

# Missionaries of St Francis de Sales

## Dibrugarh Province

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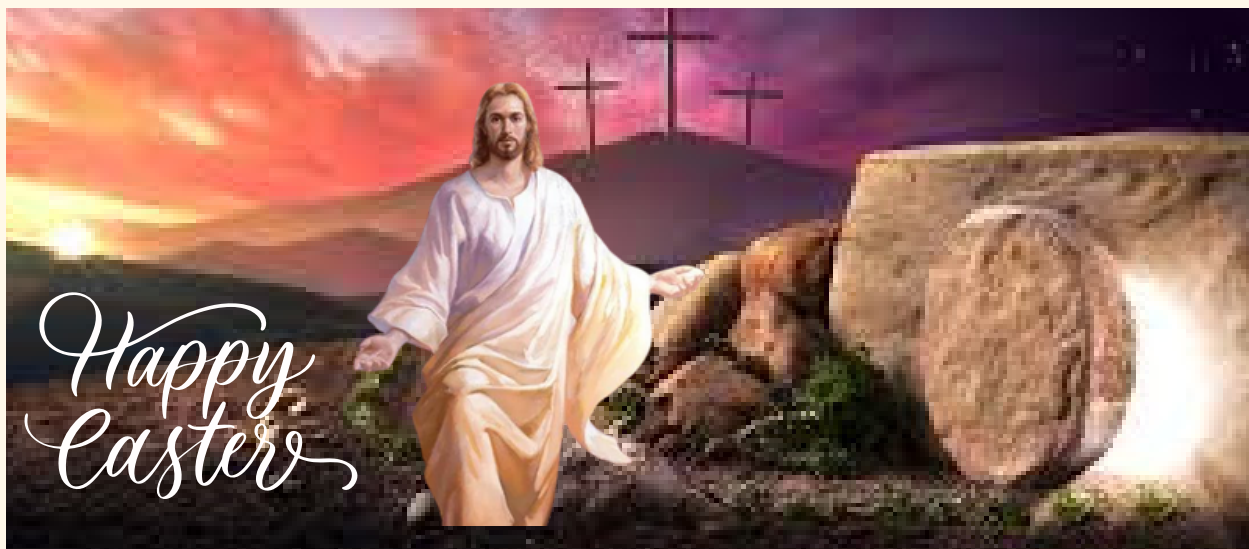
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## MESSAGE

**Dear Confreres,**

“They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear...” (Acts 10;39b-40). Our Christian faith is inextricably embedded to the Resurrection of Jesus and through Faith, Hope and Charity we look forward to our own resurrection and eternal life. The liturgy of the Holy Week, especially the Easter Vigil Mass, is for each catholic an inner re-living of the agonizing death and the glorious resurrection of Jesus both personally and as a community. It carries with it graces and blessings for us as individuals and as a community. I wish that this central event of our faith become the bedrock of our Fransalian way of life and mission.

“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him” (Rom 6:8). St Paul uses this expression “dying with Christ” in a comprehensive way. More than a reference to biological death it would positively imply our communion with Christ and imitating him in every way. The path that Jesus Christ had left for us as a spiritual legacy is to suffer so as to enter into His Glory. The capacity to suffer and endure suffering stands as the hallmark of Christianity at all times. Let us resolve to be more and more a part of this salvific suffering so as to have a share in the glory of God.



St Francis de Sales in his Treatise on the Love of God, Book IX, Chapter 1 dealing with the Permissive will of God speaks of God's will in Suffering. He writes: "Nevertheless, O God, your will be done, not only in the keeping of your commandments, counsels, inspirations which should be practiced by us, but also in the suffering, afflictions and punishments which we endure. Hence may your will be done by us, for us, in us, and with us in all that pleases you." May the celebration of Easter generate hope for the suffering humanity of our time. I wish each one of you all the joys of Easter.

**Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS (Provincial – Dibrugarh)**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRIESTS

It was a great joy for all of us that three of our deacons were ordained priests in their respective dioceses in the presence of their family members. Fr John and Fr Dominic were ordained in Koide village by the Most Rev Dominic Lumen. On 7th January 2024 and Fr Sanjuel was ordained on 13th January 2024 in Panishali parish by Archbishop John Moolachira. We extend our prayerful wishes to each one of them for a fruitful ministry.



