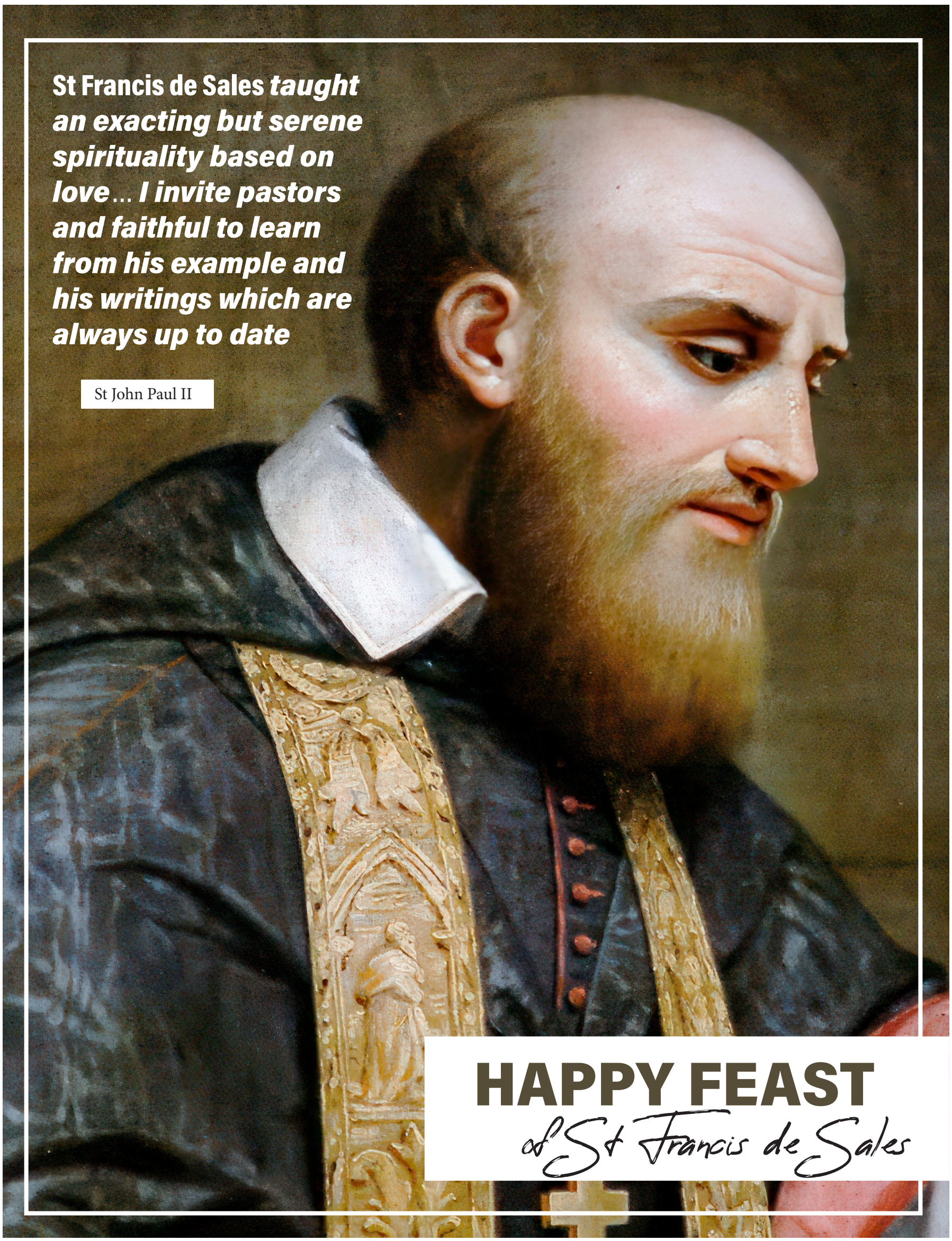
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Social and Innovative Ministries Forum Meeting



Fr. Jino Plathottathil MSFS

The Social and Innovative Ministries Forum (SAIM) convened at the Provincial House, Vinayalaya, on September 1, 2023. The meeting commenced with a prayer at 9:00 am, and Rev. Fr George Vattappara extended a warm welcome to all participants. A special welcome was also extended to Rev. Fr. J Stephen, the General Counselor in charge of SAIM, acknowledging the value of his presence for comprehensive evaluations. Fr. George Vattappara emphasized the need for active participation in social and innovative apostolate, highlighting the significance of making Christian and religious presence effective in contemporary India.

Rev. Fr. J Stephen, in his address, stressed the need to revitalize social and innovative ministries in light of the prevailing socio-political situations. The forum received appreciation for its active involvement in social and innovative apostolate. The new governance policy pertaining to social and innovative ministries, as formulated by the General Administration, was thoroughly discussed and elucidated. The discussion included a focus on media apostolate and youth ministries, considering the evolving context of India. The gathering was apprised of certain units created for social apostolate, serving as effective witnesses to our ministry in India today. The forum actively engaged in discussions aimed at enhancing involvement in social and innovative ministries. The meeting provided a platform for fruitful deliberations on the future direction of social and innovative apostolate within the context of the Church's mission in India. The contributions and insights shared during the forum are expected to guide and inspire the continued efforts of SAIM in addressing the evolving challenges and opportunities in society.



