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SOUTH-WEST INDIA PROVINCE



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My dear Confreres,

Fraternal greetings to you from Fr. Benny Koottanal. At the outset of the new academic year I wish each one of you the blessings of the Lord to begin anew with renewed enthusiasm all that we are entrusted with. Let good things happen to our province and all our entrusted ministries through your great commitment and love in the name of the Lord. Be assured of my constant accompaniment and loving commitment to the growth of each one of you.

3RD ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF SOUTH WEST INDIA PROVINCE



My dear Confreres,

The XXth General Chapter of our Congregation which was conducted from the 1st of February 2019 to the 13th had the theme **MSFS Wake Up to the Basics**. Basing ourselves on the Charism of the Congregation, that is “Living the Spirit and Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in our Communities and Mission” we have raised the four pillars

to support our life. They are: **Community, Mission, MSFSness and Salesian Spirituality**. One of the most discussed points in the General Chapter is about the importance of our Community Life, which is the fabric of our religious life. For our Provincial Chapter we have emphasized this aspect of community life and its importance in the context of our province. Therefore, we highlighted the theme: **MSFS Communities in Mission – South West India Province Returning to the Basics**. All the Capitulants of the Chapter would agree that the Chapter enabled each one of us to discuss deeply the meaning of our religious life, as MSFS and especially as Members of the South West India Province, through our community life.

My dear Confreres, as the Chapter Statements and the Action Plan chocked out by the Provincial Chapter would clearly portray, the 3rd Ordinary Provincial Chapter of our Province had been 5 days of grace-filled experiences of living together, sharing, discussions and discernments. All through the Chapter the focus was on the prime theme **MSFS Communities in Mission**. The excellent Statement and Action Plans that the Capitulants have brought out through discussions and evaluations are vivid expressions of our commitment to live the Charism of our Congregation, that is to **live the Spirit and Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in our Communities and Mission** and thus to return to the Basics, such as *Consecrated Life in Communities, Mission, MSFSness and Salesian Spirituality*. Through this Chapter we are empowered, enlightened and re-invigorated to take the message of **renewed commitment to live as Brothers in our Communities**.

STATEMENT AND ACTION PLAN

My dear Confreres, with the ratification of the Superior General, I am happy to present before you the Statement and Action plan of the 3rd Ordinary Provincial Chapter for our reflection and implementation for the coming three years of the life of our province.

STATEMENT

We, the Capitulants of the Third Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the South West India Province of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, gathered at Vinayalaya, Bengaluru, from April 29 to May 3, 2019, reflecting on the theme, **MSFS COMMUNITIES IN MISSION: SOUTH WEST INDIA PROVINCE RETURNING TO THE BASICS**, are convinced that we are called to live a committed religious life as communities in mission.

Following our Founder, Servant of God Fr. Peter Mary Mermier, and responding to the directives and orientations of the General Chapter 2019, we resolve to revitalize our religious life by returning to the basics and bearing collective witness to Christ by living the spirit and spirituality of our Patron, St. Francis de Sales in mission.

We, the Fransalians, resolve to live joyfully in communities with mutual respect for each other's uniqueness and commit ourselves to our basic missionary call.

ACTION PLAN

Consecrated Life in Community

1. Participate faithfully and regularly in all the community activities.
2. Ensure that the Local Superiors will effectively facilitate the faithful observance of the community time-table by all the members of the community.
3. Hold monthly community meetings with the presentation of accounts.
4. Maintain the Chronicle and the Register of Appointments and Transfers in every community.
5. Create a Salesian Corner in our communities and display Fransalian images to be constantly reminded of our identity and also to disseminate the Salesian values in the places of our ministry.
6. Organize Apostolic Community Meetings more effectively by involving resource persons, enlightened discussions, recollection, and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mission Forum

1. Train adequate number of personnel in Missiology.
2. Promote Parish Mission Preaching (PMP) and renewal team by identifying and appointing a full-time coordinator in Karnataka.
3. Extend our missionary venture to other parts of Karnataka and explore the possibilities in Bihar.
4. Strengthen and animate *Fransalian Associates* in our missions.
5. Follow the mandatory two-year mission experience for new priests.
6. Implement the policy of community-based ministries irrespective of geographical boundaries.

