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# The Forum Meetings Held at Vinayalaya



## Education Forum

**Fr A. Johnson**

The Education Forum meeting of the academic year 2022–23, convened by Fr Benny Marangolil, the Councilor in Charge of Education and the convenor of the Forum, was held on September 10, 2022, at Vinayalaya. In his inaugural address, Fr Thomas, Provincial thanked the dedicated and committed service of the province's members in the field of education. He called on the forum to focus on the current challenges and futuristic goals post-Corona. He cited from the book "Why I Am a Hindu" by Shashi Tharoor to illustrate the influence of Jesuits priests Fr Remedius and Fr Cyril's teaching and life style on Indian politician Dr. Shashi Tharoor's rational foundation of faith and a deep believing Hindu, inviting the members to reflect on the MSFS system of education, life style, and influence on students and society. He expressed his concern over the direction of the MSFS education system and exhorted the members to focus on the challenges ahead.

Fr Benny introduced and welcomed Fr Francis Assisi Almeda, the Secretary of the Karnataka Regional Commission for Education. The Secretary of KRCE detailed the challenges facing the Ministry of Education, as education is perceived to be more of a commercial activity than a mission activity. He elaborated on the issues of minority educational institutions, criteria for receiving a minority certificate from Karnataka state, the Anti-Conversion Ordinance, allurement to conversion, forceful conversion, complaints, the burden on vic-

tims to prove innocence, feast celebrations, concession and scholarship modalities, and appointments, etc.

Presenting the goals of NEP, he shed light on its principles, features, and elements: school curriculum restructure, medium of study, three-language formula, establishment of school complexes, multidisciplinary programme in higher educational institutions, cluster management system (utilization of resources), voluntary service, and upgradation of higher educational institutions, etc. He enlightened the members on how to deal with present-day challenges.

Fr Mathew Elayadathumadam, bursar, SWIP, thanked the confreres for their hard work and dedication in the education ministry. Concerned about the current financial situation, he sought the cooperation of everyone present. He insisted that employees' KYC be updated, salaries be cross-checked and verified, PF, PT, and ESI be implemented and paid on time, gratuities be paid accordingly to set rules, salaries of the confrères be credited promptly, and accounts be maintained clearly for better auditing at regular intervals. The provincial too stressed the need to work in solidarity to overcome financial stress and move forward. After a meaningful and constructive discussion, the meeting came to an end at 3.30 p.m.





## Mission Forum

**Fr Riju Vazheparambil**

The Mission Forum meeting was held at Vinayalaya on September 12, 2022. Fr Kurian Karickal, the councilor in charge of missions and the session's animator, introduced the theme **"How to be more missionary and pastorally oriented,"** inspired by the impressions given by **Archbishop Emeritus *Thomas Menamparampil* of Guwahati**, about the MSFS of North East Province. Fr Kurian outlined the impressions of the archbishop and encouraged the forum participants to consider how the archbishop's impressions could inspire us as members of the South West India Province.

- The MSFS are open to socializing with other priests and missionaries and live a modest lifestyle.

- They are effective educators and engage in ministries like pastoral, social, educational, and preaching retreats.
- They respect authority and follow orders.
- MSFS does have a strong academic background and the church benefits from this qualification.
- MSFS is prepared to work in remote and impoverished areas.
- They have a great commitment to their duty.
- MSFS supports a large number of people who are struggling.

In order to strengthen the existing missions and venture into new missions, the archbishop gave three suggestions.

1. Reach out to the people in tribal communities and other communities that are or will be open to the Catholic faith.
2. Every MSFS should prove that they are a true missionary.
3. Leadership should recognize pastors more than scholars.

Fr Kurian also emphasized on the Biblical definition of MISSION as a purposeful movement; being send from one place to another. After the presentation, Fr Kurian invited the forum members to discuss on the topic and engage in open sharing. Many of our confreres shared about their ministries, focusing on the challenges and possibilities of missions in today's world. Thereafter, Fr Thomas, the Provincial addressed the forum members, and the meeting came to an end at 3:15 p.m.

# Social and Innovative Ministries Forum (SAIM)

**Fr Jino Plathottathil**

The meeting of the Social and Innovative Ministries Forum (SAIM) was held at Vinayalaya on September 14, 2022. Fr George Vattappara, the counsellor in charge of SAIM, spoke about the need to make Jesus present and alive today in the world through our pastoral involvement, specifically through the social and innovative ministries undertaken by the province. The action plan was read out, reminding all the members of the need to intensify the activities in the social and innovative ministries.

Fr Thomas Kalariparambil addressed the forum, emphasizing the need to revitalize our social and innovative ministries in the context of Kerala and Karnataka. The forum was invited to actively discuss enhancing our involvement in social and innovative ministries.

Fr Edward Thomas, director of Dream India Network, was invited to address the gathering on the challenges and possibilities of social and innovative ministries in the context of Kerala and Karnataka. It was a thought-provoking session, inviting the participants to join hands to work for the social cause of the church. He presented various possibilities for collaboration with the Dream India Network's social action wing in various Kolar and north Karnataka regions. After the general discussions and deliberations, the meeting came to an end at 3.15 p.m.