Fr. Dr. M.G. Selvin Raj SJ served as the resource person for the meeting. He is a Jesuit Priest from the Andhra Jesuit Province and brings a wealth of experience in social and innovative ministries, with over 20 years of extensive engagement with Youth, Dalits, Tribals, and Migrants in India. Fr. Jino Plathottathil, the secretary to the SAIM at the province, introduced the chief guest and extended a warm welcome to him on behalf of the gathering.

During his address, the resource person urged the members of the province to explore new approaches to engage in social apostolate. He emphasized that navigating the challenges of the volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) times is a significant task for everyone. The prevalent VUCA conditions in Indian society pose a formidable challenge to effectiveness. The resource person illustrated his points with numerous examples and situational instances, demonstrating how individuals can be effective in the face of changing times.

A particular emphasis was placed on advocating for the cause of the Dalits and addressing the needs of the most disadvantaged members of society. Furthermore, it was highlighted that social ministries should evolve in accordance with the changing socio-cultural and economic situations, as what may be effective in one place might not be as impactful in another. The session allowed time for general clarifications and discussions, fostering a collaborative approach to being effective in the realm of social apostolate.

The SAIM forum engaged in active discussions regarding our participation in various social ministries within the province. Participants shared concerns and constraints related to social and innovative ministries. Each attendee had the opportunity to discuss difficulties faced, potential opportunities, and challenges associated with the specific ministries they were involved in.

Inauguration of St. Francis de Sales College, Tamaka,



Fr Joseph Thoppil MSFS

St. Francis De Sales College marks a significant milestone for the Fransalians of the South West India Province, illuminating the academic year 2023-24 with its establishment in Tamaka, Kolar. The necessary permissions from the Government of Karnataka have been secured, and the college is now affiliated with Bangalore North University, one of the largest State Universities in India.

In tune with the growth and reforms outlined in the National Education Policy – 2020, the college has introduced 4-year undergraduate degree courses such as BCA and B. Com for the academic year 2023-24, with plans to introduce additional undergraduate courses in the coming years.

The official inauguration of St. Francis De Sales College, Tamaka, Kolar, took place during the visitation of the esteemed Superior General, Fr Abraham Vettuvelil, on September 25th, 2023. The chief guest for the occasion was Dr. Dominic D, Registrar, and Controller of Examination at Bangalore North University. The event was graced by the presence of Fr Benny Marangolil, Fr Mathew Elayadathumadam, and fathers from the Kolar Apostolic Community.

Fr Vinod Kanattu, the Manager, and Administrator of St. Francis De Sales College warmly welcomed the gathering. During the ceremony, the Superior General blessed the foundation stone for the community house at Tamaka. The event was further enriched by a short cultural program, celebrating the auspicious beginning of this academic institution.

Inauguration and Blessing of the Adoration Chapel at Indian Institute of Spirituality



Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS

Spirituality is a nostalgic return to the core of one's own heart, where the divine dwells. Creating an ambience in the life of the Seekers for such encounters is the role of Indian Institute of Spirituality. With this in mind the New Adoration Chapel, with heavenly ambience for Prayer and Meditation, was inaugurated by Rev Dr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, the Provincial Superior of the South West India Province of the MSFS and blessed



by Very Rev. Dr Abraham Vettuvelil MSFS, the Superior General of the MSFS Congregation on the 9th of October 2023. This special occasion was graced by the presence of Rev Fr Saji Puthiakulangara (General Councilor for Formation), Rev Fr Jose Cheriantharayil (General Bursar), Rev Fr Sabu Francis (Provincial of Guwahati), Rev Fr Suresh Babu (Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province) and Rev Fr Johnson Gonsalves (Provincial of Pune Province). A wide group of Priests and Religious and Laity from the surrounding added colour to the spiritual tone of the event.

This Adoration Chapel represents the whole concept of the Spirituality nuanced by IIS. The religious and spiritual formation that IIS provides its students begins with the quality time spent in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord. It empowers the students to look up to the challenges they face in life with a sense of equanimity and helps them to address those challenges with the conviction of the chosen way of life. IIS remains ever grateful to the Provincial Administration for all the support and encouragement to construct this House of Prayer.



Diaconate Ordination, Philippines





The Delegation marked a momentous occasion on October 16, 2023, at 9:30 AM with the celebration of the Diaconate Ordination of two of our brothers, namely, Bro. Jeson Ly Berdida and Bro. Jibin Pathil. The Ordination was conferred by Most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista DD, the Bishop of Imus. Fr. Provincial witnessed the profession of faith of the candidates and presented them to the Bishop during the Ordination. The Diaconate Ordination took place at the MSFS Formation House in Lalaan 1, Silang, Cavite.

