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Salesian Thought

"Go to your confessor; open your heart to him;
display to him all the recesses of your soul;
take the advice that he will give you
with the utmost humility and simplicity.
For God, Who has an infinite love for obedience, frequently
renders profitable
the counsels we take from others,
but especially from those who are the guides of our souls."

Straight from the heart of Fr. Peter Marie Mermier

God wishes to give to us this good will,
and Jesus Christ has bestowed it on us.
How St. Francis de Sales put it into practice in his youth,
in his writings and in his actions! May he obtain for us
this grace which he possessed in such a high degree of perfection."
72 let to Fr. Cheminal, 05-06-1843



Dear Confreres,

Greetings of peace and love! Tomorrow (30th of September) is a very special day for our Congregation. We are celebrating our Founder's Day. This day is very important for all of us, as we re-call and re-live our Founder Peter Mary Mermier's life and mission.

Our Founder Fr. Peter Mary Mermier was a man ahead of his time. He saw the signs of the time. He experienced the effects of French Revolution and the impact it had on Christianity. After his ordination, as a young priest, he experienced how the Christians were losing interest in faith and spiritual life, due to revolution. His deep experience of God led him to the signs of the time and that sign was a real need for revival of Christian faith. As such, he dedicated himself for the revival of Christian faith. His animated and determined focus was this renewal of Christian faith. For this purpose, he founded our Congregation.

On the occasion of 400th Death anniversary of our Patron, this year, we celebrate it as Year of St. Francis De Sales. Our patron St. Francis De Sales was a great missionary. His contribution to the Church is very significant. When no one was willing to take up missionary work in Calvinist area, as a young priest, he took up. When other priests were giving up due to challenges and threats, he sustained till he succeeded. When people were following a restricted and exclusivist approach to holiness, he called for an all-inclusive approach to holiness. When people were talking about holiness of the select few, he propagated holiness for all. These qualities of missionary endeavor, not giving up in the face of challenges and holiness for all approach had great impact on our Founder. As our patron, our founder also was a great missionary, sustained in missionary endeavors and tirelessly worked for revival of Christian faith, which is nothing but holiness for all.

The message for us is that like our patron and founder, we need to be committed missionaries. We must be ready to take missionary endeavors anywhere, more especially, where it is required the most. Following the example of our patron and founder, we should sustain in our missionary endeavors in the face of challenges and difficulties without giving up. The holiness for all approach of our patron and the revival of Christian faith of all of our founder must be our focus. Let us live this spirituality of our Patron in this Year of St. Francis De Sales. As we celebrate our Founder's Day, let us live this spirit of our Founder Peter Mary Mermier.

Wish you all a happy Founder's Day!

1. Monthly Intentions of the General – October

That all our brothers and sisters who are afflicted by the pandemic, natural calamities, and health problems may come out better and not bitter by the merciful love of God, we pray to the Lord

2. Extraordinary General Chapter (EGC) 2022

The re-convoked Extraordinary General Chapter will be held in Fransalian Seminary, Pune, India, from 8th to 14th of November, 2022. Let us continue to pray for the success of the Extraordinary General Chapter 2022.

3. Two New Indian Cardinals



Archbishop, Filipe Neri Antonio Ferrao of Archdiocese of Goa and Damão and Archbishop, Anthony Poola of Archdiocese of Hyderabad were elevated to the rank of Cardinals on 27th August 2022, at the St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican.

Hearty congratulations to them.

4. Congratulations to new Provincial, Dibrugarh Province

Our Superior General Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil has appointed Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, as the new provincial of Dibrugarh Province. On behalf of the South-East India Province family, I extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu. We wish him all the best and pray for him.



Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu



Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil

We express our thanks and gratitude to Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the outgoing provincial of Dibrugarh province for his dedication and contribution for all these years.

5. USA Vice Province: New Administration

The following confreres are the new USA vice Province Curia

Fr. Anthony Bonela (Provincial)
Fr. Augustine Tharapel (Admonitor)
Fr. Regi Narikunnel (Councilor)
Fr. Noble (Bursar)
Fr. Jose Kumbloickal (Consulter)
Fr. Antony Rajesh (Consulter)



On behalf of the province family, we wish them all the best.

