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20 May 2011

**Hearty Congratulations and Prayerful Wishes to Beloved Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil,
our New Provincial**



**REV. FR. ABRAHAM VETTUVELIL MSFS
NEW PROVINCIAL OF SOUTH-WEST**

Fr. Vettuvellil Abraham was born on 16th April, 1961 at Vazhoor, Kerala. After S.S.L.C. he joined the SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor where he completed his minor seminary formation and secured first rank in P.D.C. Examinations, from Kerala University. He did his Novitiate in Salesianum, Visakapatnam, from 1978 -79 and made his first profession on 30th June, 1979. From 1979-1981 he did his philosophical studies at J.D.V Pune. He completed his graduation studies from S.B. College, Changanacherry, and later obtained his Masters Degree in Philosophy from J.D.V. Pune from 1985 -1986. Fr. Abraham completed his theological studies from St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore from 1986 - 1990 and was ordained priest on 1st May, 1990 at Holy Cross Church, Elangoi.

After his ordination he was appointed on the staff of Suvidya College, Bangalore from June, 1990 – September, 1994. From 1994-1996 he was the parish priest of St. Mary's Church, Kurumulloor and later he served as the director of Charis Bhavan for a few months. Fr. Abraham was sent to the United States of America for his Doctoral studies in Counseling and he pursued his studies in the U.S from 1997- 2004. He obtained the Doctoral Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. in 2004. After his return from the U.S, he was once again appointed as the director of Charis Bhavan from 2004 - 2008. Fr. Abraham was elected in the General Chapter of 2008 as one of the General Councilors of the Congregation and he was appointed as the General Secretary for Innovative Ministry in the Congregation. The Superior General has appointed him as the new provincial of the South-West India Province of the MSFS on 16th May, 2011 and he will take charge officially as the new Provincial on 12th June, 2011, on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil is known for his affable character, love for the Congregation, ability to work in team and for his inspiring personality. The South-West Province is immensely happy to have him as its new provincial and all of us wish him success and God's blessings in fulfilling his responsibility. May the Spirit of the Lord anoint you, dear Fr. Abraham, to lead the province to a new era of strength and vitality!

My Dear Confreres,

Our Superior General appointed me as Administrator of the South-West Province with effect from 10th March, 2011 and asked me to administer the day to day running of the Province till the new provincial was appointed. In his letter dated 10th March, 2011 he had entrusted me with the duty of effecting the transfers and appointments that were already initiated, when Fr. Mathew Kozhupakkalam was in office as the Provincial. All the transfers and appointments were carried out with the consent of the council and with the prior approval of the Superior General. I would like to thank sincerely Fr. Kurian Karickal and Fr. Santhosh Kumar for their whole-hearted support and help during these past months of crisis in discharging my duty as the Provincial Administrator. I thank them for their availability, love for the Province and for their commitment. I sincerely thank Fr. Benny Marangolil, the Provincial Bursar and Fr. Prince Cheriyaakavil, the Provincial Secretary for their brotherly concern, cheerful availability and dedicated work. I would also like to place on record the dedicated work of Fr. Mathew Kozhupakkalam the previous provincial, very specially the selfless work he did in remedying the economic debt of the province, stabilizing many of the institutions and initiating new ventures. Finally I would like to thank all of you, dear confreres, for your support and love for me when I was in office as the Provincial Administrator.

Installation Ceremony of the New Provincial

Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil will assume his office as the new Provincial of South West Province on 12th June, 2011, on the Solemnity of Pentecost. The solemn Eucharistic celebration with the ceremony of installation will be at 05.30 P.M. on 12th June. There will be a short gathering in the Refectory immediately after the Holy Mass to felicitate the new Provincial. Hereby I invite all the confreres of our Province to join in the Installation Ceremony. I request all those who are participating to inform the Superior of the Provincial House Community, Fr. Binoy (Ph. 08762946334) or Fr. Prince, the

Provincial Secretary regarding your participation and stay if needed. The function will get over around 7.30 P.M and for those who would like to stay over, arrangement can be made with prior information and for those who would like to go back the same evening, they can leave by 7.30 P.M.