**Fr R. Santhosh Kumar**

Vinayalaya hosted the formation forum meeting on September 16, 2022. Fr Santhosh Kumar R, the councilor in charge of the Formation Forum, cordially invited all the members of the forum and exhorted them to creatively engage in the forum discussions. He highlighted that the ministry of formation is very challenging and, at the same time, least recognized.

In his address, Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial, observed that the ministry of formation today is at a crossroads. He underscored the need for a radical rethinking of our formation programme, especially that of vocation promotion in our province. His profound insights to revisit and revitalize our formation programme set the stage for open-minded interactive sessions in the forum. After two fruitful and meaningful sessions, the meeting came to an end by 1.00 pm.




**Fr Staney Rodrigues**

The Stewardship Forum met at Vinayalaya on September 19, 2022. Fr Mathew Elayadathumadam, the Provincial Bursar, welcomed the members of the forum and invited them to be responsible as administrators by referring to the statutes on Page No. 23. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial of South-West India Province, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the need to be transparent, self-disciplined, and honest.

Fr Staney I. Rodrigues welcomed the resource person of the day, Mr. Joseph Saibi, C.A.O., at Christ, deemed to be a university. Mr. Joseph Saibi spoke about the role of the administrator from the perspective of finance, the accounting process, property tax, income tax, the disallowance of expenses exceeding Rs. 10,000 by cash, the restriction on cash receipts more than Rs. 2 lakhs, the restriction on donations by trusts or institutions, policies and procedures for statutory compliance, FCRA norms, compliance of TDS, statutory compliance on PF, ESI, PT, G.S.T., educational institutions under GST, and E-Invoicing under GST.

In the second session, Mr. Bipin, the accountant, brought to the attention of the members the difficulties and problems with regard to the accounting, vouchers, and lack of proper and clear accounts. He informed the members to pay the PF and ESIC of the staff by the latest of the 16th of the month and P.T. by the 20th of the month; if delayed by a day, then have to produce the documents to the concerned department. The meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m.

# Extension of DATA at Kattappana



Renovated building and the infrastructure at Kattappana

**Fr Jino Plathottathil**

The inauguration ceremony of the De Sales Academy for Talent Assistance, Kattappana, was conducted on September 14, 2022. Fr Jino Plathottathil, Director of De Sales Academy, delivered the welcome speech. The virtual inauguration was carried out by Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial of South West India Province, who later blessed the institution and addressed the students. Fr Joshy Mangalathu, Co-Ordinator and Superior, presided over the meeting. Fr Jaison Kollarayathu (Procurator of MSFS House, Kattappana) and Sr. Anandi (Senior Faculty) blessed the function with their esteemed presence. The inaugural function was followed by the first session of classes led by Sr. Anandi.

The renovated campus of De Sales Academy offers state-of-the-art facilities and is dedicated to providing quality language education to its students. The courses offered are German, IELTS, OET, and communicative English. Both offline and online classes are available. The campus is further equipped to house 25 students in its hostel building.




## Congrats!

**Rev. Fr A. Patrick Jayaraj is appointed as the new Provincial Superior of MSFS South East India Province. We extend our heartiest Congratulations to Fr Patrick Jayaraj and offer him our prayers for his new leadership role in the province.**



## Thank You!

**Sincere appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Fr K. Ignacimuthu, the outgoing Provincial of East India Province for his selfless service and wish him God's blessings for his future ministry.**

# Conferring of the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte



**Fr Binu Edathumparambil**

September 15, 2022, was a day of blessings and joy for Tejas Vidya Peetha, as we had a solemn celebration of the Feast of the Mother of Sorrows and the conferring of the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte on our first- and second-year brothers. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of South-West India Province, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. Conferring the Order of Lector on our four first-year brothers, Albin Kadaparambil, Anthony Rosario (South West), Bimal Topno (Nagpur), and Thomas Ambrose (South East), Fr Thomas exhorted them to be equipped with sufficient knowledge and love of the Scripture as they are specially chosen to proclaim the good news to the world. Conferring the Order of Acolyte on our eight second-year brothers, Asher Kochuparambil, George Karottukizhakel, Jerin Ponmalakunnel, Jerry B., Joachim Anthonyswamy, Jostro Muthipeedika (South West), Clement Rajesh Leonard, and Lambert Ekka (Nagpur), Fr Thomas encouraged them to develop a deep love for matters concerning their service in the Church, especially at the altar. Fr Thomas exhorted all the brothers to form strong convictions and prepare themselves well for their future lives and ministries as priests. He thanked the Rector and all the formators at Tejas for their commitment and dedication in forming our scholastics and instilling in them a spirit of missionary dynamism and commitment.



# Perpetual Profession and Diaconate Ordination - Philippine Delegation



Perpetual Profession at MSFS Formation House, Silang, Cavite -Philippine delegation

**Fr Philip Valakodiyil**

## Perpetual Profession

The Philippine Delegation of the MSFS South-West Province was extremely happy to witness the perpetual profession of two of its new members, **Bro. Joelvin N. Tahitit and, Bro. Roberto G. Batohinog**, on our Founder's Day, on September 30, 2022. This auspicious function was held at the MSFS Formation House, Silang, Cavite. Fr Jundie Sumasaygay MSFS, the delegation superior, was the main celebrant who received the vows of these brothers in the Eucharistic celebration held at 10 a.m. The ceremony was graced with priests and religious from various congregations and communities.