PROVINCIAL



Fr Anthony Bonela

ADMONITOR



Fr Augustine Tharapel

COUNCILOR



Fr Regi Narikunnel

BURSAR



Fr Noble

CONSULTER



Fr Jose Kumbloickal

CONSULTER



Fr Anthony Rajesh

6. France-Suisse Province : New Administration

The following confreres are the new France-Suisse Province Curia

Fr. Jean-Yves Le Tué (Provincial)

Fr. John HEPUNI (Admonitor)

Fr. Scaria JOSEPH (Councillor)

Fr. Jose THOMAS PUTHIYAPARAMPIL (Councillor)

Fr. Samuel THOMAS DEVARAJ, (Bursar)



On behalf of the province family, we wish them all the best.

Congratulations to the newly elected Provincial curia of Franco-Swiss Province



7. Province Retreat

We had our annual retreat from 4th of September to 9th of September, 2022. Being the Year of St. Francis De Sales, the Retreat was based on the spirituality of SFS and our religious life. The preacher Fr. Benny Kootanal focussed on 4 pillars: community life, Msfsness, salesian spirituality, and Mission.

Really this year's retreat was very effective and meaningful. It was inspirational. The preacher emphasized the foundations of our congregation and our religious life and focused on four pillars of our religious life in our congregation. Really it was a graceful time. We participated whole heartedly and renewed ourselves. We were divided into five groups for the liturgical celebration and animation. All our various spiritual activities - Morning Prayer, meditation, talk, mass, rosary, adoration, silent adoration and confession really helped us to examine our religious life and renew it. We got the opportunity to join the Holy Eucharist at Basilica of Poondi on the day of the solemnity of the birth of Blessed Virgin Mary on 8th of September, 2022. It was a very fruitful retreat.

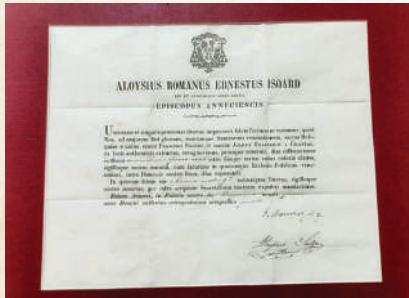
Hearty congratulations to them.





8. Journey with the Relic and Statue of St. Francis De Sales

The journey with the Relic and Statue of SFS is one of the initiatives taken by our South-East India Province in this Year of SFS. The journey has reached half-way through. It was started from Mankuzhi Parish in Kuzhithurai diocese and it has reached provincial house in Trichy. At every place, special prayers, veneration and novena have been organized. Through this pious activity, we are disseminating the spirituality of our Patron St. Francis De Sales to the people in our parishes and centres more intensely. The journey is very much appreciated by people. The people have received the relic and statue with utmost devotion. We are going to receive much more blessings and graces through the intercession of our Heavenly Patron St. Francis De Sales. Let us continue to encourage and motivate people. Let us be instruments of God's grace to people.



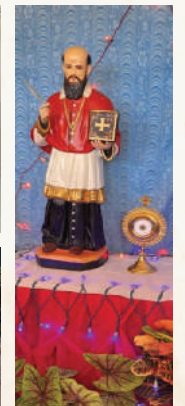
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9. Upcoming Major Events for the Year of SFS at Province Level

i. Erecting of SFS Statue

On 24th of October, 2022, we will be erecting the Statue of St. Francis De Sales in all our parishes and communities with special veneration, including procession and special liturgy.

ii. SFS Quotations Book in Tamil

We are also bringing out the popular saying of SFS in the book form in Tamil. It will be released on 30th September, 2022 on our Founder's Day. We appreciate Fr.A.Santhiyagu, who compiled the popular saying of SFS and translated them in Tamil.

iii. Special Event to Mark the Year of SFS

We will be organizing a special celebration to mark the year of SFS on 24th of November, 2022 in our provincial house at Trichy. The event is organized for the whole day with different activities, including animation for the parishioners, animation for the students and the children, games and cultural programs etc. Five parishioners from each parish and all the children from our friendly homes, some children from each school will participate in the special event. That apart, neighboring priests, religious and well-wishers will be also participating the Solemn Holy Eucharist celebration.





