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Salesian Thought

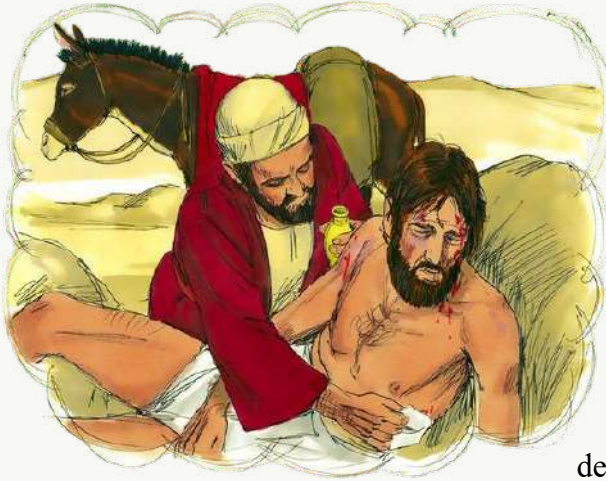
“Holiness is found in a path opened to us in our daily lives, the duties of our daily lives are offered to us with unequal attractiveness.”

Straight from the heart of Fr. Peter Marie Mermier

“Live entirely for God; do not think that God is further away from you when you are in the midst of the busyness to which your vocation calls you”

From the Provincial's Desk

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (Jn 15:12)



Dear Confreres,

Wish you all a very happy Feast of St. James, the Apostle. The Feast of St. James invites us to be close to the Lord and express solidarity with His people, especially at the time of suffering. We have begun the new academic year with a lot of vigour and enthusiasm. We wish to instil new life in the places of our ministry. But we are also deeply troubled to witness disheartening events that

are taking place in Manipur, where the human dignity is violated, inhumane and heinous crimes are committed. We stand united with them in demanding justice for the victims. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families affected by the ongoing clashes in Manipur. In this context, we are invited to ensure and strive for human dignity and equality in the society in which we live. Our mother earth provides space for everyone to live, as all of us are her children, the children of God. All are entitled to life, peaceful existence, and dignified living in a safe and secure environment. The fundamental right of human dignity cannot be denied to anyone. We are aware that “God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them” (Gen 1:27). Human dignity is further expressed and affirmed by St. Paul, “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?” (1Cor 3:16). For this reason, the love of God automatically demands the love of neighbour.

Jesus advocated a dignified life for all and especially for those in misery and danger. The parable of the Good Samaritan is the expression of Jesus’ teaching that all have the right for a dignified living, and it is our obliged duty to ensure it. This duty flows from our love for God and the consequent love for neighbour. It is the love of God and the love of our neighbour that propels us to reshape our society. Moreover, we have a social responsibility, that is, to promote social justice and human dignity of all. It emerges from the right conviction that all of us are born with the same dignity. There can be no factor which can justify special privileges as birth right. “God gave the

earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members without excluding or favouring anyone” (John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*).

Respect for all humans, needs to arise from our own personal and community life. “As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development” (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*). Our patron St. Francis de Sales suggests us to practice gentleness and kindness in our dealing with others. “We should have not only kind words for our neighbour but also the whole heart, that is, the whole interior of our soul. We should not only have the sweetness of honey, which is aromatic and fragrant, in other words, the sweetness of polite conversation with strangers but also the sweetness of milk among the members of our family and close neighbours” (IDL, Part III, Ch. 8). It would attest the words of St. John, “Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen” (1 Jn 4:20). We are invited to express our solidarity with those who suffer unjustly in the world and to take part in the joys and sorrows of those living with us in our communities.

Monthly Intention of the Superior General -August 2023

That we become synodal in our religious and community life and leadership by listening to one another, respecting and understanding each other in our communities, we pray.

Our Charism

Dear Confreres,

Our Charism has been reformulated and clarified in the last Extraordinary General Chapter as follows: "Our Charism is to continue the mission of Christ and His Church by living the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in a religious community as missionaries, lived and envisioned by our Founder."

Let our Charism become clear and visible to us and those who visit MSFS communities. We shall also display our Charism in all our houses in a visible way. We will design the board in a uniform way for our Province and distribute it to our communities soon.