## Diaconate Ordination

On October 1, 2022, the feast day of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, the Universal Patroness of the Mission, the missionaries of the MSFS Philippine Delegation were so proud to witness two of their youngest members, Bro. Joelvin N. Tahitit and Bro. Roberto G. Batohinog, being raised to the Order of Deacons to serve the Lord and the people.

They were ordained deacons in a grace-filled celebration officiated by the Bishop of the Imus diocese in the Philippines, **Most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista**. Deacons Joelvin and Roberto were privileged to be in the presence of a large number of priests, religious, and lay people, including their own beloved family members and benefactors. The whole ceremony and the dinner thereafter were organized and conducted at the MSFS Formation House at Silang.



Diaconate Ordination of Bro. Joelvin N. Tahitit and Bro. Roberto G. Batohinog,

# "Abhisheka Nirav - 2022"

## Annual Convention at Charis Bhavan



**Fr Justin Panachickal**

Charis Bhavan Annual Bible Convention – Abhisheka Nirav 2022 - was held from 1st October - 5th October 2022. The convention began on Saturday 1st October with Office for the dead, praying specially for Fr Anish Mundiyanickal and Fr Devasia Kuzhuppil MSFS, who were part of Charisbhavan Community. It was followed by a Bible procession led by Fr Zacharias Cherackal, Administrator of Charis Bhavan. The Flag Hoisting was done by Fr Joffy, the Parish Priest (St Mary's Church, Kurumulloor). Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial of South West India Province, lit the Lamp inaugurating the Convention followed by the inaugural Holy Mass and message. The new website of Charis Bhavan was then officially inaugurated and opened by the Provincial. There were two sessions, adoration and Holy Mass each day. Added to fathers from Charis Bhavan, Fr Jison Paul, Justice Kurian Joseph, Fr Tomy Pulinthanam, Fr Shaji Thumpechirayil, Fr Georgy Pallickapparambil, Fr Sebastian Poovathingal, Br Sajith Kottaram led the sessions and adorations. Community of SFS Seminary Ettumanoor celebrated the Holy Mass on Sunday. On the third day, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr Justin Madathiparambil, V.G of Vijayapuram diocese and concelebrated by the fathers from Vijayapuram Diocese. On the final day, the Holy Mass and message was officiated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Thekkathecheril, the Bishop of Vijayapuram Diocese. The final session and adoration with procession of Blessed Sacrament was led by Fr James Manjackal MSFS, the founding Director of Charis Bhavan.



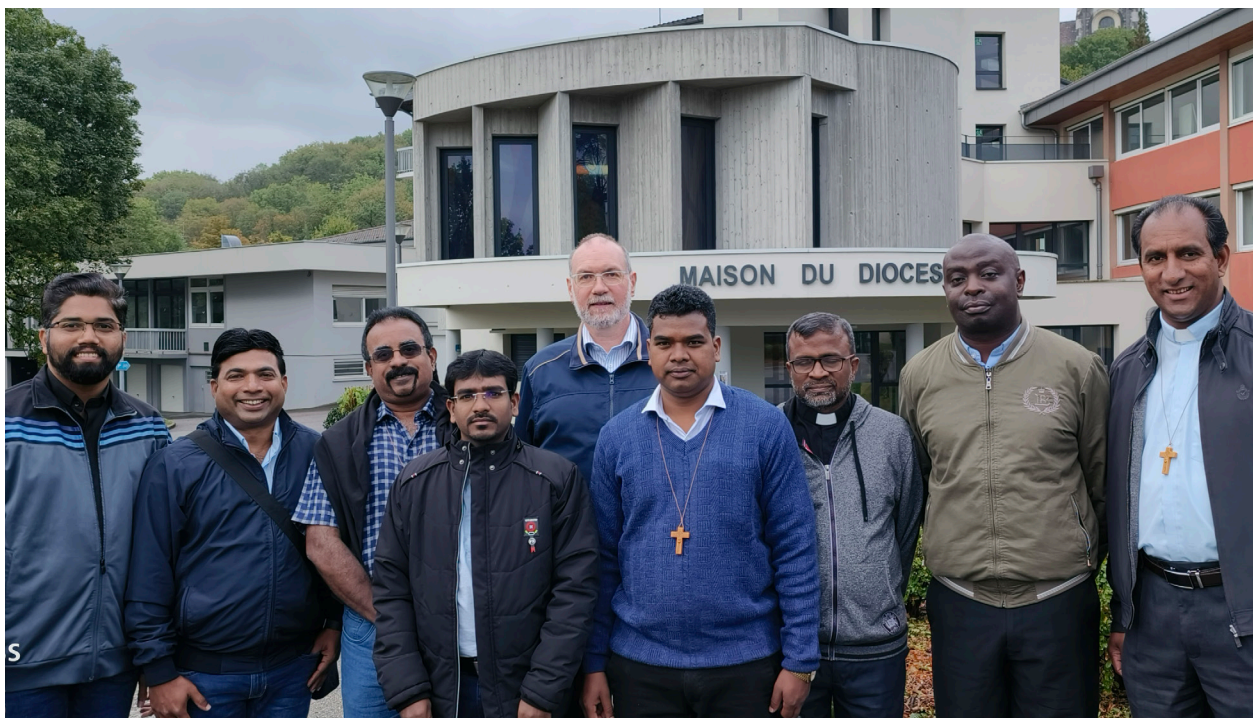
# Salesian Program at Annecy (SPA)



