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My dear Confreres, Fraternal greetings to you from Fr Benny Koottanal. We are, in spite of the Pandemic Covid-19, back to the basics: **Hard work and Commitment**. One of the greatest focuses of the Gospel is hard work. **Jesus who is a sign of relentless commitment has always enchanted me**. In the recent time, I had been observing some of the Sports Stars and their life-style. The manner they achieved their targets was a sheer sign of their passion mixed with the truest of hard work. Let me just present before you one of the greatest Tennis Players of the Modern Era, **Rafael Nadal**.

THE GREATNESS OF HARD WORK



The bottles of water, juice, and energetics are placed with forensic detail, slotted right in between the legs of the seated figure. A few seconds are spent in deep thought before the bench is vacated and a towel is picked up to wipe precise portions of the arms and the face. A truant strand of hair is knocked behind the ear and beads of perspiration are hastily removed from the nose and from beneath the eyes, following an intuitive pinch of the shorts and an inconsequential readjustment of the skin-tight vest. The ball is prodded by the racket in the left hand for at least half a dozen times and allowed to bounce from the right hand thrice. **Then, at long last, the Scalpel-Esque serve is loaded and Rafael Nadal is ready to begin a game of tennis.**

For those fascinated by the idiosyncrasies of elite athletes, Nadal's meticulous routines on the court have become the stuff of legend. But concealed beneath his tics and compulsive repetition of rituals is the essence of the Spaniard's astounding success – **the ability to do the same things in the same ways, and to do them relentlessly.** The unteachable instinct to graft his way to greatness.

Hard Work as the Rarest Talent

"I could see, by the sheer intensity with which he trained, that he was super-ambitious and desperate to improve...He hit every shot as if his life depended on it," recounts Carlos Moya, one of Nadal's current

coaches, in the tennis superstar's 2011 memoir, *Rafa*. When Moya first saw him, the "super-ambitious" Nadal was only 12, a prodigy in Mallorca, but no different in his resilience to the phenomenon we know today. No sensible follower of Nadal can posit that hard work is the solitary factor behind his rise to the pinnacle of tennis. Nadal's fearsome striking of the ball, his seemingly elastic limbs, his knack for picking the right moments to defend and attack are among a range of gifts that even the most supremely talented player would envy. **He has a holistic approach to life.**

But there is something about Nadal's persistence and perseverance that make him unique. Even at the highest level, where an excellent work ethic is a baseline requirement, Nadal's industry is barely believable, the hunger to win every point often challenging the pragmatics of match-management. **Of course, when one is predictably the winner and all others subside under the euphoria played around, it is easy to climb the pedestal. But in life as in sports, there are moments when one would find the game not easy, the opponent more than competitive and the outcome possibly tilting the other way.**

I was just observing how will Nadal change his attitude when he is not the overwhelming favourite? How will he adjust his game when the conditions are not as conducive? The answer: He won't. His is a life in graft. **There is no plan B for Nadal. Only Plan A** – that is, *turn up, graft, win, repeat* – *is not just everything, it is the only thing.* His playbook of greatness may be slim, but it sure is solid. **While some may exude greatness and some may exhaust it, this sports star extracts it from every pore of his being, every ounce of his will.**

My dear Confreres, do not think that what makes a person successful is merely his/her hard work. Hard work is always accompanied by physical fitness, mental agility, foresightedness and fearlessness which contribute to a person's success. In sum, there is a sense of philosophical ambit of meditation all around it. Look at Jesus as presented by the Evangelist Luke: *He grew up in WISDOM, in STATURE, in FAVOUR WITH GOD and HUMAN BEINGS.* Jesus is a holistic personality. Only a mature person can find the meaning of hard work without becoming rumbly in the face of struggles and failures. That is the reason St Paul says: *I have RUN the race.* Paul never said that 'I have WON the race.' Let us run the race. Let not the desire for success be the reason for our hard work; instead, let the passion 'to run the race' be the hallmark that surrounds it. Be assured, hard work will bear dividend fruit!

