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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST! As we prepare for the birthday of our Saviour Jesus Christ, let us pray that the celebration of this Christmas fills our hearts with peace, joy, and hope. May the light of Christ lead us ever closer to God and to one another.

FORUM MEETINGS 2K25

EDUCATION FORUM



The Education Forum Meeting 2025 was held on 10th July 2025 at Vinayalaya, MSFS Provincial House, Bengaluru. The meeting commenced at 9:00 AM with a prayer led by Fr. Shinto, followed by a welcome address delivered by Fr. A. Johnson, Secretary of the Education Forum.

Fr. Benny Marangolil, the Councilor in charge of Education, presented an overview of the School Manual, highlighting its foundational aims and objectives. Dr. Sam Joshua, the Chief Coordinating Officer (CCO), facilitated an in-depth discussion on the manual, actively engaging participants in reviewing its practical relevance and applications in daily school operations.

Manual Contents at a Glance

The School Manual was organized into nine chapters, covering key areas such as:

1. Introduction
2. Organizational structure
3. Recruitment policy
4. Code of conduct
5. Employee welfare
6. Performance appraisal
7. Institutional benefits
8. Child protection
9. Vendor management

These chapters include: roles and responsibilities of staff, recruitment procedures and induction, policies on leave, attendance, and conduct, welfare initiatives and grievance management, appraisal processes and feedback systems, staff and student concessions, child protection frameworks, and vendor and stationery management protocols.

The most extensive interactive sessions focused on the School Manual. Dr. Sam Joshua presented the manual, ensuring that participants clearly understood the updates and welcomed constructive suggestions for improved implementation.

The general session, led by Fr. Provincial, offered reflections, feedback, and directions for future initiatives. The meeting concluded with tea at 4:00 PM.



STEWARDSHIP FORUM



The Stewardship Forum meeting was held on July 11, 2025, at Vinayalaya, bringing together confreres involved in accounting and governance for a comprehensive day of sessions and discussions. The forum commenced at 9:00 AM with a prayer led by Fr. Jilu Payattukandathil, followed by a warm welcome to all participants by Fr. Mathew Elayadathumadam, the Convenor of the Stewardship Forum and Provincial Bursar of the MSFS South-West India Province.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial, addressed the gathering, emphasizing accountability and stewardship as outlined in the Constitutions and province statutes. He reminded members of their roles as custodians and the value of being accountable in all activities.

Fr. George Vattappara, manager of the Subodhana Pvt. Ltd., introduced the new policies of Subodhana Pvt. Ltd., acknowledged the local bursars' support, and assured the resolution of issues related to uniforms and notebooks. Fr. George's dedicated efforts were especially appreciated.

Fr. Mathew stressed proper record-keeping, urging members to maintain daily records, separate cash books, and ensure all payments are made only on receipt of bills or invoices. Presentation of accounts in community meetings was mandated, and members were reminded to process salary increments before 31st April and to present event budgets 30-45 days in advance.

Accountant Mrs. Shighy P.P. expressed gratitude for punctual monthly account submissions, which facilitated auditing, and advised minimizing cash expenses and closing balances. A proposal was put forward to register the Music and Language Academy as a separate trust due to policy differences.

Chief auditor Mr. Rohan Miranda answered members' queries in a dedicated session. The meeting concluded at 12:15 p.m. with a vote of thanks by Fr. Prashanth, followed by lunch.

FORMATION FORUM



The Formation Forum convened on 19 July 2025 at the MSFS Provincial House, Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The meeting began with a warm welcome by Fr. Santhosh Kumar, Convener of the Formation Forum, to Rev. Fr. Benedict D'Souza, General Councilor for Formation, Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial of the South-West India Province, and the participants from the various formation houses across the province.

Fr. Thomas opened the forum with an orientation on the ministry of formation, stressing that there is no fixed formula for success, only an ongoing process of learning and adjustment. He highlighted the importance of understanding aspirants' family backgrounds, psychological needs, and social contexts, and called for holistic, circular formation focused on identity, purpose, and self-reflection. He outlined three central roles for formators: to inspire, interact, and instruct—cultivating both spiritual and life skills among formees.

Following updates from various formation houses, the resource session led by Fr. Bosco, SDB, addressed current realities in formation. He emphasized the need for emotional and psychological support, recognizing the diverse backgrounds of today's formees. He listed key qualities of an effective formator: spiritual maturity, emotional stability, intellectual competence, pastoral sensitivity, openness to growth, and the ability to accompany rather than merely instruct. Formation, he said, should prioritize accompaniment, dialogue, and personal growth over rigid standards. Fr. Bosco also pointed out ongoing challenges, including digital distractions, lack of spiritual depth, and a culture of entitlement, and recommended ongoing training and robust screening for formators.

The afternoon focused on vocation promotion, exploring challenges and strategies for attracting and supporting new candidates. The meeting concluded at 4:00 PM with expressions of gratitude from Fr. Santhosh and a formal vote of thanks by Fr. Thomas Thekkekarottu, recognizing the leadership of the Provincial, the depth brought in by the resource session, and the transparent sharing by all formators and vocation promoters.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES (SAIM) FORUM



The meeting of the Social Apostolate Innovative Ministries (SAIM) of the MSFS South West India Province was held on 26 July 2025 at Vinayalaya, MSFS Provincial House, Bangalore. The session began with a hymn to the Holy Spirit and a prayer led by Rev. Fr. David Buddini, followed by a welcome address from Rev. Fr. George Vattappara, Councillor in charge of SAIM. Special greetings and welcome were extended to Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial, and Rev. Fr. A. Christu Raj, General Councillor in charge of SAIM. The previous meeting's report was read and approved with minor clarifications.

Rev. Dr. Thomas, in his address, appreciated the members for their commitment to social and innovative ministries and encouraged collective effort to ensure the continuity of these initiatives. Fr. Mathew Elayadathumadathil briefed the members on the utilization of flood relief funds in Wayanad and Vilangad, highlighting delays caused by adverse weather and urging continued support for neglected areas.

Dr. Jonas Richard, HOD of MSW Department at Kristu Jayanti University, was the resource person for the day. He emphasized strategic efficiency amidst growing competition and the importance of addressing emerging social needs such as migrant welfare. His presentation inspired participants to explore new approaches in social apostolate.

Fr. A. Christu Raj addressed the forum, reflecting on innovative ministry as a continuation of Christ's mission and presenting key pillars for sustaining such ministries. Members then shared their local initiatives, challenges, and opportunities. The discussion included legal clarifications regarding Boys Homes under the JJ Act, with a suggestion to register them as hostels for smoother operation.

Rev. Fr. Cyril Elakodical proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging everyone's active participation. The meeting concluded with lunch at 1:00 p.m.

MISSION FORUM



The Mission Forum meeting was held on 5 August 2025 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer led by Fr Prashant Kumar MSFS. Fr Erudyaraja welcomed Fr Provincial and all the participants to the gathering.

In his address, Fr Provincial noted that the Forum had come together with its challenges, concerns and plans for the mission, emphasizing that pastoral ministry, though often lacking visible glamour and immediate results, remains the foundation of all ministry. Reflecting on Mark 4:26–29, he presented the priests as one who patiently sows and awaits growth, entrusted with the care of souls and called to be a dispenser of God's grace and to become another Christ.

Rev. Fr Gilbert Choondal SDB, the resource person, spoke on "Challenges of Mission Today: Problems and Proposals," focusing on key images of mission, the understanding of mission in the Church, contemporary challenges, and possible ways forward. He presented the Fransalian image of mission, the Christian humanism of Benedict XVI, the missionary vision of Pope Francis, and the mission perspective of Pope Leo XIII. He said a pastoral animator should have 7 "Es":

1. Educate – educate faith creatively
2. Enlighten – move hearts as well as minds
3. Entertain – celebrate faith with joy
4. Eucharist – make the liturgy come alive
5. Evangelise – proclaim the Gospel with zest
6. Engage – immerse people in a living faith
7. Evaluate – reflect, review and renew



Following the input session, participants engaged in group discussions and shared challenges and concerns from their missions. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr Jerry and ended at 1:45 p.m.

SUPERIORS' FORUM



The Superiors' Forum Meeting of the MSFS South-West India Province took place on August 6, 2025, at Vinayalaya. The meeting began with a meaningful prayer led by Fr Thomas Moongamakkal. While welcoming the members, the Provincial reminded everyone present that the quality of our religious life as a province and the effectivity of our apostolates depend directly on the quality of animation of the local communities by the local superiors. Therefore, this coming together was to be a time to share our common concerns, strengthen ourselves through our common bond, and equip ourselves with the necessary skills of community animation. followed by a warm welcome from Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial, who offered clear orientation and encouraged all participants to engage purposefully in the day's proceedings. During the first half of the day, the participants benefited from very insightful and interactive input sessions delivered by the resource person, Rev. Fr MC Abraham csc. He challenged them to be proactive in acquiring the necessary leadership skills to be effective in their God-given responsibilities. In the afternoon, the group engaged in sessions focused on collaborative sharing and planning, reflecting the province's strong spirit



of fraternity and forward-looking leadership. The meeting concluded at 3.00 pm.

Desalite Inter-School Quiz and Debate Competition 2025



The South-West India Province was abuzz with excitement on September 10, 2025, as it hosted the grand Desalite Inter-School Quiz and Debate Competition. This mega event drew in 15 enthusiastic schools from across Kerala and Karnataka, transforming the stage into a vibrant arena of knowledge and eloquence. The spirited participation and high standards set by young Desalites made the competition an inspiring showcase of academic brilliance and collaboration.

The Quiz and Debate served as a unique platform for students to broaden their knowledge in general and particularly about the legacy of our congregation while encouraging them to think critically and express their views with grace and confidence. Sessions sparked lively discussions and friendly rivalry, igniting minds and encouraging teamwork, quick thinking, and persuasive speaking.

Meticulous organization by Rev. Fr. Benny Marangolil, Councillor in charge of Education, along with the Fathers of the Hebbagodi campus under the leadership of Fr. A. Johnson, ensured every detail was thoughtfully managed. Their stellar efforts and vision shone through, making the day truly memorable and capturing the hearts of all present.

This year's competition celebrated not just winners, but every participant's growth in intellect and character. The event set new benchmarks for inter-school camaraderie and academic enthusiasm, making it a true festival of learning for the Desalite family.

