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My dear Confreres,



The season of Advent is a time for personal renewal and hopeful expectation of God's intervention in human history. Holy Mother the Church, through the liturgy of the readings of this Season, presents repeatedly before us personalities from the Scriptures who cooperated with God in making the redemption of humankind possible. Our Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist are a few of them. While we meditate on their lives and their generosity with God in offering their lives for the divine plan, it will be good for us to ask ourselves how we too are generous with God or how much of God and his plan are part of our personal planning and agenda. In the

light of the revolutionary changes that our Pope Francis is initiating in the Church, this Christmas should be a moment for us to show our concern for the poor and the less privileged by sharing with them, at least, part of our time, resources and blessings we have received from God. I appeal to all of you that we renounce our addictions and come out as more liberated persons to serve God and his people. Let there be more simplicity in our celebrations of Christmas and other spending. Let it be a personal and community decision that we take together to join hands with the Pope who wants to make our Church and our communities closer to the poor and to the poor Jesus of Bethlehem. I wish you the Joy and Peace of a Blessed Christmas and God's abundant blessings in the New Year!

My Visitation of the Philippines Delegation

I made the official visitation of our Philippines Delegation from 19th October to 4th November, 2013. It was an occasion of strengthening the missionary dynamism of the Delegation, taking stalk of the situation and for future planning. After 20 years of the presence of the MSFS in the Philippines, we have now the first perpetually professed member in the person of Bro. Jundie Sumagaysay. It is indeed a moment of thanksgiving to God for us the MSFS and to remember gratefully the hard labour put in by the

pioneers of this Delegation. I thank Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe, Fr. Francis Kizhakkethazhe and Fr. Tito Puthuparambil for their committed services to this Delegation. The Philippines Delegation is solidly placed now with almost all the stages of formation having its independent houses and personnel. One of the major set backs in the past was that we did not have the infrastructure and personnel for separating the different stages of formation. We have now our minor seminary, our novitiate (although in a rented house) and our scholasticate where the theologians stay. The land for the building of novitiate is purchased and plans are there for the construction of the novitiate. The new members, Fr. Binoy Kuzhuppil and Fr. Shino Puthusserry, have strengthened the Delegation with their readiness to serve. We have a good number of seminarians now and with the dedication shown by fathers involved in formation, we can be sure that there will be steady flow of perpetually professed members for the Congregation from this Delegation. The large number of the Friends of the Fransalians who are ready and generous to help us in our missionary venture is a great support. Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam has completed his first term as the Delegation Superior. I thank him and his advisors, Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Joy, for their meticulous planning and implementation of policies, especially pooling together the resources and building the necessary infrastructure. I thank Fr. Abey for judiciously administering the finance. I thank Fr. Jiji and Fr. Praful for the involvement with the scholastics in formation. Fr. Joy does a commendable job in forming the novices. Fr. Jimmy is giving a good lead in the Bagong Silang parish along with Fr. Shino. Fr. Ginu has been re-elected as the Delegation Superior for a second term. I congratulate him on this occasion and wish him God's abundant blessings. It is time for us to think and plan the expansion of the Delegation into other provinces in the Philippines and even to the neighbouring countries. In the Delegation Colloquium we had insisted on the personal formation of the members and the need to be prepared to take up challenges in the future. I sincerely thank Fr. Ginu and all the fathers, brothers and Friends of the MSFS in the Philippines for your care and love shown towards me.

A Report on the Annual Colloquium of the Philippines Delegation



The annual colloquium of the Philippines Delegation took place on 28th October, 2013, at MSFS Seminary, Silang, Cavite, Philippines. The meeting began at 9.00 am and it was attended by Frs. Jose Kumbloickal (Provincial Superior), Ginu (Delegation Superior), Joy, Jimmy, Jiji, Binoy, Shino, Praful and Abey. It was indeed an important gathering for the members of the Delegation as it gave the confreres opportunity to share their life in the Delegation and to present their plans, concerns and visions for the delegation. In his address, Fr. Provincial highlighted thoughts from the "Call of General Chapter" and exhorted the members to live our MSFSness to promote the Fransalian Missionary heritage in the areas of our work. There were special sessions on financial planning, ongoing formation of confreres and opening of new ventures in the mission. Election for the delegation superior through secret ballot was also held as the first term of Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam, was getting over. The meeting came to an end with a short prayer at 3.30 pm.