iv. SFS Album and Book in Tamil

On 24th of January, 2023, on our Patron's feast, we will be bringing out SFS Album, containing Tamil songs on St. Francis De Sales, Mother of Compassion and our Founder Fr. Peter Mermier. A special team is constituted for this purpose consisting of Fr. Arul Selvamani, Fr. P.S. Joseph, Fr. Antony Doss, Fr. Nayaga Seelan and Fr. D. Jayakumar.

We will be also releasing a book, which contains the short biography of St. Francis De Sales in Tamil. The book is written by Fr. Rajasekhar Msfs.

10. Priestly Ordinations

Two Deacons - S. Jerald and M. Level Winner Raj were ordained priest on 27th of August and 9th of September of 2022 respectively. It was indeed memorable events for their family members to organize the events and were witnessing events for the people in and around the places. Most of our MSFS fathers were present for the events too. Ordination celebration of the two Deacons went on well. They gratefully thank the administration for their support and encouragement for the success of ordination from the beginning to the end.

Fr. S. Jerald



11. Canonical Visitation of GAH

The provincial made a canonical visitation of GAH from 23rd of July to 11th of September, 2022. During this visitation, the provincial visited all the parishes and centres, where our fathers are serving. The canonical visitation involved meeting the confreres, common meetings, meetings with the bishops, diocesan officials and meetings with the funding agencies. From the meetings with the confreres, I could see the enthusiasm and commitment of our priests for pastoral ministry in their parishes and their efforts in strengthening Christian faith.

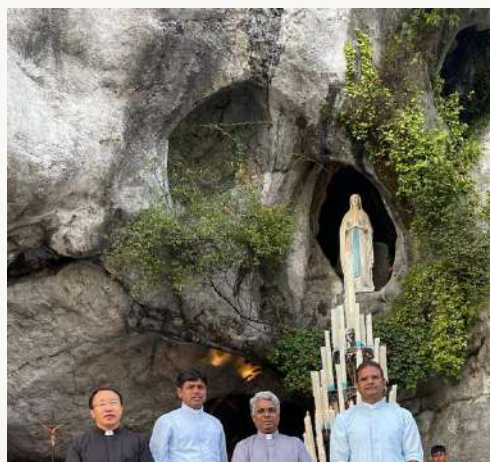
I had opportunity to concelebrate masses in many parishes. The people are very happy with our priests. They share a lot of good things about our priests, their life, commitment, pastoral service etc. The people are very much appreciative of our confreres. They express their gratitude for sending our confreres to serve them. I had also meetings with some bishops and the diocesan officials. The bishops and the diocesan officials are very happy with our priests. They are very much satisfied with our priests' life and pastoral service. They expressed their appreciation for our priests.

Focusing Malawi mission was also my objective during my visit. Wherever possible, I have introduced and spoken about our Malawi mission to the people and the parishioners in different parishes. Whenever we had meetings, I have also introduced Malawi mission to the bishops and the diocesan officials. That apart, I have also met a few funding agencies and introduced our Malawi mission. The purpose was to make them known our missions in Malawi in view of eliciting some support from them in the future.

Finally, I was in Rome in our Generalate. I had the opportunity to meet Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, our Superior General and other fathers. I thank Fr. Superior General and all our fathers in the two generalate communities for their support, accommodation and providing logistical support.

The travel schedule was well arranged. Without the cooperation of our confreres in GAH, it is not possible to have such a visit. All our fathers were very helpful and supportive, with providing accommodation, accompanying and transport etc. I thank every one of our confreres in Germany, Oberpullendorf in Austria and Italy. I thank Fr. Simon Raja, the Delegation Superior and Fr.S. Joseph, the Delegation Bursar for their logistical support.