Our Jubilarians

GOLDEN JUBILEE

We joyfully celebrate the Golden Jubilee of **Rev. Fr. Mathew Kavithazha, Rev. Fr. Kozhuppakalam**, two veteran missionaries and daring pioneers of our province. Let us take this opportunity to congratulate them for the total surrender to the Lord through the MSFS Congregation and in particular through our Province. May this Jubilee year be a time of joy, fulfilment and motivation for further commitment.

Congrats!

FR. MATHEW KAVITHAZHA

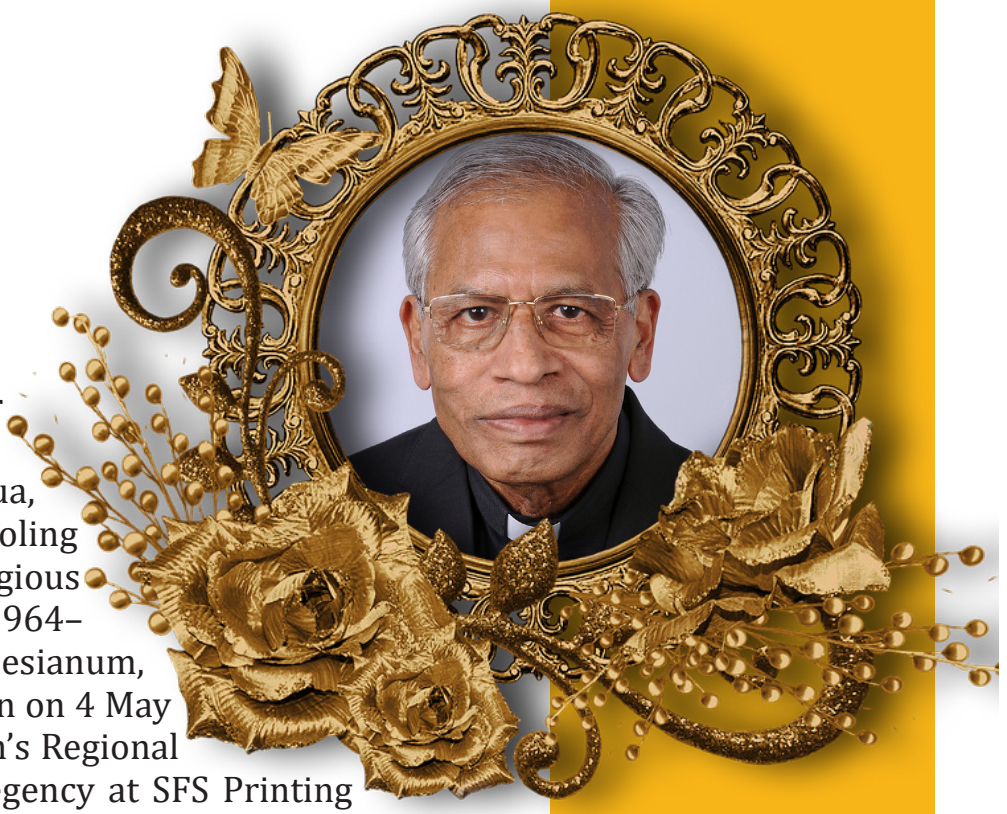
Fr. Mathew Kavithazha was born on 11 July 1948 at Ithithanam to Abraham Thomas and Thresiamma. He belongs to the Holy Family Church, Podippara, in the Diocese of Changanacherry. He completed his schooling at St. Berchuman's High School, Changanasserry. He did his Minor Seminary formation at S.F.S. Seminary, Ettumanoor from 1967 to 1969, and then proceeded to study philosophy at Fatimagiri, Nilambur from 1969 to 1971. He did his novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam from 1971 to 1972, where he made his First Profession on 4 May 1972. He did his regency at Holy Family Church, Bathili, Srikakulam from 1972 to 1973. He continued his theological studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru from 1973 to 1976. He made his Perpetual Profession on 23 January 1976 at Vinayalaya, where he also received his Diaconate Ordination later that year. He was ordained a priest on 8 July 1976 at Podippara.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

1976-1978	:	Don Bosco School, Silapathar, Tezpur.
1978-1979	:	Catholic Church, Lilabari, North Lakhimpur, Assam.
1979-1981	:	St. Francis de Sales School, Dhemaji, North Lakhimpur, Assam.
1981-1984	:	Christ King School, Gogamukh, Assam.
1984	:	Ross Hill Shrine, Visakhapatnam.
1984-1987	:	Industrial School at Autonagar, Gajuwaka as in charge of the Construction, In charge of the catholic community at steel plant project, Visakhapatnam.
1987-1992	:	Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Edivanna, Mananthavady.
1992-1993	:	Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Thelpara, Nilambur.

1993-2003 : St. Joseph Parish, Bagong Silang, Philippines.
2003 : Mission Superior, Philippines
2003 : Parish Priest, San Jose, Amang Mapagkalinga Parish, Bagong Silang
2003-2008 : Superior, MSFS House, Sultan Bathery.
2008-2010 : Superior, MSFS House, Pattikad.
2011 : Formator to the postulant community at Ngaoundere, in charge of the construction of the formation house in Mabanga Jalingo, Cameroon.
2012-2014 : Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Kokobuma, Cameroon.
2014-2015 : Parish Priest, Little Flower Church, Ullala, Ernakulam.
2015 : Sales Bhavan-MSFS Community, Adoor.
2015-2016 : Assisting at St. Theresa's Church, Kunnicod and Sacred Heart Church, Njarakkad.
2016-2023 : Spiritual Director, ST Mary's Cathedral, Punalur.
2023 : Chaplin to FIAT Mission, Maruthonkara, Thamarasserry.
2023 - : De sales Bhavan community (ITSSCAT), Karamana, TVM.

Congrats!



FR. MATHEW KOZHUPPAKALAM

Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam was born on 24 November 1949 in Edathua, Kerala, to K.J. Joseph and Eathamma Joseph. He belongs to St. George's Forane Church, Edathua, in the Diocese of Changanacherry. He completed his schooling at St. Aloysius' High School, Edathua, and began his religious formation at Mount Mary Seminary, Arumanoor (1964–1966). Following this, he undertook his Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1969–1970) and made his First Profession on 4 May 1970. Fr. Mathew pursued philosophical studies at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad (1966–1969), and completed his regency at SFS Printing School, Visakhapatnam. He did his theological studies at Gesamthochschule (now Catholic University), Eichstätt, Germany (1972–1976). He made his Perpetual Profession on 1 November 1975 at Eichstätt and was ordained a deacon on 16 December 1975 at Guardian Angel Church, Eichstätt. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam was ordained a priest on 8 August 1976 at St. George's Forane Church, Edathua.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

1976-1977 : Assistant in the Faculty of Theology in the University of Eichstaett, Weekend Pastoral Services in the Our Lady of Assumption Parish of Kipfenberg, Diocese Eichstaett.
1976 : Masters in theology in Catholic University, Eichstaett.
1977-1981 : Student Priest in the Parish of St. Christoph and St. Benno (from 1979) in the Archdiocese of Munich and Scientific Assistant in the Catholic Theology Faculty Munich.
1982-1985 : Assistant Professor in the Catholic Theology Faculty of the University of Vienna, Austria.
1983 : Doctorate in Theology in Ludwig-Maximilian's University in Munich, Germany.
1985 : Masters in Human Relations (Social Psychology) in Webster University, St. Louis, USA, Branch in Vienna, Austria.
1985-1986 : Assistant Parish Priest in the Parish of Tanuku, Andhra Pradesh.
1986-1987 : Professor, Suvidya College, Bangalore.
1987-1994 : Rector, Suvidya College, Bangalore.
1994-1999 : Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Church, Hebbagodi and Professor at Suvidya College and Vincentian Philosophate, Kengeri.
1999-2005 : Rector, Vinayalaya, Bangalore and Professor at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Suvidya College, CRI Brother' Institute, Indian Institute of Spirituality and Resource Person in Family Counselling Centre,

		Bangalore.
2003-2006	:	Executive Director Fides India Society, Kengeri, Bangalore.
2005-2006	:	Rector of Tejas Vidya Peetha, Bangalore.
2006-2011	:	Provincial of MSFS South-West Province, Bangalore.
2011-2012	:	Sabbatical in Via del Mascherino 46, Rome, Italy.
2012-2018	:	Professor for Psychology and Ethics in Lumen Christi Institute Arusha, Tanzania.
2018-2019	:	Director of the Monastery at Schlanders in Italy.
2019 -	:	Parish Priest of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Schlanders and John Baptist Church Kortsch and Dean of Schlanders in Italy.
2022 -	:	Local Superior and Mission Bursar in the MSFS Community at Schlanders, Italy.

SILVER JUBILEE

Frs. Anil Thondampallil, Shibu Thundathil, Bobby Puthenparambil, Binoy Kurakalayil, Jaison Pezhathinal, C. Joseph, D. Doraiswamy, Joy Kochupoovathummuttil, R. Santhosh Kumar, Roy Plathottathil, and Binod Puthenpurackal are nearing the completion of their Silver Jubilee year. As they complete this milestone, let us thank God for blessing our province through their committed lives, and express our gratitude to our jubilarians for their love, dedication, and selfless service to the province, the congregation, and the Church.

Congrats!



FR. ANIL THONDAMPALLIL

Fr. Anil Thondampallil was born on 2 February 1973 in Kozhuvanal to Sebastian and Elikutty. He belongs to St. John Nephumcian's Church, Kozhuvanal, within the Diocese of Palai. He completed his early education at Govt. L.P.S., Kozhuvanal, and Technical High School, Palai. His religious formation began at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor (1989–1992), followed by his Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1992–1993), where he made his First Profession on 10 June 1993. He pursued philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1993–1996), and completed his regency at Snehasram, Vettukad, Thrissur (1996–1997). His theological formation was at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva (1997–2000). Fr. Anil made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1999 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon in December 1999, and was ordained a priest on 28 December 2000 at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001–2003	:	Staff, Jyothi Nilaya, Calicut.
2003–2005	:	MSW, Dr. G.R.D. College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore.