Constitutional Retreat: Constitutional retreat for the second group of participants was held in Snehajyoti Ashram, Makkiyad from April 11-15, 2011. The total number of participants was 24. Constitutional retreat for the third group will be held in Vinayalaya from October 10-14, 2011. Those who have not yet attended the Constitutional retreat so far, it is obligatory to participate in the last one, as it is a mandatory retreat for all the confreres in the Congregation, according to the directives of the Superior General.

ICSE School, Kengeri: As per the decision of the council meetings of December, 2010 and January 2011, an ICSE School will begin in the Tejas-Fides Campus of Kengeri from June, 2011. This was in the original plan of NEST and all our NEST children will be able to receive their education from this school in the future.

Transfers and Appointments

Fr. Devasia Koottarapally is appointed as the procurator of the Atmajoyti community at Pattikad with effect from 23 March 2011.

Fr. Thomas Chennakattukunnel is appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore as the parish priest of Our Lady of Vailankanni Church, Yelahanka New Town with effect from 15 May 2011. He is also appointed as the Parish Priest of the newly erected Syro-Malabar Parish that is entrusted to the care of MSFS in Yelahanka.

Fr. Saji Eanthanamkuzhiyil is appointed as the Principal of SFS ICSE School, Koppal with effect from 15 May 2011.

Fr. Wilson Kottam's service to the Archdioceses of Changanacherry is extended for one more year at the request of the Archbishop of Changanacherry till 30th March 2011. He is now the principal of St. Joseph College of Communication, Changanacherry.

Fr. Joseph Thayil is appointed as the Superior of the Mermier Bhavan Community and as the correspondent of SFS School (English Medium), SFS School (Kannada Medium), St. Francis de Sales Public School (ICSE) and St. Francis de Sales Junior College with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Binoy Kuzhuppil is appointed as the Superior and Programme Coordinator of Vinayalaya Communitiy, Bangalore with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. George Valliamthadathil is appointed as the Superior and Rector of SFS Community Ettumanoor with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Saju Vilachirayil is appointed as the Principal of the proposed CBSE School at Aluva and as procurator of SFS Vidyashram with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Jais Mecheril is appointed to SFS Public School and Junior College Ettumanoor with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Shaju Arackal is appointed by the Bishop of Kannur as the Parish Priest of St. Ignatius Church, Kannadiparamp with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. M. Periyamayagam is appointed as the Parish priest of SFS Church and Vice Principal of SFS School, Srinivaspur with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Joseph Kannadom is appointed as procurator of Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokkad with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Jose Puthiyaparampil (sr) is appointed as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Sidlaghatta and as correspondent of SFS School Chintamani with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. K.V. Joseph is appointed to Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Health, Vailankanni with effect from 01st May 2011 for a period of one year. His address is Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Health, Vailankanni- 611 111, Nagapattinam Dist., Tamil Nadu, India.

Fr. Karickal Kurian is appointed as the Manager of SFS Public School and Junior College, Ettumanoor with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Joseph Thoppil is appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore as the parish priest of St. Joseph's Church Chintamany with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Abraham Pendanam is appointed as Superior of MSFS House, correspondent of SFS School and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Mundargi with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Aloysius Kuzhuppillil is appointed as the Superior and Procurator of MSFS House; he is also appointed as the Correspondent of SFS Schools and Parish priest of SFS Parish at Koppal with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Tomichan Chirackalpuraidathil is appointed in the Diocese of Belthangady. He is also parish priest of two parishes: St. Mary's Church Guthikar and St. Mary's Church Nettana. His new address: St. Mary's Church, Guthikar P.O., Sullia T.Q., D.K., Karnataka 574 218. Tel. 08257282221; Mob. 08762737383.

Fr. Sunil Kumar Ekka is appointed on the formation staff of SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Subin Puzhakkara is designated to be appointed in the diocese of Mysore. He will be appointed as Asst. Parish Priest in the Cathedral Church of Mysore from the 1st of June, 2011.

Fr. Prashanth Kumar is appointed as the Principal of the proposed ICSE School at Tejas-Fides Campus, Kengeri.

Fr. L. Selvaraj is appointed as the full time Vocation Promoter for Karnataka with effect from 1st April 2011.