Seminary Blessing at Cebu, Philippines

Fr Jundie Sumagaysay MSFS

The morning of October 13 witnessed an auspicious event - the blessing of the Seminary building at 10 AM. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, Provincial of the South-West India Province, accompanied by the Fathers, led the ceremonial blessing, infusing the premises with divine grace and sanctity. This auspicious occasion was followed by a solemn Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial, where a congregation comprising fathers from the Delegation, priests from Cebu, and cherished Friends of Fransalians from Manila, Cavite, and Cebu gathered in fellowship.

In his address, the Provincial emphasized the paramount significance of holiness in the sanctum of this place, acknowledging the attendees and affirming, “This place is made holy by your presence.” This program stood as a testament to the collective effort and dedication of the community towards fostering a spiritually enriching environment within the Seminary. The Delegation extends its gratitude to all who graced this momentous event with their presence and support.



Groundbreaking Ceremony, Philippines



Fr Jundie Sumagaysay MSFS



On the memorable afternoon of October 16 at 4 PM, a significant event unfolded within the heart of San Miguel Subdivision, Molino 4, Bacoor, Cavite. It marked an auspicious moment that resonated with hope and commitment as Fr. Provincial presided over the groundbreaking ceremony and blessing of the Delegation's esteemed project, the Center for Social Action under the banner of the "Mermier Children's Welfare Mission." The presence of community members, dignitaries, and dedicated individuals lent an air of unity and shared purpose to the occasion.

Annual Retreat - October 23-27, 2023



Fr Francis Kizhakkethazhe MSFS

The first batch of annual retreat for the year 2023-24 took place at Vinayalaya from October 23 to 27, 2023, with the participation of 56 members. The retreat was led by Rev. Dr. Mathew Illathuparampil from the Palaghat diocese and the former Rector of Pontifical Seminary, Aluva. The retreat comprised three daily talks and a homily during Mass. Rev. Dr. Mathew Illathuparampil emphasized a deep reflection on our commitment

Salesian Programme of Annecy - 2023



The sixth edition of the Salesian Programme of Annecy (SPA) took place from October 1 to November 10, 2023, in Annecy, France. Eight Fransalians representing diverse provinces participated in this enriching program. The participants included Fr Amal Paul (East Africa), Fr Francis Belo (Dibrugarh), Fr Joshi Kavuluri (Visakhapatnam), Fr Lalji George (Nagpur), Fr Mathew Rodrigues (Pune), Fr Richard Arulandu (South East India), Fr Roshan Kanjirathinkal (Guwahati), and Fr Sudeep Andrews (South West India).

The program commenced with a Salesian guided retreat at Chavanod (Maison du Grand Pré), the mother house of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of Chavanod, from October 1 to 8. The retreat was animated by Fr. Samuvel Devaraj Thomas, the director of SPA, and Fr. Avilhou Metha. Following the retreat, the participants moved to Maison du Diocese in Annecy, where they attended various classes and sessions.

As an integral part of the program, the participants embarked on pilgrimages to significant locations and visited galleries connected with SFS and Mermier. Accompanied by Fr. John Hepuni, the assistant director of SPA, Fr. Martin Richard, and Mr. Guy Rouat, the participants received valuable guidance and insights throughout these pilgrimages.

The SPA – 2023 concluded successfully, providing participants with a profound experience of Salesian spirituality, guided retreats, and immersive pilgrimages. The program not only strengthened their understanding of the Salesian charism but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among the Fransalians from diverse provinces.

as religious individuals within the context of community life and church service.

Throughout the retreat, there was a palpable sense of a spiritual journey guided by the Holy Spirit. The discussions navigated various contrasts, prompting participants to consider aspects such as virtue versus goodness, personal growth versus sacramental duties for others, and confronting core selves versus dealing with surface-level issues. The retreat delved into important themes, including the dichotomy between a sinful mind and a sacred mind, the choice between justice and mercy, and the acknowledgment of weaknesses versus reliance on the grace of God. The participants were encouraged to shift focus from idle talks to the power of the WORD, emphasizing CHRIST over personal projection, and striving for sainthood rather than settling for an ordinary life.

The retreat provided a rich spiritual experience with ample references from the Bible. Insightful talks, personal stories, and testimonies enriched the sessions. Daily morning



prayers and group sessions heightened the atmosphere of attentiveness and prayerfulness, complemented by deliberate moments of silent reflection. On the last day of the retreat, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Jubilarians. A sincere expression of gratitude goes to the Provincial house for their commendable efforts in organizing and leading this meaningful event. Their dedication ensured the retreat's success and contributed significantly to the spiritual development of the participants.

God always chooses us and seizes us before we choose Him and take hold of Him





Silver Jubilee Celebration of Sannidhi-MSFS Minor Seminary

Fr A. Jerome MSFS

With overwhelming joy and profound gratitude to God and the heavenly Mother of Compassion, the 'Silver Jubilee Celebration of SANNIDHI took place on Tuesday, 14th November 2023. The momentous occasion was marked by a solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Very Rev. Dr. Abraham Vettuvellil, our beloved Superior General. The esteemed presence of Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil our dear Provincial, fellow confreres, fathers, brothers, and sisters from neighboring religious communities of various congregations, added to the celebration with their presence and prayers.