**Fr Sanjuel**



**Fr John**



**Fr Dominic**

## ADVENT RETREAT AT SFS PARISH TELAM

The Advent retreat at SFS Parish Telam took place from 6th to 8th December 2023. It was led by Fr. Varghese Manickathan MSFS and was well-attended by the parishioners. We thank Frs. Jose Mundoly and Jacob Raising for all the arrangements.



## BLESSING OF ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH AT OINAM, PURUL

A momentous occasion for the catholic community of St. John Bosco Church in Oinam Village on 31st January 2024, when it was blessed by Most. Rev. Dominic Lumen, the Archbishop emeritus of Imphal, and Rev. Fr Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS, the Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province, unveiled the Monument. The ceremony was attended by priests, nuns, Catholics from various villages and parishes and leaders of other Christian denominations and other dignitaries.



## SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF FR. CHERIAN AND FR. MILKIUS

The Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr Cherian and Fr Milkus took place on 15th January 2023. It began with a eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr Milkus Tirkey. Fr Joseph Chakkalackal, the parish priest of SFS church Silapathar, welcomed everyone to the celebration. Before the Mass, Fr Jobins read a brief bio-data of the Jubilarians. Following the Eucharistic celebration, a short felicitation program was held. Fr Tomson Aerathedathu, the provincial superior of MSFS Dibrugarh Province, addressed the gathering and wished the Jubilarians God's continued blessings in their priestly ministry. Fr Cherian expressed gratitude to the organizers and to everyone for their presence. The program was well-attended by parishioners, confreres from nearby communities, and sisters from the neighborhood. The event concluded with a solemn dinner.



## FRASALIAN YOUTH CAMP AT SFS CHURCH JONAI

The Frasalian Youth Camp was held at SFS Church Jonai from December 29th to 31st December 2023. The main goal of the event was to strengthen the faith of the Parish youth. Fr Carlus Barowa MSFS guided the participants through various activities and discussions focused on deepening their faith. The camp attracted a significant number of young individuals from the parish. Through group sessions, prayer services, and team-building exercises, they were able to relate with the Lord and with one another. We thank Frs. Thomas Kollathuvayalil and K.P. Joseph for making all the arrangements.



## FRASALIAN YOUTH CAMP AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH AALO

A youth camp for the youth of St. Mary's Parish Aalo was held in SFS College Aalo from 27th to 29th December 2023, marking the Year of Frasalian Youth. The event included different sessions on various topics, sports, and competitions, attracting over a hundred youth from different villages in the parish. The camp, with the theme "You are the light of the world" (Mt. 5:14), commenced on 27th December 2023 with Fr George Parampukattil MSFS, the Superior of SFS College, Aalo, inaugurating the event. Most Rev. Benny Varghese, Bishop of Itanagar, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. He urged the youth to actively engage in all the activities of the Catholic Church. Classes on sacraments, faith, and value-based life were conducted by Fr Luke Tanti, Sr Jyoti CMC, and Sr Anitha CMC.



Various games and animation programs were also conducted to keep the youth engaged. Fr Lukose Kavunkal shared insights on the Catholic faith from his book "My Catholic Faith." Youth were divided into four groups, with St Dominic emerging as champions. The College community and the Marian sodality women extended their helping hands in organizing the camp.

## FIRST NATIONAL FRANSALIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE AT VIZAG

On 8th January 2024, twenty-four youths from MSFS Dibrugarh Province, led by Fr. Luke Tanti, attended the First National Fransalian Youth Conference in Visakhapatnam. The event, was held at SFS School, Seethammadhara, Vishakhapatnam from 11th to 13th January 2024. The event began with a grand procession followed by the flag hoisting. The inaugural Mass was presided over by Rev Fr Johnson Kallidukil, Assistant Superior General.



Approximately 450 delegates from all MSFS Provinces of India participated in the conference. On 11th January 2024, the Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev Fr J. Stephen, General Secretary SAIM. Rev Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, our Superior General, held a video conference, expressing gratitude to organizers and participants. The following day, Rev Fr Johnson Gonsalves, the Provincial of Pune Province, officiated the Holy Mass. The conference was concluded on January 13th with the Holy Eucharist led by Rev Fr Suresh Babu MSFS, the Provincial of Visakapattanam Province. The event was well organized and managed by Rev. Fr John Barman, the mentor, Rev. Fr Carlus Barowa, the national Director and Fr Jaddu Joseph, Assistant National Director.

## SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, AT BALI, LIKABALI

The village of Bali, under the Sacred Heart Parish Likabali, recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the introduction of faith in their community. The Holy Eucharistic was officiated by Most. Rev. Benny Varghese, the Bishop of Itanagar, and was attended by a good number of priests, sisters and lay people.



In his message during the felicitation ceremony Rev. Fr Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS, the Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province, gave a brief history of the contribution of the MSFS fathers for Arunachal Mission, in particular for this village. The lay leaders of the village also presented a well-documented history of their journey in faith. A Souvenir also was released on this occasion. We thank Frs Simon Thaikho, Pakon Narzary and the lay leaders together with the faithful for the meticulous organization of the event and the documentation of the history.

### CANNONICAL VISITATION TO PURUL

The event took place on the 30th and 31st of January 2024. It was a joy to meet all those who are engaged in pastoral and educational ministries under this parish including Fr Pania Paul and SKD Sisters of Thingbakhullen and Thingba Khunou. The province expresses its gratitude for all their services for the people of this large parish.



### CANNONICAL VISITATION TO TELAM



The event took place on the 18th and 19th of February 2024. It was a joy to meet all those who are engaged in pastoral and educational ministries under this parish including the sisters the leaders of the parish and the staff of the school. The province expresses its gratitude for all their services for the people of this parish.

**Prayer Request:** Let us pray for the speedy recovery of Fr. George Panthanmackel, who is currently receiving treatment at Constant Lievens Hospital in Ranchi.

## CANNONICAL VISITATION TO VINAYA BHAVAN SEMINARY

The event took place on the 10th and 11th of January 2024. It was a joy to meet all the confreres of both the provinces of Guwahati and Dibrugarh engaged in the ministry of Formation. Both personal and common meeting with the minor seminarians was insightful and enriching in the assessment of their all round progress.

## ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE FIRE VICTIMS IN SIDO AND TELAM VILLAGES

FAST (Fransalian Agency for Social Transformation) promptly responded to the victims of fire in the villages of Sido and Telam by providing blankets and household utensils.



## CONGRATULATIONS

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**REV. DHAMAN KUMAR MSFS**  
BISHOP DESSIGNATE  
OF NALGONDA



## EDUCATION FORUM MEETING

The Education forum meeting of the MSFS Dibrugarh Province was held on 26 February 2024, at MSFS Provincial House Silapthar, and it was attended by principals of various educational institutions of the province. Fr Philip Mhonchumo, the Councillor in charge of education, opened the meeting by extending a cordial welcome to all the participants. The meeting commenced with an opening address by Rev. Fr Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS, Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province. The meeting aimed at fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and addressing challenges faced by the educational institutions within the province.



## CANNONICAL VISITATION TO TATO

The event took place on the 16th and 17th of March 2024. It was a joy to meet the conferers working in this remote mission. Though they face challenges due to the connectivity and communication, they remain committed to the mission and are enthusiastic in their pastoral and educational ministry. The province expresses its gratitude for all their services for the people of this parish.



## EMPOWERING PRIESTS FOR TRANSFORMATION

General Secretariat for Formation arranged a three-day congregational-level ongoing formation program from 28th February to 1st March 2024 at MSFS Provincial House, Guwahati, Assam. It aimed at updating priests who have been ordained between 2017 and 2022 with a theme, "A Call to Transformation". Most of the priests of our province participated in this program which is part of the ongoing formation.



## NEW HOUSE FOR THE SUPPORTING STAFF

Miss Shantina Narzary, a dedicated employee who has been serving in different missions of the province for a long time, was recently gifted a new house by the MSFS Dibrugarh Province as a token of our gratitude for her hard work and dedicated service.





## PARISH FEAST CUM FELICITATION OF THE NEW ARCHBISHOP

The parish community at Kangpokpi was glad to welcome His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Linus Neli, the newly consecrated archbishop of Imphal on 25th February 2024. The remarkable day began with the warm welcome extended to the Archbishop by the parishioners. The parishioners participated in the Holy Eucharist officiated by His Grace wherein 65 of them received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Immediately after the Holy Mass, a solemn Eucharistic procession with a holy hour was conducted. Subsequently, a memorable felicitation program was arranged for the Archbishop by the parishioners, which was followed by a community meal



The day was blessed with the presence of many priests, religious sisters and parishioners' and the day finally ended with happy moments of laughter and celebrations.