**Fr Sanoj Plamthottathil**

Salesian Program at Annecy (SPA) was arranged from 27th August- 17th October 2022. It was a journey to the heart of Salesian spirituality to be filled with the fragrance of St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. The Salesian Retreat is the key to the Salesian Program. We were eight in the group for SPA 2022, representing one from each province. We were all guided and directed by Fr Yves Carron MSFS and Fr Samuel MSFS. Thanks to both the fathers spending their valuable time for us through the Salesian Retreat and through the entire program of SPA. Annecy is a place filled with the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. We could meet people, lay organizations, and religious orders that follow the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Some of them took classes for us and explained to us how they are influenced by the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. The classes given by different fathers were interesting, with their explanations and visits to the places.

Touching the soil of our patron and founder has touched our hearts. We have heard the inner call to be rooted in Salesian spirituality. Finally, we made a visit to Rome, which is generally considered to be the cradle of civilization and Christian culture and the center of the Catholic Church. Thanks to all our MSFS fathers working in all these countries, they made all the arrangements possible for us to enjoy the few days we had with them. We thank all who helped us, especially our provincial and other fathers who did the needful in India and abroad.



# Prayer Meeting at Bathery



**Fr Shinto Parayankunnel**

Divya Jyothi Renewal Center in Beenachi had a graceful evening on October 20, 2022, as we organized a spiritual gathering for the people. The evening liturgy began with Divine Mercy Rosary at 6:00 P.M, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Talk and Holy Mass. The theme of the whole liturgy was "Pray Together and Stay Together." The good number of participants and their active involvement made the evening blissful. After the liturgical celebration, we spent time together sharing and listening to the people. We concluded the prayer service and gathering with agape at 9:15 p.m.



# Prateeksha SFS Boys' Home, Hebbagodi




**Fr Vijin Kottoor**

The 22nd of October 2022 was a memorable day in the history of **Prateeksha SFS Boys' Home, Hebbagodi.** On this day, the newly built grotto and the renovated campus were blessed and inaugurated by Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS, the Provincial Superior of South-West India Province. The solemn ceremony was hallowed by the presence of a number of confreres and sisters from the neighborhood communities, as well as residents and friends from the Emmanuel's Angels Arch and surrounding area. More than to give a face-lift to the building and

its surroundings, the sole aim of this venture was to build confidence and a positive mindset in the lives of our children by showing them that they have a beautiful home to live in, to study in, and to accomplish the tasks of their life journey. Twenty children, who stay with us in this home from different and difficult backgrounds find this home now a place of comfort, focus and a launching pad to success in life. We are ever grateful to all our friends and benefactors who generously contributed their bit for the completion of this venture, thus making the lives of our children optimistic and enthusiastic for the future.



# International Salesian Symposium at IIS



**Fr Joe Cherolickal**

In honor of the ever-daring Saint of the 17th century, St. Francis de Sales, the Indian Institute of Spirituality hoisted a prestigious international Salesian symposium from November 4–6, 2022, with the theme **St. Francis de Sales: A Saint of Synodality: Relevance and Impact for Today's World**. The three days were days of Salesian enrichment and get together, sharing the Salesian heritage and disseminating the apostolic zeal of SFS with one another. If Pope Francis sees synodality as the path God intends for the Church in the third millennium, SFS saw it 400 years ago.

During his inaugural address, Fr Abraham Vettuvelil, SG of the MSFS, praised SFS for "democratizing the concept of holiness." In his keynote address, Fr. Joseph Titus, the President of St. Peter's Pontifical Institute—Bengaluru, emphasized that SFS was well known to have already included women's participation and religious collaboration for the sake of the greater glory of God. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of SWI Province, enumerated that SFS was the champion of speaking to the heart.

All the sessions of the symposium consisted of a 40-minute paper presentation followed by 20 minutes of discussion and clarification, prolifically moderated by eminent personalities of the Fransalian family. A total of 12 papers were presented on different themes pertaining to the life and ministry of SFS, taking the participants through the life, works, and ministry of an ordinary Francis de Sales to SFS, the doctor of love. The IIS community remains indebted to all the benefactors and well-wishers for their help and prayers. A special word of thanks to the MDO-Rome for the generous contribution.



