi	XII	26	26	100	4	22	98.6
2.	SFS School, ICSE, Koppal,	X	67	67	100	15	52	97.2
3.	SFS Academy, CBSE, Hebbagodi,	X	49	49	100	16	33	97.8
4.	SFS School, CBSE, Kengeri	X	21	21	100	8	13	94.4
5.	SFS High School, Hebbagodi (Eng M.)	X	146	146	100	83	59	98.24
6.	SFS High School, Hebbagodi (Kan.M.]	X	29	26	90	12	14	92.8
7.	SFS High School, Malur (State Board)	X	125	125	100	58	67	98.40
8.	SFS School, Chintamani, (Eng Medium)	X	94	94	100	11	83	96.48
9.	SFS School, Chintamani, (K. M.)	X	35	35	100	04	31	96.48
10.	SFS School, Srinivaspur, (State Board)	X	112	110	92.57	41	69	99.84
11.	SFS School, Savanur, (State Board)	X	93	91	98	25	62	99.84
12.	SFS School, Mundargi, (State Board)	X	59	58	98.30	15	43	99.36
13.	SFS School, Koppal, (State Board)	X	117	117	100	9	108	99.04
14	SFS School, Kukkanoor, (State Board)	X	75	74	98.08	27	45	99.68
15.	SFS PU College, Hebbagodi	XII	497	446	90	279	104	98.50
16.	SFS PU College, Tamaka, Kolar	XII	197	168	86	77	68	98.33
17.	SFS School, Kannur, CBSE	X	16	16	100	12	4	86.6
18.	SFS School CBSE & College, Ettumanoor	X	144	144	100	37	107	99.2
	SFS School CBSE & College, Ettumanoor	XII	202	202	100	63	139	98.4

Congrats!

Rank Holder



Sneha N Shastri

A proud and elated moment for SFS Public School ICSE & ISC Hebbagodi, once again. The students of grade XII with their excellent performance in ISC Board Examination 2021-22 brought glory to the school.

Sneha N Shastri secured 99.5% in ISC board examination 2021 -22. She scored a centum in Mathematics, Chemistry and Computer Science. She stands first in Karnataka and second in All India Level.

The school management complimented the young stalwart and conveyed their best wishes. Expressing her delight she said that time management and being focused helped her achieve the success. She also stated that constant encouragement from the principal and teachers inspired her to accomplish her goal.



We, the SFS School Management Ettumanoor, happily announce that our students have done extremely well in the various entrance exams held both at state and national levels. To specially note are the achievements of Nobin Kidangan Benny who scored 5th rank in JEE-MAIN and 9th rank at CUSAT- CAT 2022, Joel George Kallarackal 16th rank in JEE- MAIN and 22nd rank at CUSAT- CAT 2022, Jacob Sen James 93rd rank in JEE- MAIN, and 158th rank at CUSAT- CAT 2022.

Congrats!

Fr Jean-Yves le Tué has been appointed as the Provincial Superior of the Franco-Swiss Province for a second term of 3 years. Hearty Congrats and Prayerful Wishes!



Thank You



Sincere appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Fr Tomy Joseph Puliyanampattayil MSFS, the former Vice-Provincial of USA Vice-Province for his selfless service and wish him God's blessings for his future ministry

OBITUARY

Rev. Fr Mannukuzhumpil Mathew MSFS (72), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province passed away on August 08, 2022. He was a good companion and friend to many of our confreres. We thank God for all the good things that he has showered upon our Congregation through the instrumentality of Rev. Fr Mannukuzhumpil Mathew. May God bless him and give him eternal rest.







- **Mr Sajin C Saji (19), Nephew of Fr Joe Cherolickal, died on August 07, 2022.**
- **Mrs Thresiamma (Gracy) Paul Elayadathumadathil (77), Paternal Aunt of Fr Mathew Elayadathumadam, died on August 10, 2022.**
- **Mr Joseph Varkey Kuzhuppil (88), Paternal Uncle of Fr Binoy Kuzhupil, died on August 12, 2022.**

MARY NOT ONLY LOVES GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS AND IN ALL THINGS, BUT lOVES ONLY GOD IN ALL THINGS.

St Francis De Sales