This celebration was a significant milestone for the MSFS Minor Seminary and its surrounding communities, signifying twenty-five years of spiritual nourishment, unwavering devotion to initial formation, and mutual support. The success of the jubilee celebration was made possible by the generous contributions of our Confreres and the steadfast support of our Provincial Administration.

During the solemn occasion, the Superior General in his homily, emphasized the importance of discovering one's vocation. Drawing inspiration from the encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10), he likened Sannidhi to a sycamore tree. His words of encouragement deeply resonated with the audience, inspiring our seminarians to persevere in their noble vocation.

In recognition of dedicated service, the Superior General, the Provincial, Fr. Abraham Pendanam (then supervisor of the construction), the former Novice Masters & Socius, the former Rectors & the staff, and the Regents were duly honored. Fr. A. Jerome, the Rector, warmly welcomed the guests and confreres, and later proposed an elaborate vote of thanks. Fr. Arockiya Jayaraj presented a historical report of Sannidhi, highlighting its journey over the past twenty-five years.

To commemorate the event, a memento was offered to each and every participant. The celebration concluded with a festive meal; a tradition deeply rooted in the community. This shared meal exemplified the spirit of unity, love, and fellowship, providing an opportunity for everyone to come together, share stories, and strengthen the bonds of their consecrated life. The day, filled with reverence and camaraderie, will be cherished as a significant chapter in the history of Sannidhi.

PMP Training at Charis Bhavan Retreat Centre



In tune with the primordial apostolate of the MSFS, Mission Preaching, envisioned and initiated by the Founder Fr. Peter Mermier, the first phase of training for Parish Mission Preaching (PMP) was conducted at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha, India, from November 18 to 28, 2023.

Thirty-one young confreres from the seven Indian Provinces actively participated in the program. Fr. James Manjackal MSFS served as the key resource person, and other contributors included Fr. Austin Joy, Fr. Justin Panachickal, Fr. Kurian Karickal, and Fr. T C Jose. Their collective wisdom and experiences enriched the training sessions.

The primary focus of the first phase was on three critical aspects: the quality of the preacher, the substance of the preached message, and general guidelines for effective preaching ministry. The program encompassed various components such as input sessions, interactive discussions, homiletics, joint celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, Eucharistic Adorations, sessions on inner healing, infilling of the Holy Spirit, and the recommitment of confreres to the sacred duty of preaching the word and working for the salvation of souls.

As part of the training, on November 23, the participants visited the MSFS cemetery at SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor. The day was observed as 'Memorial Day' in remembrance of departed confreres in the Congregation. During this visit, they paid homage to the departed confreres, with a special remembrance for the late Fr. George Vayalil MSFS, whose legacy marked a new chapter in the missionary movements originating from Kerala.

The PMP training not only equipped the confreres with valuable skills for effective preaching but also fostered a sense of spiritual renewal and communal solidarity, reinforcing the missionary spirit of the MSFS Congregation.

Memorial Mass at SFS Minor Seminary



Fr Kelvin Olikkunnel MSFS

On the solemn evening of November 23, 2023, the halls of the SFS Minor Seminary in Ettumanoor echoed with reverence and reflection as a Memorial Mass unfolded, dedicated to honoring Departed Confreres and loving family members. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. James Manjackal, alongside Fr. Johnson Kallidukil (Assistant Superior General) and Fr. Jose Parappillil (Rector and Superior), who led the congregation in prayer and contemplation.

Adding to the sacredness of the occasion, fathers from different provinces attending the PMP training programme in Charis Bhavan Retreat Centre, Athirampuzha, also joined in the Mass. The cemetery, adorned by the brothers, became the backdrop for the office of the dead, thoughtfully conducted by Fr. Johnson. This ritual not only paid homage to the departed souls but also elevated the sanctity of the surroundings, fostering a somber yet spiritually enriching atmosphere.

The Memorial Mass served as a poignant tribute, providing a space for the community to come together and remember those who have passed on. In the shared prayers and moments of reflection, the SFS Minor Seminary community honored the legacy of their Departed Confreres and beloved family members, finding solace in the collective remembrance of lives well-lived.



Fr. Sen Vellakada Awarded Romero Prize 2023



We, the South West India Province of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, proudly congratulate Fr. Sen Vellakada on receiving the prestigious Romero Prize 2023 for his exemplary service in Chad-Cameroon delegation. In a momentous occasion, the prestigious Romero Prize 2023, instituted by the Austrian Catholic Church to honor outstanding contributions to human rights promotion, developmental activities, and missionary engagement, was awarded to Fr. Dr. Sen Vellakada MSFS on November 24, 2023, at Klosterneuburg, Austria.