# Blessing of the Renovated Church and New Grotto at Anthoninagara



Renovated Church and the New Grotto at Anthoninagara



**Fr Balavendra Jacob**

The renovated Church of St. Antony of Padua and newly built Grotto at Anthoninagara were blessed by Very Rev. Fr Elias Sequeira, Vicar General, Chickmaglore Diocese, and inaugurated by Fr Santhosh Kumar MSFS, on November 18, 2022. The inauguration was followed by the Solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr Elias Sequiera and concelebrated by several priests. Fr. Elias Sequeira preached the homily on the importance of places of worship, quoting extensively from scripture. He also exhorted people to cultivate great devotion to Mother Mary and explained the purpose of having a grotto.

It was the long-cherished desire of parishioners at Anthoninagara to build the grotto. This dream was certainly realized with the collaboration of many people; hence, with a grateful heart, the fathers and parishioners of Anthoninagara remembered all the donors and assured them of their prayers after the inauguration. At the end of the Eucharistic celebration, the priests and the donors who made contributions, Engineer Augustine, well-wishers who were of great support, and the workers who helped in renovating the church and building the grotto were felicitated. The programme concluded with a delicious meal.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



REV. FR THOMAS KALARIPARAMBIL

*Congratulations to Rev. Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the New PIF Chairman*

REV. FR TOMSON AERATHEDATHU

*Congratulations to Rev. Fr Tomson Aerathedathu, the New Chairman of the Governing Body Guwahati-Dibrugarh Provinces*





# Jubilee of Frs. Jerome and Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil

The sacerdotal silver jubilee of Fr A. Jerome, the Rector of Sannidhi, was celebrated with a solemn thanksgiving Holy Eucharist at Sannidhi, Mysore, on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Fr Jerome, along with the other jubilarians [Fr. Johnson Gonzales, Fr Tom Pannalakunnel, Fr Joseph Kannadam, and Mons. I. Chinnappa (the uncle of Fr. Jerome)] and more than 50 priests, thanked the good Lord for the numerous blessings he has received during the last 25 years of his priesthood. Rev. Dr. Santhosh Kumar preached a meaningful homily on priesthood. This jubilant celebration made a great impact on the minor seminarians and others. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was followed by a Felicitation programme. The programme began with a prayer dance by the students of Sannidhi. Fr Thomas, the Provincial appreciated his commitment to the Congregation and to his vocation.



The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil MSFS was celebrated on November 19, 2022. It was a day of joy and solemnity as Fr Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil presided over the Eucharistic Celebration together with the other Jubilarian Fr Joseph Kannadom. The esteemed presence of around 45 confreres including the Provincial of England Province, Fr Benny Valiyaveettil MSFS made the occasion a special one. The Eucharist Celebration began at 6.00 pm at NEST Children's Village. Our beloved Provincial, Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, preached on the oc-

casion reminding on the need to live a holy life. The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a very short facilitation program, and a sumptuous meal. The children NEST Village did a wonderful job of entertaining the gathering with their fusion dance and prayer dance.

Both Fr A. Jerome and Fr Sebastian Kulangarathottiyil, in their address thanked their parents, siblings, all their well-wishers who had come from far and near for the celebration.

# Annual Retreat 2022-23

For the past two years, due to the travel restrictions related to the Corona virus, we could not arrange a retreat at the province level. Special thanks to all those who attended the first and the second annual retreat conducted at Vinayalaya and Charis Bhavan.



A Group Photo of the Participants of the Annual Retreat helt at Vinayalaya

The first annual retreat was conducted at Vinayalaya from October 3–7, 2022. 53 of our Confreres participated in the annual retreat accompanied and animated by Fr Jose Nandhikkara CMI. The retreat was a great experience for all the participants. Undoubtedly, these were days where together we sought to connect with the absoluteness of God, who lives in us, sustains our existence, makes us free to liberate, and is an invitation to be born again, without makeup.

The Second Annual Retreat held at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha from 16th January 2023 to 20th January 2023 was a great experience of spiritual renewal. The retreat was animated by Mar Thomas Tharyil, Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry Archdiocese, with the first session animated by Fr Tom Pannalakunnel MSFS. The retreat had an attendance of more than 60 confreres. The retreat was a great success with the participants finding great spiritual renewal and strength. The retreat was greatly appreciated by the participants and they went back energized to work with more enthusiasm in the service of the Church.



A Group Photo of the Participants of the Annual Retreat helt at Charis Bhavan

# Our Jubilarians

**My dear Confreres,** we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of R**ev. Fr Benny Marangolil, Rev. Fr Thomas Mekkattu, Rev. Fr Justin Chirackal, and Rev. Fr Philip Valakodiyil.** Let us take this opportunity to congratulate each one of them for the total surrender to the Lord through the MSFS Congregation and in particular through our Province. 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.