Perpetual Profession of Bro. Jundie Sumagaysay MSFS



October 26th 2013 marked an important day in the history of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales in the Philippines, as Bro. Jundie Sumagaysay made his Perpetual Vows at MSFS Formation House, Silang. Fr. Provincial, members of the Philippine Delegation, priests from the diocese, many women religious, large number of Friends of Fransalians, relations, friends of Bro. Jundie and the benefactors of the MSFS were

present for the Perpetual Profession. Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal MSFS, the provincial superior, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration.

Fr. Abey Thunduparambil

Report of the Stewardship Forum Meeting

The stewardship forum meeting was held at Vinayalaya on November 12, 2013. Fathers who are local procurators of different communities both from Kerala and Karnataka attended the meeting. The meeting started at 9 am with a prayer followed by the welcome speech by Fr. Joby Mattathil, one of the secretaries to the Forum. Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial, gave the presidential address. He spoke about the roles and responsibilities of local bursars: namely presenting of the monthly financial report to the superior and community, the need for keeping the cash book update, the inventory of the assets each community has to prepare and also about how to make best use of our property and material resources for generating local income. Fr. Joshy Thazhathukunnel, the Provincial Bursar, gave a concise presentation on the new Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) and the rules and regulations regarding receiving and using foreign contribution. The participants discussed various other matters like fixed asset register, inventories of schools, communities, institutions, functioning of registered societies or trusts, province fund, admission or donation money to the province, stability funds, formation fund, PF or gratuity for domestic staff, Africa day in our institutions and parishes, budget proposals: 2014-15, and general observations from the audit. Fr. Thomas Chennakkattukunnel proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end at 3.30 pm.

Fr. Jikson Cheravelil

Report of Social and Innovative Forum Meeting

SA & IM (Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministry) Forum Meeting of South West India Province was held on November 13th, 2013, at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The meeting was animated by Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan MSFS, the General Councillor for Innovative and Social Apostolate. Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial of South West India Province and Fr. Benny Koottanal, the Provincial Councillor for SA&IM addressed the members of the Forum. Fr. Jayaseelan presented to the members the thrust of the General Chapter on Social and Innovative Ministries and stressed the need for evolving an MSFSness in this

ministry. It was encouraging to note that almost 95% of the members of the Forum were present for the meeting. Fathers from different social centres shared their views and concerns. The meeting reviewed the difficulties and challenges faced in the social apostolate and put forward suggestions to make it more innovative and effective. Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan, the General Councillor enlightened the forum with his inspiring talk on Congregation's approach and Church's approach to SA & IM. Fr. Jose Kumblolickal presented a brief report of the National Survey conducted on Social Apostolate done by the Church and different religious Congregations. The findings suggested that there is less interest among young members towards Social Apostolate. He also spoke about the need for personal aptitude and passion for perseverance in Social and Innovative apostolate. It was generally agreed that the sustainability of the social apostolate is possible only by ensuring the involvement of the people around. Fr. Benny Koottanal concluded the meeting, highlighting the main concerns that emerged in the meeting. Fr. Arokianathan proposed the vote of thanks.

Fr. Chemplanickal Jijo

General Chapter Retreat 2014

One of the decisions of the General Chapter 2014 was to organize Congregational retreat on the spirit of the General Chapter for all the members. Fr. Superior General has asked all the provincials to plan the dates for this retreat. In the council meeting the following dates and venues are fixed for the Annual Retreat. I remind all the members of our province to plan in advance and participate in the Annual retreat. It is mandatory for all the members to attend the Province retreat. Kindly contact Provincial Secretary, Fr. Joji Kazhukanolickal, and indicate the dates of your choice at the earliest.

