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MESSAGE

Dear confreres,

The birth of the Prince of Peace as foretold by Prophet Isaiah takes place in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. He was destined to be seen as a great light by those who walk in darkness. Already in the womb of his mother, he begins his coronation as prince of peace and as a great light by walking the path of suffering together with his parents from Nazareth to Bethlehem on account of the decree of Caesar Augustus, the Roman emperor according to the Gospel of St. Luke. It confirms his Davidic descent. The Royal Birth takes place in a manger. This glory of the Lord was at first revealed to the Shepherds. The gospel of peace is announced to those who stand in favor with God. Our mission is to bring this gospel of peace to the whole of humanity. We have to stand in favor with God to be agents of peace. The simplicity with which the Son of God came to this world treading the path of suffering already in the womb of his mother is so fascinating for anyone of good will. It is through suffering that he enters into his Glory. He stands as a great symbol of hope for a world wherein we see domination and subjugation through violence and deception. May this Christmas instill in our hearts a deep longing for harmony and peace within us and around us. I wish each one of you a Merry Christmas.

*Merry
Christmas*
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



WOMEN CONVENTION AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH YINGKIONG

Divine Mercy Parish Yingkiong organized a four-day women Convention from 5th to 9th October 2023. The convention had a specific focus on the theme "Know your faith," aiming to enhance the knowledge and understanding of women regarding their Christian faith. Various activities, workshops, and discussions were conducted. Through all these activities and interactions, women were able to deepen their understanding of their faith, gain valuable insights, and forge meaningful relationships with fellow believers. The convention catalyzed personal growth, empowering women to live their faith with confidence and purpose.



SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT OF THE PROVINCE



The second annual retreat of the province took place at Christashram, Mancotta from 23rd to 28th October 2023. Rev. Fr. Tomy Palely of the Diphu Diocese animated the Retreat on the theme of Priesthood. The retreat enriched their comprehension of priesthood and nurtured a feeling of togetherness. These moments of introspection and communion with God provided a profound sense of peace and rejuvenation.

On 30th September 2023, Msfs Study House community, shillong witnessed the solemn Perpetual Profession of seven brothers belonging to different provinces of the Congregation. The Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu the provincial Superior of MSFS Dibrugarh Province began at 5.30 in the evening. During the Profession ceremony Brothers. David Nongrum, Martin Halam, Tom Joseph, Mukto Murmu (Guwahati Province), Isamding Kevin (Dibrugarh Province), A Charles Benny (Southeast Province), and Amrit Lakra (Nagpur Province) made their final commitment and Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu received their vows as Fr. Athnas Kerketta, the rector and Fr. John Barman stood as witnesses. To symbolize their welcome and acceptance into the Congregation, Fr. Tomson presented them with the MSFS Cross. Many of the MSFS confreres, fathers and sisters from the neighboring communities, the parents and relatives of the brothers, neighbors, friends, and well-wishers were present for the function. The celebration came to an end with a joyous and festal meal.



BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE PRESBYTERY IN PURUL

On 30th September 2023, on the occasion of Founder's Day, the first floor of the presbytery in Purul was blessed by Rev. Fr Philip Mhonchumo, the councilor in charge of education. The event commenced with a solemn Celebration of the Holy Eucharist followed by the blessing of the newly built first floor. The ceremony marked a new chapter for the parish and brought pride and joy to the community.



FRANSALIAN YOUTH MEET AT SFS PARISH CHABUA

SFS Parish Chabua organized the Fransalian Youth Meet at Chabua from October 20th to 22nd, 2023. Approximately 250 participants from 12 village churches attended the event. The event aimed to empower and inspire the Youth. The opening ceremony was led by Rev. Fr. Kusumkant Toppo, the Parish Priest of SFS Parish Chabua, along with Fr. Alock Tigga, the associate priest of Chabua Parish. The convention focused on spiritual growth, leadership development, community outreach, and personal empowerment. Distinguished speakers and community leaders together with Priests and Nuns provided practical advice to the Youth. On the other hand, worship sessions fostered fellowship among participants. The youth showcased their talents through music, dance, poetry, and visual arts. Inspiring testimonies were shared, and the convention concluded with a call to action for continued personal growth, fellowship, and community contributions. Overall, the event demonstrated the faith, dedication, and strength of the youth.