The award, a symbol of recognition, includes a cash prize of 10,000 Euros, a citation, and a statuette of St. Oscar Romero. Notably, this marks the first instance where an Indian has been honored with this esteemed award named after the renowned martyr St. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador.

Fr. Sen Vellakada has been serving in the Chad-Cameroon delegation since 2017, taking on roles as Rector, Bursar, and project coordinator. The award was conferred in acknowledgment of his exceptional work in the field of education among marginalized children in Chad and Cameroon, as stated by the organizers during the award presentation.

Additionally, Fr. Sen is the founder of Agape Austria, an NGO dedicated to promoting education and human rights in Chad and Cameroon. Following a visit to Fr. Sen's projects in Chad, the organizers, along with Agape Austria, expressed their commitment to strengthening the partnership with the Chad-Cameroon Delegation of South- West Province of the MSFS for the betterment of impoverished communities. This recognition not only celebrates Fr. Sen's individual efforts but also highlights the collective impact of the MSFS in promoting education and human rights in the region.

National Conference of Parish Mission Preachers

The MSFS confreres actively involved in Parish Mission Preaching (PMP) and Retreat Preaching Ministry across India gathered for their National annual conference and prayer meet from October 23 to 26, 2023, at MSFS Provincial House, Nagpur, India. A total of twenty-eight MSFS priests from the seven Indian provinces actively participated in the event.



The program included various activities such as common celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, Morning Prayer and meditation, Prayer of Divine Mercy, Eucharistic Adoration, input sessions, and interactive sessions with the resource person. The opening session featured a warm welcome by Fr Manoj Tirkey, the Provincial of Nagpur Province. Fr Johnson Kallidukil, the Assistant General and the General Councillor in charge of the Mission, welcomed the newcomers and conveyed the message from Fr Abraham Vettuvelil, the Superior General.

Sr. Elsis Mathew MSMI, the resource person, urged the participants to be spirit-filled, emphasizing the five-fold ministries of proclamation, healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead, and casting out demons. She encouraged the community to remain faithful to their calling and reminded them of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The sessions focused on the Charisms of the Holy Spirit, with practical sessions conducted to enhance understanding.

During the conference, members shared their experiences and activities related to PMP in their respective provinces. Fr Johnson emphasized the primary goal of PMP – to seek after the lost sheep. He underscored that a Parish Mission Preacher is not just a preacher but a lover of souls. Emphasizing the importance of training young confreres in PMP activities, he urged everyone to be rich in potential, well-equipped with tools, and anointed with the Holy Spirit. The conference provided a platform for learning, sharing, and strengthening the commitment to the mission of PMP among the MSFS confreres.

Blessing of Grotto and Annual Day Celebrations, Ettumanoor



Fr Roy Plathottathil MSFS

Grotto Blessing

A long-cherished Desalite dream came to fruition when Rev Dr Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial Superior, blessed the newly constructed shrine and dedicated the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at the school yard at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 22 December 2023. The shrine will serve as a cozy little prayer room for anyone who feels impelled to pray while visiting the school. The grotto's artistic allure captivates every visitor, seamlessly blending aesthetics with the profound spiritual essence reminiscent of Lourdes in France.

Annual Day-DeSalite Talento 2023

SFS Public School joyously celebrated its 21st Annual Function, 'Talento-2023, Celebration of Talents,' on Friday, December 22, 2023, with grandeur, enthusiasm, and brilliance.

Shri Jacob Punnoose IPS graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, alongside other distinguished guests, including Adv. Mons Joseph, MLA; Rev Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial & General Manager; Shri Jayaraj Warrier, cine artiste; Smt Lovely George, Municipal Chairperson; Shri Sebastian G Mathew, Director, Brilliant Study Centre, Pala; and Shri Dileep Kaithackal, PTA President. Rev. Dr. Roy P K, Principal, presented the School Annual Report, highlighting the School Awards and the remarkable achievements of students in various academic and co-curricular events.

The Chief Guest and other dignitaries commended the show, lauding SFS School as a trailblazer that has achieved numerous educational milestones in the current session. They attributed these accomplishments to the unwavering dedication of the management, principal, and teachers. The General Manager congratulated the students for their outstanding performance and encouraged them to strive for



excellence in their future endeavors. The celebration concluded on a joyful note, inspiring students to continue achieving new milestones in their journey towards success.

Bon voyage!



After having rendered a wonderful service as the superior and manger of Vinayakumar Ashram, **Fr Saji Vadakkedath** has gone to U. K for pastoral ministry in the diocese of Leeds. Thanks to Fr Saji for his dedicated services and wish him God's abundant blessings in his ministry. **All the best dear Fr Saji .**



Fr Johny Puthiaparambil has gone to USA for pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Thanks to Fr Johny for his tireless and dedicated services, and we wish him God's abundant blessings in his ministry. **All the best dear Fr Johny.**

Our Jubilarians

My dear Confreres, we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of R**ev. Fr Y. Mathias and Rev. Fr Soby Maroor.** Let us take this opportunity to congratulate them for their total surrender to the Lord through the MSFS Congregation and in particular through our Province. Dear Fathers, through your unique dynamism, you have infused the flavor of love and commitment into 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.