2005-2006	:	Staff, Tejas Vidya Peetha & Fides India, Bangalore.
2006-2012	:	Assistant Parish Priest St. Joseph's Church, Ulikkal & Director and Procurator of Boys' Home, Animator of Social Work Program KAIROSS.
2007	:	Vocation Promoter, North Kerala -Malabar Region.
2010	:	Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Church, Ulikkal.
2012-2014	:	Charis Bhavan, Director of Charis Nikethen, Athirampuzha.
2014- 2017	:	Chaplain of Central Prison, Kannur and Spiritual Director at St. Paul's Minor Seminary, Kannur.
2015-2017	:	Manager, SFS School, Kannur.
2017-2018	:	Saumya Sadan, Mysore.
2018-2020	:	German Language Studies, De Sales Academy, Aluva.
2020-2024	:	St. Elisabeth Hospital, Klagenfurt, Austria.
2024-	:	MSFS House & De Sales Academy, Kattappana.

Congrats!



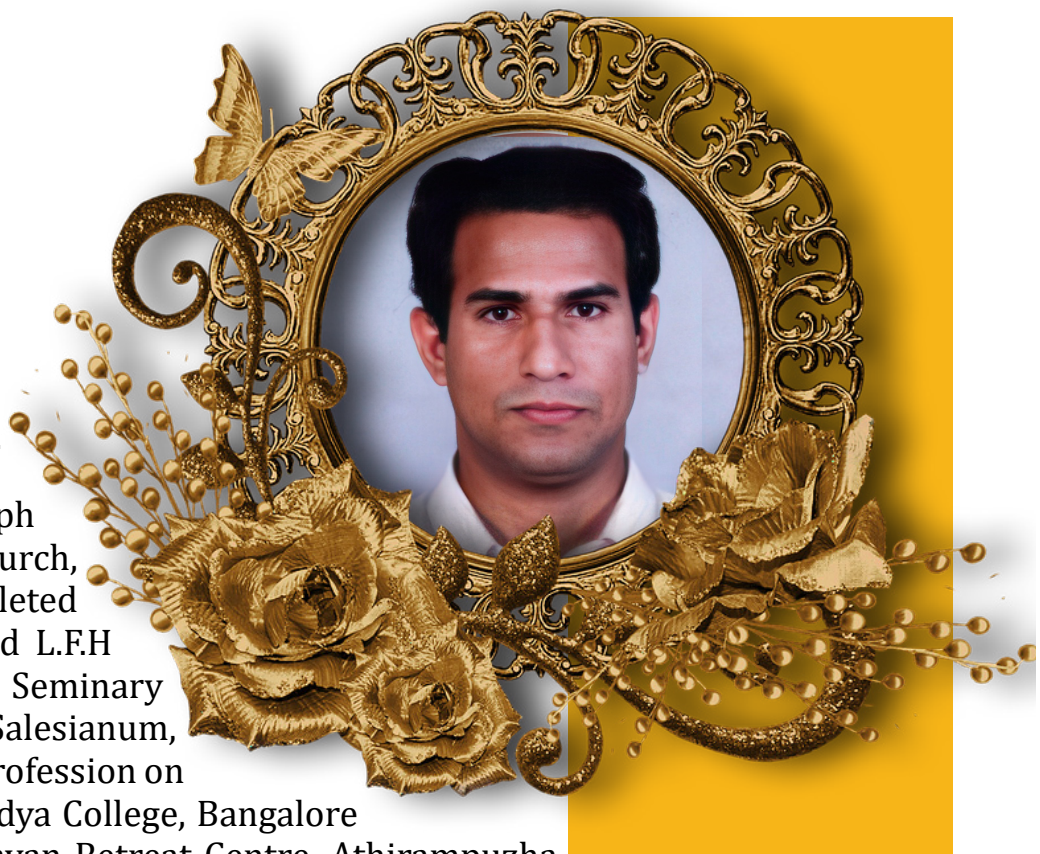
FR. SHIBU THUNDATHIL

Fr. Shibu Thundathil was born on 21 June 1971 in Parathode, Kanjirapally, to Jacob Joseph and Aleyamma Jacob. He belongs to the Podimattom parish in the Diocese of Kanjirappally. His early education was at St. Joseph's School, Koovappally, St. Joseph's School, Chettuthode, and St. Ephrem's School, Chirakadavu. He began his religious formation at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor (1987–1990), followed by Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1990–1991), where he made his First Profession on 10 June 1991. He studied philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1991–1994), completed his regency at Pastoral Sociology Institute, Malur (1994–1995), and earned a Master of Social Work from Loyola College, Chennai (1995–1997). He also obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management from Loyola Institute of Vocational Education, Chennai (1996–1997). His theological studies were at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune (1997–2000). Fr. Shibu made his Perpetual Profession on 16 January 1999 and was ordained a deacon on 12 February 2000 at Fransalianum, Pune. He was ordained a priest on 28 December 2000 at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001-2002	:	Deputy Director, Pastoral Sociology Institute, Malur, Kolar.
2002-2005	:	Vice Rector at Vinayalaya, Malleswaram, Bangalore & Co-ordinator of the Social Apostolate in the Province.
2003-2012	:	FIDESIndia Society, Bangalore (Founding Member & Program Director & Executive Director)
2005-2012	:	Tejas Vidya Peetha, Theology Program, Founding Member & Coordinator of Co-ordinator of the Social Apostolate Program and Contextual Theology Program.
2005-2009:		LLB (Al Ameen College of Law, Bangalore University).
2013-2017	:	Assistant Priest at Salisbury Catholic Parish, Australia.
2017-2025	:	Parish Priest of Salisbury Catholic Parish, Australia.
2021- 2024	:	PHD in Technology, Education and Management – with a focus on *'Transformational Leadership'* at Assumption University, Thailand
2025-	:	Vice Principal, SFS Degree College Autonomous, Hebbagodi.

Congrats!



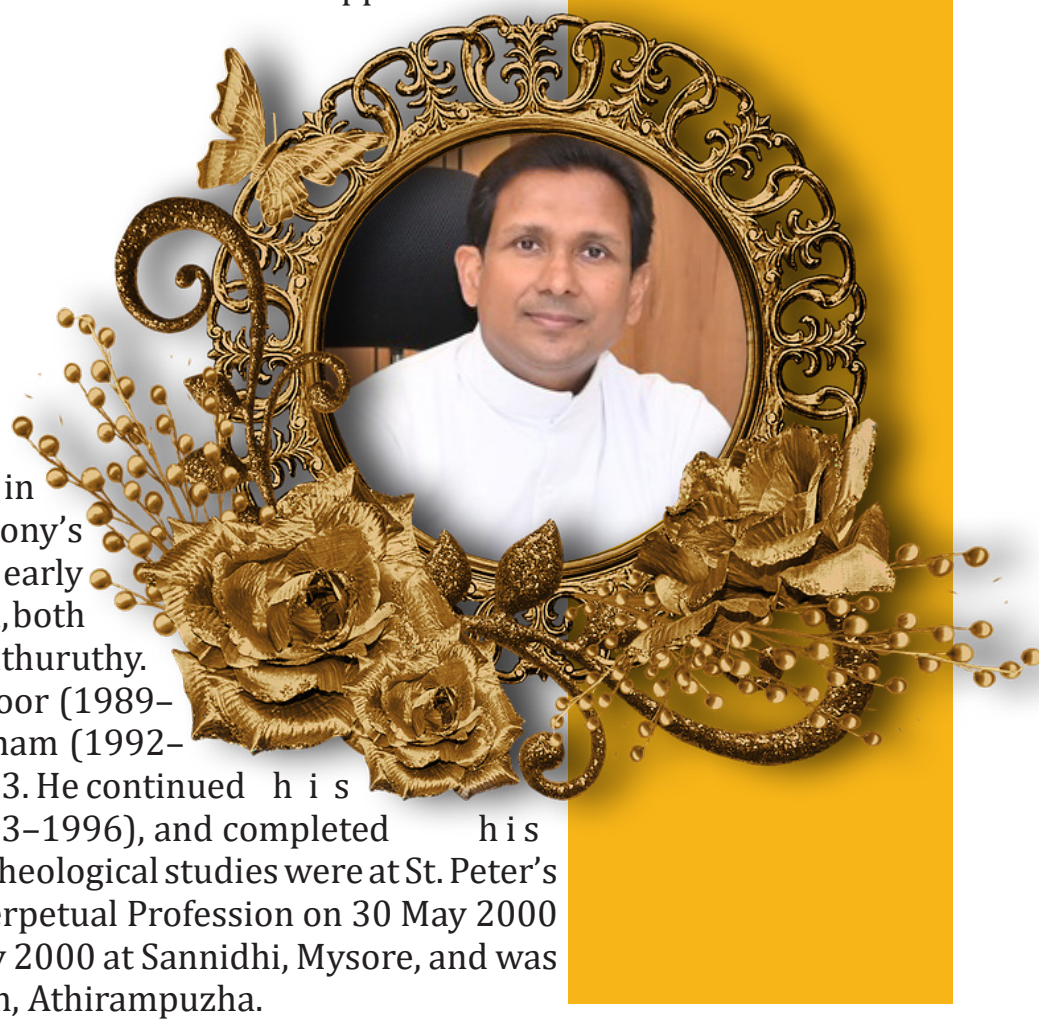
FR. BOBBY PUTHENPARAMBIL

Fr. Bobby Puthenparambil was born on 29 December 1972 in Chennamkary, Kavalam, Alappuzha, to Ouseph Chacko and Eleykutty. He belongs to Little Flower Church, Nediakad, in the Diocese of Kothamangalam. He completed his schooling at St. Antony's School, Chennamkary, and L.F.H School, Kavalam. His religious formation began at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor (1989–1992), followed by his Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1992–1993), where he made his First Profession on 10 June 1993. He pursued philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1993–1996), and completed his regency at Charis Bhavan Retreat Centre, Athirampuzha (1996–1997). His theological studies were undertaken at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva (1997–2000). Fr. Bobby made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1999 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 1 December 1999, and was ordained a priest on 28 December 2000 at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001–2003	:	Assistant Parish Priest, St. Francis Xavier's Church, Vattappara.
2003	:	German Language Studies, Max Muller Bhavan, Pune.
2004	:	(Pastoral Ministry in Austria) Klosterneuburg, Austria.
2005-2006	:	Assistant Parish Priest, Donaufeld, Wien.
2006-2009	:	Parish Priest, Sievering, Wien.
2010-2016	:	Parish Priest, Reinprechtspölla, St. Pölten.
2017-2018	:	Administrator, MSFS House & SFS School, Mattanur.
2018	:	Manager, SFS School, Mattanur.
2018- 2019	:	Assistant parish Priest, Korneuburg, Wien.
2019-2023	:	Assistant parish Priest, Bisamberg, Wien.
2023-2024	:	MSFS House Kattappana, Teaching German at DATA in Kattappana.