*Congrats!*



**FR. BENNY MARANGOLIL**

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| Date of birth | : | 02-01-1970 |
| Place of birth | : | Muttuchira |
| Name of the father | : | Jacob |
| Name of the mother | : | Mariyakutty |
| Parish | : | Holy Ghost Forane Church, Muttuchira |
| Diocese | : | Palai |
| First profession | : | 16th July 1989, Salesianum, Visakapatnam |
| Perpetual Profession: | | 30th May 1996, Vinayalaya, Bangalore |
| Diaconate | : | 24th January 1998, Vinayalaya, Bangalore |
| Ordination | : | 04th January 1999, Holy Ghost Forane Church, Muttuchira |

**Appointments**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| • 1999-2000 | : | Assistant Parish priest, Malur |
| • 1999 | : | Member of the Justice and Peace Cell of KRCR-Karnataka CRI |
| • 2000-2006 | : | Priest-in-Charge of Savanur Mission |
| • 2004 | : | Correspondent of the newly proposed school, Savanur |
| • 2005 | : | Co-ordinator for the Social Apostolate |

- 2006-2012 : Provincial Bursar
- 2008 : Rector of Scholastics, vinayalaya
- 2012-2015 : Principal of SFS College, Hebbagodi
- 2015-2018 : Pastoral Ministry in England
- 2018-2023 : Superior and Administrator, Karahalli
- 2020-2023 : Director of PSI
- 2022 : Councilor in Charge of Education

# Congrats!



**FR THOMAS MEKKATTU**

Date of birth : 24-08-1968

Place of birth : Aralam

Name of the father : Mathai

Name of the mother : Annakutty

Parish : St Joseph's Church, Kaniyaram

Diocese : Mananthavady

First profession : 10th June 1991, Salesianum, Visakapatnam

Perpetual Profession: 30th May 1997, Vinayalaya, Bangalore

Diaconate : 24th January 1998, Vinayalaya, Bangalore

Ordination : 09th January1999, St Joseph's Church, Adakkathode

**Appointments**

- 1999-2000 : Assistant parish priest, St Francis Xavier's Church, Vattappara
- 2000-2004 : procurator, Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha
- 2005-2018 : Pastoral ministry in Germany
- 2014-2018 : Delegation Adviser and Bursar to the GAH Delegation
- 2018-2021 : Procurator, Atmajyothi, pattkad
- 2021–2022 : In Charge of Nest Children
- 2022-2023 : Administrator of Nest Children's Village and SFS School, Kengeri

# Congrats!



**FR JUSTIN CHIRACKAL**

Date of birth : 30-12-1971

Place of birth : Ettumanoor

Name of Parents : James

Name of the mother : Chinnamma James

Parish : Christ the King Church, Ettumanoor

Diocese : Changnacherry

First profession : 10th June 1991, Salesianum, Visakapatnam

Perpetual Profession: 30th May 1997, Vinayalaya, Bangalore

Diaconate : 1998

Ordination : 11th January 1999, Christ the King Church, Ettumanoor

**Appointments**

- 1999-2000 : Assistant Parish Priest in the Archdiocese of Trichur
- 2000-2001 : Assistant Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier's Church, Vattappara
- 2001-2002 : Vice Principal of SFS English Medium School, Hebbagodi
- 2002-2003 : Kadisenahalli
- 2003-2009 : Principal of SFS School, Srinivaspur
- 2003 : Parish Priest at Srinivaspur
- 2004 : Coordinator of Pastoral care Syro Malabar Catholics, Kolar
- 2009-2011 : Principal of SFS School, Kannur, Kerala
- 2009 : Chaplain to the central prison Kannur, Kerala
- 2011-2012 : Assistant Parish Priest in the diocese of Kanjirapally, Kerala
- 2012-2014 : Pastoral Ministry in Germany
- 2014- 2015 : Atmajyothi Ashraam, Pattikkad

- 2015-2016 : Parish priest of St Joseph's Church, Chuvannamanu
- 2016-2019 : Headmaster of Loyola High School, Shimoga
- 2019 : Principal of SFS School, Chintamani
- 2020 : MSFS House, Sultan Bathery
- 2021-2023 : Superior of MSFS House, Sultan Bathery

# Congrats!



**FR PHILIP VALAKODIYIL**

Date of birth : 22-07-1967

Place of birth : Vadapuram

Name of the father : Joseph

Name of the mother : Annamma

Parish : Little flower Parish, Nilambur

Diocese : Mananthavady

First profession : 10th June 1990, Salesianum, Visakapatnam

Perpetual Profession: 30- may-1996, Vinayalaya, Bangalore

Diaconate : 24th January 1998, Vinayalaya, Bangalore

Ordination : 21st January 1999, Saumya Sadan, Mysore

**Appointments**

- 1999 : Assistant Parish priest, Immaculate Conception Church, Mannoor
- 1999-2000 : Assistant Parish priest of SFS Church Bangalor and Warden of the SFS Boy's Home
- 2000-2002 : Procurator, Sudhirvana
- 2002- 2009 : Secretary to the Superior General, Rome
- 2009-2016 : Assistant director and Dean of IIS, Rajajinagar
- 2010-2016 : Assistant Manager of SFS Publications
- 2016- 2019 : Director of IIS and manager of SFS Publications Rajajinagar
- 2019-2023 : Rector of MSFS Scholasticate, Amadeo, Philippines



# Ordination to Priesthood

The MSFS Congregation and the South-West India Province, in particular, are blessed to have four more new priests who are ordained during this December and January. 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 ROBIN PEREIRA**



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth | : 14th August 1990 |
| Place of Birth | : Haliyal |
| Name of Parents | : Mr. Salvador and Mrs. Jacintha |
| Parish | : Our Lady of Miracles Church, Haliyal |
| Diocese | : Karwar |
| First Profession | : 31st May 2015 |
| Perpetual Profession | : 28th May 2021 |
| Diaconate | : 8th February 2022 |
| Ordination | : 27th December 2022, Our Lady of Miracles Church, Haliyal |