Priestly Ordinations

1. Dn. S. Vimal Raj



Name : Dn. S Vimal Raj
Date of Birth : 5th February 1996
Parents : Mr. George Saravanan and Mrs. Prema Vinoliya
Siblings : One younger brother
Native : Kolar Gold Fields (KGF), Bangalore
Parish : St. Teresa's Parish, KGF.
Education : Primary Education from 2000 to 2008 at St. Teresa's Primary School, KGF
High School studies from 2008 to 2011 at St. Mary's High School, KGF
Higher Secondary from 2012 to 2014 at SFS Minor Seminary at Pudukkottai
Minor Seminary: SFS Minor Seminary at Pudukkottai, 2011 to 2014
Novitiate : Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
1st Profession : 31st May 2015
Philosophy and B.A: Suvidya College & SFS College, Bangalore, 2015-2018
Regency : SFS Minor Seminary 2018-2019
Theology : Jordan University College, Morogoro, Tanzania, 2019-2023
Perpetual Profession: 21st October 2022 at Fransalian Study House, Kola, Tanzania
Diaconate Ordination: 22nd October 2022

**He will be ordained a priest by Rt. Rev. Dr. Arulselvam Rayappan,
the Bishop of Salem, in his home parish
St. Teresa's Church, KGF on 12th August 2023.**

2. Dn. M. Adaikala Arul Raj

Name : Dn. M. Adaikala Arul Raj

Date of Birth : 29th December 1994

Parents : Mr. A. Mudiappan and Mrs. M. Lourthu Mary

Siblings : One elder brother and one elder sister

Native : Maiyanur

Parish : Our Lady of Assumption Church, Maiyanur.

Education : Primary to Higher Secondary from 1999 to 2012 at St. Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Pagandai Kootu Road.

Minor Seminary: SFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai, 2012-2013

Pre-Novitiate : Sudhirvana, Bangalore, 2013-2014

Novitiate : Salesianum, Visakhapatnam

1st Profession : 31st May 2015

Philosophy and B.A: Suvidya College & SFS College, Bangalore, 2015-2018

Regency : SFS Mission School, Tabora 2018-2019

Theology : Jordan University College Morogoro, Tanzania, 2019-2023

Perpetual Profession: 21st October 2022 at Fransalian Study House, Kola, Tanzania

Diaconate Ordination: 22nd October 2022



**He will be ordained a priest by Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Singarayan D.D,
the Bishop Emeritus of Salem, in his home parish
Our Lady of Assumption Church, Maiyanur on 17th August 2023.**

3. Dn. A. John Britto

Name : Dn. A. John Britto

Date of Birth : 7th February 1995

Parents : Mr. Augustin and Mrs. Alphonsa

Siblings : One younger brother and one younger sister

Native : Eraiyur

Parish : Our Lady of Rosary Church in Eraiyur.

Education : Primary School Education from 2000 to 2005 at R. C. Primary School, Eraiyur
Secondary to Higher Secondary School Education from 2005 to 2012 at St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Eraiyur.

Minor Seminary: SFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai, 2012-2013

Pre-Novitiate : Sudhirvana, Bangalore, 2013-2014

Regency : Provincialate, Trichy, 2014 to 2015

Novitiate : Salesianum in Vizag, 2015-2016

1st Profession : 31st May 2016

Philosophy and B.A: Suvidya College & SFS College, Bangalore, 2016-2019

Theology : Jordan University College, Morogoro, Tanzania 2019-2023

Perpetual Profession: 21st October 2022 at Fransalian Study House, Kola, Tanzania

Diaconate Ordination: 22nd October 2022



**He will be ordained a priest by Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist, the Archbishop
of Pondicherry and Cuddalore, in his home Parish
Our Lady of Rosary Church, Eraiyur on 21st August 2023**

4. Dn. P. Arokia Marcel

Name : Dn. P. Arokia Marcel

Date of Birth : May 28, 1995

Parents : Mr. Periyamayagam and Mrs. Yesu Mary

Siblings : one elder brother, one elder sister

Native : Sithanangur

Parish : St. Joseph's Church, Irundai

Education : Primary School from 2000 to 2005 at Panchayat Union School, Sithanangur
Secondary School from 2005 to 2010 at St. Anne's School, Pondicherry
Higher Secondary from 2011 to 2013 at SFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai

Minor Seminary: SFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai, 2010-2013

Novitiate : Salesianum Visakhapatnam, 2013 to 2014

1st Profession : 31st May 2014

Philosophy and B.A: Suvidya College & SFS College, Bangalore, 2014 to 2017

Regency : Junior Minor Seminary in Morogoro, Tanzania 2018 to 2019

Theology : Jordan University College, Morogoro, Tanzania 2019-2023

Perpetual Profession: 21st October 2022 at Fransaliam Study House, Kola, Tanzania

Diaconate Ordination: 22nd October 2022



**He will be ordained a priest by Most Rev. Dr. Kalist, the Archbishop
of Pondicherry and Cuddalore at
Emmaus Aanmiga Maiyam, Sithanangur on 22nd August 2023.**

5. Dn. C. Arun Raj

Name : Dn. C. Arun Raj

Date of Birth : 18th July 1996

Parents : Mr. T. Christuraj and Mrs. T. Thereseemmal

Siblings : Two elder sisters

Native : Kadayal

Parish : Sacred Heart Church, Kadyal.