Formation Forum

1. Appoint a Director of Scholastics for a term of five years.
2. Ensure that all Formators undergo professional training in formation.
3. Intensify efforts to promote genuine vocations by making vocation promotion an obligation of every confrere and assist duly appointed full-time vocation promoters.
4. Set up language labs in our Minor Seminaries and insist on learning the mission languages.
5. Equip and promote TEJAS, our missionary contextual theological institute, for effective formation.
6. Reconstitute the Fransalian Theological Forum.

Education Forum

1. Constitute a monitoring committee consisting of a Province Secretary of Education and two/three experts who would oversee the implementation of the education policy for five years.
2. Involve the Managers of our educational institutions in the process of granting scholarships so that proper discernment can be done for the advantage of the needy students.
3. Involve the School/College management consisting of Manager, Principal, Vice-Principal, or any other MSFS Confrere on the Staff in any major decision pertaining to financial, structural or policy matters.
4. Establish more educational institutions in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation.
5. Enter into collaborative ministry with religious congregations of women in our educational apostolate.
6. Constitute a committee to evaluate the viability of SFS PU College in Kolar and study the possibilities of starting degree courses.
7. Conduct an evaluation of SFS School, Kannur.
8. Purchase a plot of land and begin a school in the Philippines.
9. Start a student wing of *Friends of Fransalians* in our educational institutions.
10. Continue to observe Africa Day to support our Chad-Cameroon Delegation.
11. Set apart 10% of the net income from our educational institutions for the poor and the needy.

Social and Innovative Ministries Forum (SAIM)

1. Promote all individual initiatives that are approved by the Provincial Administration as common ventures of the Province.
2. Constitute a legal cell to help the poor.
3. Start a social work center in the land next to Molino community in the Philippines.
4. Revitalize the Youth Ministry by appointing a full-time Youth Director.
5. Identify and implement suitable ministries under PSI, especially in North Karnataka.
6. Ensure the safe stay and secure future of all the students associated with our Pratheeksha Boys' Homes and NEST.
7. Ensure that SFS Publications makes marked strides at the global level through well-equipped personnel, infrastructure and publicity.
8. Constitute a media team for the Province.
9. Create awareness towards preserving the environment and promoting communal harmony.

Stewardship Forum

1. Reconstitute the finance committee for a term of five years.
2. Appoint a committee to study and report to the Provincial Administration concerning proper utilization of all vacant land and structures in the Province.
3. Explore the possibilities of establishing a Mission Procure in Germany.
4. Train confreres for financial accounting and book keeping.
5. Articulate and implement the financial plan in Chad-Cameroon and Philippines Delegations with the consent of the Provincial Administration.
6. Explore the possibilities to identify and build up a retirement home.
7. Pursue the efforts to prepare a cemetery in Karnataka.

The New Provincial Administration

The 3rd Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the South West India province has elected the following Confreres to the Provincial Administration.



The newly elected Provincial Curia with Provincial and General Councillor

Fr. Binu Edathumparambil- Admonitor and Councillor In Charge of Formation

Fr. A. Jabamalai- Councillor in Charge of Education

Fr. Joe Cherolickal- Councillor in Charge of Mission

Fr. Riju Vazheparambil- Councillor in Charge of Social and Innovative Ministries

Fr. Vinod Kanattu- Provincial Bursar

A WORD OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

- **Our Beloved Superior General, Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil**, had been a constant support for me from the very conception of the Provincial Chapter through his fraternal suggestions and wise advises. I remain very grateful to him for his constant support and encouragement.
- **Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu**, the General Councilor for Formation, was the Delegate of the Superior General for the Provincial Chapter. I am very grateful to him for his brotherly, very observing and vibrant presence as well as gentle suggestions and vibrant involvement in all the discernments of the Provincial Chapter.
- My sincere gratitude to **all the Provincials, especially, Frs. George Panthanmakal, John Britto Muthuswamy, Ignaci Muthu and Jayaseelan** for their loving presence and encouragement during the provincial Chapter. They were a great source of support and encouragement.