Dates and Venue of the Province Retreats 2014

April 6-11	Makkiad
June 15-20	Charis Bhavan
October 5-10	Vinayalaya

Clarification Regarding Scholarship in the Educational Institutes of our Province

As per the educational policy of the South West India Province, a flat 30% of scholarship to the students of our staff is to be given in our institutions. But at the same time, the already existing policies regarding scholarship in some institutions will continue till that stipulated period is complete. The scholarship should be given by the institute where the staff is working and not where the staff's child is studying. Hence the institute where the staff is rendering service will pay the scholarship for the child. It was decided that this benefit of scholarship to the children of the teachers will be given if they are studying in the same school where the parents are working as teachers/staff. The institution will not give scholarship if the teacher/staff decides to send the child/children to other schools. In some schools the practice of giving scholarship to the children of the teacher who are studying in other schools was started. This will continue till the child finishes the 10th and this practice should not be continued in the future. This decision was clarified in the education forum meeting held on 18th September 2013 and it was approved in the Council.

The Education Forum Annual Seminar

The Education Forum Annual Seminar will be held at Yercaud, in Tamil Nadu, from 8th to 10th May 2014. **Kindly make prior arrangements to attend this seminar without fail as many decisions are taken in this forum at the congregational level with regard to educational institutes.** Participants are to reach our minor seminary at Salem, Tamil Nadu, on 7th May evening and from there they would be transported to the venue of the seminar.

Seminar on Life- skill

Special training sessions on “life-skills” is being scheduled and undertaken in all the schools and colleges of our Province as implementation of the Action Plan of the Provincial Congress. A special word of thanks to the Archdiocesan team of Project Life from the Archdiocese of Bangalore for their committed support and trained personnel in accomplishing this task! I thank also the heads of institutes who have conducted this programme successfully in their respective institutions.

Celebration of ‘Africa Day’

I would like to remind all the heads of educational institute to celebrate “**Africa Day**” meaningfully. Kindly educate your students about “**Africa Day**” prior to the celebrations. Material for the **Africa Day** is ready for distribution. Kindly contact the Councillor in Charge of Education, Fr. Christopher Crasta (08194844172) for further assistance. Kindly celebrate the **Africa Day** before the end of January 2014.

ID Cards for the Members in the Province

The Provincial Council had decided to make ID cards for all the perpetually professed members of the Province. Please send your details to Fr. Christopher Crasta along with your passport size photo (either hard copy or soft copy) for making ID Cards. Kindly do it at the earliest. You may send your details in soft copy by mail to hakkiicym@gmail.com

CBSE School, Hebbagodi

The Provincial Council which met on 12th and 13th of October, 2013 at Vinayalaya considered the proposal from the Hebbagodi community to start a CBSE School in the existing structure of the SFS State Syllabus School. The Provincial visited the community and held meeting with the members and discussed the proposal. After studying the pros and cons of the proposal, the Provincial Administration took the unanimous decision to start a CBSE School in the Hebbagodi Campus in June 2014. The reasons that led the Council to take such a decision were:

1. The demography of Electronics City and Hebbagodi is fast changing. The majority of the families who live in these areas are migrants from other states. We get about 150 applications for ICSE admission and we are able to admit only 40 students and the rest of the applicants never join our other schools in the Campus.

2. There is immediate danger of other CBSE schools coming up in the vicinity and affecting our admissions. Majority of the parents who send their children to our schools ask of Central Syllabus, as it is helpful for them to continue with the education of the child when they get transfer outside the State.
3. We stand by our commitment to serve the poor children of Hebbagodi locality in our State Syllabus School and Kannada Medium School. We continue to render education to the poor and local students who cannot afford English Medium Education in these schools. Only 3 divisions out of the five of the State Syllabus School are set apart for the CBSE School.
4. We don't multiply infrastructure or facility but only convert the existing structure to answer to the need of the time. If we do not grab this opportunity, in a few years time we will regret about our mistake. We ensure sufficient number of admissions to all the schools and cater to different categories of people who are around us – local people, migrants and professionals.