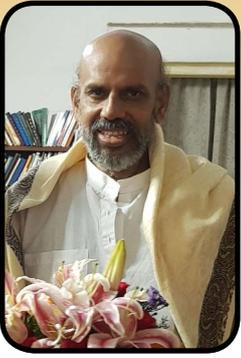
Congratulations to Rev Fr Saji Puthiyakulangara – General Councilor for Formation



We congratulate **Rev Fr Saji Puthiyakulangara**, the newly appointed General Councilor in charge of Formation. Fr Saji took charge on July 3, 2021. In the name of the South-West India Province, we assure him of our prayerful support and collaboration. Hearty Congratulations dear Fr Saji.

Heartfelt Felicitations to Msgr Arulselvam Rayappan, the Bishop-elect of Salem Diocese

With hearts full of joy and gratitude we congratulate **Msgr. Arulselvam Rayappan**, the Bishop-elect of Salem. Msgr Rayappan is neither a stranger to the MSFS Congregation nor to the South-West India



Province. As the best-known Canonist in India Msgr Rayappan has rendered yeomen services to the MSFS Congregation through his classes, seminars and retreats. He is a regular professor of Canon Law in Tejas Vidya Peetha and the Indian Institute of Spirituality. As a very close friend of mine, I know Msgr Rayappan as a very humble, noble and intelligent Missionary. He is truly a man of the heart. We take this opportunity to thank Msgr Rayappan for his services to the MSFS Congregation and very specially to our Province. We wish him God's abundant blessings as he is appointed to shepherd the diocese of Salem. **Congratulations and Best Wishes dear Msgr. Rayappan.**

Apostolic Community Meeting and Annual Retreat

My dear Confreres, as already mentioned in the previous circular we shall be conducting the Annual Retreat in the Apostolic Communities. Therefore, I request all the Conveners of the Apostolic Communities to convoke the Apostolic Community Meeting before the 20th of August and decide the Venue, Date and Schedule of the Annual Retreat. The Apostolic Communities of Ettumanoor and Bangalore North do not have Conveners at present. I request Fr Jose Parappillil and Fr Vinod Kanat to convoke the meeting of the respective Apostolic Communities. After the Apostolic Community Meeting, I shall be holding an Online meeting with all the Conveners of the Apostolic Communities.

Apostolic communities in the Philippines and Chad-Cameroon Delegations

Yaounde-Buea apostolic community of Chad-Cameroon Delegation

- Fr Arackal Manoj
- Fr Nellimalamattam Joshy
- Fr Vellakada Sen
- Fr Bipin Kishore Xess
- Fr Christophe Bertrand A.
- Fr Ayissi Parfait Innocent

Ngaoundere-Doba Apostolic Community of Chad-Cameroon Delegation

- Fr Lakra Giridhari
- Fr Dung Dung Marcel.
- Fr Peygres Senghor
- Fr Innaci Muthu Selvaraj
- Fr Sandeep Tirkey
- Fr Francis Ekka
- Fr Ajish Antony C
- Fr Boris Nixon
- Fr Anish Mathew P.
- Fr Jose Simon T.
- Fr John Joseph

Philippines Apostolic Community

- Fr Cheravelil Jikson
- Fr Fernandis Roni
- Fr Jundie Sumagaysay
- Fr Kamukuthottathil Anishmon
- Fr Kumblolickal Jose
- Fr Kuzhuppil Binoy
- Fr Manjackal Jiji
- Fr Nathaniel E. Masendo
- Fr Padikara Nelson
- Fr Romnick S. Civico
- Fr Tigga Praful
- Fr Valakodiyil Philip

Forums – All the Confreres Abroad

Superiors Forum

- Fr Arackal Manoj
- Fr Nellimalamattam Joshy
- Fr Vellakada Sen
- Fr Christophe Bertrand A.
- Fr Lakra Giridhari
- Fr Dung Dung Marcel.
- Fr Sandeep Tirkey
- Fr Anish Mathew P.
- Fr Boris Nixon
- Fr Jundie Sumagaysay
- Fr Valakodiyil Philip
- Fr Kuzhuppil Binoy
- Fr Cheravelil Jikson
- Fr Mannukuzhumpil Joseph
- Fr Mullasseril Tomy
- Fr Kumbidiyamackal Manu
- Fr Kochupoovathummuttil Joy
- Fr Kumblolickal Jose

Education Forum

- Fr Ayissi Parfait Innocent
- Fr Peygres Senghor
- Fr Francis Ekka
- Fr Ajish Antony C
- Fr Boris Nixon
- Fr Anish Mathew P.