Congrats!



2024- : Pastoral Ministry in Germany.

FR. BINOY KURAKALAYIL

Fr. Binoy Kurakalayil was born on 23 December 1973 in Poozhikol to John and Aleyamma. He is a member of St. Antony's Church, Poozhikol, in the Diocese of Pala. He received his early education at St. Luke's LP School and St. Martha's UP School, both in Poozhikol, followed by St. Michael's High School, Kaduthuruthy. His religious formation began at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor (1989–1992), followed by Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1992–1993), where he made his First Profession on 10 June 1993. He continued his philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1993–1996), and completed his regency at the MSFS Mission in Koppal (1996–1997). His theological studies were at St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore (1997–2000). Fr. Binoy made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 2000 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 1 July 2000 at Sannidhi, Mysore, and was ordained a priest on 28 December 2000 at Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001-2002 : Assistant Parish Priest, St. Thomas Church ,Karikottakary.
2002-2003 : Assistant Parish Priest, St. Mary's Chruch, Parel, & BEd at St. John the Baptist College Nedumkunnam, Kottayam.
2003-2004 : St. Francis De Sales Higher Sec. School, Jankapuri, New Delhi.
2004-2013 : Principal, SFS Public School & Junior College, Ettumanoor, Kottayam, Kerala.
2004-2005 : MA English, Annamalai University, Madras, Tamil Nadu.
2013-2015 : MEd Studies at DeSales University Pennsylvania, USA & associate Pastor at Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, PA, USA.
2015-2023 : Principal, SFS ICSE School, Koppal.
2023 : Principal, SFS ICSE School, Hebbagodi.

Congrats!



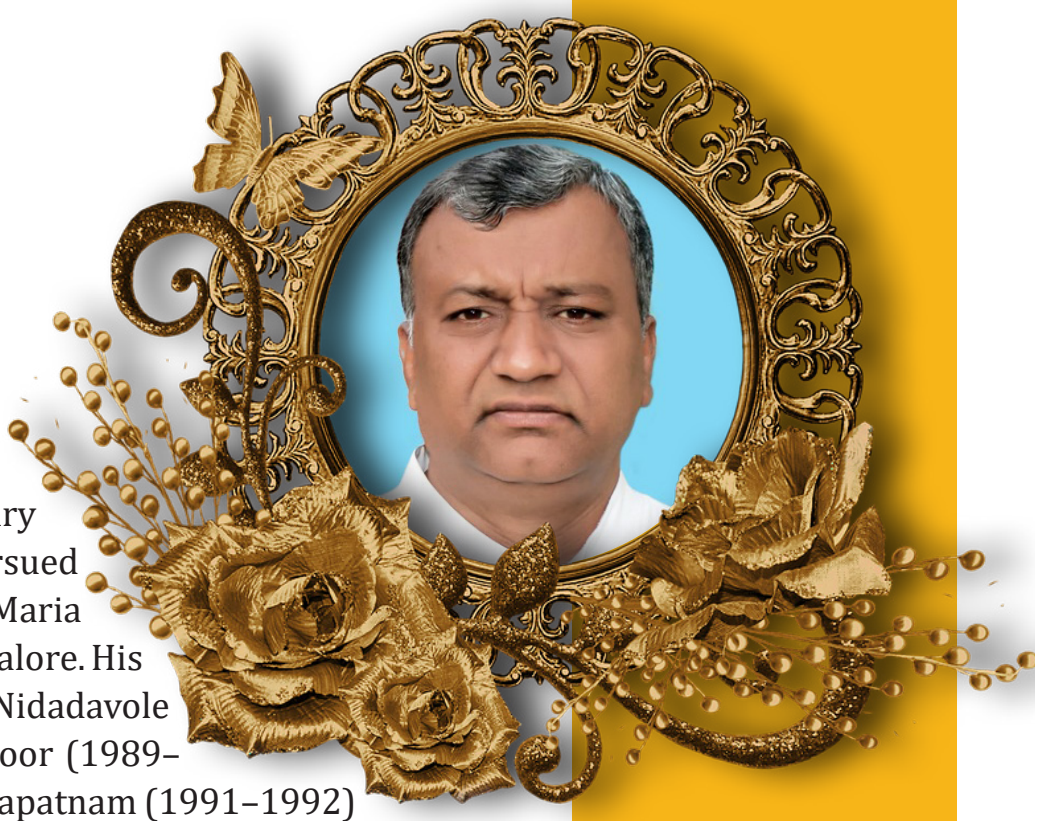
FR. JAISON PEZHATHINAL

Fr. Jaison Pezhathinal was born on 13 March 1972 in Koorachund to Thomas and Thressiamma. He belongs to St. Thomas Church, Koorachund, in the Diocese of Thamarassery. He completed his early education at St. Thomas H.S., Koorachund. His religious formation began at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor (1989–1992), followed by his Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1992–1993), where he made his First Profession on 10 June 1993. He pursued philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1993–1996), and completed his regency at Navajeevan Trust, Kottayam (1996–1997). His theological formation was at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva (1997–2000). Fr. Jaison made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1999 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 22 December 1999, and was ordained a priest on 29 December 2000 at Mary Matha Cathedral, Thamarassery.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001-2006 : Chad – Cameroon Mission.
2006-2011 : Program Director of FIDESIndia Society (NEST & TEJAS).
2011- : Pastoral Ministry, U.S.A.

Congrats!



FR. C. JOSEPH

Fr. C. Joseph was born on 2 May 1971 in Harobale to R. Chowrappa and Philomena Mary. He belongs to Holy Rosary Parish, Harobale, in the Archdiocese of Bangalore. He pursued his early education at R.C. School, Harobale, followed by Maria Nikethan School and Maria Nikethan High School in Bangalore. His religious formation began at Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole (1988–1989), and continued at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor (1989–1991). He completed his Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1991–1992) and made his First Profession on 10 June 1992. Fr. Joseph studied philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1992–1995), and completed his regency at Sudhirvana and St. Antony's Church, Kadisenahalli (1996–1997). His theological studies took place at St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore (1997–2000). He made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1999 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 24 January 2000 at Vinayalaya, and was ordained a priest on 3 January 2001 at SFS Church, Hebbagodi.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001	:	Principal, SFS School, Srinivaspur.
2001-2002	:	Priest in-charge of the mission in Kuknoor While residing at Koppal .
2002-2003	:	Saumya Sadan, Mysore.
2003-2005	:	Sacred Heart Church, Mudgal.
2005-2013	:	Parish Priest, St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gokunte.
2007	:	Vocation Promotor for the Karnataka Region.
2013-2020	:	Director of Pratheeksha-SFS Boy's Home, Manager of SFS School and Parish Priest of St. Antony's Church, Kadisenahalli.
2020-On	:	Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church and Director of Boy's Home, Gokunte.
2023-	:	Member of the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Bangalore.

Congrats!



FR D. DORAISWAMY MSFS

Fr. D. Doraiswamy MSFS was born on 17 May 1970 in Cowdalli to Devanayagam and Madalai Maria. He belongs to St. Antony's Church, Cowdalli, in the Diocese of Mysore. He completed his schooling at St. Antony's School, Cowdalli, St. Thomas Higher Primary School, Thomyara Palya, and St. Mary's High School, Martalli. His minor seminary formation took place at Nidadavole (1989–1990) and SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor (1990–1992). He underwent his novitiate at Fransalian Ashram, Belgaum (1992–1993) and made his First Profession on 31 May 1993. Fr. Doraiswamy pursued philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1993–1996), completed his regency at Martin Nivas, Srinivaspur (1996–1997), and studied theology at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore. He made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1999 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 24 January 2000 at Vinayalaya, and was ordained a priest on 4 January 2001 at St. Antony's Church, Cowdalli.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization:

2001-2003	:	Appointed to the community at Channarayapatna.
2003-2004	:	Mermier Bhavan, Assistant Parish Priest of St Francis de Sales Church, Director of SFS Boys' Home, Vice Principal of SFS Kannada Medium School, Hebbagodi.
2004-2006	:	Parish Priest, St Anthony's Church, Principal of SFS School, Director of SFS Boys' Home, Kadisenahalli.
2006-2009	:	Parish Priest, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kolar Town.
2009-2010	:	Superior and Administrator of MSFS Community, Warden of Prateeksha SFS Boys' Home, Moderator of Mother of Sorrows Mision Church and Correspondent of SFS School, Mundargi.
2010-2014	:	Parish Priest, St Xavier's Church, Sedam
2014-2015	:	Parish Priest, St Xavier's Church, Gokunte.
2015- 2016	:	Superior and Director of SFS Boys' Home Community, Hebbagodi
2016-2023	:	Assistant Parish Priest of SFS Church Hebbagodi, Priest in charge of Singasandra Parish.
2023-2024	:	PSI Sevagram, Kengari
2024-	:	Assistant Parish Priest of St. John the Evangelist Church, Manager and correspondent of St. Margret high school, J. C. Nagara.

Congrats!