Formation of Local Communities and Delegation in GAH

According to the directives of the General Chapter 2014 and with the approval of the Superior General and his Council South West Province has constituted three local communities in Germany Austria and Holland (GAH). They are:

Local Community of Augsburg-Munich (Name can be changed later)

1. Fr. Joseph Pazhayattil (Local Superior)
2. Fr. James Mukalel (Members)
3. Fr. James Panickerveetil ”
4. Fr. Thomas Mekkattu ”
5. Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal ”
6. Fr. James Manjackal ”
7. Fr. Jose Kannanaikkal ”
8. Fr. Antony Kolencherry ”
9. Fr. Thomas Thekkekarote ”

Local Community of Muenster:

1. Fr. Joshy Mangalath (Local Superior)
2. Fr. D. Jeevan Prasad (Members)
3. Fr. Joseph Mannukuzhumpil ”
4. Fr. Justin Chirackal ”
5. Fr. Louis Parappuram ”
6. Fr. S. Arokia Jayaraj ”
7. Fr. S. Rajkumar ”
8. Fr. Y. Mathias ”

Local Community of Klosterneuburg-Austria:

1. Fr. Sibichen Kochuveedu (Local Superior)
2. Fr. Bobby Puthenparambil (Members)
3. Fr. Joe Cherolickal ”
4. Fr. Sen Vellakkada ”

The confreres who are in Europe and who are not part of a constitutionally erected local community of the Congregation are also included in these communities. The local

superiors have taken charge from 8th December, 2013. The General Chapter also directed the Provincials to constitute the local communities in GAH into a Delegation under the respective Province. Accordingly the consultation process is going on for the appointment of the Delegation Superior of the SW Province in GAH. The Superior General will send soon the Decree of the erection of a Delegation in GAH under the South West Province. The new Delegation Superior is to assume his office on 24th January, 2014. The Superior General has also given strict directives to all the Provincials to implement the personal plan for the confreres working in GAH. Accordingly the Provincial Council is in the process of implementing the same.

A Day with the Founder

Our Superior General by a letter requests the following: *All the Major Superiors are requested to start with the cooperation of the Local Superiors **A DAY WITH THE FOUNDER** in all our Local Communities every month. Some of the suggested ways are: conducting a thematic prayer service or liturgical celebration, symposiums, presentation by one of the confreres on Father Mermier, and presentation on the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and its impact on Father Mermier and our pioneering missionaries. You are welcome to introduce your own ways of sharing input with the community. The objective of the DAY WITH THE FOUNDER is to re-capture the spirit of our Founder in our apostolates and personal lives.* I, request all the Local Superiors to plan this day with the Founder in your communities and allot members to prepare and present the same in the Holy Eucharist or Adoration or other means proposed by Fr. Superior General.

Release of Book – A Spoonful of Honey Vol. I and Vol. II

I would like to announce to the members of the Province the release of two books on our Patron: On 31st May 2013, at Salesianum, MSFS Novitiate at Visakhapatnam, “A Spoonful of Honey Vol. I: Precious Pearls from the Introduction to the Devout Life of St. Francis de Sales”, was released and at Stella Maris, MSFS Provincialate of Visakhapatnam Province, on 24th October 2013, the Foundation Day of the MSFS Congregation, A Spoonful of Honey Vol. II: Priceless Quotes from the *Treatise on the Love of God* was released. Both these books are compiled by Rev. Fr. B. Suresh Babu MSFS, the Director of Novices Salesianum Novitiate, Visakhapatnam. These two works would very handy to use the sayings of our Patron in our talks, sermons, recollections, conferences, and also as daily reflections in seminaries and schools. I recommend these books to our confreres.

Transfers and Appointments

Fr. Thomas Cherukat: At the request of the Superior General and his Council the Provincial council has agreed to make available the services of Fr. Thomas Cherukat for the Mission Development Office of the Congregation in Rome. The Superior General has appointed him as the Director of Mission Development Office of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales in Rome for a term of three years with effect from November 15, 2013. He now belongs to the Chad Cameroon Mission and will coordinate the support and funds for that Mission too. He will be residing at the community of Via del Mascherino, in Rome.