Education : Primary School from 2001 to 2009 at Sacred Heart Middle School in Kadayal
High School from 2009 to 2011 at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Kaliyal
Higher Secondary from 2012 to 2014 at SFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai

Minor Seminary: SFS Minor Seminary at Pudukkottai, 2011 to 2014

Novitiate : Salesianum, Visakhapatnam

1st Profession : 31st May 2015

Philosophy and B.A: Suvidya College & SFS College, Bangalore 2015-2018

Regency : MSFS Community, Kolli Hills 2018-2019

Theology : Jordan University College, Morogoro, Tanzania 2019-2023

Perpetual Profession: 21st October 2022 at Fransalian Study House, Kola, Tanzania

Diaconate Ordination: 22nd October 2022



**He will be ordained a priest by Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Remigius,
the Bishop Emeritus of Kottar, in his home parish
Sacred Heart Church, Kadyal on 30th August 2023**

A Brotherly Request:

Dear Fathers, I earnestly request you **to express our solidarity with our deacons, also by attending their ordinations.** Kindly make arrangements in your places of ministry in such a way that at least one from each community attends the ordinations. Our love and fraternity should win over difficulties such as distance and busyness. We have a special reason this time, as all these five

deacons have volunteered to work in Malawi. Let us express our solidarity and support to them and their future ministry in Malawi.

The Silver Jubilee Celebration and Parochial Feast of Mary Help of Christians Church, Vaniyambadi



On 24th of May, Mary Help of Christians Church, Vaniyambadi celebrated its Silver Jubilee (1998-2023) and Parochial Feast. Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, our Provincial, Rev. Fr. I. Clement Antony SDB, the Vicar Forane of Tirupattur Vicariate, Rev. Fr. S. Joseph Henry (PCIC of Mission), Rev. Fr. A. Charles Michael Raj (PCIC of Formation) and many of the MSFS Fathers,

Salesian Priests, Diocesan Priests and Sisters came together for the Celebration. The dignitaries were brought in procession from the Grotto to the Church with the accompaniment of Nadaswaram.

Before the Mass, the newly extended ground floor of the Altar, the 5 feet statues of St. Francis de Sales and St. Antony were blessed by Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial, Rev. Fr. S. Joseph Henry and Rev. Fr. A. Charles Michael Raj. Then Rev. Fr. Provincial officiated the Holy Mass and Rev. Fr. I Clement Antony, VF, preached the homily. 17 children were



administered the Sacrament of the First Holy Communion. After the Mass, the Parish Priest along with the Parish Pastoral Council thanked all the Fathers and Sisters, who were present for the Jubilee Mass and presented to them the Jubilee Memento. Finally, sumptuous meal was provided for all. In the evening, well decorated Statues in 3 cars were taken in procession, which was concluded with Benediction and the lowering of the Flag done by the Parish Priest.

Fr. I Jone Gragori

De Sales and Mermier (DSM) Heritage Retreat May 9th to 22nd 2023



DSM – Heritage Retreat was purely a spiritual journey in the footsteps of our Patron St. Francis de Sales and our Founder Fr. Peter Mermier. This program was conceptualized during the Extraordinary General Chapter to send one confrere from each province to visit the footsteps of our Patron and Founder. DSM-Heritage program was organized by General Administration and France-Suisse Province. We were

seven confreres representing seven provinces in India who attended the spiritual event at Annecy in France in May 2023.

The retreat was held in Chavanod, in the mother house of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod. After the retreat Fr. John Hepuni, the Admonitor of Franco-Swiss Province, and Fr. Samuel accompanied the team to Annecy in the footsteps of the Founder and Patron and Rome. Fr. J Stephen, the General Secretary for SAIM, along with Fr. Samuel the Bursar of France-Suisse Province coordinated the program meticulously. Fr. Jose Cherianthara, the General Bursar and the local superior of Procura Generale, Rome, guided us with the help of the Student Priests in Rome.



It was a rich experience and an exploration of different cultures. My sincere thanks to Provincial Administration for giving me this great opportunity to visit the footsteps of our Patron and Founder. Thank you.

