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My dear Confreres,

Greetings of this Season of Lent!



We are reminded by our Holy Father, Pope Francis in his message for the Lent of this year that “in imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it” (The Holy Father’s Lenten Message, paragraph 6). This season of Lent is a time of introspection for us to look into ourselves and at our communities and take appropriate decisions and measures for change and transformation. I request all the Superiors of the Local Communities to hold community meeting at the earliest and have some meaningful preparation for the Lent, taking upon ourselves certain privations and sacrifices that will sharpen our commitment and solidarity with the poor. I earnestly appeal to all the members of our Province to take personal decision to moderate our celebrations and other spending during this season so as to be conscious of the preparation we are making for this holy season. I wish you God’s abundant blessings upon each one of us!

General Chapter Retreat 2014

I remind once again 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	Sneha Jyothi Ashram, Makkiad, Kerala
June 15-20	Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha, Kerala
October 5-10	Vinayalaya, Malleswaram, Bangalore

We have some difficulty with the first date (April 6-11) as the Assembly elections in Kerala are on 10th April. I earnestly request that all those who have votes in Kerala to exercise your franchise and join for the other retreats. While those who are free on

those dates, kindly sign up for the retreat as we have to confirm the same with the preachers at the earliest.

Hearty Congratulations to our New Priests!



Fr. Santosh Paul Pereira was born on June 18, 1986 at Mansapur, Karwar to Mr. Paul D Pereira and Mrs. Joaquina. He joined SFS Minor Seminary at Ettumanoor in June 2002. He made his First Profession on June 11, 2006 at Sannidhi, Mysore. After his philosophical studies at Suvidya College, he had his regency at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor. He did his theological studies at Tejas Vidya Peetha and was sent to Vidyajyothi, Delhi for his Free Semester. He was ordained a priest on December 27, 2013 at Our Lady of Miracles Church, Haliyal by his Lordship Rev. Dr. Derek Fernandes of Karwar Diocese. He is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of Holy Rosary Church, Kundapur, Uduppi Diocese, from February 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014.



Fr. Shinto Jacob Parayankunnel was born on June 6, 1986 at Chittarikal to Mr. Chacko and Mrs. Thresia. He joined SFS Minor Seminary at Ettumanoor in June 2002. He made his First Profession on June 11, 2006 at Sannidhi, Mysore. After his philosophical studies at Suvidya College, he did his regency at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. He had his theological studies at Tejas Vidya Peetha and was sent to JDV, Pune for his Free Semester. He was ordained a priest on December 28, 2013 at St. Thomas Church, Chittarikal by his Lordship Mar George Njaralakkat of Mandya Diocese. He is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of St. Augustine's Church, North Thuravoor, Ernakulam Archdiocese from February 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014.



Fr. Sujith Pallasserry was born on June 5, 1984 at Belthangady, to late Mr. John P.A and Mrs. Mary. After one year of orientation at Sudhirvana he joined SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor in the year 2001. He made his First Profession on June 11, 2004 at Sannidhi, Mysore. He did his BA as a regular student at SFS College, Hebbagodi. He did his regency at Saumya Sadan, Mysore. He had his philosophical studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. He completed his theological studies at Tejas Vidya Peetha and was sent to Vidyajyothi, Delhi for his Free Semester. He was ordained a priest on December 30, 2013 at Infant Jesus Church, Navoor, by his Lordship Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy of Belthangady diocese. He is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of St. Antony's Church, Thannikkal, Elamakkara, Ernakulam Archdiocese from February 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014.



Fr. Nelson Padikara was born on April 29, 1986 at Vellarikundu, Kerala to late Mr. Emmanuel and Mrs. Mary. He joined SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor in 2002. He had his Novitiate at Sannidhi, Mysore and made his First Profession on June 11, 2006. After completing his philosophical studies at Suvidya College he was sent for his regency at SFS School, Malur. He completed his Theological studies from Tejas Vidya Peetha and was sent to St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Jeppu, Mangalore for his Free Semester. He was ordained a priest on January 1, 2014 at Little Flower Forane Church, Vellarikundu, by his Lordship Mar

Franco Mulackal of Jalandhar diocese. He is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Aimury, Ernakulam Archdiocese from February 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014.



Fr. R. Bartholomew was born on May 22, 1983 to Mr. Simeon and Mrs. Mary at Teganare. He joined SFS Seminary at Pudukottai in June, 2000. He was admitted to the Novitiate in the year 2003 and made his First Profession on June 11, 2004 at Sannidhi, Mysore. He did his BA as a regular student at SFS College, Hebbagodi. He was sent for his regency to MSFS Community at Koppal. He had his philosophical studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. He completed his Theological Studies from Tejas Vidya Peetha and was sent to St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Jeppu, Mangalore for his Free Semester. He was

ordained a priest on January 4, 2014 by his Grace Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras of Bangalore Archdiocese at SFS Church, Hebbagodi. He is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of Our Lady of Vailankanni Church, Yelahanka, Bangalore Archdiocese from February 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014.