Fr. Francis Ekka is appointed as the Principal of SFS School, Savanur with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Victor Kujur is appointed as the Principal of SFS School, Kuknoor with effect from 25th April 2011.

Fr. George Rosario is appointed as the Superior of De Sales Bhavan Mysore and as the Parish Priest of St. Alphonsa's Parish Mysore with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. Christopher Crasta is appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore as the Parish Priest of St. Francis De Sales Church, Hebbagodi.

Fr. Martin Elayadathumadathil is appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Church, Hebbagodi.

Fr. Jojo Kolarickal is appointed as the Superior and Procurator of MSFS House Chintamani with effect from 15th May 2011.

Fr. A. Jabamalai is appointed as the procurator of Martin Nivas, Chintamani. He is also appointed as the Archdiocesan youth director for Kolar Deanery.

Fr. Thomas Thekkekarottu is appointed as one of the House Councillors at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor.

Designation for Studies

Fr. Shibu Thundathil is designated for pastoral work and studies in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Australia.

Fr. Majish Valliserikettil has begun his B. Ed Studies in Ramaya College, Bangalore. He is appointed to the Vinayalaya community.

Holy Rosary Church Venkatale: **Fr. Sebastina Kulangarathottiyil** was designated to be appointed as the parish priest of Holy Rosary Church, Venkatale, but the Archbishop communicated in writing that he would like to take back the parish as the church construction was over and that from June 2011 he would appoint a diocesan priest there. The contract for this parish with the Archdiocese was initially for six years and after that it was not renewed from the part of the Archdiocese, in spite of the numerous written requests from the South-West Provincial administration. Fr. Sebastian will receive his appointment from the new provincial soon.

Remaining Transfers and Appointments

There are a number of confreres who are completing their pastoral experience in different dioceses, finishing studies and others who are waiting for their appointment. I had promised them that their appointment would be given by middle of May, 2011, as our Superior General had informed me when I assumed office as Provincial Administrator

that the new Provincial would be taking charge immediately after the announcement, as the office is vacant. As you are aware that Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil is in Tanzania, attending the General Council and he cannot assume his office till 12th June, 2011, he has asked me to inform the confreres to wait till his arrival and taking charge to receive the appointments. Those fathers who are finishing their ministry or commitment in the present places are requested to come to the provincial house and stay there till they receive their appointments. Kindly inform me if there is any inconvenience to this arrangement.

Congratulations

Fr. Jais Mecheril has successfully completed his B.Ed. studies with distinction.

Fr. Victor Kujur has successfully completed his B.Ed. studies with distinction.

On Holidays

Frs. Elanjimattathil Boban and **Kannezhath Scaria** from our Chad-Cameroon Mission are in India for their home holidays.

Frs. Edathumparambil Binu and **Pannalakunnel Tom** are in India for their holidays. We wish all of them a pleasant stay in India.

Board Exam Results -2011

The hard work and commitment of all those confreres in the apostolate of education is reflected in the exam results of 2011. Our Schools have proved themselves to be the centres of quality education. Congratulations to the Principals and Staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

School	Students Appeared	D	I	II	III	Highest % In the School	Total Pass %
SFS School, Koppal	71	38	33			603	100 %
SFS School, Srinivasapur	75	40	35			610	100%
SFS School Kannada Medium, Chintamani	61	03	47	11	04	541	100%
SFS School English Medium, Chintamani	60	17	42	01		585	100%
SFS School, Malur	64	20	39	05		591	100 %
SFS School, English Medium Hebbagodi	86	21	63	02		606	100 %
SFS School Kannada Medium, Hebbagodi	50	01	20	16	09	589	92%
SFS School, Mundargi	16	02	08	03	01	560	95%
SFS PU College, Hebbagodi	235	Number of students Passed 184					78.29%

D- Distinction, I- First Class, II- Second Class, III-Third Class

Promoted to Priesthood

Dn. Maria Philip Lawrence who completed his theological formation in Cameroon and was doing his one year Diaconate ministry in Mundargi is promoted to the order of Priesthood. He will be ordained on 23rd July, 2011 at 05.30 P.M., at Our Lady Health of Christians Church, Mathakottai, Tanjavoor Diocese, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Antony Devotta, Bishop of Tiruchirapally.

