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ASSISTANT SUPERIOR GENERAL VISITS MALAWI MISSION

Fr. Mermier Community - Kameme

Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, Assistant Superior General of our Congregation, made a visitation to our Kameme community from 20th to 21st September. Upon his arrival on 20th September, Fr. Johnson was warmly

received by the faithful with traditional dances, songs and a bouquet of flowers. The following day

began with a Eucharistic Adoration and Eucharistic celebration at St. Augustine of Hippo Parish, Kameme. After the mass, Fr. Johnson extended his greetings and well-wishes to the congregation in Kiswahili.

Fr. Johnson had a personal meeting with Fr. Berin, Fr. Nirmal and Fr. Adaikalam followed by a community meeting. He expressed profound appreciation for the dedication and commitment to pastoral service rendered to the parish by our community. Fr. Johnson commended on the outstanding work accomplished in Kameme Parish, and highlighted the remarkable growth of the Malawi Mission, which has expanded to six parishes with 15 members within six years. He shared his valuable insights and strategies to enhance the mission's implementation of St. Francis de Sales' and Fr. Peter Mermier's spirit and spirituality.

Fr. Johnson's visit was a fruitful and encouraging experience for the community. We are deeply grateful for his guidance, support and recognition of our efforts. We extend our sincere thanks to our Assistant Superior General for his visit and for his inspiring and thoughtful interactions.

- Fr. Adaikala Arul Raj, MSFS



Salesian Community - Ngerenge

Fr. Johnson was cordially welcomed by the Salesian community members (Ngerenge) Fr. D. Nelson (PP) and Fr. P. Arokia Marcel (Assistant P.P) on 21st September in the evening. At 7:00 pm, we prayed vespers and Novena to Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, followed by supper. On the next



day, after the Sunday mass at 9:30 am Fr. Johnson was welcomed by the parishioners. Later, Fr. Johnson took time to meet the community members personally. Then, we had our community meeting animated by Fr. Johnson in which he gave some suggestions for the betterment of the community and as well on disseminating the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales to the people. It was a time of enlightenment with our Assistant Superior General. We thank him for his great concern for our mission in Malawi.

- Fr. Nelson Arokiasamy, MSFS

Livingstonia Community



The Assistant General Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS was warmly welcomed by Fr. Anantharaj MSFS and Fr. Jerald MSFS on 23rd September in the afternoon. After a delicious lunch, he invited the members to meet him personally in view of discussing their personal and professional well-being, as well as the challenges and concerns in their ministry. The Assistant General provided support, guidance and encouragement.

In the evening, we came together to praise God in Adoration, and pray the novena to our Founder in preparation of the celebration of our Founder's Day.

On the next day the Assistant General was warmly welcomed by the parishioners. The Assistant General participated in the holy Mass with the community members and parishioners. The priests emphasized the joy and gratitude of the Assistant General's visit to the community and Parish. The parishioners expressed their joy and honoured him with a shawl. It was happily remembered that it was Fr. Johnson's initiative that the MSFS fathers reached Livingstonia, Malawi. Fr. Assistant General in his turn also expressed his joy at the growth of the Catholic faith in this parish with the help of our priests. He thanked them for their tireless missionary work in promoting the spiritual growth of the faithful.

During the day a community meeting was held to discuss the community's progress, achievements and challenges. Key topics included: The quality of community life and religious life, Evaluation of the ministry as a community, Communicating and disseminating the MSFS Charism in the ministry, Financial Management, Promotion of the Cause of the Founder, Establishing the Fransalian Associates and regarding the future progress of mission.



The Assistant General's visit to Livingstonia Community was a resounding success. It provided a valuable opportunity for interaction, support and inspiration. We thank him for his valuable time and presence with us.

- Fr. S. Jerald MSFS

Masasa Community

Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, the Assistant Superior General of our Congregation, visited our Masasa Community from 24th to 26th September. On September, 24th



evening Fr. Johnson was warmly received by the faithful with traditional dances, songs, and a bouquet. The following day began with the Eucharistic celebration at St. Alphonsus Rodriguez pro-parish Masasa. The Assistant General was the main celebrant, while Fr. Infant Jesus and Fr. Eugene con-celebrated. It was followed by the Morning Prayer. After the mass, Fr. Johnson extended his greetings to the people and appreciated the good work and the support rendered to the priests.

Fr. Johnson had then personal meetings with Fr. Infant Jesus and Fr. Eugene, followed by the community meeting. The focus of the discussion was on the community and religious life, our ministry in this parish and disseminating our Charism and spirituality. We

discussed about establishing the Fransalian Associates, Vocation Promotion and Formation of local vocations.