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT AALO

St. Mary's Parish, Aalo held the annual Eucharistic procession, expressing their deep devotion and reverence for the Holy Eucharist. Bishop Emeritus Most. Rev. Gabriel Kujur SJ presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. The procession of parishioners, clergy, and religious was a beautiful expression of faith and unity. The participants walked solemnly through the streets, carrying the Blessed Sacrament in a grand procession, accompanied by hymns and prayers. The event was a powerful testament to the Catholic community's love for Christ and their desire to honor and adore Him in the Eucharist publicly.



In addition to the Eucharistic procession, the bishop unveiled two books on this special day. The first book, titled "Arun Jyoti," is a compilation of Catholic hymns and prayers meticulously put together by Fr. Luke Tanti. This book serves as a valuable resource for the community, providing them with a collection of sacred songs and prayers to deepen their spiritual journey. The second book, "My Catholic Faith," is a catechism book specifically designed by Fr. Lukose Kavunkal for the Youth and Children. This book aims to educate and guide the younger generation in understanding the principles and teachings of the Catholic faith, nurturing their spiritual growth. Over all the Eucharistic procession at St. Mary's Parish in Aalo was a truly awe-inspiring and spiritually uplifting experience for all who participated and witnessed it.

ANNUAL RETREAT AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH, BASAR



The Annual Retreat at Holy Rosary Parish Basar was a transformative experience. Participants immersed themselves in the divine presence, reflecting on their faith and engaging in Prayer and meditation. The serene surroundings enhanced the spiritual ambiance, fostering peace and tranquility. Spiritual exercises deepened individuals' spirituality and strengthened their bond with God. Experienced Preachers from Divine Renewal Center Margherita were animating the retreat. The retreat allowed participants to leave behind the stresses of daily life and focus on their spiritual growth, leaving them refreshed and renewed.

PROCESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH PURUL



On 29th October 2023, Holy Rosary Parish Purul held a Rosary Procession and the First Holy Communion of 24 children. The main celebrant for this significant occasion was Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, the Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province. In his homily, he emphasized the significance of the sacrament and the importance of living a life rooted in faith.

The grand procession and First Holy Communion ceremony were not only a celebration of faith but also a testament to the strong sense of community and devotion within the Holy Rosary Parish Purul. The event served as a reminder of the power of spirituality to bring people together and inspire them to live virtuous lives. It was a momentous day for the parishioners as they came together to participate in the procession and witness the young members of the community receiving their first Holy Communion.



REBUILDING LIVES AMIDST ETHNIC VIOLENCE



Relief packages were given to those who were displaced due to the recent ethnic violence in Manipur and seeking refuge in camps around the Kangpokpi parish area. This act of assisting demonstrated a sense of optimism and positivity. FAST, the Social Service Wing of Dibrugarh Province, led this humanitarian effort to provide immediate support and comfort to those affected by the unrest. The Parish Community and dedicated volunteers worked together in a well-coordinated manner to ensure the efficient distribution of relief kits. The teams worked tirelessly to ensure that aid was promptly and effectively delivered to the most vulnerable individuals. These aid packs were thoughtfully put together to address the unique requirements of each recipient. Providing necessities has not only addressed immediate concerns but has also offered hope in the face of adversity. As the region rebuilds, MSFS Dibrugarh Province continues to stand in solidarity, offering support, prayers, and hope to those striving to rebuild their lives amidst adversity.

SUPPORT GIVEN TO A LONG-SERVING STAFF: A TOKEN OF LOVE AND APPRECIATION

MSFS Dibrugarh Province gifted a new house to Shri. Minya Riba the long term serving staff member in SFS Mission Basar. This house was given as a part of the province's mission plan. This gesture is not just a symbol of gratitude, but also a token of love and appreciation for his unwavering dedication. The new house not only provides a comfortable and secure living space for the staff member and his family, but also serves as a constant reminder of the mission's goodwill and appreciation. It is a tangible expression of their support and serves as a testament to the staff member's valuable contribution to the mission.





SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL GOGAMUKH

The Science Exhibition at Christ King School in Gogamukh was a successful event, captivating both students and visitors alike. Dr Dilip Kr Jha, Principal, Gogamukh College was the Chief Guest for the function. The event provided a platform for young minds to showcase their scientific prowess and demonstrate their understanding of various scientific concepts. From interactive displays to thought-provoking experiments, the exhibition was a testament to the school's dedication to nurturing a scientific mindset among its students. The event not only fostered a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm for science but also highlighted the importance of hands-on learning and critical thinking skills. Hats off to the principal, management, and the school fraternity for their exceptional work in planning and executing the event.



INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION OF SFS SCHOOLS IN UPPER ASSAM

Throughout the academic year 2023-24, the SFS schools in Upper Assam have successfully hosted a series of interschool competitions. These competitions served as a remarkable platform for students from various schools in the region to come together and showcase their talents in a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities. These events have promoted healthy competition among the participants and fostered a sense of unity and teamwork. The competitions provided an opportunity for young talents to shine and exhibit their abilities.



The students displayed immense enthusiasm and passion throughout the competitions. They put in countless hours of practice and preparation to excel in their respective fields. Their commitment and perseverance were evident in their performances, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present. Overall, the interschool competitions organized by the SFS schools in Upper Assam during the academic year 2023-24 were not only memorable but also impactful.



INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION OF SFS SCHOOLS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

The S.F.S. Educational Institutions in Arunachal Pradesh organized the Inter-School Competition for the academic year 2023-24, which took place at St. Joseph's School, Kaying from 9th - 11th November. The event saw the participation of representatives from various schools, with approximately 26-29 students from each school accompanied by their teacher in-charges and principals. The competition commenced with a brief Inaugural function. Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil, the Superior of S.F.S. School and College, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Fr. Varghese Manickathan, the Superior and Manager of St. Joseph's School, principals of the participating schools, Sisters, and SMC members were also present. The Inter-School Competition consisted of three categories: sports, literary, and cultural events. After a series of intense competitions, S.F.S. School in Aalo emerged as the overall champions, while S.F.S. School in Basar secured the position of runners-up.



During the closing ceremony, Rev. Fr. Varghese Manickathan, the Superior and Manager of St. Joseph's School, expressed his appreciation for the students and teachers from all six participating schools for their outstanding performances. He encouraged the students to strive for excellence in all fields.



MARIAN PROCESSION IN OUR PARISHES

During the month of October, most of our parishes in the province had organised Marian processions. These processions were the signs of deep-rooted faith and devotion of our Parish communities. It was a beautiful display of affection and reverence towards Mother Mary. The procession served as a reminder of the power of prayer and the solace that can be found in seeking Mary's intercession.





SHARING THE SPA EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE

I feel fortunate to have been chosen by Dibrugarh Province to participate in the SPA program in France. My journey began on 29th October 2023, when I departed from Guwahati and safely arrived at Geneva airport on 30th October afternoon. Upon our arrival at the Airport, Rev. Fr. Samuel Thomas warmly greeted us, as he was there to welcome SPA members from 8 MSFS Provinces. We were then taken to the Holy Cross Convent at Chavanod, where the sisters gave us a warm reception. The preparatory Salesian Retreat for the participants of SPA commenced on 1st November at the Holy Cross Convent Chavanod. It was animated by Rev. Fr. Samuel Thomas and Rev. Fr. Avilhou Stephen. The atmosphere at Chavanod was peaceful, tranquil, and serene, creating the perfect setting for a Salesian retreat. Throughout the retreat, we contemplated the teachings of St. Francis De Sales from his book "The Treatise on the Love of God." After spending nearly a week at Chavanod, we relocated to the Annecy Diocesan Centre for our stay and the SPA program. We had classes from Tuesday to Friday, and from Saturday to Monday, we had the opportunity to visit various places in the Annecy Diocese and some locations in the Chambéry Diocese, which were significant to our Patron St. Francis De Sales and our Founder Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. I am sincerely grateful to Fr. John Hepuni, Fr. Samuel, and Fr. Martin for assisting me in visiting these important places in France and Chavanod. Exploring these sites helped me to gain a deeper understanding of the history of France, the history of our Congregation and the circumstances in which our Patron and Founder lived and served as priest.

After completing the SPA Program I presented a paper on "St. Francis De Sales the Preacher: A reflection on the Salesian mode of preaching. We were awarded with SPA certificates from the Franco-Swiss Provincial Rev. Fr. Jean Yves le Tue who encouraged us to follow the footsteps of our Patron and Founder. The SPA program was a profound spiritual renewal for me, deepening my understanding of Salesian Spirituality. I am grateful to God and everyone who helped me to complete the program.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY AT SFS SCHOOL AALO

On 30th November 2023, SFS School Aalo celebrated Parents Day with great enthusiasm and excitement. The event was a huge success, leaving behind a plethora of unforgettable memories and a sense of satisfaction among the attendees. The chief guest for the occasion was Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, the Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province.



The event was a perfect platform for parents to interact with the teachers and staff of the school and to get a glimpse of their child's progress. The talents of the students were showcased at the school through captivating cultural performances. Parents left with sweet memories of their children's accomplishments and a renewed appreciation for the school's dedication to their education. The success of Parents Day at SFS School Aalo not only strengthened the bond between parents, students, and the school but also served as a reminder of the importance of parental involvement in a child's educational journey. The principal, management, and school fraternity deserve congratulations for their commendable work in planning and executing the Parents Day celebrations.