Congrats!



FR Y. MATHIAS

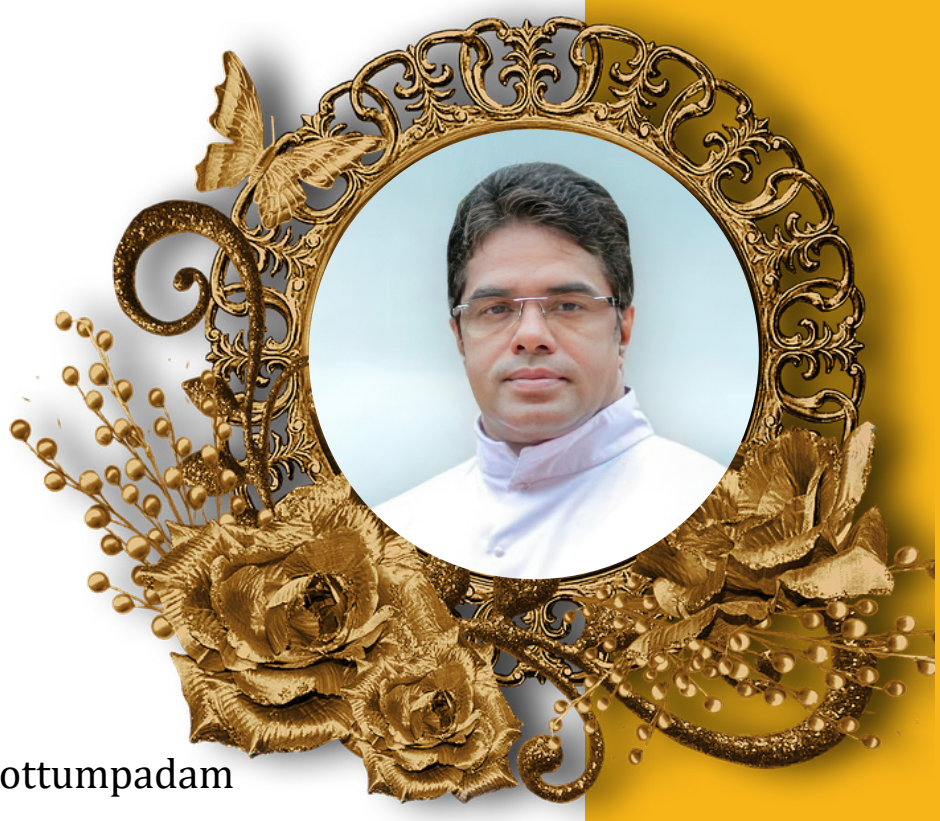
Date of birth	:	19. 02. 1968
Place of birth	:	Yadavanahalli
Name of the father	:	Yagappa
Name of the mother	:	Chowramma
Parish	:	St. Anthony´s Church, Yadavanahalli
Diocese	:	Bangalore Archdiocese
Minor Seminary	:	Nidadavole (1987-1990)
Novitiate	:	Salesianum, Vizag (1990- 1991)
First profession	:	10th une 1991
Philosophy	:	Suvidya College, Bangalore (1991-1994)
Regency	:	Kadisenahalli and Hebbagodi (1994-1996)
Theology	:	Fransalian Seminary Pune (1996-1999)
Perpetual Profession	:	16th January 1999, Fransalian Seminary Pune
Diaconate	:	17th January 1999, Fransalian Seminary, Pune
Ordination	:	09th October 1999, SFS Church, Hebbagodi

Appointments

• 1999-2000	:	Assistant Parish Priest at St. Ignatius Church, Gadag, Belgaum Diocese
• 2000-2001	:	Procurator and Social work, PSI Seva Bhavan, Malur

- 2001-2003 : Assistant Parish Priest at SFS Church, Director of SFS Boys Home, Procurator of Mermier Bhavan, Member of the staff at SFS Kannada Medium School, Hebbagodi
- 2002 : Vice-Principal of SFS Kannada Medium School, Hebbagodi and Chaplain of Central Jail Parapanaagrara, Hosur Road
- 2003 : B.Ed studies at Joseph´s B.Ed College and member of Saumya Sadan Community Mysore
- 2004-2015 : Pastoral Ministry as Assistant Parish Priest and Pfarrvikar in the Diocese of Würzburg, Germany.
- 2015 -2018 : Principal and administrator of SFS School, Savanur
- 2016 : Superior of Christunivas Community and Mission Moderator of De Sales Mission, Savanur
- 2018-2023 : Mission Superior, Superior of Martin Nivas Community and Principal of SFS High School, Srinivasapur
- 2023 : Pastoral ministry as Pfarrvikar in the Diocese of Würzburg Germany

Congrats!