He expressed profound appreciation for the dedication and commitment to pastoral service rendered to the parish. Fr. Johnson spoke about our quality, our identity of charism and our belongingness. On the same day, we together with Fr. Susairaj met Rt. Rev. John A Ryan the Bishop of Mzuzu Diocese. He was also appreciative of the efforts we take and the way we handle the challenges in continuing the mission of Christ. We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Johnson Kallidukil for his visit and for his inspiring and thoughtful interactions.



- Fr. A. Infant Jesus, MSFS

Fransalian Community – Edingeni

On 26th September, Fr Johnson Kallidukil, the Assistant General of our congregation was welcomed to the Fransalian Community, consisting of Fr. Susairaj, Fr. Maria Arockiam and Fr. Vimal Raj at Edingeni. It was such a joyful occasion for the community as well as the parishioners at Edingeni as we

welcomed Fr. Johnson Kallidukil with a local traditional Ngoni dance. Later, we had our personal meetings which facilitated the personal sharing of the experiences of Malawi mission. It was followed by an hour of adoration at the Church wherein we also prayed our Novena to Fr. Peter Marie Mermier.



On 27th September, on the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, we had our morning prayer and Mass with the people. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil expressed his joy at his visit to Edingeni. Then, we had our community meeting chaired by Fr. Johnson Kallidukil. The meeting shed light upon the quality of community living and religious life, life and administration in the mission, Fransalian Associates, and the future of the MSFS mission in Malawi.



We proceeded to the new site where the house for the priests is constructed. After seeing the progress of the work and other projects that are being done, the Assistant General expressed his happiness for the missionary works done at Edingeni. We express our joy over his visit and thank him profusely for his painstaking visit and sharing his fraternal love towards us.

- Fr. Vimal Raj, MSFS

SFS Community - Manyani



27th-29th September 2024 will go down in the history of Manyani parish in golden letters. This marks the visitation of our Assistant Superior General Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, to our SFS community, Manyani. On 27th September in the evening, we had an hour of Eucharistic adoration integrated with the novena to our founder Fr. Peter Marie Mermier. On the following day morning, we had the Eucharistic celebration which was solemnized by Fr. Level

Winner Raj together with Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, Fr. Sebastian Robert and Fr. Arun Raj along with many of the catholic faithful from the parish. During the day, we had some personal time with Fr. Johnson, followed by the community meeting. In the community meeting, the Assistant General underlined the treasures of community life and the importance of unity among the members in the community. During the meeting, he also emphasized on the need for preaching the Salesian virtues to the people. On 29th morning, we had the Eucharistic celebration in the parish and then he moved on from our community. His presence in our community showed us his love for the Malawi mission and to our community. We thank him wholeheartedly for his valuable time.

- Fr. Arun Raj, C, MSFS

PROVINCIAL'S VISIT

SFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai



The Provincial's visit began with the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration at SFS Seminary on 13th September 2024 at 06.30 am. Immediately after the mass, Fr. Provincial met the school-going brothers, after which we all gathered for breakfast. Fr. Provincial met all the first-year brothers at 09.00 am in common, which lasted until 10.30 am. After this, the Provincial began his personal meeting with the staff members.

After the lunch at 02.30 pm, the Provincial met the staff, in which he expressed his sincere appreciation to all the staff members for their willingness, commitment, hard work and the pastoral duties. He also exhorted the staff to be adorned with virtues required of a Fransalian formator. His presence and conversation with us were truly a motivation for both the brothers and the staff.

- Fr. S. Alexander



Thedal-Institute of Spirituality



Fr. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial Superior visited our community at Thedal on 12th September 2024. He spent time meeting every individual confrere and then invited all of us for a community meeting. The main topics for discussion were: Nature and Scope of Thedal, Spiritual Animation, Family Animation, Pastoral Ministry, Collaboration with our Parish at Ammapatty, Future Plans, etc. In this context, we would like to present a glimpse of our institute.

Thedal-Institute of Spirituality: A Home for Spiritual and Personal Renewal. Here at Ammayanayakannur, Kodai Road, our institute Thedal remains a place of spiritual growth and renewal for the lay people and religious. Our patron St. Francis de Sales taught that everyone is called to holiness. Following his method of compassion, we strive to help everyone in need, to attain spiritual, emotional and personal well-being and seek Jesus in their life to grow in wholeness and holiness.