- My special gratitude to **all the Capitulants of the Provincial Chapter**. Through their astute alertness, disciplined and regular participation and very meaningful interventions and discussions they raised the standard of our chapter to a higher level. Each of them held firm to a high caliber of our province through high thinking and practical application. The maturity of the seniors, the expertise of the middle-aged and the dynamism of the young ones were very fundamental for the effectiveness of our Chapter. Kudos to you dear Fathers and Brothers.
- My heartfelt gratitude to the **Steering Committee Members: Frs. Binu Edathumparambil, A. Jabamalai, Joe Cherolickal and Jijo Manjackal** together with **Fr. Santhosh Pereira, the Provincial Secretary**, left no stone unturned in order to make sure that the Provincial chapter is conducted in the most effective way. Their meticulous planning, implementation of the plans and constant vigil to attend even to the minutest matters made the 3rd ordinary provincial chapter one of the best conducted events of our province. On behalf of the whole province I extend my heartfelt gratitude to them.
- **Members of the Communities of Vinayalaya and IIS** deserve great appreciation for their hard work and commitment to make sure that all the facilities were provided for the meaningful conducting of the Provincial Chapter. Beautiful arrangements of the Chapter hall, Chapel, nourishing food, stay and accommodation have been excellently planned out and executed. I express my heartfelt gratitude to both these communities for their generosity and service-mindedness.

Heartfelt Gratitude to the Outgoing Provincial Administration

I would like to place on record the sincere commitment and whole-hearted support of the outgoing Provincial Administration. I am grateful to **Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar (Provincial Admonitor), Frs. A. Jerome, Roy Plathottathil, Joy Vazhappillil and Fr. Vinod Kanat (Provincial Bursar)** for their unfailing reliability, teamwork and above all confidentiality and spirit of service for the well being of the Province. Dear Fathers, it had been a tremendous experience of brotherhood and commitment in our journey together to build up the edifice of our province. In the name of the whole province I place on record your selfless service for the glory of God through our province. I wish you God's abundant blessings in your future ministry.

My dear Confreres, the parting message of the Risen Lord to the Disciples was: **Go to the whole world and baptize everyone**. Time has come for us to launch out into the renewed spirit of living community life as envisaged by the Provincial Chapter 2019. We are invited through this Chapter with a special mandate to go to every corner of our province with a convincing message of the Chapter **that we are called to live in communities sharing our brotherhood in fraternal union with one another. LET US BE THE MESSAGE AND THE MESSENGER.**

REMINDER ABOUT THE ANNUAL RETREAT

My dear Confreres, as I have already reminded you, our Annual Retreats for the year 2019 will be conducted in two phases. **The first retreat will be conducted from July 15th to 19th in Charis Bhavan and the Second from October 14th to 18th in IIS.** The Directory of our Congregation in its number 80 clearly mentions about the obligatory nature of the Annual Retreat: *Every Confrere is to attend the annual retreat of at least 5 days, arranged for the Confreres of the Province. {...} the annual retreat is to be considered an obligatory province community exercise.* I request everyone of you to register your name with the Provincial Secretary latest by the 10th of June 2019. The Superiors of each community must ensure that the members have registered their names for either of these retreats.

RESULTS OF OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

All our Educational institutions have performed very well in the academic year 2018-2019. As I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the management of each of our institutions I place on record their sincere commitment to impart true knowledge to all the children entrusted to our care.

School/ College	Students Appeared	D	I	II	III	Highest Mark	Total Pass %
Chintamani, SFS School English Medium	68	32	35	01	00	615/625	100%
Chintamani, SFS School Kannada Medium	36	03	29	04	00	565/625	100%

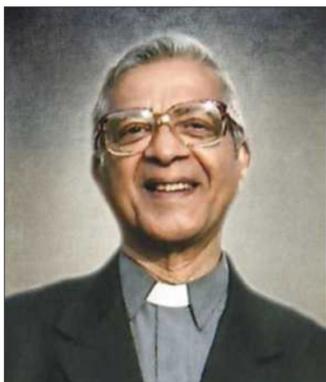
Ettumanoor, SFS Public School	122	93	29	00	00	493/500	100%
Ettumanoor, SFS Junior College	134	110	24	00	00	484/500	100%
Hebbagodi, SFS School Kannada Medium	38	03	26	06	00	594/625	
Hebbagodi, SFS State Syllabus School	150	45	105	00	00	606/625	100%
Hebbagodi SFS ICSE School,	65	52	13	00	00	488	100%
Hebbagodi SFS ISC School	11	02	08	01	00	453	100%
Hebbagodi, SFS Academy, CBSE	28	28	00	00	00	487/625	100%
Hebbagodi, SFS PU College	418	33	255	55	11	574/600	84.7%
Kannur, SFS School	27	10	11	06	00	485/500	97%
Kolar, SFS PU College	196	33	82	12	06	572/600	67.85%
Koppal, SFS School	61	58	03	00	00	609/625	100%
Koppal, SFS ICSE School	39	26	13	00	00	575/600	100%
Kuknoor, SFS School	45	19	23	00	00	607/625	93.3%
Malur, SFS School	78	21	54	02	00	615/625	99%
Mundargi, SFS School	30	17	13	00	00	597/625	100%
Savanur, SFS School	88	31	2	48	00	605/625	92%
Srinivaspur, SFS School	103	51	51	00	00	614/625	99.02%