Formation Forum

- Fr Arackal Manoj
- Fr Vellakada Sen
- Fr Bipin Kishore Xess
- Fr Ayissi Parfait Innocent
- Fr Dung Dung Marcel.
- Fr Peygres Senghor
- Fr Innaci Muthu Selvaraj
- Fr Sandeep Tirkey
- Fr Valakodiyil Philip
- Fr Praful Tigga
- Fr Cheravelil Jikson
- Fr Romnic S. Civico

Stewardship Forum

- Fr Vellakada Sen
- Fr Bipin Kishore Xess
- Fr Christophe Bertrand A.
- Fr Ayissi Parfait Innocent
- Fr Peygres Senghor
- Fr Francis Ekka
- Fr Ajish Antony C
- Fr Anish Mathew P.
- Fr Padikara Nelson
- Fr Praful Tigga
- Fr Jundie Sumagaysay
- Fr Romnic S. Civico
- Fr Nathaniel E. Masendo

Mission Forum

- Fr Pazhayattil Joseph
- Fr Mukalel James
- Fr Mullasseril Tomy
- Fr Ekka Sunil
- Fr Thaveethu Paul Raj
- Fr Mattathil Joby
- Fr Panickerveetil James
- Fr Manickathan Sibi
- Fr Parayankuzhy Jimmy
- Fr Mannukuzhumpil Joseph John
- Fr Mangalathu Joshy
- Fr Parappuram Louis Thomas
- Fr Pattarakalayil Joseph
- Fr Periyamayagam Madalaimuthu
- Fr S. Arockiya Jayaraj
- Fr Puthukary Jose

- Fr Vazhappillil Joy
- Fr Koottarapally Devasia
- Fr Muthukattil Reji
- Fr Puthenparambil Bobby
- Fr Antony Sathiya Seelan
- Fr Kazhukanolickal Joji
- Fr Thundathil Shibu
- Fr Santosh Pereira
- Fr Kumbidiamakkal Manu
- Fr Ponnambel Josey,
- Fr Kozhuppakalam Mathew
- Fr Payattukandathil Thomas
- Fr Valiaparampil Antony
- Fr Lakra Thadeus
- Fr Elanjimattathil Boban
- Fr Koikkara Dijo Thomas
- Fr Mannamparampil Augustine Joseph
- Fr Melukunnel John Cyriac
- Fr Valliamthadathil George
- Fr Punnakuzhiyil Sunny
- Fr Jaison P. Thomas
- Fr Joy Thomas
- Fr Santy Kurian
- Fr Thottiyil Mathew
- Fr Narikunnel Regi
- Fr Pangiraj Jabamalanathan
- Fr Pathiyakam Ginu
- Fr Pallassery Sujith
- Fr Arackal Manoj
- Fr Nellimalamattam Joshy
- Fr Vellakada Sen
- Fr Bipin Kishore Xess
- Fr Christophe Bertrand A.
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- Fr Kuzhuppil Binoy
- Fr Manjackal Jiji
- Fr Nathaniel E. Masendo
- Fr Padikara Nelson
- Fr Romnic S. Civico
- Fr Tigga Praful
- Fr Valakodiyil Philip

Social & Innovative Ministries Forum

- Fr Boris Nixon
- Fr John Joseph
- Fr Jiji Manjackal

Diaconate Ordination in the Philippines



It was a great moment of joy and grace for the Philippines Delegation of the MSFS to witness its fifth Diaconate Ordination amidst the gloom and sufferings of the pandemic Covid 19. God's choicest blessing was manifested through the person of Bro. Marc Edward Malihan who has been consecrated to the ordained ministry as a