Recent Activities:

- ❖ A day of fasting and prayer was conducted at Thedal along with "10 members intercessory prayer group" for the growth and development of the institute. The prayer meeting started at 09.00 am and ended with lunch at 02.00 pm.

- ❖ On 11th October 2024, Fr. Jayakumar and Bro. Johnson animated faith renewal course for 15 lay apostolates with talks and Holy Mass. The programme was well appreciated by the participants. The event came to end with a sumptuous lunch at 02.00 pm.
- ❖ Fr. A. Chinnasamy Yesuraj and other fathers guided 8 days of guided retreat from 22nd to 30th October for two Sisters belonging to the congregation of Sisters of Charity of St. Anne. The sisters appreciated the atmosphere and the guidance given during the retreat.
- Renewal Course programme for Religious Sisters, who are celebrating the 20th year of their religious life, was animated by Fr. A. Chinnasamy Yesuraj from 26th to 30th

December 2024. This course typically focused on spiritual growth, personal renewal and updating theological and pastoral skills. This course provided an opportunity for sisters to deepen their relationship with God, reflect on their vocation and gain new insights into their mission.

Each day was filled with valuable insights, through lessons on consecrated life, emotional intelligence, leadership, and midlife transitions. The resource persons were Fr. Santiago CMF, Fr. Yesuraj MSFS, and Fr. J. Maria Antony.

Ongoing Activities:

- ❖ **Family Animation Programme:** On the 1st Sunday of every month, Fr. A. Jeyakumar, along with various resource persons animates the Family Renewal Programme, especially for the laity, and as part of it we conduct Healing Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Eucharistic Celebration, Confession and free Counselling. During the programme, we deepen their knowledge of the Bible and give faith formation on different topics. The programme begins at 09.00 am and ends at 04.00 pm. The programme is attended regularly by 150-200 participants. We provide them with free lunch which is supported by voluntary donation.
- ❖ **Construction of Compound Wall:** As part of the structural development of the institute the construction of the compound wall for the part of our land is under way.

- Fr. A. Yesuraj

MSFS Community at Kanangadu

We had the joyous moment of welcoming the Provincial on his visit to Kanangadu Parish Community on 28th October 2024. After the breakfast Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj MSFS, the Provincial, met us, namely Fr. D. Francis (PP) and Fr. M. Simon Prabu (Asst. PP) individually for about



half an hour each. There was also a common meeting in which the parish activities, spiritual life of priests and parishioners were discussed. We had arranged monthly retreats for the parishioners for three consecutive months from August to October 2024, which were, as expressed by the participants, spiritually nourishing experiences.

The Provincial went through the Parish records and community accounts. He expressed his happiness over the life in the mission, with a remark that the community members are comfortable with each other, fostered by prayer life, healthy communication and understanding.

➤ Plans for the Future Projects

The request of the parishioners to construct the parish church and the effort made so far were discussed with the Provincial. The status of Rishivanthiyam land was also clarified. Provincial said that the province had obtained Patta for the land the previous year. After the meeting we went to visit the land that is in the parish territory. Currently, there are few teak trees and remains without any other cultivation for a long time. We had a discussion on the utility of this land. We thank Fr. Provincial for his encouraging presence, fruitful discussions and exhortations.



- Fr. D. Francis

MSFS Community at Kodungal



Rev. Fr. Provincial made his visit on 28th October 2024 around 11.30 am. I had the personal meeting with him and had shared the experience of our ministry in Kodungal. It was more of a personal sharing of the life in the parish and the present challenges here in Kodungal. The conversation with him was encouraging and motivating. Since Fr. Yesuraja was away due to his German course, we could not have the community meeting. Then I had shared with Fr. Provincial regarding the upcoming Silver Jubilee of Kodungal this year. Fr. Provincial had instructed the guidelines for the meaningful celebration of Jubilee in Kodungal.

➤ Our Ministry and Activities

We continue our ministry, without any negligence, administering the Holy Sacraments to the people without any failures whenever requested. We have daily Mass in our Parish Church and on Sundays in two Sub-stations, namely Paranur and Melakondur. Hand in hand, we also look after the diocesan school. The Parish Priest is the Correspondent. All the pious associations like Legion of Mary, Vincent de Paul, Youth group, Catechism, Alter Boys and Choir are very active in our Parish. The Sisters of Charity are contributing a lot in the field of pastoral ministry.

➤ Future Plans

The Parish is getting ready spiritually to celebrate the Silver Jubilee meaningfully. In view of it, we are planning to renovate the Parish Church, which has some damage. Our people are also contributing what they can. In spite of the challenges, the local administration journeys in the right direction.