Fr. K Joseph Xavier

First Profession at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam

11th June 2023 was a memorable and blissful day here at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam, as eighteen of our Novices (11 belonging to our South - East India Province, 6 belonging to Visakhapatnam Province and 1 belonging to Pune Province) made their First Profession. The

Solemn Eucharistic celebration began at 10.30 am. At the very outset, Fr. J. Michael Raja MSFS the Socius, extended cordial welcome to all. The Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Suresh Babu MSFS, the Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Patrick Jayaraj MSFS, the Provincial of South - East India Province, Rev. Fr. Tony Prem, PCIC of



Formation, Pune Province, Rev. Fr. D. Bala Showri, Vicar General, Rev. Fr. K. Jayaraj, Procurator of Visakhapatnam Archdiocese and a good number of MSFS Confreres. Rev. Sisters from the neighbouring communities also joined the celebration. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Patrick Jayaraj MSFS, emphasized the significance of vocation: "The call to religious life is to commit oneself freely and totally and have the Passion for the Mission of Christ." After the homily, Novices made their First Commitment before their respective Provincials. After the Holy Eucharistic celebration,



the Novice Master, Rev. Fr. Thomas Perumalil MSFS expressed his words of gratitude to both the Provincials and all those who joined the celebration. The celebration was concluded with a felicitation of the newly professed brothers and a fraternal meal. We wish the newly professed brothers God's blessing in their religious life and all the best for their further stage of formation.

Fr. J Michael Raja

Orientation Program for the Regents



We, the regents of 2023 - 2024, reached our Provincialate on 11th June 2023, on the solemnity of Corpus Christi. We had two days of orientation program for our regency in the mother house.

On 12th June, the day began with the Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Patrick, the Provincial. Then we had our first session by Fr. Jerry Louis, who enlightened us with the dos and don'ts during our

regency, inviting us to be optimistic in thinking, be prudent in doing, and be patient in listening. Then our next session was with Fr. Antony Raj (Jr), the Vocation Promoter, who illustrated to us, the role of a regent in the light of our constitutions.

The afternoon session was animated by Fr. Amirthanathan, who insisted upon the need to discover our uniqueness and he advised us to have a plan for the day, month and year. He urged us to be open-minded without any expectations, both from the place and the Superior but learn the expectations of the Superiors and take initiatives accordingly with due permission from the Superiors. Then, we had our last session with the Provincial, who exhorted us to cultivate the habit for personal prayer, to be punctual for all the community activities, to fulfill our responsibility, to discover goodness both in us and our Superiors and community members. He also insisted upon choosing a spiritual director. Altogether, the sessions were fruitful and we are delighted to begin our regency in a positive note.

We thank Fr. Antony Raj (jr), who coordinated the program, Fr. Charles Michael, PCIC of Formation, who planned it well in advance, the resource persons and Fr. Amirthanathan, Superior of the Provincialate and the members of the Provincialate.

Bro. Edwin Prashanth

The Year of Fransalian Youth (2023-2024): Events and Celebrations

The Year of Fransalian Youth (2023-2024) for our province was solemnly and colorfully inaugurated in Kelambakkam in the month of May. The Organizing Committee (Fr. A. Christuraj Fr. A. Nayagaseelan, Fr. C. Martin Kumar and Fr. A Motcha Richard) has already made a detailed plan of activities for the youth from our parishes. As part of the inaugural programme, it was planned that the Youth Ministers would visit all the parishes and initiate them into the theme of the Year of Fransalian Youth.



We had wonderful celebration and prayed for the youth of R. S. Nagar parish, Chennai on 28.05.2023. The liturgy was well animated by the youth and was guided by Rev. Fr. Selvaraj MSFS, the Parish Priest. Year of



Fransalian Youth was celebrated in Vaniyambadi Parish on 04.06.2023. The liturgy was animated by the youth with help of Rev. Fr. I. Jone Gragori the Parish Priest.

In the Year of Fransalian Youth we prayed with SFS Parish Youth and faithful at Thirukkogarnam parish in Pudukkottai on 18.06.2023. Rev. Fr. C. Martin Kumar MSFS, welcomed the youth in the introduction and spoke on the relevance of being a Christian in the modern world. Rev. Fr. A. Nayaga Seelan MSFS preached on the theme of the Year of the Youth “Live Jesus.” Liturgy was well prepared animated by youth under guidance of Rev. Fr. P. Johnson Jeyabal MSFS, the Parish Priest of SFS, Thirukkogarnam,



We the committee members for the Year of Fransalian Youth, Fr. A. Christu Raj, Fr. A. Nayaga Seelan, Fr. C. Martin Kumar, and Fr. A. Motcha Richard had meeting with our Provincial Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj. We thank our Provincial for his keen interest, support and guidance for the youth ministry. We the members are also preparing an hour of prayer with the Lord in Adoration (Tamil)

to be prayed in our communities and parishes.

We prayed for the Youth in St. Antony’s Church, Ammapatty on 16.07.2023. The liturgy was well animated by Youth guided by Rev. Fr. M. Sagayaraj MSFS, the Parish Priest. In all the parishes after the celebration of the mass, we had a session with Youth explaining to them about the Fransalian Youth Ministry and Fransalian Year of Youth. Heartfelt thanks to all our Parish Priests, Rev. Fr. Selvaraj MSFS, (R. S Nagar Parish), Rev. Fr. I. Jone Gragori MSFS (Vaniyambadi Parish), Rev. Fr. P. Johnson Jeyabal MSFS, (Thirukkogarnam Parish), Rev. Fr. M. Sagayaraj MSFS

(Ammapatty Parish) for all the arrangements they had made on the days of celebrations and for preparing the youth for the celebration of the Fransalian Year of Youth.