Deacon on May 14, 2021 in MSFS Formation House Lalaan 1, Silang, Cavite. Solemn Eucharistic celebration and Diaconate Ordination was presided over by his excellency most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, the Bishop of Imus. Fr Binoy Kuzhuppil, the Acting Delegation Superior, Fr Philip Valakodiyil, the Rector and Superior of the Scholasticate, Fr Jikson Cheruvelil, the Rector and superior of the MSFS Minor seminary Silang, and Fr Alvin Chavez the parish priest of St Mary Magdalene Church, Amadeo assisted the Bishop during the ceremony. Some of the Diocesan priests together with the MSFS priests joined in the concelebration. The Bishop addressed the MSFS family with words of encouragement and support. Exhorting the religious to be men of prayer, service, and faithful to their vows by radically following Jesus who is poor, chaste, and obedient.

MSFS Minor Seminarians and Scholastics animated the choir and liturgy respectively with their active participation. Considering the demands of the time and due to the Covid-19 protocols visitors were not encouraged, rather the whole ceremony was virtually aired for the participation of the faithful. Yet the ceremony was solemnized by the presence of a few religious men and women from the Diocese and various Congregations along with the close relatives of the newly ordained Deacon. Fr Binoy Kuzhuppil addressed the august gathering with the words of welcome and Fr Philip Valakodiyil expressed his sincere gratitude on behalf of the delegation to all the dignitaries and persons who toiled behind the success of this event. The Agape meal was prepared and arranged by the MSFS Formation House, Silang community right after the liturgical celebrations with which the event came to a perfect conclusion.

Perpetual Profession at Tejas Vidya Peetha



Tejas Vidya Peetha and the Fransalian family had much to rejoice on May 28, 2021, as four of our Brothers, Jibin George Anithottathil, Nitesh Minj, Robin Pereira, and Rony Thomas Madathiparambil, belonging to the South-West India Province, made their perpetual profession and were accepted into the MSFS Congregation as permanent members. Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, the Provincial of South-West India Province, presided over the

ceremony and received their vows in the presence of the Rector and the Staff of Tejas and a few other Confreres from the neighboring communities. The theme chosen for the celebration was '*Ready and Willing*'. Fr Benny, the Provincial, congratulated all the Brothers who made their perpetual profession and renewed their vows and acknowledged and thanked the Formation Team of Tejas Vidya Peetha for their dedicated and loving service in the formation of our Seminarians. The celebration ended with a short felicitation and fellowship meal.

Initiation to the Novitiate



On May 30, 2021 ten of the Postulants belonging to the South-West India Province were initiated into the Novitiate at Indian Institute of Spirituality (IIS), Bangalore. Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, the Provincial, initiated the postulants to Novitiate during the celebration

of the Holy Eucharist in the presence of Fr Joe Cherolickal, the in-charge of the Novices, and the Staff of Indian Institute of Spirituality. The Provincial congratulated the Postulants for their focused desire to follow Jesus in the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales and invited them to drink deeply from the spirituality of St Francis de Sales and Fr Peter Mermier by learning the values of the Gospel as lived and preached by our Patron and the Founder.

First Profession at Makkiyad



'Totus Tuus' (Totally Yours) was the theme of the first profession which took place at Sneha Jyothy Ashram, Makkiyad on May 31 2021. It was indeed a joyful day for the South-West India Province and to the MSFS Congregation as six of our novices after completing one year of Canonical Novitiate made their First Profession. In the absence of the Provincial, Fr Benny Koottanal, due to covid-19 lockdown, the solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by the Delegate of the Provincial Rev. Fr Tom Pannalakunnel MSFS (Director, DeCare, Makkiyad). The candidates were presented to the Provincial Delegate by Rev. Fr Timson Parakkottil, the Novice Master. The occasion was blessed with the presence of all the formators of Sneha Jyothy Ashram and the Domestic Staff.

On the 15th July 2021 five Novices belonging to the Guwahati and Dibrugarh Provinces, who had their formation in our Novitiate, made First Profession in Snehajyothi Ashram, Makkiyad. Rev. Fr K. P. Joseph (Rector Of Vinaya Bhavan Minor Seminary, Thamaraserry), the Delegate of the Provincials, received the vows of the Novices in the presence of the Staff of Snehajyothi Ashram and a few Confreres from MSFS Minor Seminary Thamarassery.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our Brothers and extend to them a very hearty welcome to the Fransalian Family.