SUPERIORS FORUM MEETING

The Superiors Forum Meeting of our province was held on 21st November 2023 at MSFS Provincial House Silapathar. Most Rev. Bp. Gabriel Kujur SJ, Bishop Emeritus of Daltonganj, addressed the gathering and animated the session. In his talk, he emphasized that creating a supportive and uplifting environment is crucial for the growth and development of our communities. He stressed the need for superiors to actively contribute to building strong relationships among members, and to serve as role models by embodying our religious values in their daily lives. Fr. Provincial while addressing the gathering explained the constitutional role of the superior and living it faithfully.

STEWARDSHIP FORUM MEETING

The Stewardship Forum Meeting of our province was held on 21st November 2023, at the MSFS provincial house Silapathar. The session was animated by Fr. Peter Parankimalil, who ensured that the meeting was both informative and engaging. With his expertise in financial matters, Fr. Peter emphasized the importance of prudence when it comes to handling money and transactions. He urged every member present at the meeting to exercise caution and responsibility in their financial dealings. The Stewardship Forum Meeting served as a platform for members to come together and discuss matters related to financial stewardship. The participants gained a better understanding of the significance of the latest amendments in accounting and auditing with Fr. Peter's help. A handbook on "Guidelines and Rules on Accounting and Auditing" was distributed to the participants.

SCIENTIA: A TRIUMPH OF CULTURE, SCIENCE, AND CULINARY DELIGHT AT DBHSS SILAPATHAR



Scientia (Science Exhibition), a celebration of knowledge and science, took place at DBHSS Silapathar on 1st December 2023. The program commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting led by Fr Augustine Joseph, Principal of DBHSS Silapathar. In his welcome speech, he emphasized the importance of culture and science. Dr. Anup Kr. Doley, Assistant Professor of Zoology at Majuli College and District Coordinator of Aryabhata Science Centre of Majuli District, served as the Chief Guest and shared valuable insights on science and its relevance in modern times. The event was also graced by Rev Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, Provincial Superior of the Dibrugarh Province, who delivered an insightful speech on the essence of science and scientific temperament, setting the tone for the celebration. Mr. Ajay Mili, the Educational In-charge of TMPK Central Committee, interacted with the students and shared his experiences. Rev Fr. Peter Parankimalil, the Manager of DBHSS, along with other fathers, sisters, and representatives from various organizations, attended the event.

Following the inauguration, the school was adorned in traditional colors, showcasing the students' creativity through demonstrations that highlighted their scientific mindset. The food festival became the center of attraction with a variety of traditional food. The school also organized a 3D show for the students to enjoy. Really 'Scientia' was a celebration of knowledge for the DBHSS family. Congratulations to the principal, management, and the entire school community for their commendable efforts in organizing the science exhibition and the food fest.

A HEARTWARMING PARENT'S DAY CELEBRATION AT SFS SILAPATHAR



The playground of SFS echoed with laughter, joy, and a sense of unity as the school hosted a memorable Parent's Day Celebration: Desalite Fiesta on 1st December 2023. Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province was the Chief Guest, and Colonel Damanji Singh Virk from Likabali military station was the Guest of honor.



The cultural segment of the celebration showcased the diverse talents of students. The Parent's Day celebration at SFS was a reminder that holistic education of the student is a collective effort, and the success of a child is a shared accomplishment. The Parent's Day celebration at SFS undoubtedly left an indelible mark in the hearts of all who participated, reinforcing the importance of strong family-school partnerships in shaping the future generation. The Parents Day celebration was a well-organized event, we extend our heartiest congratulations to the principal, management, and the entire school fraternity for their exceptional work in coordinating the parents day celebration. .



ANNUAL RETREAT

For the year 2024, the province has scheduled two annual retreats. The first retreat will take place from **8th to 13th July at Mount Tabor Kohima**, and the second retreat will Place from **7th to 12th October at Christashram, Mancotta**.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF OUR DEACONS

- **Deacon John Korungin Maring & Deacon Dominic Souvei** will be ordained on 7th January 2024 in St. Joseph's Church Upper Koide, Purul at 10.30 AM.
- **Deacon Sanjuel B Sangma**, will be ordained on 13th January 2024 at St. Paul's Church, Panishali at 10. 00 AM.