Fr. A. Christu Raj MSFS

Animation Program for Members of Education Forum



On 17th June, Animation Programme for the members of the Education Forum was conducted at the Provincialate from 9 am to 5 pm. Rev. Fr. Dr. Roy Plathotathil MSFS and Rev. Fr. Vinod Kanattu MSFS from Southwest India

Province were the resource persons. Collective and Efficient leadership was very much emphasized in their presentations. Some of the key elements like: Major functions of the School Administration, General Guidelines, Witnessing, Fransalian Charism, Culture and Vision, Pastoral dimension, Fransalian dimension and Academic dimension, the Role and Functions of the Correspondent, Principal and Procurator were elaborately highlighted. Planning and Budgeting - need, significance and priorities were well explained and it was followed by enlightening discussion. Heartfelt thanks to Frs. Roy Plathotathil MSFS and Vinod Kanattu MSFS for enriching us with their knowledge and skilled experiences.

We extend our gratitude to Fr. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial and Fr. Sebastin Raj, PCIC of Education for inviting the two dedicated resource persons. We express our thanks to all the Principals, Correspondents and Procurators for their active participation and valuable contribution during the discussions. Sincere thanks to the Superior, Procurator, Provincial Secretary and the Community of the Provincialate for the well-planned arrangements, accommodation and delicious food.

Fr. M John Feranades

Animation Programme for the Procurators

The Southeast India Province had arranged for two days of Animation Programme for the Procurators at MSFS Provincialate, Nagamangalam. Rev. Fr. William Anthony, MSFS from Nagpur Province was the resource



person. He possesses experience as the Provincial Bursar, has a wide range of knowledge in the field of finance management, account keeping and norms and functions of the society. The target group of the seminar was all the procurators and the newly ordained priests of our province.

The program began on 24th June 2023 at 8.30 am with the registration of the participants and a half an hour of adoration. And the formal program began at 9.30 am with words of welcome extended by Rev. Fr. Santhanam, the Bursar of the Province. A special and warm welcome was extended to Rev. Fr. William Anthony with a flower bouquet, and he was honoured by Rev. Fr. C. Sebastin Raj, the PCIC of Education with a shawl.

Fr. William Anthony did a commendable job in imparting lots of information about finance and accounting, maintaining a registered society and its functioning. He supported his presentation with a lot of examples from religious life. His lively presentation not only enhanced our knowledge on the administration of temporal goods but also taught us the spirituality behind it. He connected the credibility of a religious priest as MSFS in the field of finance in line with our Founder and the charism of our Congregation. His frequent reference to Province Statutes, Constitutions of the Congregation and the Church documents showed, how the administration of temporal goods is to be governed ethically, legally and spiritually.

His presentation also dealt with Government norms and functions for a registered society, income tax and other taxations. He helped us to have full awareness of all the financial policies, terms and conditions of the Government and strict adherence to it in running a society of religious nature. As a whole it was an informative and enlightening programme for all of us, who deal with finance. Finally, I extend a word of sincere thanks to Provincial administration for arranging such an animation program for the procurators, which was the need of the time. And I also thank Rev. Fr. William Anthony for his willingness and readiness to animate this program in a wonderful way and a special word of thanks to the Provincialate community for their wonderful hospitality.

Fr. S Santhanam

Animation for the Superiors



A seminar for all the Superiors of our communities and the meeting of the Superiors' Forum were conducted on 28th and 29th June 2023 at the Provincialate, Trichy. Rev. Fr. Dr. Athnas Kerketta MSFS (Guwahati

Province), the Rector of Fransalian Seminary, Shillong, was the resource person. We began the programme, with half an hour of Eucharistic Adoration conducted by Rev Fr. S. Alexander. The sessions started at 9.30 am. Quoting the words of Pope Francis, Fr. Athnas insisted upon the renewal of the clergy as the starting point for the renewal of the Church. He underlined the thought that we, as religious, belong to the life and holiness of the Church and that our mission should flow from our community life and not the other way about. He exhorted the Superiors to exercise the God-given authority in a spirit of service to the children of God (the members of the community), being docile to the will of God and listening willingly and patiently to the members entrusted to their care. Fr. Athnas also spoke of the obligations and rights of the Superiors, giving a lot of references from the Canon Law, our Constitutions, General Directory and Statutes of SEIP.