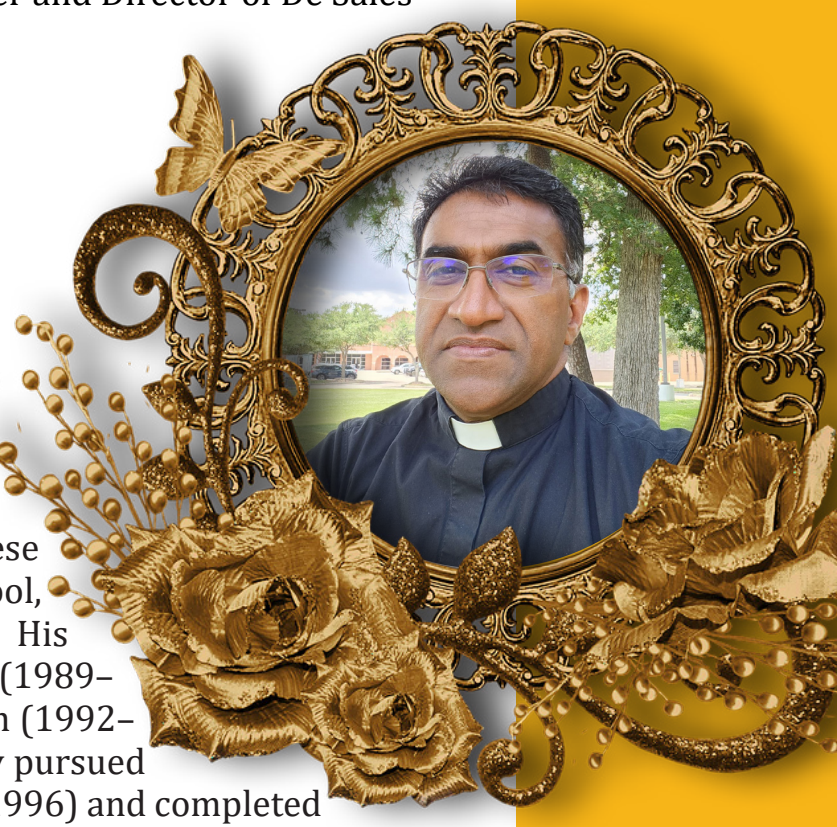
FR. R. SANTHOSH KUMAR

Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar was born on 12 April 1971 in Mariapura, Karnataka, to A. Rayappa and Lourdu Mary. He belongs to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Basavanapura, in the Archdiocese of Bangalore. He completed his schooling at St. Theresa's Higher Primary School and St. Antony's High School, T.C. Palya. His minor seminary formation was at Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole (1987–1990), followed by Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1990–1991), making his First Profession on 10 June 1991. Fr. Santhosh studied philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1991–1994) and completed his regency at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor (1994–1995). He earned his M.Phil. from JDV, Pune (1995–1997) and pursued theological studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore (1997–2000). He made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1998 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 24 January 2000 at Vinayalaya, and was ordained a priest on 6 January 2001 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bangalore.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001-2003	:	Principal of SFS School and Asst. Parish Priest of SFS Parish, Koppal.
2003	:	Member of Staff, Suvidya College, Bangalore.
2003- 2006	:	Doctoral Programme in Philosophy, Urbanianum, Rome.
2007-	:	Staff and Professor, Suvidya College, Bangalore.
2009	:	Registrar, Suvidya College, Bangalore.
2009 -2011	:	Councillor in charge of Education.
2010	:	Service at De Sales University, Allentown, USA.
2010	:	Founder & Director of De Sales Music Academy.
2013-	:	Manager of SFS College Hebbagodi.
2016	:	Mermier Bhavan Hebbagodi, lecturer- Suvidya College and in charge of Language Academy.
2016- 2019	:	Provincial Admonitor-Councillor in charge of Formation.
2022-	:	Councillor in charge of Formation, Founder and Director of De Sales Language Academy.

Congrats!



FR. JOY KOCHUPOOVATHUMMOOTIL

Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummootil was born on 30 October 1972 in Kanichar to K.J. Thomas and Aliyamma Thomas. He belongs to St. Sebastian's Church, Chengom, in the Diocese of Telichery. He completed his schooling at S.N.D.U.P. School, Kanichar, and Santhome High School, Kolakkad, Kannur. His minor seminary formation was at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor (1989–1992), followed by Novitiate at Fransalian Ashram, Belgaum (1992–1993). He made his First Profession on 31 May 1993. Fr. Joy pursued philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1993–1996) and completed his regency at Divya Jyothi Ashram, Raurkela, Odisha (1996–1997). His theological studies were at JDV, Pune (1997–2000). He made his Perpetual Profession on 12 January 2000 and was ordained a deacon on 12 February 2000 in Pune. Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummootil was ordained a priest on 8 January 2001 at St. Sebastian's Church, Chengom, Kanichar.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001	:	Assistant Parish Priest, Immaculate conception Church, Pappinessery
2001-2007	:	Assistant priest, , School Director -St. Joseph's Church, Bagong Silang, Philippines.
2003-2007	:	Parish priest, St. Joseph's Church, Bagong Silang, Philippines.
2007-2009	:	Procurator, MSFS Formation House, Cavite, Philippines.
2009-2011	:	Novice Master, MSFS Novitiate House -Cavite, Philippines.
2011-2012	:	Vocation promotor and procurator, MSFS Formation House, Cavite, Philippines.
2012-2013	:	Rector, MSFS Formation House, Cavite, Philippines.
2013-2014	:	Novice Master, MSFS Novitiate House, Tagaytay, Philippines.
2015-	:	Assistant Priest, St.Angela Merici catholic Church, Texas, Houston, USA.

Congrats!



FR. ROY PLATHOTTATHIL

Fr. Roy Plathottathil was born on 7 January 1972 in Ayyankunnu, Kerala, to Kurian P. J and Bregeeth Kurian. He is a member of St. George's Church, Kacherrikadavu, in the Diocese of Tellicherry. He completed his schooling at St. George's UP School, Kacherrikadavu, and St. Thomas High School, Kiliyanthara, Kannur. His minor seminary formation was at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor (1987–1990), followed by Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1990–1991), where he made his First Profession on 10 June 1991. He studied philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1991–1994), completed his regency at Charisbhavan Retreat Centre, Athirampuzha, Kerala (1994–1995), and earned his M.A. in Sociology from Mysore University (1995–1997). His theological studies took place at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore (1997–2001). He made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1998 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 24 January 2000 at Vinayalaya, and was ordained a priest on 9 January 2001 at St. George's Church, Kacherrikadavu.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001-2002	:	Assistant Parish Priest, St Mary's Assumption Church, Kottekad, Trichur Archdiocese, Kerala.
2002-2005	:	Vocation Promoter and lecturer, SFS Seminary Ettumanoor.
2005-2008	:	B.Ed. IGNOU., Delhi.
2005-2010	:	Principal, SFS Public School-ICSE, Bangalore.
2005-2006	:	Vice-Principal, SFS P.U College, Bangalore.
2006-2007	:	Principal, SFS P.U College, Bangalore.
2008-2010	:	MBA-Education Management, Alagappa University, Karaikudy, TN.
2010-2013	:	M.Ed. Studies, De Sales University, Pennsylvania, USA.
2013-2018	:	Principal, SFS Public School and Junior College (CBSE), Ettumanoor, Kerala.
2016-2019	:	Councillor in charge of Education.
2018-2023	:	Principal, SFS Degree College and PG Centre, Bangalore.
2019-2022	:	Ph.D. in Sociology, Sunrise University, Alwar, Rajasthan.
2023-	:	Principal, SFS Public School and Junior College (CBSE), Ettumanoor, Kerala.

Congrats!



FR. BINOD PUTHENPURACKAL

Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal was born on 23 June 1972 in Kooroppada to P. M. Xavier and Marykutty Xavier. He belongs to Holy Cross Parish, Kooroppada, in the Diocese of Changanachery. He completed his schooling at NSS LP School, Kooroppada, and MGM High School, Lakattoor. His minor seminary formation took place at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor (1988–1992), followed by novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam (1992–1993), where he made his First Profession on 10 June 1993. He pursued philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore (1993–1996) and completed his regency at Vinayakumar Estate, Chokkad (1996–1997). His theological studies were at St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore (1997–2000). Fr. Binod made his Perpetual Profession on 30 May 1999 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore, was ordained a deacon on 24 January 2000 at Vinayalaya, and was ordained a priest on 15 January 2001 at Holy Cross Church, Kooroppada.

Appointments/Ministries/ Specialization

2001	:	Assistant Parish Priest, St. Augustine Church Nellikutty, Thalassery.
2001-2002	:	Assistant Parish Priest, St. Marys Forane Church, Alakode, Thalassery.
2002	:	St. Ignatius Church, Kannadiparamba, Kannur Diocese.
2002-2005	:	Assistant Manager and Procurator, Vinayakumar Estate, Chokkad.
2004	:	Principal of SFS UP School, Thelpara.
2006-2018	:	Pastoral Ministry in Germany.
2014	:	Delegation Superior of GAH Under SWI Province.
2018-2024	:	Parish Priest, SFS Church Vattiyoorkavu, Tvm, Changanacherry Archdiocese.
2024-	:	Administrator, SFS School, Ettumanoor.

MSFS Formation House Celebrates 25 Years of Grace and Mission



October 24, 2025 – MSFS Formation House, Silang, Cavite, Philippines

The MSFS Formation House joyfully marked its 25th Foundation Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 in the morning, celebrating a quarter-century of God's abundant grace and the countless lives formed. The event became a profound reminder of God's faithfulness and the mission entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales in nurturing future religious and missionary vocations.

The Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS, Provincial Superior, and concelebrated by MSFS fathers, along with Diocesan and Religious priests. The Eucharistic celebration was filled with heartfelt gratitude for the many years of spiritual formation, growth, and community life inspired by the spirit of St. Francis de Sales.

The jubilee gathering brought together a joyful assembly of religious sisters, benefactors, and friends of the Fransalian, whose presence added to the spirit of thanksgiving and fraternity. The celebration was enriched by the solemn participation of the seminarians who led the choir, creating a prayerful atmosphere that reflected the community's deep devotion and zeal for mission.