**FR RONY MADATHIPARAMBIL**



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| Date of Birth | : 18th December 1995 |
| Place of Birth | : Mampuzhakkary |
| Name of Parents | : Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Shiny Thomas |
| Parish | : St. Thomas Church, Kallara |
| Diocese | : Kottayam |
| First Profession | : 31st May 2015 |
| Perpetual Profession | : 28th May 2021 |
| Diaconate | : 8th February 2022 |
| Ordination | : 29th December 2022, St. Thomas Church, Kallara |

**FR JIBIN ANITHOTTATHIL**



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| Date of Birth | : 15th December 1995 |
| Place of Birth | : Thaliparamba |
| Name of Parents | : Mr. George and Mrs. Aleyamma |
| Parish | : St. Joseph's Forane Church, Vayattuparamba |
| Diocese | : Tellicherry Archdiocese |
| First Profession | : 31st May 2015 |
| Perpetual Profession | : 28th May 2021 |
| Diaconate | : 8th February 2022 |
| Ordination | : 05th January 2023, St. Joseph's Forane Church, Vayattuparamba |

**FR M'TOUDJIEL ABBA**



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| Date of Birth | : 11th September 1990 |
| Place of Birth | : Tandjile, Chad |
| Name of Parents | : Mr. Geremie Abba Mekondion and Mrs. Agnes Matinodji |
| Parish | : Daniel Comboni Parish, Doba |
| Diocese | : Doba |
| First Profession | : 14th July 2014 |
| Perpetual Profession | : 24th January 2022 |
| Diaconate | : 02nd July 2022 |
| Ordination | : 28th January 2023, Daniel Comboni Parish, Doba |

# CONFRERES ON HOLIDAYS

- Fr Bipin Kishore Xess
- Fr Koottarapally Devasia
- Fr Jaison Pezhathinal
- Fr Joseph Pattarakalayil
- Fr Sunny Punnakuzhiyil
- Fr Sibi Manickathan
- Fr Viju Kunnathottel
- Fr Roji Kottivayalil
- Fr Joy Kochupoovathummuttil
- Fr Joy Vazhappillil
- Fr Shalbin Marottikudy
- Fr Scaria Joseph

# WELCOME



**Rev Fr S. Arokia Jayaraj** is back to India after ten years of pastoral service in Germany. At present he is appointed as the Dean of Studies at Sannidhi, Mysore. Hearty Welcome dear Fr Arokia Jayaraj and wish you all the best in your future endeavors



**Rev. Fr Jose Simon Thuruthipallil** is back to India after the four years of selfeless service in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation . Hearty Welcome dear Fr Jose Simon and wish you all the best in your future endeavors

# Bon voyage!



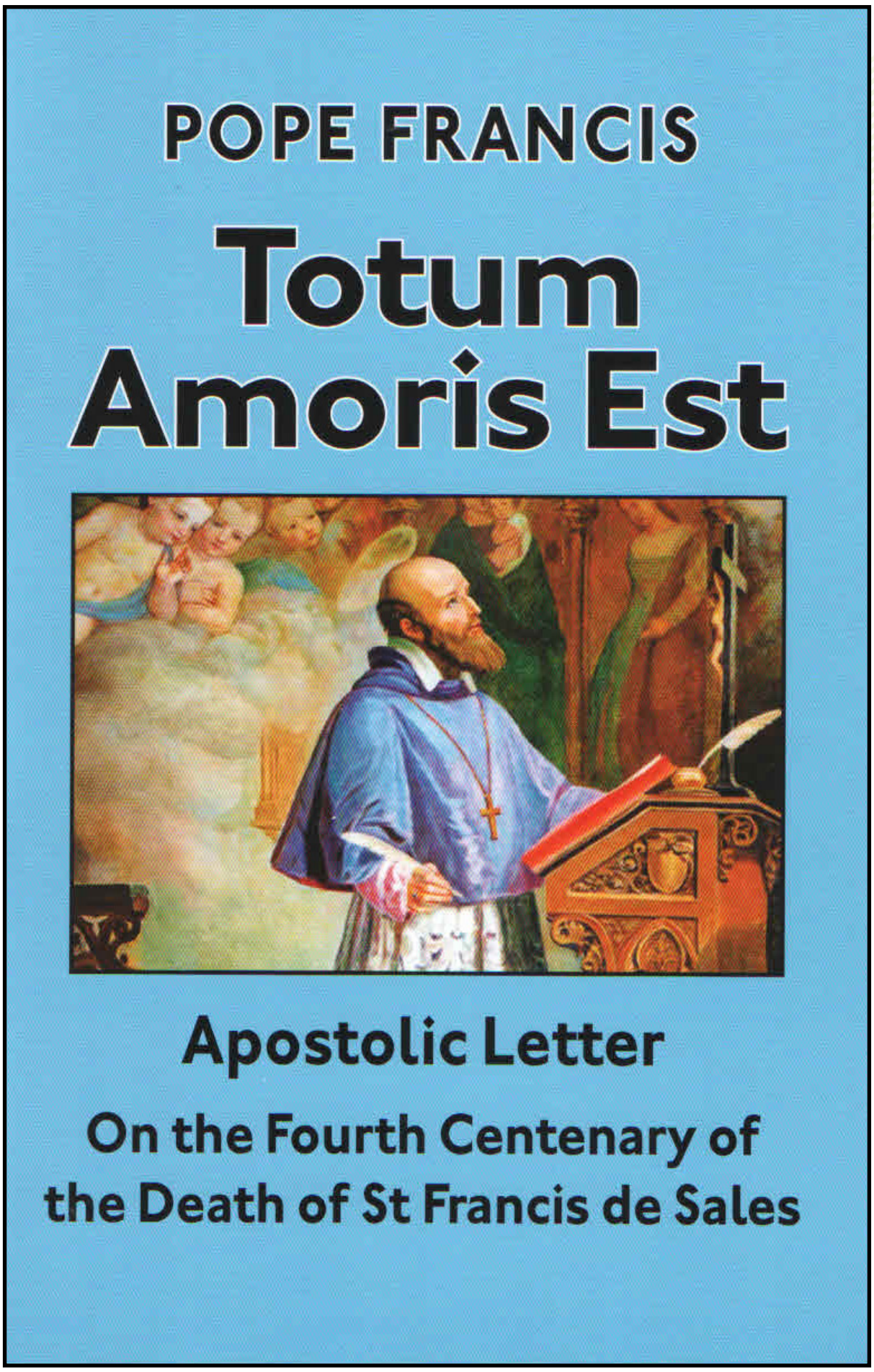
After having rendered a wonderful service to the St Mary's Parish in Kolar **Fr Richard Martin** has gone to France for pastoral ministry on 4th January 2023. Thanks to Fr Martin for his dedication to the missions and wish him God's abundant blessings in his ministry. **All the best dear Fr Martin.**