- Fr. P. Felix

Christ the King Church, Villupuram



I had the joy of receiving our Provincial Fr. Patrick Jayaraj in the place of my ministry. I am serving as the Assistant Parish Priest of Christ the King Parish, Villupuram. It is a Multilingual Parish comprising of both Anglo-Indian Catholics and Tamil Catholics. Therefore, we have the liturgical celebrations in both the languages. I get a lot of experience both pastorally and spiritually. I am entrusted with the responsibility of animating the Catechism classes, Liturgy Committee, Church Choir, Basic Christian Communities and to accompany the Legion of Mary and

Vincent de Paul Society. Besides these, there is also the regular distribution of Holy Communion to the Sick and regular house-visit that helps me to get in touch with the people and know their life situations. I also experience the continual support and guidance of the Parish Priest in all my activities in the Parish.

I was happy to have a personal meeting with the Provincial. He got to know about my wellbeing and ministerial experience. He also met my parish priest and thanked him for his support and concern towards me. In return, the Parish Priest thanked Fr. Provincial for our service towards the Parish. I also would like to thank Provincial and the administration for the opportunity given to me to serve in this parish, which enriches my priestly life.

- Fr. S. Pradeep Jerald

MSFS School Community at Perumbakkam



On 28th October, Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial, arrived at St. Francis de Sales School in Perumbakkam at 06.45 pm and joined us for supper. On 29th, we had individual meetings with him. During the meeting he addressed topics related to religious life, community life and spiritual life, emphasizing the importance of Divine Office. Once the individual meetings were over, we had the community meeting to discuss on the improvement of the community. Fr. Provincial also met the school teachers and engaged in a meaningful

conversation with the teachers. After the meetings we enjoyed a fellowship meal together with him, marking the end of the meeting.

➤ *Ongoing Projects*

Extension of the School Building:

After a long effort and by the grace of God, the foundation stone laying ceremony for the new building was held at SFS School, Perumbakkam, under the leadership of Fr. Charles Michael Raj (Principal) and Fr. Britto Clindon (Procurator) on 3rd June 2024. The foundation stone was laid by Rev. Fr. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial of South-East India Province in the presence of Rev. Fr. Jose Devasagayam, the Provincial of Brazil Province and Rev. Fr. Sebastin Raj, PCIC - Education and a few MSFS fathers, teachers & supporting staff. It is good to see that the construction work is progressing well by the grace of God, and nearing its completion.

- Fr. A. Charles Michael Raj

MSFS Community at Adhanur

On 29th October, Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, our Provincial, made his official visit to the Holy Trinity Church, Adanur. He reached our community in the morning and joined us for the community breakfast.



Soon after the breakfast we had the individual and community meeting and shared about our religious life and community life, our own needs and the needs of the house and the parish. He was very keen on discussing about the developments that have taken place in our Parish and Community. Towards the end of the meeting, we gave a few proposals for the further growth of both the Parish and the Community.

➤ *Accomplished Projects*

- ❖ Renovation of the presbytery in the month of April.
- ❖ Repairs and painting of the Holy Trinity Church at Adanur.
- ❖ Interior painting of St. Antony's Church at Vinayakapuram.
- ❖ Renovation and painting of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Uthiria Madha) Church at Soorapattu and with great concern we have extended a solid shed and raised concrete floor in front of the same Church to prevent the rain water from entering the Church.

➤ *Plans for the Future Project*

- ❖ As per the request of the people and to avoid land encroachment from the neighbours around St. Antony's Church at Vinayakapuram, we have planned to build a compound wall around the Church.
- ❖ As part of helping the people growing in Marian devotion, we plan to build two grottos of Mother Mary at two different places: One at the entrance of the Village at Adanur and the other in front of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Soorapattu.

- Dn. Dony



MSFS Community at RS Nagar, Chennai

On 01st November 2024, MSFS community at R.S Nagar, Thiruvottiyur, Chennai witnessed a great event as they began their 20th annual feast celebration with flag hosting. To mark this special event, a new flag pole was erected. Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial, blessed and inaugurated the new flag pole and hoisted the new flag in the presence of priests, religious and a number of faithful gathered. Fr. Provincial, after the flag hosting, presided over the Eucharist. He also had personal meeting with confreres, Fr. A. Selvaraj and Fr. Nayagaseelan and then as a community. We could share our concerns both of the community and the parish. On ninth day of the Feast, Fr. G.J Anthony Samy, the Vicar general of the Madras Archdiocese celebrated the Feast Mass and blessed three newly made chariots. Then, they were taken in procession and a great number of faithful, brothers and sisters of other religions participated in the procession devotedly and experienced the blessings of God Almighty and the intercession of Mother Mary and Saints.