Fr. Ginu Pathiyakam: is appointed as the Superior of the Philippines Delegation with effect from 08th December, 2013 for a second term of three years. He took charge on 8th December, 2013 during the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by the Archbishop of Imus.

Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil: is appointed as Co-ordinator of Benefactors to Scholastics with effect from December 1st, 2013. The Provincial council has decided that the Councillor in-charge of Formation will hold this post for continuity. He is to coordinate the correspondence to these benefactors and he will maintain constant communication with the Rectors and Superiors of Formation Houses.

Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil: is appointed as Superior of SFS Vidyashram, Aluva with effect from 1st January, 2014 for a period of three years.

Fr. Wilson Kottam: is appointed as the Principal of SFS Evening College, Hebbagodi, Electronics City with effect from 1st January, 2014 for a term of three years. He is also appointed on the Faculty of SFS Degree College, Hebbagodi, Electronics City.

Fr. Jimmy Parayankuzhy: is appointed as Delegation Adviser of the Philippines Delegation with effect from December 8, 2013 for a term of three years.

Fr. Jiji Manjackal: is appointed as Delegation Adviser of the Philippines Delegation with effect from December 8, 2013 for a term of three years.

Fr. Joseph Pazhayattil: is appointed as the Local Superior of the newly constituted MSFS community of Augsburg – Munich, of the South West India Province with effect from 1st December 2013. The name of this Local Community is under consideration and the definite name will be announced later.

Fr. Joshy Mangalath: is appointed as the Local Superior of the newly constituted MSFS community of Muenster, of the South West India Province in the diocese of Muenster with effect from 1st December 2013.

Fr. Sibichen Kochuveedu: is appointed as the Local Superior of the newly constituted MSFS community of Klosterneuburg-Austria, of the South West India Province in the diocese of Vienna with effect from 1st December 2013.

Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil: is at our Adoor St. John of the Cross, Parish for rest and treatment. His ministry in Kanjirappally is terminated.

Fr. K.V. Joseph: is in Vinayalaya for rest and treatment.

De Sales Music Academy (DSMA) in Collaboration with Trinity College London (TCL)

The Trinity College London (TCL) conducts practical and theory exams for music across various cities in India. Till now Good Shepherd Convent has been the only centre to organize music exams in Bangalore. However, this year the representatives of Trinity College London from Chennai and Bangalore visited De Sales Music Academy (DSMA) and approved to hold Trinity exams there. It is indeed a matter of great joy and a worthy recognition of the excellent infrastructure and quality training in music at

DSMA. Exams were held for Keyboard, Piano, Violin, Guitar, Drum Kit and Saxophone. Fifty students of DSMA appeared for TCL exams for various activities and all of them came out in flying colors. In fact, one of the students of DSMA has been selected for Highest Achiever's Trophy for Grade 1 Violin exam. The rest of the students were from various music schools/institutes in the vicinity of Electronics City.

Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar

Fr. Santhosh Kumar R: He has successfully completed Grade 7 Saxophone Practical Examination conducted by Trinity College London with merit. In the last 12 months he has successfully completed three Grade Exams, namely an intermediate level and two advanced levels of music from TCL for Saxophone. We as a Province congratulate him for his achievement, passion and commitment to music.

SFS Youth Meet 2013



SFS youth-meet was conducted at Srinivasapur on 1st December 2013. It was organized by Rev. Fr. Jabamalai MSFS, the youth director for SFS parishes in Karnataka, with the cooperation of the parish priests. The theme for the day was “yuvakaree eddelikristanannu ellede saari”. The event was marked by the presence of 325 youth from Hebbagodi, Gokunte, Kadisenahalli, Kolar, Malur Singasandra and Srinivasapura with local prisoners. SFS hebbagodi had taken up the choir for the holy mass. Carol singing and Dance competitions were held for the youth. The bylaws for the Youth group were given and explained by Fr. Jabamalai. SFS School children entertained the youth with their dance. Frs. Alosious, Saju V, Jerome, Robert, and Prabhu Prakash were present for the program and distributed the prizes. Fr. Aloysius, the Dean of Kolar, addressed the youth. In carol singing competition Hebbagodi got the first prize, Singasandra and Kolar secured second, Gokunte and Kadisenahalli received the third prize. In the dance competition Kolar got the first prize, Hebbagodi and Srinivasapura second, Malur and Singasandra received the third prize.