Fr. Charles Perianayagam was born on April 12, 1987 at Otterthotti, to Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Mariasundaram. He joined SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor in 2002. He had his Novitiate at Sannidhi, Mysore and made his First Profession on June 11, 2006. After completing his philosophical studies at Suvidya College he was sent for his regency to NEST and Fides community at Kumbalgodu, Kengeri. He completed his Theological studies from Tejas Vidya Peetha and was sent to JDV, Pune for his Free Semester. He was ordained a priest on January 7, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church, Ottarthotti,

Kollegal by his Lordship Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy of Dindugal diocese. He is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Church, Railway Colony, Bangalore Archdiocese from February 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014.



Fr. J. Periyamayagam was born on June 26, 1983 at Otterthotti, to Mr. Jabamalai and Mrs. Lourdu Mary. He joined SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor in 2002. He had his Novitiate at Sannidhi, Mysore and made his First Profession on June 11, 2006. After completing his philosophical studies at Suvidya College he was sent for his regency to MSFS community and SFS School at Savanur. He completed his Theological studies from Tejas Vidya Peetha and was sent to Vidyajyothi, Delhi for his Free Semester. He was ordained a priest on January 7, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church, Ottarthotti, Kollegal by his Lordship Rev. Dr.

Antony Pappusamy of Dindugal diocese. He is appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest of St. Lourde's Church, Martally, Mysore diocese from February 1, 2014 to May 20, 2014.

Formation of GAH Delegation of SW Province and Appointments

On 24th January 2014 the Delegation of South West Province in GAH was officially erected by the Superior General and the Delegation Administration has come into effect. The voting process for the Delegate Superior was completed as per the instruction of the PIF and Superior General.

Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal is appointed as the **Delegation Superior** of the newly constituted Delegation under the South-West India Province in GAH with effect from 24, January 2014, on the feast day of St. Francis De Sales.

Fr. Thomas Mekkattu is appointed as Adviser to Delegation Superior of the South West Delegation of GAH with effect from 24th January, 2014.

Fr. James Panickerveetil is appointed as Adviser to Delegation Superior of the South West Delegation of GAH with effect from 24th January, 2014.

We congratulate Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal and assure him of our support and prayers. We also congratulate Fr. Thomas Mekkattu and Fr. James Panickerveetil and wish them God's blessings.

Perpetual Profession at Vinayalaya



The MSFS Provincial House, Vinayalaya wore a festive a look on 12th January 2014. On that day, during a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the Provincial, three of our scholastics namely: Jose Thuruthippallil (South West Province) Panthalanickal Johnson and Penumaka Johannes of the Vizag province made their final commitment to the Lord. Rev. Fr. Jose Kumbloickal, the provincial, receiving their vows, officially accepted

them into the Congregation, on behalf of the Superior General, as permanent members. The occasion was even more solemnized by the presence of their family members, priests and religious from far and near. There were four of our confreres from the Franco- Swiss Province Frs. Raphel Mercier, Francois Lucien Gurliat, Kunnathottel Viju and Fr. Kidangathkarot Binoy present for the occasion. The perpetually professed members, in turn, expressed their deep sense of gratitude to all those who guided them at different stages of their formation.

Blessing of the Newly Constructed Church at Chappath, Kattappana



February 2, 2014 was a Jubilant day for the parishioners of St. Antony's Church, Chappath, of Vijayapuram diocese and the entire people of this locality. On that day their long cherished dream, the new Parish Church was consecrated by his Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr.

Sebastian Thekkethecheril, the Bishop of Vijayapuram. More than 100 Priests and religious and above three thousand people were present on the occasion. The ceremony began at 2.30 pm. Rev Fr. Vinod Kanattu, the Councillor in charge of mission represented the congregation. The Bishop in his homily appreciated the great work the MSFS fathers are doing for this parish and for the diocese. The people of this parish too are very much appreciative of the service of MSFS fathers. The construction of this Parish Church was completed just within a short span of 13 months. Our hearty congratulations and sincere thanks to Fr. Regi Muthukattil MSFS for his untiring effort in building this Church and supporting the parish community.

Reported by Fr. Regi Muthukattil

Hearty Congratulations to New Rector and Chairman of Suvidya College



Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, the Superior General in his letter dated 10.01.2014 appointed Dr. Joy Mampally as the President of the Institute of Suvidya College with effect from 16.01.2014. He is also appointed as the Rector of Suvidya College for a period of three years. In the appointment letter Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil wrote " Reverend Dr. Joy Mampally has had long association with the Institute from its very inception to this day in its phenomenal growth as a Professor, Academic Dean, Librarian, and Coordinator of M.A. Program and in varied

administrative and formative capacities. His organizational skills, deep academic interest and passion for continuous ongoing research in Philosophy, his contribution in the field of philosophy, his experience in formation by accompanying and dialoguing with the students in their journey of growth in religious and priestly vocations are the gifts he brings into his new responsibility. I am confident that with the cooperation of the Staff, Students, and affiliated Study Houses, Fr. Joy will lead the Institute to its objectives for the service of the Church and the humanity at large.”