## ANNUAL RETREAT AT SFS PARISH KANGPOKPI

The annual retreat was held in S.F.S. Parish, Daili from 15th to 19th March 2024. The retreat was animated by the Zacharias Mission from Kerala with lots of enthusiasm and vigor in their hearts. The team went around all the sub-stations. The parishioners received them with warmth in their hearts and were receptive to their messages. The retreat was conducted to help the parishioners to celebrate Easter meaningfully. The retreatants expressed their profound gratitude to God, and contentment to the animators.



## CANNONICAL VISITATION TO SFS PARISH MEDZIPHEMA

The event took place on the 24th and 25th of March 2024. It was a joy to meet all those who are engaged in pastoral and educational ministries under this parish including the sisters, the leaders of the parish and the staff of the school. The province expresses its gratitude for all their services for the people of this parish.



### Appointments

**Fr Gaichungdai Anthony Kameih** is appointed Associate Priest of St. Francis de Sales Church Tening on February 14, 2024.

**Fr. Dominic Souvei**, is appointed Associate Priest of Divine Mercy Parish Yingkiong, on February 16, 2024.

**Fr. John Maring Korungin**, is appointed Associate Priest of St. Andrew's Church Mangkolemba, on February 16, 2024.

**Fr. Sanjuel Sangma**, is appointed Associate Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Kaying, on February 16, 2024.

**Fr. Jimal Johny Painapally**, is appointed member of the MSFS Provincial House Community at Silapathar, on February 19, 2024.

**Fr Chithung Joel Horam** is appointed Associate Priest of Holy Rosary Church Purul, on March 09, 2024.

**Fr Kharumnuid Wanlambor** is designated to be appointed the Principal of SFS School and Associate Priest of Holy Rosary Parish, Basar, with effect from April 15, 2024.

**Fr Andreas Syngkli** is appointed Associate Priest of SFS Church Pasighat and for B.Ed. Studies on March 16, 2024.

**Fr Rojin Joseph Pullattuvaliyaparambil** is appointed the administrator of Vinaya Bhavan Seminary Thamarassery, with effect from April 28, 2024.

## CONGRATULATIONS/ THANKS

**Congratulations to Fr Tomson Aerathedathu** for being appointed the Major Superior of the Fransalain Community of Morning Star Regional Seminary, Kolkata.

**Congratulations to Fr Carlus Barowa** for being nominated the Permanent Delegate of Dibrugarh Province.

**Congratulations to the Management, faculty, and students of SFS Higher Secondary School Medziphema** for being nominated for the prestigious Grassroots AIFF award.

**SFS College Aalo for being recognized by** the RGU inspection team as having the state's best-maintained library.

**Congratulations to the Principal and Manager** of SFS School Silapathar for obtaining the approval of the CBSE Board for fresh affiliation up to the senior secondary level.

**Congratulations to Fr Carlus Barowa and Br. Kevin** for conducting the Fransalian Youth Camp at SFS Church Jonai.

**Congratulations to Fr Luke Tanti** for conducting the Fransalian Youth Camp at St. Mary's Church Aalo.

**Congratulations to Fr Simon Thaikho and Fr Pakon Narzary** for organizing the silver Jubilee celebration in Bali Village.

We thank Fr Tomichan Moonanapallil, Fr Thomas Edakazhickal, Fr Sunny Panthanazhivadakethil, Fr Thomas Olickamalayil, Fr Cherian Marottickathadathil, Fr Daniel Chennai, and Fr Jacob Thaile for visiting MSFS Provincial House, Silapthar during their home holidays.

**Congratulations to Fr Daniel Chennai and Fr Samuel Patton** for convening the first (apostolic) community meeting in GA and in the U.S.A.