Ordinations in Chad-Cameroon delegation



On Saturday, July 3, 2021, the Chad-Cameroon delegation of MSFS Congregation, under the South-West India Province, had the joy of witnessing the elevation of three of our Confreres to the altar of God, one as Priest, namely, **Fr NGUIMATIO ETEUDEM Peygres Senghor** and the other two as Deacons, namely, **Dn MADJITA TANIBE Anniversaire** and **Dn SENGUENA Leandre Francky**. The Ordinations were held at Saint Pius X parish of Ngoya and the Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rt Rev Sosthene Leopold BAYEMI MAJEL, the Bishop of Obala Diocese. After the celebration of the Eucharist and felicitation, the fraternal meal was arranged at La Feuillette for the family members of the newly

ordained and the invited guests. The occasion was graced with the presence of our Confreres, Brothers, Parishioners from different parishes and the Fransalian associates.

A New Doctor in Theology: Hearty Congratulations to Rev Dr Thomas Thekkekarottu MSFS



It is indeed a great joy for the MSFS Family and for the South-West India Province in particular as Fr Thomas Thekkekarottu has completed the Doctoral Research and defended the Thesis successfully. The Doctoral Thesis is titled: **The Resurrection of Christ, Key for a Christology of Religions: *The Unique and Universal Presence of Christ and the Mediation and Mission of the Church in the Writings of Gerald O'Collins SJ.*** Fr Thomas

successfully defended the Thesis on the 30th June 2021 in the **Facultad de Teologia, Nortre de Espana, Burgos.**

Fr Thomas, we are well aware how strenuous this effort was for you. You have made the Fransalian Family proud emerging colourfully with great success. May your learning be a great support for the Congregation in its Theological journey, especially in the formation of our younger generation. **Hearty Congratulations dear Fr Thomas Thekkekarottu.**

Inauguration and Blessing of Saint Francis De Sales Boys' Home, Doba, Chad



May 15, 2021 will be remembered as a joyful day in the history of the Chad-Cameroon delegation under the South-West India Province. On this day, Saint Francis de sales Boys' Home at Gaki (Doba) was inaugurated and blessed by Rt Rev Martin WAINGUE BANI, the Bishop of Doba. Our Boys' Home in Doba is a double storied building which can accommodate around 80 children and at present, there are already 50 children residing.

The event commenced at 8 am with the Eucharistic celebration. At the very outset of the Holy Mass Fr Robin Thonikuzhiyil, the Local Superior of Doba community, welcomed the Bishop and all the Invitees including the children and their parents. During the homily, the Bishop appreciated the MSFS for their services in his Diocese and for starting the Boys' Home, which is a need of the time and the place. He opined that these boys who have the privilege to be in our Boys' Home will have a quality education that would assure them intellectual, physical, mental, and moral growth.

At the end of the Mass, Rev. Fr Boris Nixon, the Director of the Boys' Home and SFS School, expressed his sincere thanks to the gathering. Special mention was made of the Benefactors for their financial support, very specially to "MANOS UNIDAS" from Spain and SUNSAMO from South Korea, without forgetting Rev. Fr Robin Mathew who did his best in supervising and realizing this project along with all those who contributed in one way or the other.

I take this opportunity to congratulate **Rev Fr Manoj Arackal**, the Delegation Superior, and **Fr Robin Thonikuzhy**, the Superior of the Doba Community and **Fr Boris Nixon** for their stupendous effort to make this dream come true. Hearty Congratulations to all our Confreres.

Inauguration of Administrative Block in SFS Campus, Hebbagodi



The Jubilee Memorial – SFS Administrative Block was blessed and inaugurated on July 10, 2021. This new Block has added a distinctive hallmark to the existing edifice of learning at SFS Hebbagodi Campus. **Rev. Dr Benny Koottanal**, the Provincial of MSFS South-West India Province, led us in the blessing prayer and unveiled the plaque. **Rev. Fr Vinod Kanattu**, the Provincial Bursar inaugurated the new building by cutting the ribbon.