➤ *Accomplished Projects*

1. Interlock Work in the Church Ground
2. Erecting New Flag Pole
3. Three New Chariots
4. New Reading Stands, Confessional Box, Key Board Box etc.

➤ *Plans for the Future Project*

The community hall has become too old and an over shed is to be made in order to protect the building from rain and other calamities.

- Fr. A. Selvaraj

MSFS Community at Kelambakkam



Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial Superior, visited the community at Kelambakkam on 2nd November 2024. Fr. Provincial was accorded a warm welcome. After the celebration of Holy Mass on All Souls' Day, Fr. Provincial said prayers and blessed the cemetery of Rev. Fr. Joseph Britto Francis, the first parish priest of Kelambakkam. The parishioners piously participated in Mass and cemetery blessing. Fr. Provincial had personal meeting with the community members: Fr. A. Luckas, Fr. A. Jeyaseelan, Fr. S. Britto, and Fr. M. Michael Selvan. He visited the finished project of laying paver blocks in the church campus, new flag mast, gardening around the church and ongoing work of RC Primary School renovation. Fr. Provincial made visit to our SFS Matriculation School, Kelambakkam



and its new school building wing which is closer to completion. Fr. Provincial visited our land in Koma Nagar with the community members.

- Fr. A. Luckas

MSFS School Community at Alangayam



Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial, visited SFS Matriculation School, Alangayam on 10th December 2024 and was given an overview of the institution's achievements, infrastructure, and innovative initiatives.

➤ *Accomplished Projects and Special Features of the School*

- ❖ **AI Integration:** The school has incorporated Artificial Intelligence into the curriculum to enhance a personalized learning and problem-solving skills of the students. This initiative aims to prepare students for the digital age by fostering creativity and innovation.
- ❖ **Smart Classrooms:** Four classrooms and two computer labs are equipped with advanced smart boards and digital tools, facilitating interactive learning. This technology has significantly improved students' performance and comprehension.
- ❖ **Sports Achievements:** The school has excelled in various sports and achieved championships, especially in chess, kabbadi, swimming, long jump and high jump.

The provincial met the community members Fr. D. Amirtha Rajan, Fr. D. Johnson and Fr. L. Jayaraj. We had also the community meeting with the Provincial after which he met the school staff. He expressed his appreciation for the school's commitment to the holistic education and innovation, through AI, the integration of smart technologies, the outstanding sports performances and the spectacular surroundings, colourful paints of entire building, renovation of kids' garden and the purchase of three school buses and mentioned to focus on academic excellence. He encouraged the school to continue setting benchmarks in academics and extracurricular activities. The visit was a motivational event, reaffirming the school's dedication to excellence and its position as a leader in education and co-curricular pursuits.



- Fr. D. Amirtha Rajan

Friendly Home Unit-1, Alangayam



Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, the Provincial visited the Friendly Home Unit - I, Alangayam on 10th and 11th December 2024. He offered the Eucharist along with three community fathers and the family of Friendly Home. He addressed and talked to the children and staff of the friendly Home after the Mass. He checked, verified and signed Friendly

Home's Chronical, Donation Note, House Inventory and Conferrer's Visitor's Note. The day was full of grace filled events.

Friendly Home is a chain of Children's Villages run by the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales and supported by the Forderverein Kinderpfade Indien e.V. (FKI), Binsfeld, Germany. It is a brain child of Fr. J. B. John Thadews, MSFS, who motivated his parishioners in Binsfeld to undertake this noble project. Friendly Home offers good education and accommodation in a family atmosphere to the poor children, who are mostly orphans or Semi-orphans. There are two units. This academic year we have 37 school children, 14 college children and 12 staff. We always keep up-to-date all the Government certificates, also for the year 2024 - 2025.

Second Sunday is the visitor's day and parent's meeting day. We also arrange social and cultural programmes every Sunday to animate the children with the motivating Programs like counselling, hygiene, ECA, Medical camp, spiritual, social and awareness programmes. A few programs are combined with the children of Friendly Home – unit II. Children are excelling in studies, games and other activities. Some children are the first generation in the field of education. A few girls and a few boys are given special classes for improving in reading, writing and speaking in English. Every year many of our children take part in Zonal games, sports and athletics. CWC and DCPO appreciated our children for winning prizes.