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

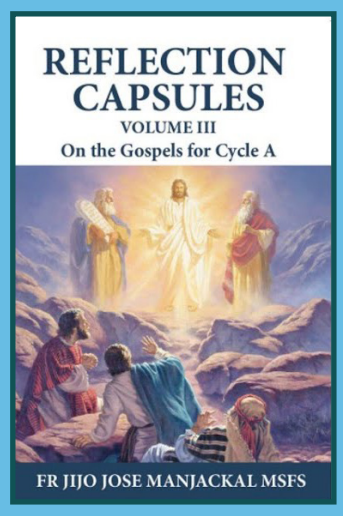
**Rev. Fr Manu Kumbidiamakkal**
**Our Lady of Sacred Heart Parish**
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**Henley Beach**
**South Australia**

# New Books

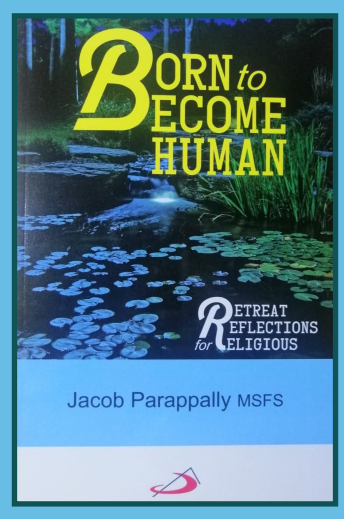




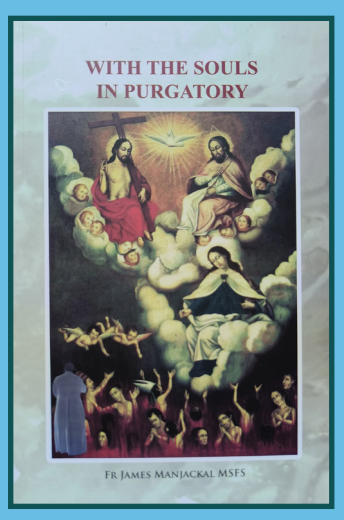

Pope Francis honours the legacy of St Francis de Sales on the 400th anniversary of his death by calling on the Church to be outward looking, praising the saint's far-sighted vision in perceiving that changing times were a great opportunity for preaching the Gospel.




REFLECTION CAPSULES
By
Fr Jijo Jose Manjackal MSFS




BORN TO BECOME HUMAN
By
Fr Jacob Parappally MSFS




WITH THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
By
Fr James Manjackal MSFS

# OBITUARY



**Rev. Fr Reddy Joseph MSFS (60), belonging to Vizag Province passed away on January 24, 2023.** We thank God for all the good things that he has showered upon our Congregation through the instrumentality of Rev. Fr **Reddy Joseph**. May God bless him and give him eternal rest.

- Mr K. J Michael Kottoor (63), Paternal Uncle of Fr Vijin Kottoor, died on December 25, 2022.
- Sr Mary Virgin (90), Elder Sister of Fr Jose Puthiyaparambi, passed away on December 26, 2022.
- Mr Saji George (51), Elder Brother of Fr Vinoy Valachathinakathu, died on January 11, 2023.