On the second day, he explained the new Book VI of the Code of Canon Law (01.06.2021) on penal sanctions for various types of aberrations. It was followed by the first meeting of the Superiors' Forum in 2023-2024. There was a discussion on the nature of the Forum. The Forum elected Rev Fr. P. Felix as the Secretary of the Forum, while the Provincial Superior will be its Convenor. It was suggested that this Forum could be consulted on the major decisions of the Province. The Forum emphasized the need for proper and mutual communication between the Local Superior and the Members, and the Local Superiors and Provincial Superior. The program was organized beautifully by the Provincial House Community.

Fr. P. Felix

Report from PCIC of Education

Congratulations to all our Principals, Correspondents and Procurators for their dedication and commitment in enabling their students to achieve excellent results in the Public examinations 2023. A great salute to all the Confreres, Staff and Students for their untiring efforts and selfless hard work, they had put in for the great success obtained. Hats off to them for the magnificent Team Spirit they have displayed.

Month of May 2023 found a refreshing, rejuvenating and revitalizing atmosphere in the Ministry of Education in our Province with the appointments and transfers decided on the 26th of April 2023 and came to effect in our SFS Schools from 8th to 17th of May 2023 wherein the newly appointed Principals, Correspondents and Procurators took up their responsibilities in the respective Schools from their predecessors. I was personally present on most of the occasion of handing over. In few places, I sought the help of other Councilors. On 17th of July, an Animation programme was conducted for the members of the Education Forum to enrich and develop our Schools. At the last session, which was the open session, we could clarify a few things which were ambiguous to some of us. The animation, as a whole, was very helpful and informative.

Fr. C Sebastin Raj

PCIC of Education

Report from PCIC of Mission

During the month of May and June of this year, I had the privilege of visiting some of the mission parishes entrusted to our pastoral care. During this visit, I witnessed how our confreres have done a yeoman service to the faithful, by way of shepherding them after the example of Jesus Christ. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19). It blends with our beloved Founder Fr. Peter Marie Mermier’s famous saying, “I want Missions”. Our Fathers in the missions passionately carry out the task of bringing the Good News to the faithful and thereby participate in the mission work of Jesus by revealing God’s love, compassion and mercy to the lowly and the poorest of the poor.

I am indeed very proud to state that our confreres radiate joy in doing their ministry and share it freely with others regardless of the daily struggles, they go through. As I interacted with the parishioners, they shared with me how they were touched by our priests’ presence and how

they worked tirelessly for the development of their parishes which make them feel that they are part and parcel of them.

Since it was the time of transition, I could see that they were carrying with them the fond memories which would help them serve God and His people in their newly assigned parishes. For some I know it was challenging to move from a familiar place to an unknown one, but like Abraham, our Father in Faith, obediently went, not knowing what was awaiting them by solely trusting in Jesus' words, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of age"(Mt 28:19).

As our confreres continue their journey of shepherding the faithful, let us accompany them with our prayers. I take this opportunity to personally thank each confrere for their hard work, commitment, selfless service and making my visit a pleasant one. Special thanks to the Provincial Administration for their constant encouragement and making sure that they are provided with the basic needs. May God bless all your missionary endeavours.

Fr. Joseph Henry
PCIC of Mission

Report from PCIC of Formation

"Formation is the responsibility of every member of the Congregation. Each confrere is duty-bound to contribute his share for the cause of formation (Con. 128)." Dear confreres, this year we have 82 brothers for our Province, who are undergoing different stages of formation. At every given opportunity, we take efforts to organize special programmes for our brothers. After the pandemic and its crisis, we started getting a good number of vocation. It's also due to the commitment of our confreres who take efforts to send candidates to our seminary. I extend my gratitude, especially to the vocation promoters, for their untiring effort. Evidently, we conducted the vocation camp for second time this year to bring good number of vocations. Our Fathers were very helpful to organize the Regents meeting (2022 – 2023) in Thedal and the animation programme for the new Regents (2023 -2024) in our Provincialate. I take this opportunity to thank Rev. Fr. Provincial, the Formators and other Fathers who work for the growth of the formees.