➤ *Accomplished Projects*

This year we have completed few projects for the wellbeing of the Friendly Home. They are: a) Painting the Administrative Block, b) Spot Lights to the Campus, c) Mosquito-mesh for the Administrative Block, d) Cupboard e) Refrigerator f) Financial Educational Assistance for three house mothers.

- Fr. D. Johnson Sahayaraj

MSFS School Community at Vaniyambadi

On 11th December, Fr. Provincial visited our community. He met the teachers in our school and got to know of their concerns. Thereafter, he engaged himself in meeting the confreres, Fr. Savarimuthu, Fr. Antony and Fr. D. Jayakumar individually and later as a community. He had



a look at the documents of the community. He expressed his happiness over the way, the community is living the religious life and discharging the responsibilities both in the school as well as in Friendly Home unit II. In this context, we wish to give an overview of our school. Over the past years SFS School has made significant leap forward and made investments in modernizing its infrastructure to provide a well-equipped learning

environment to our students. Recently, we have introduced several initiatives to upgrade our infrastructure and curriculum. Some notable upgrades are as follows.

➤ ***Accomplished Projects***

- ❖ **Smart Classrooms:** The installation of Interactive Smart Flat Panels in six classrooms has enabled the teachers to teach the lessons more effectively. We already experience that these interactive panels make the learning process more engaging, interactive and fun-filled.
- ❖ **Upgraded Computer Labs:** Our computer labs are equipped with the latest hardware and software, providing students with hands-on experience in programming, coding, and digital design.
- ❖ **Robotic Class:** We have also launched Robotic classes, which will enable our students to develop their critical thinking, problem-solving and creativity skills. This would provide the students with hands-on experiences with latest technologies.
- ❖ **Spoken English:** To improve our students' English language skills, we have introduced Spoken English classes for this academic year, which helps them to communicate effectively and confidently.

➤ ***On-going Projects***

- ❖ **Shopping Complex:** One of the major plans for the school is to build a shopping complex within the school premise which would potentially become a permanent source of income. Efforts are being taken towards this purpose.
- ❖ As we look to the future, we are committed to further expanding our resources, fostering a culture of innovation and nurturing the unique talents of each student. Our vision is to empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers and trendsetters. Thank you for your continued support and guidance.

- Fr. J. Savarimuthu

Friendly Home – Unit II

- ❖ **Christmas at Friendly Home:** We had a wonderful Christmas celebration with the children in Friendly Home I. I thank Fr. Johnson for inviting us to join the celebrations. Later on, the boys were accompanied by Fr. D. Jayakumar, the



Director and were allowed to choose their dress for Christmas. They were ecstatic to receive their Christmas outfits. After shopping, they enjoyed a delightful dinner together, making it a memorable and heartwarming day for all of us. We sent Christmas greetings to all our benefactors, especially those in Germany. We are delighted to receive the response from many of them.

- ❖ **Renovation of the Kitchen in Friendly Home – Unit II.** The room outside the main building is renovated in order to make cooking easier and hygienic. Additional facilities such as a water supply, exhaust fan, oven construction, wash basin and a new gas stove are added to the building.

- Fr. D. Jayakumar



MSFS Community at Vaniyambadi Parish



Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, The Provincial, visited the Parish community of Mary Help of Christians Church on 11th December. Fr. M. Rayappan John Britto joined the community in the month of October. He resides in the Parish and teaches in SFS School, Vaniyambadi. The Provincial met the confreres Fr. Jone Gregory and Fr. M. Rayappan personally. He also checked the documents of the community.

The Parish consists of Parish Pastoral Council, Legion of Mary, Society of Vincent de Paul, Basic Christian Communities, Altar Boys etc. The people are spiritually motivated. Every First Saturday, we have a chariot procession of Mother Mary around the Church. On the 24th of every month, we have a special devotion to Mary Help of Christians. In the evening, we have a chariot procession around the Church with rosary, songs, litany, benediction and Mass. Finally, food or snacks will be provided for the people. On the 4th Sunday of every month, the members of the Legion of Mary along with the Parish Priest visit the cemetery and pray the rosary there. Finally, the Parish Priest blesses the cemetery. Twice a month, on Sundays all the Anbiyams have their meeting regularly. The Parish Priest attends the meeting and finally celebrates the Mass in the Anbiyam.

- Fr. I. Jone Gregori

Yours Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, MSFS

Provincial Superior