The recently concluded Provincials India Forum Meeting elected Rev. Fr Antony Dharmaraj, the Provincial of South East India Province as the Chairman of the Governing Body of Suvidya College in place of Rev. Fr. Francis Thadathil. He is one of the first batch students of Suvidya College to become the Chairman of the Institute. This appointment has been approved by the Superior General. Fr Antony Dharmaraj as Chairman will also be the major superior for the community for their religious life in the Community of Suvidya which is comprised of members from all the Indian provinces.

We congratulate Fr. Joy Mampally and Fr. Antony Dharmaraj and wish God’s abundant blessings upon them and their new assignments.

Congratulations

Ugbomah Macy Ebele – BBM student (Bachelor of Business Management) of SFS College, Hebbagodi secured fifth rank in the university exams concluded on May 2013.

Alumni Gathering at SFS High School, Chintamani



SFS High School, Chintamani organized *a grand get-together* of all the old students on 26th January 2014. 843 Students took part in this programme. On the same occasion *“The De Salites Alumni Association”* was inaugurated and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and the Treasurer were elected. Rev. Fr. Christopher Crasta, the

Councillor In-charge of Education was the Chief Guest of the day. In his inaugural address he gave the importance of Alumni gathering and the responsibility of all the former students to be in touch with the Alma mater. The day was concluded with a variety of entertainment programme organized by both the students and alumni of SFS School.

Reported by Fr. A. Prashanth Kumar

Situation of our Confreres who are sick

Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhiyil: He recently had another scanning and check-up and the doctor spoke to me and briefed me about his situation that the tumour is spreading. They are going to have another cycle of treatment, which is not for the cure, but to contain the tumour. I exhort all the confreres to intensify our prayers for him.

Fr. James Manjackal: I was with Fr. James Manjackal in Germany in the month of February. He is recovering fast. He can hold spoon and fork for the meal, he is able to hold the pen for writing, although the fingers need more strength. He is still unable to stand up and walk by himself. He thanked all the confreres for our prayers and greets all. Let us continue to pray for his complete recovery.

Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe: He returned to India on 27th February 2014. He spent a few days at the Provincial House in Malleswaram and had his complete check-up. His condition is good and he has now gone home for a few weeks of Ayurveda treatment and massage. Let us keep him also in our prayers.

Cease to be Member of the Congregation

Bro. Enthungal Aneesh, who has been studying theology at Fribourg, Switzerland made his personal decision to leave the congregation. We wish him all the best and assure him our prayerful support.

We remember and pray for the Sick

1. Fr. George Chooraphuzha's brother Mr. Benny (45yrs) is diagnosed with tumour near the eye.
2. Fr. Thomas Cherukat's brother who is almost paralysed and in deteriorating health.
3. Fr. Robin Thonikkuzhy's mother, who had heart attack and is recovering.
4. Fr. Bibin Xess's father, who is in serious condition of blood sugar and age related sickness.

We assure our prayers for each of them and extend our support to the confreres in moments of their pain for the condition of their dear ones.

Let us pray for the Departed

1. Fr. Jose Maliekal lost his brother after prolonged illness on 31st December 2013.
2. Fr. Antony Mookenthottam's brother in law passed away on 09th January 2014.
3. Mrs. Anna Sebastian, mother of Fr. Thomas Chennakattukunel passed away on February 1, 2014.
4. Fr. Shinto Parayankunnel's uncle passed away on 27th February 2014.
5. Fr. Sen Vellakada's uncle passed away on 2nd March 2014.
6. Fr. Binod Puthenpurackal's Aunty (Sr. Rolanda) and the first cousin of Fr. James Manjackal passed away on 5th March 2014.

We extend our sincere condolences to our confreres and share their grief as we continue to pray for the departed souls.

My Programme :

March 2014

- 16 Visitation of Calicut Community b
- 17 Meeting with Thamarasserry Bishop
- 21 CRI Executive Meeting /Convocation at Suvidya
- 22-23 Visitation of Sudhirvana community
- 24-25 Visitation of Nest Community

April 2014

- 3-4 Council Meeting and Visitation of North Karnataka Communities
- 7-11 Annual Retreat Makkiad, Visitation of Novitiate Community
- 12 Graduation Ceremony – SFS College Bangalore
- 27 Salesian Seminar, IIS Rajajinagar

I am preparing a detailed Circular with the news of my visitation of the SW confreres in Franco Swiss Province and the U.S.A Vice Province. It will be sent soon.

Mermierian Thought:

“Our ministry obliges us to show ourselves to the people, to society, as other Saint Francis de Sales, utterly unselfish, afire with zeal for the salvation of souls, filled with compassion at the sight of the evils which distress people – without bothering to waste our time in useless ranting – with a lawful mission, blameless doctrine and, above all, a good life” (24th February, 1849, Letter of Fr. Peter Marie Mermier).

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Jose Kumblokal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Rev. Fr. Jose Kumblokal MSFS
Provincial Superior