-Bro. Robert Sotomil, MSFS



Our New Priests

PHILIPPINES DELEGATION



Fr. Aldren C Mondigo
26/04/2025



Fr. Alex J Estancia
26/04/2025
Our lady of Sacred heart parish, Molino IV Citihomes

SOUTH-WEST INDIA PROVINCE



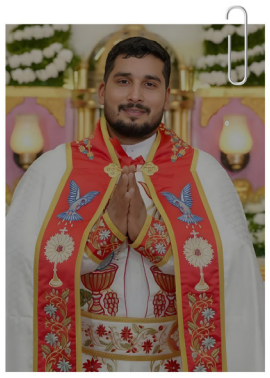
Fr. Asher Kochuparambil
26/04/2025
OLS Church, Hebbagodi



Fr. Jostro Muthipeedika
27/04/2025
Holy Family Forane Church, Hongasandra



Fr. Jerry Balthasar
28/04/2025
St. Joseph's Church, Valannagar, (Otterthotti), Mysore



Fr. George Karottukizhakel
30/04/2025
St. Mary's Church, Malampuzha

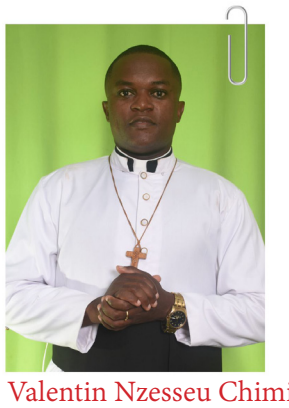


Fr. Jerin Ponmalakunnel
01/05/2025
St. Joseph Forane Church, Peruvanthanam



Fr. Joachim Anthonyswamy
08/05/2025
St Francis Xavier's Church, Gokunte

CHAD-CAMEROON DELEGATION



Fr. Valentin Nzesseu Chimi
12/07/2025
Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish, Ndogpassi III



Fr. Nga Modo Engelbert
05/07/2025
Basilique Mineure Marie-Reinedes Apôtresde Mvolye ,Yaoundé



Fr. William Favier Henri
05/07/2025
Basilique Mineure Marie-Reinedes Apôtresde Mvolye ,Yaoundé



Fr. Yibongha David
05/07/2025
Basilique Mineure Marie-Reinedes Apôtresde Mvolye ,Yaoundé

First Profession in the New Novitiate House, Ngaoundéré

Chad-Cameroon Delegation



On July 2, 2025, a significant event took place at St. James, MSFS Novitiate in Ngaoundere: the first profession of the very first batch of 11 novices. This marks a new chapter for our congregation, as it's the first time the profession ceremony has been held in Ngaoundere. Previously, our novices were sent to the East-Africa Province in Tanzania for their formation.

The joyous celebration of the first profession was centred around the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Manoj Arackal, with Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil preaching an inspiring homily and receiving the vows of the newly professed. The vibrant participation of many religious and faithful, uplifted by the melodious singing of the Ngaoundere University choir, created a deeply prayerful and festive atmosphere.

The celebration was made even more special by the solemn initiation of eight new novices into the novitiate on July 1, 2025.

First Profession in Makkiyad



May 31, 2025 was a memorable day for MSFS as thirteen of our Novices (South-west India -2, Guwahati Province -11) professed their First Commitment to the Lord. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, the provincial of South-West India province presided over the Eucharistic celebration and received the vows. Fr. Binoy Kuzhuppil the Novice Master presented the candidates to the Provincial. Along with the MSFS Fathers, diocesan priests, religious men and women, MSFS benefactors, and brothers were also present for the celebration.

Salesian Seminar



Eighteen brothers from five Indian provinces—Nagpur, Pune, South-East, South-West, and Visakhapatnam—participated in the three-week Salesian Retreat at Fransalian Ashram, Belgaum, from May 4, 2025. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, the coordinator and chief animator, meticulously planned the retreat, ably assisted by Fr. Naveen Nirmal. Nine animators from different provinces enriched the participants with deep insights into Salesian spirituality. The active and prayerful participation of the retreatants in the liturgy and community life was commendable. Fr. Benedict De Souza, General Councillor for Formation, enriched the brothers through input sessions on religious life, community life, and Salesian devotions. Fr. Johnson Gonsalves, Provincial of Pune, presided over the concluding Eucharist on May 25 and shared an inspiring message

Diaconate Ordination in Vinayalaya



On Saturday, 26th July 2025 at 6:00 p.m., a solemn ordination to the diaconate was held at Vinayalaya MSFS Provincial House. The sacred rite was presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Arokiaraj Satis Kumar, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Bangalore. Fr. Sibichan presented the candidates, in the presence of Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial of South-West India Province, Fr. Benedict D'Souza, General Councilor for Formation, and Fr. A. Christuraj, Councilor for Social and Innovative Ministries. In this grace-filled celebration, Brothers Albin, Anthony Rosario, and Thomas Ambrose were ordained as deacons. The liturgy and the gathering went on beautifully, marking a joyful and memorable moment for the congregation and the faithful.

14th Fransalian National Education Seminar

EDUMISSION 2040



The South-West India Province of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS) had the privilege of hosting the 14th Fransalian National Education Seminar, EDUMISSION 2040, from May 1–4, 2025, at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. The seminar brought together 112 educators representing all seven Indian provinces of the MSFS, making it a vibrant platform for reflection, dialogue, and planning for the future of Fransalian education.

The seminar revolved around the central theme Education of the Heart is the Heart of Education." Eminent speakers and thought leaders invited from across India shed light on today's fast-changing educational contexts both globally and nationally. They stressed the importance of keeping Fransalian institutions innovative and forward-looking yet firmly rooted in the congregation's core ethos of human-centered education.

A major focus of the seminar was formulating Institutional Development Plans (IDPs) for both individual schools and provinces to ensure structured growth and innovation in operations. In his video message, Superior General Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS underlined that education is not just a service but a sacred ministry integral to the congregation's mission. Fr. Thomas Kalariparabil MSFS, Provincial of the South-West India Province, set the tone of the seminar with his keynote address, calling on educators to creatively engage with present-day challenges while remaining uncompromising on Fransalian values. Distinguished experts including Dr. N. Jayasankaran, Justice Kurian Joseph, Dr. Angela Mathew, Dr. Joseph Emmanuel, and Dr. Thimmappa Hegde enriched the seminar with insights on holistic human formation in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

The seminar was blessed with the presence of distinguished church leaders. On May 2, 2025, Archbishop Peter Machado of Bangalore Archdiocese presided over the Holy Eucharist. The seminar concluded with the Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Elias Gonsalves of Nagpur, Chairperson of the CBCI Commission for Education and Culture. His message underlined education as a transformative tool for building a just and humane society.

The South-West India Province is deeply grateful to all the participants, speakers, and leaders who contributed to making EDUMISSION 2040 a meaningful and enriching experience. The seminar reaffirmed the Fransalian commitment to offer education that not only imparts knowledge but truly forms hearts, empowering individuals to transform society in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales.



Annual Retreat 2025-26



The Annual Retreat of the Province for the year 2025 commenced with the first batch gathering at Charis Bhavan Retreat Centre, Athirampuzha, from 22 to 26 September 2025, with 63 confreres participating. The retreat for the second batch was held at Vinayalaya from 13 to 17 October 2025 and was also attended by 72 confreres.

Both retreats were prayerfully guided by Rev. Fr. Tony Thambi, C.S.C., whose reflections and sessions deeply enriched the spiritual experience of all participants.



PHILIPPINES DELEGATION



The Annual retreat of the Philippines Delegation was held from July 1-5, 2025, and was animated by Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Uppamthadathil, MSFS.

Diaconate Ordination in Chad-Cameroon Delegation

On July 5, 2025, at the Basilica of Mary Queen of Apostles in Yaoundé, three scholastics from the Chad–Cameroon Delegation—namely **Bros. Chidjo Djoko Bertrand Armand, Mbinkar Melchisedek Nsoyuka,** and **Djoitanan Paulin** —and two scholastics from the East Africa Province—namely **Bros. Wangi Pascal,** and **Wamakale Abraham**—were ordained as deacons. This sacred celebration was presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Jean Mbarga, Archbishop of Yaoundé, and the presence of our Provincial, Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, added further joy to this solemn occasion.

AD MAIOREM AMOREM : FOR A GREATER LOVE

Perpetual Profession and Renewal of Vows



On 28th May 2025, the Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore, witnessed a momentous occasion in the life of the MSFS Congregation. Eleven of our brothers from Tejas Vidya Peetha, Kengeri - Abhishek Ekka, Ajo Mookenthottam, Ameer Pottackal, Antony K J, Christin Kidangayil, Jerin Kulamkuthiyil, Ranjit Panna, Rechin Deepak A, Sebastian Aranjaniyil, Sebastian Kaniyamparambil of the South West India Province and Sameer Xess of the Nagpur Province made their Perpetual Profession, committing their lives forever to the Lord. The renewal of vows by seven brothers added to the significance of the occasion, reflecting their ongoing journey of fidelity and discernment.

The celebration was presided over by Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, Provincial of the South West India Province, who exhorted the brothers to remain faithful and joyful in their lifelong commitment.

Superiors, confreres, family members of the brothers, and well-wishers witnessed this milestone event with heartfelt joy. The celebration stands as a testament to the vibrancy of vocations and the unwavering spirit of consecrated life in the Fransalian Family.

35th Annual Convocation Day at Indian Institute of Spirituality (IIS)



On the 10th of March 2025 Seventy-Nine Students of Indian Institute of Spirituality graduated and were awarded Diploma in Spiritual Theology on the occasion of the 35th Annual Convocation of the Institute. The celebration of the day commenced with the celebration of the solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Very Rev. Dr. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS, the Provincial of the South-west Indian Province. In tune with the formation program envisaged in IIS the theme of the Convocation was: **Bridges of Hope – Pilgrims on Mission.** The message of the theme was well resonated in the homily preached by the Provincial as well as in the Keynote address delivered by Very Rev. Dr. Fr. Antony Lawrence, the President of St Peter's Pontifical Institute. The provincial, who was also the Chief Guest of the Convocation ceremony, awarded the graduating students with the Diploma in Spiritual Theology conferred jointly by St. Peter's Pontifical Institute and Indian Institute of Spirituality. The convocation ceremony received its enchanting effects through the pledge by the students to live their lives in accordance with the Gospel values, the sterling theme presentation by the graduating students, the presentation of the report by the Dean, the grace-filled and dramatic expression of gratitude and the final message of the Director. The lively event came to an end with the vote of thanks, institute anthem, the group photo and a sumptuous fellowship meal.

ANNUAL CATECHISM CAMP -2025



The Catechism Camp 2025 was held at S.F.S. School, Chintamani, from 21–25 April with the theme "Sacramental Life." It brought together 110 children from Kolar Deanery, offering them a rich experience of faith, learning, and fellowship.

Organized for students of Classes 5–10, the camp provided a vibrant blend of spiritual formation, education, and community-building. The inauguration featured prayers, dances, and an inspiring orientation, followed by the inaugural Mass presided over by Auxiliary Bishop Satish Kumar.

Under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Selvaraj and the support of MSFS fathers, Tejas brothers, SAB sisters, and lay animators, the camp offered a well-structured programme: daily catechism classes, sessions on the sacraments, meditation, Rosary processions, yoga, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Co-curricular activities—singing, dance, skits, Bible quiz, games, preparation for daily liturgy, and joyful campfire gatherings—added excitement and fostered teamwork. A special highlight was the celebration of Fr. C. Joseph's Silver Jubilee. The dedicated involvement of priests, religious, and volunteers made the camp both enriching and enjoyable. The children returned home strengthened in faith and inspired to live their Christian calling with renewed enthusiasm.