After the blessing, the dignitaries and the guests were led to the hall of the Administrative Block for the felicitation program. Rev. Dr Benny Koottanal congratulated the management in the campus and expressed his joy of having fulfilled a long-standing dream of a separate Administrative Block for the campus. Fr Tony A. J., the Financial Administrator of SFS Hebbagodi Campus thanked the Architect, Contractors, Engineers, workers and all others involved in constructing a wonderful Administrative Block. As a token of our gratitude, Rev. Dr Benny Koottanal presented a shawl and memento to all those who were involved in the construction of this new block. This Administrative Block will aid the management to effectively and coherently carry out the administrative affairs of the campus.

I take this opportunity to thank **Fr Tony Erniakulathil** for the meticulous planning and hard work to make this dream come true. A word of special thanks to **Fr Saju Vilachirayil**, the Superior, and **all the Confreres in the Mermier Bhavan Community** for their constant support and commitment.

Hearty Welcome Home

* **Fr Anthony Swamy**: After having completed a long stint of pastoral Ministries in the Diocese of Harrisburg in the USA, Fr Anthony Swamy has returned to India on the 22nd of July 2021 to take up new ministries in the Province in India. As we thank him for his committed services for the good of the Church and the Congregation in the US, **we extend to Fr Anthony Swamy, a very hearty welcome to our Province family in India** and wish him God's abundant blessings in the future ministries.

* **Fr Thomas Thekekarottu**: After having completed the Doctoral Research in the University of Burgos, Spain, successfully Fr Thomas Thekekarottu is returning to India on the 5th of August 2021. We extend to him a very hearty welcome and fruitful ministry in our Province in India. Hearty welcome and best wishes dear Fr Thomas.

Virtual Meeting of the Provincial with the Local Community of Augsburg (Bayern), Germany

The Online Meeting of the Local community of Augsburg (Bayern) with Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, the Provincial, was held on June 6, 2021. The participants were Frs Siby Manickathan, Tomy Mullasseril,

Joseph Pazhayattil, James Mukalel, James Panickerveetil, Jimmy Parayankuzhy, Thomas Thekkekarottu, and Joby Mattathil.

The meeting began with a prayer by Fr Joseph Pazhayattil. Fr Tomy Mullasseril, the Local superior welcomed the Provincial and all the Fathers to the meeting. Provincial in his address updated the members about the life and dynamism in the province and appreciated the local community in Augsburg (Bavaria) for their services and support extended to our missions in India and abroad. Thereafter there was a meaningful sharing by the conferrers about their life and activities, concerns and challenges in their respective places of ministry. Fr Tomy Mullasseril the local superior thanked the Provincial, and the participants for their active participation and Fr Provincial concluded the meeting with a prayer and paternal blessing.

Virtual Meeting of the Provincial with the MSFS Community at Adelaide, Australia

It was a pleasant occasion for the confreres Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal, Fr Shibu Thundathil, Fr Josey Ponnambel and Fr Santosh Pereira working in the Archdiocese of Adelaide in Australia to have the first virtual meeting with Fr Benny Koottanal, the Provincial. The meeting was held on June 7, 2021 at 10 am IST. The meeting began with a prayer by Fr Santosh, thereafter Fr Manu, the Superior of the Local Community in Adelaide welcomed everyone. Fr Provincial expressed his gratefulness to the confreres for supporting the province and updated the life and activities in the Province. It was followed by the individual sharing of life and ministry by the confreres. All the four working in Adelaide expressed satisfaction regarding the pastoral ministry they exercise in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. The conferrers also expressed their opinion about the future possibilities regarding the mission of the province over here at Adelaide. Provincial was very much pleased to note that Fr Shibu and Fr Manu are progressing in the Doctorate Studies. The meeting concluded with a prayer by Fr Josey.