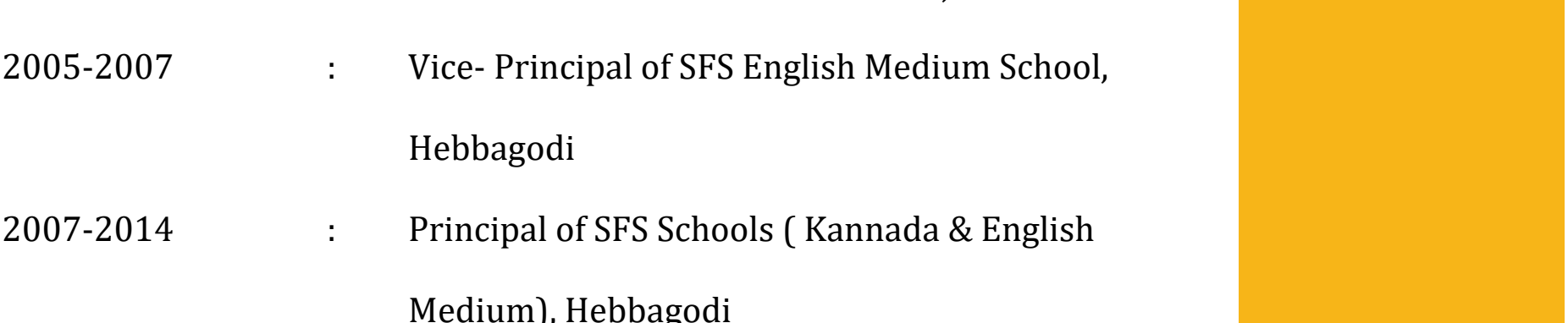
FR SOBY MAROOR

Date of birth	:	14.03.1973
Place of birth	:	Vandenmedu, Idukki
Name of the father	:	Thomas
Name of the mother	:	Elikutty
Parish	:	St Mary's Church, Pookottumpadam
Diocese	:	Mananthavady
Minor Seminary	:	SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor (1988-1991)
Novitiate	:	Salesianum, Vizag (1991- 1992)
First profession	:	10th June 1992
Philosophy	:	Suvidya College, Bangalore(1992- 1995)
Regency	:	Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha (1995-1996)

Theology	:	Aluva (1996-1999)
Perpetual Profession:		30th May 1998, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Diaconate	:	22nd December, 1998
Ordination	:	06th January 2000, Holy Family Church, Chokkad

Appointments

200-2001	:	Assistant Parish Priest in the Archdiocese of Trichur
2001-2005	:	Procurator of SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor
2001-2002	:	B. Ed Studies
2003-2005	:	Administrator of SFS Public School, Ettumanoor
2005-2007	:	Vice- Principal of SFS English Medium School, Hebbagodi
2007-2014	:	Principal of SFS Schools (Kannada & English Medium), Hebbagodi
2012-2014	:	Procurator of Mermier Bhavan Community
2014-2018	:	Principal of SFS Academy (CBSE Syllabus), Hebbagodi
2018-2023	:	Principal of SFS School, Ettumanoor
2023-	:	Superior of MSFS Community, Principal of SFS School, Malur



Our New Priests

The MSFS Congregation and the South-West India Province, in particular, are blessed to have seven more new priests who are ordained during this September 2023 to January 2024. We, as a province family, congratulate the new priests for their courageous decision to respond to the call of Jesus to consecrate themselves as holy priests in the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales and wish them God's abundant blessings upon their priestly and missionary ministries.

FR TOUSSAINT NDEIALDONGAR, MSFS



Date of Birth	: 31/ 10/ 1991
Place of Birth	: N'djamena
Feast	: 01 November
Name of Parents	: Ndeialdongar Maurice Ndouba & Ridene Marie
Parish	: Saint Josephine Bahkita, Bero
Diocese	: Doba-Chad
Minor Seminary	: La Feuillette Theologate House-Ngoya, 2012-2013
Novitiate	: Kibaha-Tanzania, 2014 – 2015
Philosophy	: LCI-Arusha, 2015 – 2018
Regency	: Hekima Seminary Secondary School-Tanzania 2018-2019
Theology	: Ecole Saint Cyprien-Ngoya 2019 – 2023
First Profession	: 10/ 07/ 2015
Perpetual Profession	: 24/ 01/ 2022
Diaconate	: 03/ 07/2022
Deacon Ministry	: Holy Family of Nazareth (Ebang-Parish-Yaounde- Diocese)
Ordination	: 23/ 10/ 2023, Saint Josephine Bahkita, Bero-Parish (Doba-Diocese)