12. New Priest's Day at Provincialate

The 15th of September, 2022 was a very memorable day for the South – East India Province, as two of us namely Fr. S. Jerald and Fr. M. Level Winner Raj gathered at Provincialate at Trichy to give thanks to God and to celebrate the new Priest's Day. Being the feast of Mother of Sorrows, the Patroness of our Congregation, we, the new priests offered the Holy Eucharist with an immense gratitude to God for his call and the gift of priesthood to us. Rev. Fr. Amirthanathan, the superior of the community congratulated and appreciated us at the beginning of the Mass. Rev. Fr. Jerald officiated the Holy Eucharist and Rev. Fr. Level Winner Raj gave the homily. Finally, Fr. Level Winner Raj thanked the entire community for the invitation to celebrate the thanksgiving mass. Rev. Fr. Ignacimuthu, Provincial congratulated the new Priests and wished for the future ministry. We thank the superior and other members of the Provincialate community for organizing the event.



Fr. M. Level Winner Raj

13. Heavenly Patrons at our Doorstep, MSFS Provincialate, Trichy

MSFS Provincial House stepped into another milestone in its growth, as it witnessed the blessing of the newly erected statues of our heavenly patroness Mother of Compassion and our patron Saint Francis de Sales at the entrance of the provincial house on 15th September 2022, the feast day of Mother of Compassion by Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu Msfs. We had special novena prayer. After the novena, we had the feast mass of our patroness, celebrated by the newly ordained priests for the Malawi mission.



14. New Presbytery and new Chapel - Pochampalli

The 17th of September, 2022, was a great day of joy for the faithful of Pochampalli to have a new presbytery and a new Chapel blessed by Most.Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius D.D. the Bishop of Dharmapuri and opened by our provincial Rev Fr. Ignacimuthu MSFS in the presence of many of our MSFS priests, diocesan priests, religious priests, sisters and the parishioners. There was a grant holy Eucharist celebrated by Bishop of Dharmapuri and con-celebrated by our provincial and other priests. Our parishioners felicitated the Bishop, Provincial, fathers and sisters for their presence and prayers. Together with the parishioners, I would like to thank our provincial, the councilors and bursar for providing sufficient help for the presbytery and the chapel. Though, it is a small parish with 35 families, there is a lot of hope for great development. We sincerely thank all who have helped us to have this building.



15. Promotions

The following scholastics, who are doing their theology in Morogoro in Tanzania, are promoted to Final Profession and Diaconate

Bro. S. Vimal Raj

Bro. C. Arun Raj

Bro. A. John Britto

Bro. M. Adaikala Arul Raj

Bro. P. Arockia Marshal

16. First Profession - Salesianum, Vizag

The 13th of June 2022 was a memorable day, as eight Novices, (seven belonging to our South-East India province and one belonging to Visakhapatnam Province), made their first profession. The solemn Eucharistic celebration began at 10:30 am. At the very outset, Fr. Michael Raja the Socius, extended cordial welcome to all. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Igancimuthu MSFS, Provincial of South- East India province and Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS, Provincial of Visakhapatnam province and a good number of MSFS Priests concelebrated. Sisters from the neighboring communities also joined for the celebration. In his homily, Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS, highlighted the meaning of religious life and its call. The primary focus of our call and commitment is to be with God and to experience him. After the homily, Novices made their first commitment before their respective Provincials. After the Holy Eucharistic celebration, Novice Master Rev. Fr. Thomas Perumalil, expressed his words of gratitude to both the provincials and all those who joined for the celebration. The celebration was concluded with cake cutting by the newly professed and fraternal meal for all. We wish the newly professed members all the best for their further stage of formation.



Fr. J. Michael Raja

17. Bon Voyage: Fr. A. Arul Francis and Fr.H. Ebin Christopher

It is a great joy indeed that Frs. A. Arul Francis and H. Ebin Christopher have left already to USA for their ministry. We wish them fruitful ministry in USA.



18. Congratulations

We are happy to inform you that one of our Scholastics by name Bro. Justin Richard has received an Award (Chinnaswamy Mudaliar Prize for Highest Marks in Tamil) in the Bangalore University for securing Highest mark in Tamil. We wholeheartedly congratulate him and appreciate his efforts and wish him success in all his future endeavours.