Fr. A Charles Michael Raj
PCIC of Formation

Appointments:

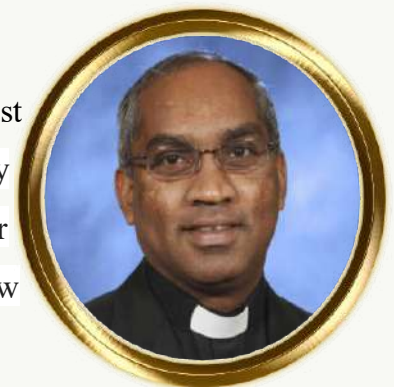
Fr. S. Vanathaiyan	- St Francis Xavier's Church, Mankuzhy
Dn. A. Sesu Prabakaran	- Adanur
Dn. S. Pradeep Jerald	- Ravoosapatty
Fr. A Jeyaraj	- Coordinator for Italian Mission
Delegation Superior in GA	- Fr. S. Simon Raja
Delegation Bursar in GA	- Fr. A. Joseph Amal Raj
Local Superior for SFS Community in GA	- Fr. B. Francis Xavier
Local Superior for Fr. Mermier Community in GA	- Fr. G. Visuwasam
Project Coordinator (for Projects through Agencies)	- Fr. G. David
Core Committee of Education Forum	- Fr. JB. Thadews, Fr. A. Arockiam, Fr. S. Britto, Fr. M. Francis Britto

Visit to Malawi Mission

I'll be visiting our mission in Malawi from 26th July to 11th August. In my absence Fr. S Joseph Henry, the Admonitor, will be the Provincial Vicar. In case of urgent need, kindly contact him. I will be also available over the phone.

Welcome Back

Fr. P Stephen, who served the diocese of Kalamazu, USA, for the last 11 years has returned to the Province and taken up his responsibility as the correspondent of SFS School, Vaniyambadi. We thank him for his commendable service in USA and wish him all the best for the new assignment and God's abundant blessings upon him.



Important Days

24 th to 29 th Sep	-Province Retreat for the Confreres ordained in & after 2009 at Life Centre, Dindigul. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Pannalakunnel MSFS.
27 th to 28 th Sep	- Regional Education Forum with General Secretary at Provincialate, Trichy

- 03rd to 04th Oct - Regional Stewardship Forum with General Bursar at Provincialate, Trichy
- 10th Oct to 01st Nov - Visitation of Rev. Fr. Superior General to South-East India Province
- 23rd to 26th Oct - National PMP annual gathering at MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur
(Our province will be represented by Fr. A. Jeyakumar, Fr. S. Alexander, Fr. S. Jerry Louis, Fr. S. Amirthanathan, Fr. A. Christuraj)
- 2nd to 3rd Nov - Meeting of General Curia with Provincial Curia
- 14th to 19th Jan 2024 - Province Retreat for the Confreres ordained **in & before 2008** at Cluny Prashanth Vanam, Pondicherry. Preacher: Rev. Fr. Suresh OFM

My Tentative Programme

- 26th July - 11th August - Visit to our Mission in Malawi
- 12th August - Ordination of Dn. S. Vimal Raj
- 15th August - Canonical visit to SFS Seminary, Pudukkottai
- 17th August - Ordination of Dn. M. Adaikala Arul Raj
- 18th August - Canonical visit to Kanankadu
- 19th August - Canonical visit to Kodungal
- 20th August - Canonical visit to Adanur
- 21st August - Canonical visit to Perumbakkam
- 21st August - Ordination of Dn. A. John Britto
- 22nd August - Ordination of Dn. P. Arokia Marcel
- 26th August - Annual Day, SFS School, Pudukkottai
- 29th August - Canonical visit to Manguzhi
- 30th August - Ordination of Dn. C. Arun Kumar
- 11th to 21st Sep - Classes at Morning Star, Kolkata

Obituary

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| 01 st August | - Fr. Cecil CUTLACK | 02 nd August | - Bro. Louis EVRAZ |
| | -Fr. Alphonse BOSSON | | - Fr. Joseph TISSOT |
| | - Fr. Adrien DUVAL | | - Mgr. Ignatius GOPU |
| | - Fr. Patrick WALDRON | 04 th August | - Fr. Henri MUDRY |
| | - Fr. Ladir BRODANI | 05 th August | - Fr. Bernard CARRON |

	- Fr. Marius VAGNAT	20 th August	- Fr. Alphonse MENTHON
	- Fr. James GAMBLE	21 st August	- Fr. John Charles LORD
	- Fr. Joseph VULLIEZ		- Fr. George VAYALIL
07 th August	- Fr. Santana PEREIRA	22 nd August	- Fr. Aime TROSSET
	- Fr. Alexander KOTTAM		- Fr. Petrus DESCOMBES
09 th August	- Fr. Thomas MARIAN	23 rd August	- Bro. Joseph DEPOLIER
	- Fr. Clement MENDONCA	25 th August	- Fr. Joseph BANSODE
10 th August	- Fr. Carlo C. FERNANDES		- Fr. Henri RIME
	- Fr. Basil HARRISON		- Fr. Joseph ORAVANAMTHADAM
12 th August	- Fr. Cacko VARAPADAVIL	26 th August	- Mgr. Louis Francis GAYET
13 th August	- Fr. Maurice MONNARD	27 th August	- Bro. Joseph LEDUC
14 th August	- Fr. Philip D'Silva	28 th August	- Fr. Pierre MOLLIER
15 th August	- Bro. Corbinian NEUMAIER		- Fr. George O'SULLIVAN
16 th August	- Bro Jean Marie RAPHOZ	29 th August	- Bro. Hubert GUEBEY
	- Fr. Laurent MUGNIER		- Bro. George Clement Antony
	- Bro. Bernard VAZ	30 th August	- Fr. Michel TICON
17 th August	- Fr. Olivier MOIX		- Fr. Henri BOURQUIN
18 th August	- Fr. Ambroise ALLARD	31 st August	- Bro. Francois RUFFIER
	- Fr. Paul KIZHAKEPARAMBIL		- Fr. Sayu CHERUVIL
19 th August	- Fr. Baptist D'Souza		- Fr. Annam Joji REDDY