FR VINU VARGHESE PONNOR, MSFS



Date of Birth	: 16 / 09 / 1995
Place of Birth	: Thrissur, Pavaratty
Feast	: 29 June
Name of Parents	: Mr. Varghese Ponnor & Philomina Varghese
Parish	: St. Joseph's Parish Shrine, Pavaratty
Diocese	: Thrissur
Minor Seminary	: SFS Seminary Ettumanoor, Kottayam 2012-2014
Novitiate	: Sneha Jyothi MSFS Ashram Makkiyad, 2014-2015
Philosophy	: Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha, 2015 - 2018
Regency	:La Feuillette, Ngoya, 2018 – 2019
Theology	: La Feuillette, Ngoya, 2019 – 2023
First Profession	: 31/ 05/ 2015
Perpetual Profession	: 24/ 01/ 2022
Diaconate	: 02/ 07/2022
Ordination	: 28 / 12 / 2023, St. Joseph's Parish Shrine , Pavaratty

FR SOMI JOSEPH ILLICKAL, MSFS



Date of Birth	: 31/01/1995
Place of Birth	: Kaduthurthy
Feast	: November 5
Name of Parents	: Jose K. O & Jessy Jose
Parish	: St. Thomas church, Monippally
Diocese	: Pala
Minor Seminary	: SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor, 2013 - 2015
Novitiate	: Snehajyothi Ashram, Makkiyad 2015 – 2016
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore, 2016 - 2019
Regency	: Sannidhi Minor Seminary, Mysore, 2019 - 2020
Theology	: Tejas Vidya Peetha, 2020 - 2023
First Profession	: 31/ 05/ 2016
Perpetual Profession	: 28/05/2022
Diaconate	: 04/02/2023
Ordination	: 30/12/2023, St.. Thomas Church, Monippally (Cheenkallel)

FR JAIN GEORGE KANIYODICKAL MSFS



Date of Birth	: 13/ 06/ 1995
Place of Birth	: ALUVA
Feast	: October 11
Name of Parents	: K. A George & Soly George
Parish	: St. Joseph's Church, Chungamvely
Diocese	: Ernakulam-Angamaly
Minor Seminary	: SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor, 2011- 2014
Novitiate	: Snehajyothi Ashram, Makkiyad, 2014 – 2015
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore, 2015 - 2018
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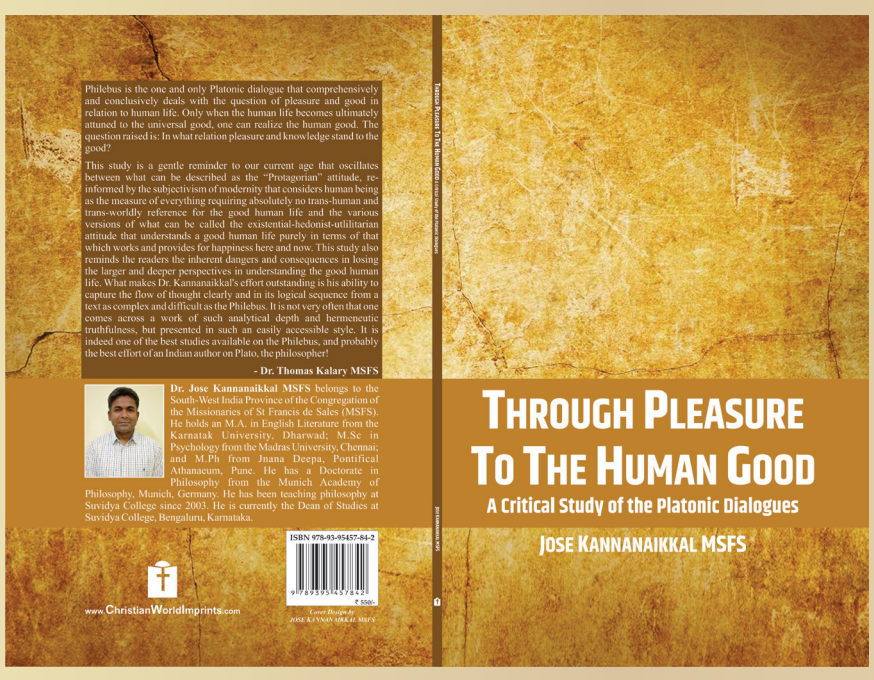
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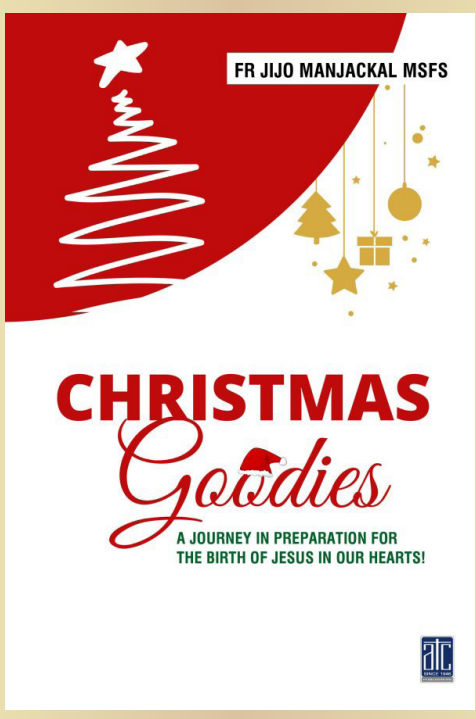
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