19. Month of October

i. Birthday of our Confreres: October

12	Fr. X. Vincent	23	Fr. S. Arockia Christu Raj
13	Fr. A. Jeyaseelan	23	Fr. F. Eugene Ernest Raj
18	Fr. A. Selva Raj	27	Fr. A. Lawrence
19	Fr. H. Ebin Christopher	28	Fr. S. Amirthanathan
20	Fr. A.J.R. Benedict	28	Fr. S. Maria Arockiam
22	Fr. D. Amirtharajan		

We wish them Happy Birthday and God's Abundant Blessings upon them

ii. Remember and Pray for the Dead

MSFS Obituary – October

01	Bro. Joseph Cheradickal	06	Fr. TheophileMugnier
02	Bro. Raymond Bocard		Fr. Gilbert Volery
03	Fr. Georges Vodoz		Fr. Gilbert Volery
	Fr. Louis Latthuile	08	Bro. John Arokium
06	Fr. TheophileMugnier		Fr. Gilbert Curty
	Fr. Gilbert Volery		

09	Bro. Jean Baptiste Dalle Fr. William Power		Fr. Andre Duperthuy Bro. Georges Bosson
11	Fr. Anselme Chelvum	24	Bro. Antoine Crochet
12	Fr. Karl Freitag Fr. Howard Francis Ford		Fr. Daian Fernandes
13	Fr. A. Antony Savari Raj Fr. Francis Berard	25	Fr. Eugene Gojon
14	Fr. Raymond Chrvalho	27	Fr. Joseph Ulliel
15	Fr. Alexandre Bocard		Fr. Eugene Decisier
16	Bro. Henry A Cruz Fr. Fernard Anthonioz		Bro. Theotonio Mascarenhas
17	Fr. Jean Marie Girard	28	Fr. Thomas Pieters
18	Fr. Ambroise Muffat-Meridol	29	Fr. Alphonse Barril
20	Bro. Manikya Rao Tinga		Fr. Eugene Chevallet
21	Fr. Francois Favrat Fr. Joseph Dostert		Bro. Marius Avrillon
23	Fr. Xavier Dias	30	Fr. Antony McCabe
			Fr. Denis Frontin
			Fr. Denis Breen
		31	Fr. Alexis Maniglier
			Fr. George D'Souza

May their souls rest in Peace

Let Us Continue to Pray for the Deceased Members of Our Congregation

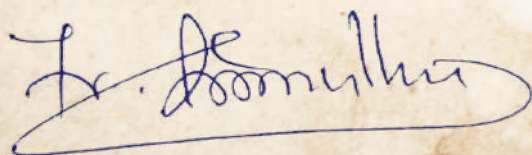
20. LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

1. Fr. Mannukuzhumpil Mathew, MSFS (72), belongs to Vizag Province, expired on 8th August, 2022.
2. Mrs. Arputha Mary (51), the mother of Bro. Edwin Prashanth (3rd Year Philosophy, Suvidya), expired on 8th September, 2022.

May I request those who have not fulfilled the suffrages to do the same at the earliest. (Const. No.118; General Directory No.98)

May their souls rest in peace!

Yours Sincerely in Christ,



**Fr.K.Ignacimuthu, Msfs
Provincial Superior
South-East India Province
Missionaries of Saint Francis De Sales (MSFS)**



Reflection of Pope Francis

It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words but with our actions.

Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.

Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things but doing ordinary things with love and faith.

Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, and strangers, because we will be judged on this.

BIBLE QUOTE

“Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight”.

1 Peter 3:3-4

Thirukkural:

நல்குர வென்னும் இடும்பையுள் பல்குரைத்
துன்பங்கள் சென்று படும்

விளக்கம்:

வறுமையெனும் துன்பத்திற்குள்ளிருந்து பல்வேறு
வகையான துன்பங்கள் கிளர்ந்தெழும்

Couplet:

From poverty, that grievous woe, attendant sorrows plenteous grow

Explanation:

The misery of poverty brings in its train many (more) miseries

Transliteration:

Nalkuravu Ennum Itumpaiyul Palkuraith
Thunpangal Sendru Patum