Virtual Meeting of the Provincial with the Local Community of Münster-Osnabrück, Germany

The Online Meeting of the Local Community of Münster-Osnabrück with Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, the Provincial, was held on July 12, 2021 from 5pm to 6.30 pm local time in Germany. The participants were Fr Sibi Manickathan, the Delegation Superior, Fr Joseph John Mannukuzhumpil, the Local Community Superior, Fr Joy Vazhappillil, Fr Joseph Pattarakalayil, Fr Devasia Koottarapally, Fr Louis Parappuram, Fr S. K. Jayaraj, Fr Joshy Mangalathu, Fr Periyannayagam and Fr Jose Puthukary. The Meeting began with a Prayer song by Fr Jayaraj. Fr Joseph Mannukuzhumpil, the Local Community Superior welcomed the Provincial, the Delegation Superior and all other Confreres to the Meeting. The Provincial, in his address, updated the Members about the present happenings in the Province and appreciated and thanked the members of the Münster- Osnabrück, Local Community for their wholehearted support and Dedicated services rendered to our Missions in India and to the Local Church. Thereafter, there was an active and meaningful sharing and discussions about the Life and Activities, concerns and Challenges in the context of the various emerging situations and trends in Germany. All the members were happy about the active participation and sharing. Fr Jose Puthukary thanked the Provincial and all other participants. The Meeting came to an end at 6.30 pm with a Prayer and Blessing from the Provincial.

Appointments

- **Fr Kuldeep Kujur** is appointed as the Assistant Director of MSFS House and Garment Mill, Karahalli with effect from August 10, 2021.
- **Fr Prabhu Prakash Kujur** is appointed as the Assistant Director of Social Work Program at MSFS Community, Shiralakoppa with effect from August 10, 2021

Promotions in Chad-Cameroon and the Philippines Delegations

Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Promoted to Novitiate

- Adiyi Alberto
- Ngono Basile Arnold
- Alladoubeye Bienvenu
- Ndouba Fredy
- Nnanga Onana Gaston
- Essomba Jean Paul Carmel
- Ayissi Manga Junior Soleil
- Aba'a Zue Yann Karrol

Promoted to First Profession

- Yada Bakari Abel
- Bello Bouba Kaina
- Konlack Moffo Cardin
- Christian Allahadjim
- Ndjie Ndongo Nyebe Jean Rene
- Jude Limnyuy
- Tatah Synesius Felim Shofola
- Djorkef Valdo Timene
- Dehezo Tsasse Christian

Philippines Delegation

Promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

- Antony Varghese
- Christian Ybanez Exclamado
- Jibin Pathil
- Marlon B. Quijano

Promoted to Third Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

- Michael Ray L. Diaz
- Stihl Magandam
- Alex J. Estancia
- Aldren C. Mondigo

Promoted to Regency and Renewal of Vows

- Jason Ly S. Bedida

Promoted to Fourth Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

- Joelvin N. Tahitit
- Roberto G. Batohinog

Obituary

- **Mr Antony Puthusserry (84)**, Elder Brother of Fr Thomas Puthusserry, died on July 21, 2021.
- **Mr A. Thomas Kochuveedu (89)**, Father of Fr Sibichen Kochuveedu, died on July 21, 2021.

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.

August 2021

August 1	Visiting Chintamani, assessing the Church Construction
August 5	Visiting Mattannur Community
August 6	* Visiting Fr George Vattappara * Visiting Fr Albin Puthenveetil
August 8	Virtual Talk for the 'Rosa Maria Ministry', Neendakara, Kollam
August 12	* Visitation to MSFS Community, Mundargi * Laying the Foundation Stone for the new Community House
August 13	Visitation to MSFS Community, Kuknoor
August 13-14	Visitation to MSFS Community, Koppal
August 15	* Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary * Independence Day of India
August 17	Visitation to MSFS Community, Karahalli
August 18	Visiting Fr Prashant Kumar
August 19	Visitation to MSFS Community PSI Seva Kendra, Kengeri
August 22	Council Meeting
August 23-24	Visitation to Vinayakumar Ashram, Chokad
August 25	Laying the Foundation Stone for ITSSCAT-2 at Perinthalmanna
August 25-26	* Visitation to Snehajyothi Ashram, DeCare Makkiyad * Personal Meeting with the Novices
August 27	Visitation to MSFS Community, Batheri

VOICE OF SFS

"Everything is of love, in love, for love and from love in the Church"

Fraternally,



Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS

Provincial