Bro. Abhishek J

Ordinations

The dates and venues of the Ordinations of our new priests are given below. I make an earnest appeal to all the province members to attend the ordinations and support our new priests. Let us pray for them and for their family during these days of preparations.

SL. NO	NAME	DATE OF ORDINATION	PLACE
1	Pereira Santosh	27.12.2013	Our Lady of Miracles Church, Haliyal, Karwar Diocese. 9.00 am
2	Parayankunnel Shinto	28.12.2013	St.Thomas Church, Chittarickal,

			Kasargod. Time 9.00 am
3	Pallassery Sujith	30.12.2013	Infant Jesus church, Navoor, Belthangady. Time 9.00 am
4	Padikkara Nelson	01.01.2014	Little Flower Forane Church, Vellari kundu. Time. 9.00 am
5	R. Bartholomew	04.01.2014	St. Francis De Sales Church, Hebbagodi. Time. 10.00 am
6	J. Periyannayagam & Joseph Charles	07.01.2014	St. Joseph's Church, Valan Nagar, Kollegal, Chamrajanagar. Time 10.30 am

Perpetual Profession

The perpetual profession of our Brothers Jose Thuruthippallil and Aneesh Enthungal, who are doing Theological studies at Fribourg, will take place in Vinayalaya on January 12, 2014 at 5.45 pm. I take this opportunity to invite all of you to join for the same. Two more brothers from Vizag province will also make their perpetual profession on the same day at Vinayalaya. We as a province family wish them all the best and welcome them to the Province family.

Situation of Confreres who are Sick

Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe is improving his health, but he is still feeble and unable to sit up long time. Fr. Joshy keeps me updated daily with his health condition. We are planning to bring him back to India as soon as he is able to travel. Kindly pray for his complete recovery. Fr. Joshy Nellimalamattam writes: *Fr. Mathew's health is improving slowly. He is passing urine normally. He is also able to eat a little bit. He has joints pain and is not yet able to sit or stand. In the present situation, it is not possible to send him with Fr. Bipin Xess. Fr. Mathew may take some more time in order to be able to journey.* I thank sincerely Fr. Joshy and all our confreres in the Chad-Cameroon Mission for their support to Fr. Mathew and the wonderful care and attention given to him.

Fr. James Manjackal is making steady improvement in his recovery. He is able to walk in the water now. I will be visiting Fr. James on 31st January 2014 when I visit the Franco-Swiss Province. Fr. James sends his Christmas wishes to all. Let us pray earnestly that God grants him complete recovery at the earliest. I thank sincerely Gaby, Richard and Family for the wonderful care and love shown towards Fr. James and I pray that God richly reward their generosity with His abundant blessings on all of them.

Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhiyil is at home with his parents for a few days. He will spend Christmas with them. He will be undergoing next session of Chemotherapy from this week. His condition is stable. Let us intensify our prayers for him with deep faith as nothing is impossible for God. I wish Fr. Raison and his parents and dear ones, Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Thomas Mattakarathundiyl is keeping steady. He continues with his Ayurvedic treatment and massage. He now moves on the wheel-chair and occasionally joins for community activities. He has severe burning sensation in the body every now and then. We assure you, dear father, our continued prayers, love and support.

Visit of our Fathers

Fr. Bipin Xess, Fr. James Mukalel, Fr. James Panickerveetil, Fr. Thomas Payattukandathil, Fr. Kuldeep Kujur, Fr. Joy Kochupoovathummuttil, Fr. George Vattappara and Fr. Viju Kunnathottel will be in India in December-January. We welcome them for their home visit and wish them safe trip. We also welcome Fr. Raphael Mercier and Fr. Francois Lucien Gurliat from Franco-Swiss Province are visiting India. We extend to them hearty welcome and pleasant stay with us.