Promoted for Diaconate

Dn. Prabhu Prakash who had an accident while playing and could not be ordained Deacon is now promoted to Diaconate. He has fulfilled all the requirement for the same and it will be on 29th June, 2011.

Promoted to Fourth Year Theology

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| 1. Chemplanickal Jijo | 5. Kazhukanolickal Joji |
| 2. Cheravelil Jikson | 7. Kulamkuthiyil Mijo |
| 3. D. Robert | 8. Prabhu Prakash |
| 4. Dung Dung Marcel | 9. Solapura Mathias |

Promoted to Perpetual Profession

The Perpetual Profession and renewal of vows will take place in Tejas on 2nd June 2011. Fr. Superior General has delegated Fr. Jose Kumblolickal to receive the vows.

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| 1. A. Antony Sathiya Seelan | 4. Manjackal Jijo |
| 2. Chirackalpurayidathil Anish | 5. Olickal Sijo |
| 3. Jeevan Prashant | |

Promoted to Second Year Theology

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| 1. Balavendra Antony Prasanna | 5. Parayankunnel Shinto |
| 2. Padikara Nelson | 6. Pallassery Sujith |
| 3. Jabamalai J. Periyayagam | 7. Periera Santhosh |
| 4. Joseph Charles | 8. R.Bartholomew |

Promoted to First Year Theology, Renewal of Vows

Fr. Joshy Nellimalamattam is delegated to receive the vows.

1. Enthunkal Aneesh (For Chad-Cameroon Mission, will study Theology at Fribourg, Switzerland)
2. Thurthippallil Jose (For Chad-Cameroon Mission, will study Theology at Fribourg, Switzerland)
3. Fernandes Roni (For the Delegation of Philippines, Theological studies in Philippines). He will renew his vows on 10th June at Vinayalaya.

Promoted to Regency, Renewal of Vows

Fr. Jolly Chackalackal is delegated to receive the vows on 10th June, 2011 at Suvidya.

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| 1. Kamukumthottathil Anishmon | Charis Bhavan, Athirampuzha |
| 2. Kochuputhenpurayil Josemon | Vinayalaya, Bangalore |
| 3. Kottuppallil Noby Varghese | MSFS House, Mundargi |

4. Ouseparambil Joseph
5. Pulikkalath Nirmal Jose
6. Theruvapuzha Sojan Sebastian

Vinayakumar Estate
S.F.S.Seminary, Ettumanoor
Prateeksha, Hebbagodi

Promoted to Third year Philosophy, Renewal of Vows

1. Avinash Abhishek
2. K. Sudeep Andrews
3. Madathiparambil Justin
4. Nettananikal Robin
5. Othalaparambil Jithin
6. Pulichumackal Joby
7. S. Innaci Muthu
8. S. Prakash Prashant Raj
9. Thekkethotty Jijith

Promoted to Second year Philosophy, Renewal of Vows

1. C. Kantha Raju
2. Chennikkara Manu
3. Emmanueal J. Balu
4. Kappithottam Sanoj
5. Kizhakkanputhenpallil Jithin
6. Kovilparambil Sijo
7. Kumpukkal Pradeep
8. Panachickal Justin
9. Tirkey Jugal
10. Vallappurackal Mintu
11. Vettikkattil Mobin

Promoted for First Profession and Philosophy

The first profession will take place on 09th June 2011 in Sneha Jyothi Ashram (MSFS Novitiate) at Makkiyad. Rev. Fr. Mario D'Sousa is delegated by Fr. Superior General to receive the vows.

1. T. C. Jose Thottukadavil
2. Tony Thomas Mundachalil
3. Dhanoop S. Puthenpurackal
4. Subin Benny Palamattathil
5. John Joseph
6. Shince P Tomy Panackapilly
7. Petrus Kerketta
8. Rakesh Ekka
9. Robin Tomy Vattoth
10. Zacharias Peter Cherackal

Bro. Abhishek J. who was doing his B.Com studies staying at Vinayalaya, is promoted to study Philosophy at Suvidya College and to renew his vows on 10th June at Vinayalaya.