MOBILE NUMBER OF THE SUPERIOR OF VINAYALAYA

My dear Confreres, I would request you to take note of the mobile number of **Rev. Fr. Johny Kanjirampambil**, the Superior of Vinayalaya. His number is: **9008321566**. To provide you with the best of hospitality when you come to Vinayalaya please do inform him beforehand so that your stay and presence in the Provincial House can be well taken care of.

SAD DEMISE OF REV. FR. ARMIND NAZARETH

My dear Confreres, the sad demise of Rev. Fr. Armind Nazareth is yet to sink deep in each one of us. At the age of sweet 91 Fr. Armind's death was not a surprise for us, but the vacuum that his death has brought into our Congregation's life is irreparable. Fr. Armind was a man beyond the boundaries of the provinces; he was a man for all. South West India Province has personally enjoyed his living presence through the constant support that he has given to us through the Salesian Seminar and Salesian Retreats every year until he was physically unable to undertake it. His yeomen services to the Salesian literature, especially through the translations of the Spiritual Classics of St. Francis de Sales would always remain as a monumental contribution to the generations to come. It is a painful truth that no one can fill in the vacuum that he has left behind. But we have a great responsibility to contribute our best to make the reminiscences of Fr. Armind live through us. Let us be proud Fransalians as Fr. Armind was. **Adieu dear Fr. Armind until we meet again in Heaven.**



OBITUARY



- **Fr. Xavier Michael** aged 65, of Vizag Province, died on May 25, 2019.

I request all the Confreres to fulfil the suffrages as prescribed by MSFS Constitutions.

- **Mr. Francis**, aged 71, paternal uncle of Fr. Sudeep Andrews, died on May 07, 2019
- **Mr. K. S. Joseph**, aged 67, brother of Fr. Francis Kizhakkethazhe, died on May 16, 2019
- **Mrs. Chinnamma Joseph**, aged 93, maternal aunt of Fr. Mijo Kulamkuthiyil, died on May 17, 2019
- **Mr. Evang Elle Simeon**, aged 57, father of Bro. William Favier, died on June 01, 2019

We assure you, dear Confreres, the remembrance of your dear ones in our Holy Mass and Prayers.

MY SCHEDULE

My dear Confreres, please do take note of the schedule of my program. Different from the previous circular, each new circular would bring in additional changes in my programs as per the need. Please do organize the visitation and other common meetings/programs according to the latest communication.

June 2019

June 1	Visitation to MSFS Community, Batheri
June 2	Visitation to Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokad
June 3-4	Orientation talks for the New Batch of Diploma Students of IIS
June 6	Inauguration of Tejas Academic Year – Holy Mass
June 9	Council Meeting
June 10-11	Superiors' Meeting in Vinayalaya
June 12	PIF & Governing Body Meeting in Suvidya College
June 13	Inauguration of the Suvidya Academic Year – Holy Mass
June 15-July 10	Visitation to England and USA

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July 15-19	Annual Retreat at Charis Bhavan

July 19-20	Visitation to Charis Bhavan
July 21	Visitation to MSFS Community Adoor, Sunday Mass in St. John of the Cross Parish Adoor, Visiting Fr. Mathew Kavithazhe
July 22-23	Visitation to SFS Church Vattiyoorkavu & ITSCAAT, Meeting with Frs. Varghese Puthuparambil, Joby Pulichumakal * Trivandrum Apostolic Community Meeting
July 24	Visitation to MSFS House, Kattappana, Meeting with Fr. Jacob Thudipara
July 25	Visitation to SFS Vidyashram Aluva, visiting Bro. Kuriakose Cherackal * Ettumanoor Apostolic Community Meeting
July 26-27	Visitation to MSFS Community Atmajyothi at Pattikad, visiting Frs. Paul Aranjani, Chacko Ottalankal, Zacharias Cherackal
July 30	Council Meeting