My Visitation of Franco Swiss Province and U.S.A Province

I will be making the visitation of our fathers in the Franco-Swiss Province and in the U.S.A Vice Province from 15th January to 28th February, 2014. The visitation of Franco-Swiss Province is in view of discussing the concrete possibilities of collaboration between Franco-Swiss and South West Province for personnel and resources. We are in the process of raising the Chad-Cameroon Mission into a Delegation under the South West India Province. In my absence Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil will be the Provincial Vicar.

Our Sincere Tribute to Fr. Joseph Thayil MSFS (1936- 2013)



Fr. Joseph Thayil was born on March 3, 1936 at Vazhakulam, Kerala. (Parents: Late Luke Joseph and Bridget, Parish: St. George Church, Vazhakulam). After finishing his school studies in his native place he joined the St. Joseph's Mission home, Palai in the year 1957. He did his novitiate in Salesianum, Visakhapatanam and made his first profession on May 6, 1961. He did his philosophical studies in Papal Athenaeum, Pune from 1961-63. He completed his theological studies at Papal Athenaeum, Pune in 1967. His perpetual profession was on May 25, 1966. He was ordained a priest on 21 September, 1967.

He was first appointed to the Staff at St. Aloysius High School, Vishakapatanam from 1968-1973. He was appointed Principal of Kotak Salesian School, Visakhapatanam from 1973- 1980. In 1980 he was appointed Superior of MSFS House and Principal of Nirmala Hrudaya Boy's English Medium School, Nizamabad. From 1983- 1987 he served as the Principal of St. Aloysius High School, Vishakapatanam. He was appointed Superior of Mermier Bhavan Community and Principal of SFS Schools, Hebbagodi (English and Kannada Medium) from 1987 -1993. From 1993- 1997 he was on the Staff at SFS Seminary , Ettumanoor. Then he was appointed Rector at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor from 1997- 2001. From 2001-2003 he rendered his service at Suvidya College. He was then appointed Rector at SFS Vidyashram, Aluva from 2003-2007. He was appointed Manager of SFS Public School Ettumanoor in 2005. In 2007 he was appointed Superior at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor. In 2011 he was appointed Superior of Mermier Bhavan Community and Correspondent of SFS Group of Institutions, Hebbagodi. After months of

intense suffering Fr. Joseph Thayil passed away on October 25, 2013 at Ettumanoor. The funeral service was held at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor on October 27th at 2 pm.

We as a Province family pay our sincere tribute to our beloved confrere who was well disciplined, showed passion for teaching and sports. He is cherished as a good friend, and a good religious who assimilated the virtue of Salesian hospitality. Dear Fr. Joseph, you will always be present in our prayers and memory as a true friend and companion who touched the lives of many in our Fransalian Family! I take this opportunity to thank sincerely the SFS Seminary Rector and Community and Charis Bhavan Superior and Community who took wonderful care of Fr. Joseph Thayil during his last days and organized his funeral with meticulous care. I also gratefully remember the Mermier Bhavan community at Hebbagodi that attended wonderfully all the medical needs of Fr. Thayil when he was there. I thank the Family of Fr. Joseph Thayil for their constant accompaniment to him and for their support and understanding.

My Programme

January 2014

15 – 8th Feb Spain and Franco Swiss Province – Visitation of the confreres

February 2014

8-28 U.S.A - Visitation of the confreres

March 2014

2 Nest Day, Kengeri

4-5 Council Meeting, Vinayalaya

10 IIS Convocation

Mermierian Thought:

Nothing is impossible to God. He can do anything he wills. He enjoys choosing that are damaged, weak and of little moment, so as to confound the argumentative, the stubborn, and the presumptuous, to do great things with nothing. Let us go ahead confidently with only one concern that of knowing thoroughly and following faithfully and lovingly the will of God. (Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, Letter to Mother Echernier, 8th July, 1857).



Dear Confreres,

*Greetings of Peace and Joy
of this Christmas! I wish
you God's abundant
blessings in this New Year!*

With love and prayers

Fr. Jose Kumblickal

Fr. Jose Kumblickal msfs

Provincial