DSM Heritage Trip: Visiting The Spiritual Roots



Eight confreres from seven Indian provinces and the East Africa Province undertook the De Sales and Mermier (DSM) Heritage and Pilgrimage Trip to Annecy, France, and Rome, Italy, from May 11 to 27, 2025. Participants included Frs. P. Inna Reddy, Sebastian Nerappil, Ignatius de Costa, Tomy, John De Britto, Santo John, Michael Jacob, and Augustine Thundathil. The journey deepened their connection to Salesian spirituality through visits to significant sites associated with St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. A spiritually moving moment was experienced at the Basilica of the Visitation, which houses the relics of St. Francis de Sales, St. Jane de Chantal, and Fr. Mermier. Pilgrims reflected on the significance of visiting the birthplaces of these spiritual pioneers. Stops at La Feuillette, Thorens, Chaumont, Les Allinges, Thonon, Ville-la-Grand, and Magland highlighted the enduring relevance of humility, zeal, and pastoral renewal. The second leg of the journey included pilgrimages to Rome, Assisi, and Padua, offering profound spiritual experiences through Italy's rich Christian heritage and sacred Architecture.

A New Chapter of Hope and Mission



October 1, 2025, marked a joyful milestone for the Mermier Children's Welfare Mission, a social work program of the MSFS Philippines Delegation, as it was officially organized in accordance with the existing Laws of the Philippines and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Mermier Children and Community Development Foundation, Inc.

For the past four years, the mission has dedicated itself to serving poor children and families in the underprivileged communities within the parish areas through Catholic



education, feeding, and community programs. Its humble beginnings trace back to the groundbreaking of the Mermier Mission Centre on October 16, 2023, led by Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS, Provincial Superior. A year later, on October 12, 2024, the Center was solemnly blessed by Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvelil, MSFS, former Superior General of the MSFS.

This year, the Foundation celebrates another significant achievement — the blessing of its new multi-purpose building, officiated by Rev. Msgr. George A. Morales, former Vicar General of the Diocese of Imus and a cherished friend of the MSFS community. The event was graced by Rev. Fr. Jundie Sumagaysay, Philippine Delegation Superior; Rev. Fr. Jiji Manjackal, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation; fellow MSFS confreres, benefactors, and well-wishers who have been instrumental in supporting the growth of the mission.



On October 12, 2024, the Mermier Mission Centre was solemnly blessed by Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvelil, MSFS, former Superior General of the MSFS.

A New Dawn for St. Francis Sales P.U. College, Hebbagodi



Marking two decades since its humble beginnings in 2004, St. Francis Sales Pre-University College witnessed a new dawn with the inauguration of its new academic block on 10th October, 2025 — a milestone that will forever be inscribed in golden letters in the history of the institution.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil *msfs*, Provincial of the South-West India Province. It was a moment of divine continuity, as Rev. Dr. Thomas had also laid the foundation stone for the new academic block on 15th August, 2024.

The blissful ceremony began with the ribbon-cutting of the new academic block, followed by the blessing of the building, led by Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, along with Rev. Fr. George Vattapara, Rev. Dr. Santhosh Kumar, Rev. Dr. Binu Edathumparambil, Rev. Fr. Mathew Elayadathumadam, Rev. Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel, Rev. Fr. Staney I. Rodrigues and Rev. Fr. Mijo Kulamkuthiyil. The presence of priests, nuns, staff from sister institutions on the campus and guests created a surreal and graceful atmosphere. Following this, Rev. Fr. George Vattapara, along with the other dignitaries, unveiled the plaque for the new academic block, making it a landmark moment in the history of SFS P.U. College.

The ceremony continued with the stage programme featuring a soulful prayer dance and a warm welcome address. The highlight of the event was the inspiring presidential address delivered by Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, who emphasised the importance of building a strong academic foundation and nurturing core values among students. He further acknowledged the collective effort that brought this vision to life.

Subsequently, as a token of appreciation and gratitude, the dignitaries, along with the architectural and engineering team, were felicitated. The proceedings further included a transformation video that beautifully captured the journey of the new academic block from its conception to completion, followed by an inspirational theme dance symbolizing growth and renewal.



Inauguration and Blessing of the New Community House and Academic Block

SFS College, Tamaka, Kolar



SFS College Tamaka, Kolar on 12th May 2025 marked a significant milestone with the inauguration and blessing of its new community house, 'SFS Bhavan,' and the SFS College Degree Academic Block. The ceremony was graced by esteemed guests Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalaripparambil MSFS (Provincial, S.W. India Province) and Rt. Rev. Arokiaraj Satish Kumar (Auxiliary Bishop of Bengaluru).

The event began with refreshments for guests and invitees at 10:00 AM, followed by a welcome address by Fr. Vinod Kanattu MSFS (Superior) at 10:15 AM. The inauguration and blessing ceremony took place at 10:30 AM, where Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalaripparambil MSFS and Rt. Rev. Arokiaraj Satish Kumar lit the lamp, symbolizing the beginning of a new chapter for the institution.

The ceremony also included a Eucharistic Celebration and the consecration of the SFS Chapel, led by Rt. Rev. Arokiaraj Satish Kumar. A stage program commenced at 12:00 PM, featuring a classical welcome dance. Principal Fr. Joseph Thoppil MSFS felicitated the dignitaries, Rt. Rev. Arokiaraj Sathish Kumar (Auxiliary Bishop of Bengaluru), Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalaparambil MSFS (Provincial) Fr. Mathew Elayidathumadathil, MSFS (Provincial Bursar), Antony Njavally (Architect), Mr. Umesh M (Site Engineer), Mr. V. Manjunath (Civil Contractor), Mr. Mathew K.(J. S. Fabrication), Mr. George (Artist), Mr. A Antony Swamy (Prop: Augustine Wood Works), Mr. Manjunath S (Chaya Enterprises), and other notable guests who contributed to the construction and development of the facilities.

The new community house and academic block are expected to enhance the overall learning experience for students and provide a conducive environment for academic and personal growth. The inauguration and blessing ceremony marked a momentous occasion for SFS College Tamaka, Kolar, and is a testament to the institution's commitment to providing quality education and facilities for its students.

Blessing of the New Extension For PU College at SFS School, Kuknoor



It was a dream-come-true moment for the SFS School community at Kuknoor as they celebrated the blessing of their new school extension for the PU College on August 30, 2025. The new wing was blessed by Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial Superior of the MSFS South West India Province. His presence, along with that of Rev. Fr. Benny Marangolil, Councillor in charge of Education, Rev. Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar, Councillor in charge of Formation, and several confreres of the congregation, brought added joy to the occasion.

The cultural program presented by the students made the celebration colorful and memorable, highlighting the vibrant spirit of the school community. This milestone also marked the fulfillment of a journey that began with the ceremonial laying and blessing of the foundation stone by Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil on November 12, 2024.



SFS Feast and Blessing of the Renovated Chapel at Vinayalaya



January 24th marked a joyous occasion of dual celebration for the Vinayalaya Provincial House Community, as they observed the Feast of St. Francis de Sales and celebrated the blessing of their newly renovated chapel. The festal Mass was solemnly presided over by Rt. Rev. Karnam Dhaman Kumar, MSFS, Bishop of the Diocese of Nalgonda, who also officiated the blessing of the chapel.

Among the concelebrants at the altar were Rev. Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, former Provincial of the MSFS South West India Province; Rev. Fr. Laurence, President of St. Peter's Pontifical Institute; and Rev. Fr. Richard, Rector of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru.

The Vinayalaya community expressed their deep gratitude to Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, whose vision and leadership were instrumental in the chapel's transformation. His philosophical depth and theological insight have imbued the sacred space with profound spiritual beauty and meaning, making it a true sanctuary for prayer and reflection.

Abhishekaniravu 2025: Annual Bible Convention



Abhishekaniravu is the most significant gathering at Charis Bhavan, bringing together thousands of believers from all walks of life. Each year, it becomes a moment of deep spiritual renewal, where people come to seek God's presence, grow in faith, and experience His power.

From October 1 to 5, 2025, we witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of God's grace. The convention was marked by intense prayer, uplifting worship, and profound moments of healing and deliverance. This year, Abhishekaniravu reached more people than ever before. In addition to the thousands who participated in person, 15,000 people joined us online from around the world.

Grotto Blessing

Koppal



A grotto of our Blessed Virgin Mary was solemnly blessed by Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of South-West India Province, on 30th August 2025, at SFS Church, Koppal

Kadisenahalli



The newly constructed Grotto of Mother Mary at Kadisenahalli was blessed on February 23, 2025.

Inauguration and Blessing of the Extended School Building at Chattradahalli



The Lobby and extended building of St. Francis de Sales School, Chattradahalli, were inaugurated and blessed on 14 November 2024. Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial, along with other dignitaries, graced the occasion, which also coincided with Children's Day. The celebration concluded with cultural programmes in the presence of parents and guests.



Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

Koppal



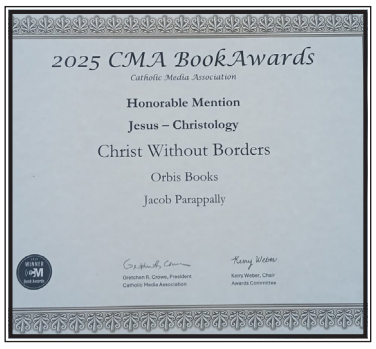
The long-awaited foundation stone blessing for the proposed PU College in Koppal was held on 12 March 2025. Rev. Dr. Thomas Kalariparambil, Provincial, presided over the ceremony in the presence of confreres from the North Karnataka Apostolic Community, along with school staff, students, and parishioners. The school choir added solemnity to the event with their hymn of blessing.

Malur



The foundation stone for the CBSE school was laid at Malur on January 30, 2025.

Celebrating the Achievements of Our Confreres



Congratulations to **Fr. Jacob Parappally** on winning the USA Catholic Media Association (CMA) Book Award for his work Christ Without Borders.



On 11 March 2025, **Fr. Tito Puthuparambi**l successfully defended his doctoral thesis in Psychology at Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu. His research was titled "*Adolescent Commitment to the Environment: The Influence of Family Relationships and Spirituality, and the Mediating Role of Personal Agency and Positive Youth Development.*"
Congratulations, dear Fr. Tito!