Admission to the Novitiate

The following brothers will enter the novitiate on 30th May 2011. Fr. Superior General has delegated Fr. Jose Kumbloickal to officiate the ceremony

1. Ani John Madathinal
2. Arun Cyriac Valliara
3. Aru Alex Thuruthiyil
4. Bibin Sebastian
5. Jobin George Tharappil
6. Paulson Thomas
7. Ajish C. Antoney
8. Chandan Joshi
9. Joseph Mdalai Muthu
10. Karthik M
11. John B. Gannot
12. Kelvin Thoman
13. Dominic Rozario
14. Israil Lakra
15. Stany Rodrigues
16. Anthony Selvam

Pre-novitiate program is being conducted in Tejas Vidya Peetha from 28th April to 28th May. Fr. Valachathinakathu Vinoy and Deacons Joji & Jackson are animating this programme.

Pre-philosophy Program: This year we are having a three day orientation programme in preparation for Philosophy for our scholastics who enter Suvidya College. It will be conducted in Vinayalaya from 10th to 12th June 2011. Fr. Shibu Thundathil, Fr. Philip Valakodiyil, Fr. Jose Kumblolickal, Fr. Antony Mookenthottam and Dn. Joji Kazhukanolickal are animating the programme.

Jibin P.J., a candidate who completed his BSc Nursing and intending to join our congregation, is admitted for community experience in Kuknoor. He will be there for one year before he is promoted to the Novitiate.

Alex Roma who was in Mundargi for community experience was asked to repeat one more year of community experience at Savanur.

Change of Address

Fr. Aneesh Mundiyanickal
St. Mary's Forane Church
Kandassankadavu P.O.,
Trissur Dt
Kerala 680 613

New address of General Councillors

Mermier Bhavan, MSFS House,
House no 20-117
Dayanand Nagar, Malkajgiri
Hyderabad 500047
Andhra Pradesh.
Phone 040-270-60504

Code of Ethics of the Congregation: Copies of the Code of Ethics of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales have been sent "to be studied, respected and carefully observed by all the confreres". As per the directives of the Superior General each Province or group of Provinces will have to make their specific code of ethics within a year. Accordingly a team of experts has been appointed by the (Provincials of Indian Forum) PIF to draw up a draft for our Indian Provinces keeping in mind the laws of the land. The draft will be studied by PIF and sent to the SG for his approval. **Committee:** Fr. Iganci Muthu (coordinator) Fr. Rapheal Karekatt and Fr. Saju Vilachirayil.

MSFS Obituary: Article 118 of Our Constitutions says "we keep the memory of our Confreres who have gone away from us to their eternal reward, marked with the sign of faith, and keep them in our prayers as they continue to belong to us". Please make use of the obituary to remember and pray for our departed confreres. If anyone has not received the updated copy of the obituary please get it from the Provincial's office.

Let us Pray

Brother Vellamattam Joseph of Vizakhapatnam Province passed away on 7th April 2011.

Fr. S. Arockia Samy (Sr.) aged 43 of South East Province passed away on 25th April, 2011.

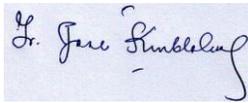
Cease to be members of the Congregation

The following scholastics in temporary vows cease to be members of the Congregation:
Paikattu Jinu (II Yr. Theology, Tejas) A.K Balan Bruno and Joel Diaz (III Yr. Philosophy) and Mintu Abraham (I Yr. Philosophy)

Salesian Thought:

As we look forward to new vistas of hope and optimism, our Patron reminds us about the fraternal bond which is stronger than any other relationship that needs to bind us into a family: *The love of the father for his children is paternal and authoritative. The love of the children for their father is a love of respect and obedience. But the love between brothers is stable, strong and lasting love of friendship because their love is mutual, reciprocal and their situation equal. There is nothing that can be compared to it; for, all other friendships are either unequal, or entered into through expedience (SFS, Spiritual Conferences, Vol. I, pp. 61-62).*

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Fr. Jose Kumbloickal" in a cursive script.

Fr. Jose Kumbloickal msfs
Provincial Administrator