**Congratulations to Fr Simon Thaikho** for being nominated as the ecclesiastical adviser of APCA -Legal Wing.

**Fr Jaimon Thadathil** has successfully completed his master's degree program in Economics from IGNOU University.

**Fr Jimal Johny** has successfully completed his master's degree program in Sociology from IGNOU University.

**Fr Rojin Joseph** has successfully completed his master's degree program in Sociology from IGNOU University.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

**Rev. Fr Sesetti Mariadas MSFS** aged 60, belonging to Vizag Province, passed away on 12th January 2024

**Rev. Fr Joseph Pednekar MSFS** belonging to Pune Province aged 94, passed away on 15th February 2024

**Mrs. Ngaoniiru Martina**, aged 98, beloved Mother of Fr Simon Thaikho, passed away on 18th December 2023.

**Mr. Jose Vettuvellil** aged 71, elder brother of Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, our beloved Superior General, passed away on 22nd December 2023

**Mrs. Mary Cherian Mathirampallil**, aged 73, beloved Mother of Fr Aji Cherian Mathirampallil, passed away on 02nd January 2024.

**Mrs. Breejitha Varkey Pynadath Chalakkudikkaran** aged 93, maternal aunt of Fr **Joseph Chakkalackal**, passed away on 8th January 2024

**Mr. Thomas Scaria**, aged 75, eldest brother of Fr Jose Karippadathu passed away on 10th January 2024

**Mr. Sebastian Ovelil**, aged 76 elder brother of Fr Kurian Ovelil, passed away on 15th January 2024.

**Mr. K George Shimkahao**, aged 55 beloved father of Bro Michael Shimray, passed away on 14th February 2024.

**Mr. George John Kidagotharayil** aged 75, brother-in-law of Fr Thomas Kollathuvayail, passed away on 15th February 2024.

**Mrs. Margret Barowa**, aged 73, beloved Mother of Fr Carlus Barowa passed away on 16th February 2024.

**Mr. Kiran Barowa**, aged 47 elder brother of Fr Carlus Barowa passed away on 28th February 2024.

**Mr. Savio Machut Kamkara**, aged 21, younger brother of Bro Michael Shimray passed away on 2nd March 2024.

## PROMOTION LIST

The provincial Council which met on March 13, 2024, has approved the promotions of the following scholastics.

### **Promotion to Diaconate:**

Bro Kevin Diswang Isamding.

### **Promotion to Third Year Theology, Renewal of vows, and Ministry of Acolyte**

Bro Ateet Minz, Bro Bibin Thekkeuttu, Bro Wanphransngi Sohshang.

**Promotion to Second Year Theology Renewal of vows, and Ministry of Lector**

Bro Bimal Tigga, Bro James Zhavirietuo Miasalhou, Bro Jibrus Toppo.

**Promoted for Renewal of Vows and Higher Studies**

Bro. Michael Shimray

**Promotion to Regency and Renewal of Vows**

Bro Michael Tada, Bro S. Adam (Suvidya College)

Bro Junason Indwar (Morning Star College)

**Promotion to Third - Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows**

Bro Abhishek Soreng, Bro G. Bosco Suanlamthang, Bro Nowash Khalkho,

Bro Philimon Hasda, Bro Prasann Khes, Bro Pynshaibor Wartde (Suvidya College)

Bro Ashish Tom Cyriac and Bro Jwngshar Narzary (Morning Star College)

Bro James Kerketta, Bro Senshrang Sangma (St. Clement College)

**Promotion to Second-Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows**

Bro Reuben Phaomei, Bro Hraveilo Peter M.

**Promoted to the First Profession and First Year Philosophy**

Bro Akash Toppo, Bro Benjamin Kipgen, Bro Marcus Mahrili, Bro Philip

Chungripou, Bro Pynshailang Kharkongor, Bro RT Hridanii John

**Promoted to Novitiate**

Bro Bijom Isaac Tada, Bro Deepson Tigga, Bro Eshak Lakra, Bro Hmangte Varun

Kom, Bro. Kashmir Horo, Bro Leo Daiguanlung Kameih, Bro Paulus Jojowar, Bro

Raveidu S Alexander, Bro Rokomezo Belho, Bro Sipunii.

**Dear Confreres,**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, may His triumph over death fill our hearts with hope, His love inspire us to serve one another, and His peace dwell within us always.



**Wishing you a blessed and joyous Easter!**

FR TOMSON AERATHEDATHU MSFS  
(PROVINCIAL, MSFS DIBRUGARH PROVINCE)



Wishing you all  
dear confreres

Happy  
Easter



# YEAR OF FRANSALIAN YOUTH 2023-2024



## Holy Insights from our Patron

"God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, He will accommodate His steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?"

~ **Saint Francis de Sales**



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