Let us pray for the Departed

Fr. Cyriac Nellikunnel, aged 57, of East Africa Province passed away on 6th June.

Mrs. Papanamal, aged 75, the mother of Fr. A. Sebastian (East Africa Province) passed away on 1st June.

Mr. Rasu, the maternal uncle Fr. S Jerald (Malawi), passed away on 21st June.

Mrs. Jayaseeli, aged 68, the eldest sister of Fr. C. Sebastin Robert (Malawi), passed away on 2nd July.

Mrs. Irudhaya Mary, aged 65, the Maternal Aunty of Fr. A. Doss (Kodungal) passed away on 7th July.

May their souls rest in peace!

Logo for the 21st General Chapter -2025



Congratulations



Fr. James Panthalanickal
(East Africa Province)



Fr. Johnson Gonsalves
(Pune Province)



Fr. Manoj Tirkey
(Nagpur Province)



Fr. Jose Devasahayam
(Brazil Province)



Provincial Curia of Brazil Province

Councillors
Fr. Eldin Singarayan
(Admonitor)
Fr. John Maria

Bursar
Fr. Bosco Victor Fernandes

We wish and Congratulate the new Provincials and the Provincial Curia
of Brazil Province



Yours in Christ



Fr. A Patrick Jayaraj

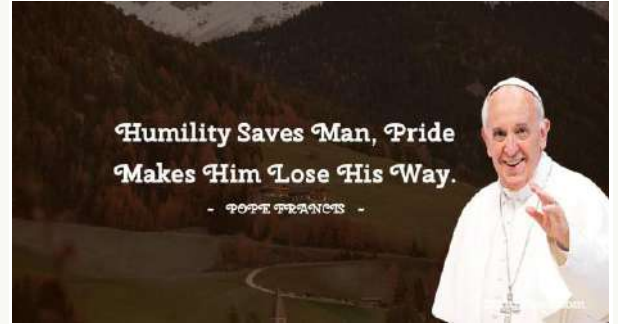
Provincial Superior

South-East India Province

Thoughts for Reflection

Bible Quote

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the Truth will make you free.”
Mt 8: 31-32



திருகுறள் (அறத்துப்பால் - கடவுள் வாழ்த்து)

கற்றதனால் ஆய பயனென்கொல் வாலறிவன்
நற்றாள் தொழாஅர் எனின்.

Transliteration

Katradhanaal Aaya Payanenkol Vaalarivan Natraal Thozhaaar Enin.

விளக்கம்:

தூய அறிவு வடிவாக விளங்கும் இறைவனுடைய நல்ல திருவடிகளை தொழாமல் இருப்பாரானால், அவர் கற்ற கல்வியினால் ஆகிய பயன் என்ன?

Explanation

What Profit have those derived from learning, who worship not the good feet of Him who is possessed of pure knowledge?

INVITATION

Priestly Ordination & Thanksgiving Mass Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales South-East India Province



Dn. S Vimal Raj

Ordination

12th August 2023 at 10.30am

Thanksgiving Mass

13th August 2023 at 8.30am

Venue: St. Teresa's Church, KGF



Dn. M Adaikala Arul Raj

Ordination

17th August 2023 at 5.00pm

Thanksgiving Mass

18th August 2023 at 6.00am

Venue: Our Lady of Assumption Church,
Maiyanur



Dn. A John Britto

Ordination

21st August 2023 at 5.30pm

Thanksgiving Mass

22nd August 2023 at 6.00am

Venue: Our Lady of Rosary Church,
Erailur



Dn. P Arokia Marcel

Ordination

22nd August 2023 at 5.00pm

Thanksgiving Mass

23rd August 2023 at 7.00am

Venue: Emmaus Spirituality Centre,
Sithanangur



Dn. C Arun Raj

Ordination

30th August 2023 at 8.00am

Thanksgiving Mass

31st August 2023 at 7.00am

Venue: Sacred Heart Church, Kadayal