August 2019

August 1	Visitation to MSFS Community PSI Sevagram, Kengeri * Bangalore North Apostolic Community Meeting
August 2	Visitation to MSFS Community NEST, Kengeri
August 3	Visitation to MSFS Community & St. Alphonsa's Parish, Mysore
August 4	Visitation to Sannidhi, MSFS Seminary Mysore
August 5	Visitation to MSFS Community, Soumya Sadan, Mysore; * Mysore Apostolic Community Meeting
August 6	Visitation to MSFS Community and SFS School Anthoninagara
August 8-9	Forum Meeting of the Social & Innovative Ministries
August 10	Visitation to MSFS Community, Karahalli
August 13-14	Visitation to MSFS Community Mermier Bhavan, Meeting with the School and College Managements
August 15	Holy Mass in "Mother of Compassion", Syro-Malabar Parish, Hebbagodi * Visitation to Prateeksha Boys' Home, Hebbagodi
August 16	Visitation to MSFS Community & SFS Church, Hebbagodi; * Bangalore South Apostolic Community Meeting
August 19	Council Meeting
August 21-30	Visitation to the Philippines Delegation *Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Philippines Delegation

September 2019

September 2-3	Visitation to MSFS Community at Shiralakoppa; Meeting with Frs. D. Robert, Stany and Abhishek
September 3	*Blessing and Inauguration of SFS School Shiralakoppa * Shimoga Apostolic Community Meeting

September 4	Visitation of MSFS Community & SFS School, Savanur
September 5	Visitation of MSFS Community & SFS School, Mundargi
September 6	Visitation of MSFS Community & SFS School, Kuknoor
September 7	Visitation of MSFS Community & SFS Schools, Koppal * North Karnataka Apostolic Community Meeting
September 8	Institute Day IIS
Sept. 10-11	Visitation to Sidlaghatta, Kadisanahalli & Chintamani
September 12	Visitation to Srinivaspura
September 13	Visitation to SFS PU College Kolar, MSFS Community ITI Kolar
September 15	Holy Mass in St. Mary's Church Kolar, Meeting with Fr. Jerome
September 16	Visitation to MSFS Community & SFS School Malur * Kolar Apostolic Community Meeting
September 17	Visitation to MSFS Community Gokunte
September 19	Council Meeting
Sept. 20-21	Formation Forum Meeting; Vocation Promoters' Meeting
Sept. 23-24	Visitation to MSFS Novitiate & DeCare at Makkiad * Personal meeting with the Novices
September 24	Visitation to MSFS Community and Prateeksha Boys' Home Ulickal
September 25	Visitation to MSFS Community and SFS School Mattannur
September 26	Visitation to MSFS Community & SFS School Kannur * Kannur Apostolic Community Meeting
September 30	Mermier's Day

October 2019

Sept. 30 – Oct 5	Classes in IIS for the Diploma Students
October 4	Seminar for the Formators of "Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod", Trichy
October 11-12	Meeting of the Education Forum Meeting
October 14-18	2 nd Annual Retreat in Indian Institute of Spirituality
October 19-21	Visitation to Sedem Mission in Gulbarga
October 23	Council Meeting
October 24	MSFS Foundation Day & Institute Day of Suvidya College
October 27	Inauguration & Blessing of the New Church in Adoor
October 29 – November 19	Visitation to Germany & Austria, Visiting Fr. Jeevan Prasad in Leuven (Belgium), Visiting our Confreres in the Franco-Swiss Province

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November 22	Mission Forum Meeting of those Confreres in Karnataka
November 24	Council Meeting
November 25	Talk for the Formators of DSFS Congregation
Nov. 26-27	Stewardship Forum Meeting
Nov. 28-30	Classes for the Diploma Students of IIS
November 30	School Annual Day - ICSE Hebbagodi

VOICE OF SFS

“Silence is the water which extinguishes the flame of calumny: to reply would only be adding oil to the flame” SFS

Fraternally,



Fr. Benny Kootanal MSFS

Provincial