On 25 January 2025, at Assumption University, Bangkok, Fr. Manu Kumbidiamakkal and Fr. Shibu Thundathil were formally declared Doctors.

Fr. Manu Kumbidiamakkal completed his Doctorate in Technology, Education, and Management, with a specialization in Higher Education.

Fr. Shibu Thundathil earned his PhD in Technology, Education, and Management, focusing on Transformational Leadership.

Hearty congratulations, dear Fathers, on this remarkable achievement!



Fr. Joshy Thumpechirayil was awarded a gold medal on 15 November 2024 for securing first rank in M.Sc. Visual Communication from SRM University, Chennai. Congratulations, dear Fr. Joshy!

25 YEARS OF MSFS PRESENCE in Chad-Cameroon

The Chad–Cameroon Delegation of the MSFS Congregation joyfully celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 23 November 2024, marking 25 years of mission, service, and growth. The celebration also included the inauguration of three major facilities—the Novitiate, the College, and the Boys' Home—signifying a new chapter in the delegation's journey.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Provincials and Mission Superiors from the MSFS units across Africa and beyond, reflecting the deep unity and fraternity within the congregation. Their presence made the Jubilee a truly memorable and inspiring celebration.

Key Highlights of the Celebration



JUBILEE MAGAZINE

Thanks to Frs. Innacimuthu and Nyamsi Panteum Yves Cyrille for their hard work and dedicated efforts in beautifully bringing out the Jubilee Magazine.



Inauguration of the Novitiate



Laying the foundation stone for Fr. Abba memorial tailoring centre the second phase of SFS college at Gaki.



Inauguration of the SFS College



PERPETUAL PROFESSION

To mark the silver jubilee in a concrete way on 22nd November a solemn Eucharist celebration was held in MSFS community at Gaki, Doba. During the Holy Mass eight of our brothers made their perpetual profession.



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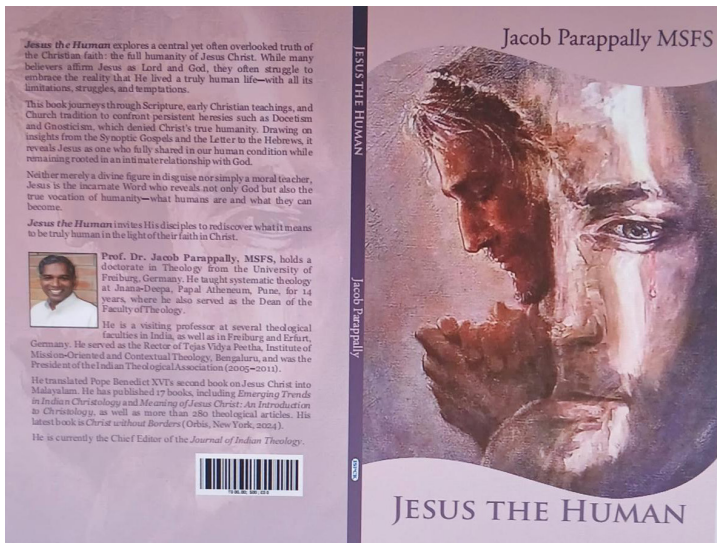
A solemn thanksgiving Mass was held on 23rd November 2024 to mark the 25 years of MSFS presence in Chad. Most Holy Eucharist was presided over by Mgr. Martin Bani, bishop of Doba, Tchad. During the eucharist celebration three of our brothers namely Nzesseu Chimi Valentin, Yibongha David Shiynyuy and Nga Modo Engelbert received diaconate ordination.



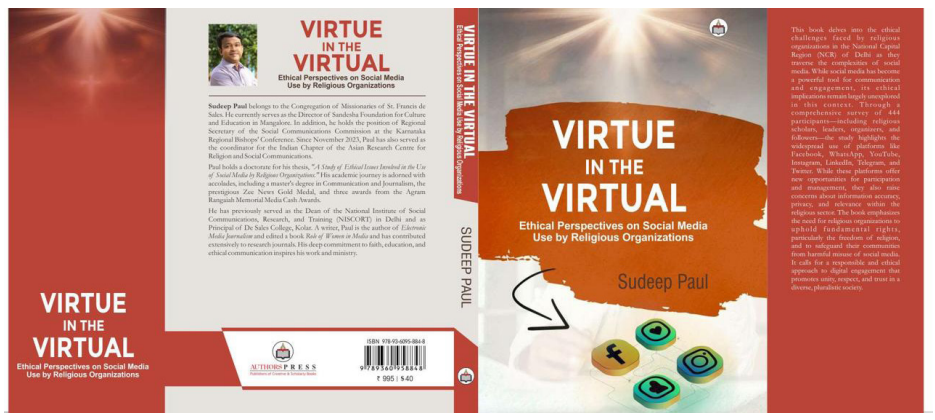
Inauguration of the Boys' Home

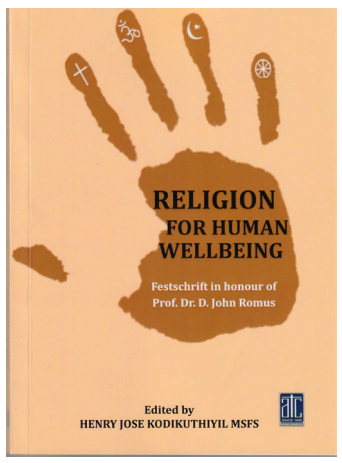
New Books




Jacob Parappally MSFS
JESUS THE HUMAN
Jesus the Human explores a central yet often overlooked truth of the Christian faith: the full humanity of Jesus Christ. While many believers affirm Jesus as Lord and God, they often struggle to embrace the reality that He lived a truly human life—with all its limitations, struggles, and temptations.
This book journeys through Scripture, early Christian teachings, and Church tradition to confront persistent heresies such as Docetism and Gnosticism, which denied Christ's true humanity. Drawing on insights from the Synoptic Gospels and the Letter to the Hebrews, it reveals Jesus as one who fully shared in our human condition while remaining rooted in an intimate relationship with God.
Neither merely a divine figure in disguise nor simply a moral teacher, Jesus is the incarnate Word who reveals not only God but also the true vocation of humanity—what humans are and what they can become.
Jesus the Human invites His disciples to rediscover what it means to be truly human in the light of their faith in Christ.
Prof. Dr. Jacob Parappally, MSFS, holds a doctorate in Theology from the University of Freiburg, Germany. He taught systematic theology at Jnana-Deepa, Papal Atheneum, Pune, for 14 years, where he also served as the Dean of the Faculty of Theology.
He is a visiting professor at several theological faculties in India, as well as in Freiburg and Erfurt, Germany. He served as the Rector of Tejas Vidya Peetha, Institute of Mission-Oriented and Contextual Theology, Bengaluru, and was the President of the Indian Theological Association (2005–2011).
He translated Pope Benedict XVI's second book on Jesus Christ into Malayalam. He has published 17 books, including Emerging Trends in Indian Christology and Meaning of Jesus Christ: An Introduction to Christology, as well as more than 280 theological articles. His latest book is Christ without Borders (Orbis, New York, 2024).
He is currently the Chief Editor of the Journal of Indian Theology.


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Die sittliche Unvertretbarkeit des Individuums bei Kant als soteriologische Herausforderung
Antony Sathiyaseelan Arockiam
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Für uns gestorben?
Die Grundlage aller christlichen Dogmen ist der Sühnetod Christi. Das bedeutet, dass Christus, der sowohl Gott als auch Mensch ist, in die Welt kam, die Sünden der Menschheit auf sich nahm und sich für ihr Heil opferte. Dies ist der christliche Glaube, auf dem das Christentum aufgebaut ist. Christus ist somit der Stellvertreter der Menschheit vor Gott. Dies ist der Glaube bzw. die Theologie des Christentums bis zum heutigen Tag. In der Epoche der Aufklärung erfährt dieses Grunddogma des Christentums durch Immanuel Kant eine Erschütterung, da Kant Christus lediglich als moralisches Vorbild, Lehrer und Beispiel betrachtete und die These der sittlichen Unvertretbarkeit vertrat. In diesem Buch wird anhand der Werke von Dorothee Sölle und Joseph Ratzinger versucht, eine christliche Antwort auf Kants Fragestellung zu geben. Obwohl sich die beiden Theologen nicht direkt mit Kants Fragestellung beschäftigt haben, zeigt dieses Buch, wie sie es dennoch auf indirekte Weise tun. Zudem wird dargestellt, wie eine christliche Entkräftung der kantischen Position zugunsten einer umfassend verstandenen Stellvertretungslehre aussehen kann.
Dr. Antony Sathiyaseelan Arockiam (30.06.1985, Tamil Nadu) ist römisch-katholischer Priester. Er kam 2015 nach Österreich und schloss 2023 sein Doktoratsstudium im Fachbereich Dogmatik an der Universität Wien ab. Ab dem 01.06.2025 wird er seine Stelle als Associate Professor am St. Peter's Pontifical Institute in Bangalore, Indien, antreten.
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VIRTUE IN THE VIRTUAL
Ethical Perspectives on Social Media Use by Religious Organizations
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Paul holds a doctorate for his thesis, "A Study of Ethical Issues Involved in the Use of Social Media by Religious Organizations." His academic journey is adorned with accolades, including a master's degree in Communication and Journalism, the prestigious Zee News Gold Medal, and three awards from the Agram Rangaiah Memorial Media Cash Awards.
He has previously served as the Dean of the National Institute of Social Communications, Research, and Training (NISCORT) in Delhi and as Principal of De Sales College, Kolar. A writer, Paul is the author of Electronic Media Journalism and edited a book Role of Women in Media and has contributed extensively to research journals. His deep commitment to faith, education, and ethical communication inspires his work and ministry.
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This book delves into the ethical challenges faced by religious organizations in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi as they traverse the complexities of social media. While social media has become a powerful tool for communication and engagement, its ethical implications remain largely unexplored in this context. Through a comprehensive survey of 444 participants—including religious scholars, leaders, organizers, and followers—the study highlights the widespread use of platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, Telegram, and Twitter. While these platforms offer new opportunities for participation and management, they also raise concerns about information accuracy, privacy, and relevance within the religious sector. The book emphasizes the need for religious organizations to uphold fundamental rights, particularly the freedom of religion, and to safeguard their communities from harmful misuse of social media. It calls for a responsible and ethical approach to digital engagement that promotes unity, respect, and trust in a diverse, pluralistic society.


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