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF MSFS IN NORTH EAST

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the MSFS in the Northeast, a Ten-member committee has been formed to organize the golden jubilee celebration. Rev. Fr. Jobins Mathew Vengathadathil has been appointed as the convenor of the Golden Jubilee Committee. The committee will coordinate the celebration at both the province and inter-province levels. The Golden Jubilee committee consists of the following members:

1. Fr. George Parampukattil
2. Fr. Kurian Pattimackel
3. Fr. Mathew Puthumana
4. Fr. Joseph Thazhathukunnel
5. Fr. Roy Muthedathu
6. Fr. Peter Parankimalil
7. Fr. Benjamin Nakho
8. Fr. Jobins Mathew Vengathadathil
9. Fr. Jaimon Thadathil
10. Fr. Napoleon Mark

APPOINTMENT /TRANSFER

- **Fr. Varghese Manickathan** is appointed Superior, Manager, and Parish Priest of SFS Parish at Pasighat with effect from 25th November 2023.
- **Fr. Jose Chettaniyil** is appointed member of MSFS Provincialate Community at Silapathar with effect from 1st December 2023. He will be fully available for the ministries of SAIM through FAST, the social service wing of the Province.
- **Fr. Joseph Bamhingbe** is appointed Superior, Manager, and Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Parish at Kaying with effect from 24th November 2023.
- **Fr. Wanlambor Kharumnuid** is appointed the coordinator of Vocation Promoters

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

On January 15, 2024, the province-level celebration of the silver jubilee of Fr. Cherian and Fr. Milkus will take place at MSFS Provincial House Silapathar

CONGRATULATIONS

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Rev.Fr Cherian Marottickathadathil MSFS

Fr. Cherian Marottickathadathil was born on 06th July 1971 at Vakkad, Kerala as the fifth child of Mr. Pathrose Paily and Mrs. Annamma. He hails currently from Little Flower Church, Birikkulam, Kerala from the Archdiocese of Tellichery. After completing his matriculation at St. Ann's High School, Kurianadu in the year 1987, he joined S.F.S. Seminary, Ettumanoor, Kottayam, Kerala in 1987. On 10th June 1991 he made his First Profession at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam. He did his philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore, from 1991-1994.



After his Regency he pursued his theological studies at Oriens Theological College, Shillong, 1995-1998. He made his Perpetual Profession on 26th July 1997 at MSFS Study House Shillong. On 2nd August 1998, he was ordained deacon by Most Rev. Thomas Menamparambil, the Archbishop of Guwahati at Oriens Theological College, Shillong. After the completion of his theological studies, he was ordained priest on 18th January 1999 at St. Sebastian's Church, Vakkad by Mar Joseph Pallickaparambil, the Bishop of Palai. Fr. Cherian Marottickathadathil will complete the Silver Jubilee of his ordination on 18th January 2024.

Year	Place of Appointment
1994-1995	Regency at Holy Rosary Church, Purul
1998	Deaconate at Holy Cross Church, Phaibung Khullen
1999-2001	Asst. Parish Priest at Holy Cross Church, Phaibung Khullen
2001-2003	Parish Priest at Holy Cross Church, Phaibung Khullen
2003- 2004	For B.Ed. Studies at MSFS Study House, Shillong
2004 – 2010	Parish Priest at St. Jude Catholic Mission, Tatpara, Bahalpur
2010- 2011	German Course at Max Mueller Bhavan, Pune
2012 – 2013	St. Maria, Alfeld-Leine, Germany
2014- 2016	St. Johannes der Täufer, Seulingen Germany
2017 -	St. Martin, Hannover Germany

Rev. Fr. Milkus Tirkey MSFS

Fr. Milkus Tirkey MSFS was born in Old Salana, Assam on 24th July 1967 as the third child of Mr. Silbanus and Mrs. Philomena. He hails from St. Francis Xavier's Church, Salana, Nagaon, Assam in the Diocese of Tezpur. After completing his matriculation at St. Xavier's High School, Salana in the year 1987, he joined the Minor Seminary Fransalian Vidyajyothi, Nidadavole 1987. On 10th June 1991 he made his First Profession at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam. He did his philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore, from 1991-1994.



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Year	Place of Appointment
1994-1995	Regency at SFS Church, Hamren
1998-1999	Deaconate at Christ King Church, Gogamukh
1999-2003	Asst. Parish Priest at SFS Church, Hamren
2003-2004	Asst. Director at St. Paul's Catechetical Centre, Rangia
2004-2009	Youth Director at Bongaigaon Bishop's House
2009-2015	Parish Priest at Christ the king Church, Gogamukh
2015-2017	Studies in Spirituality in Rome
2017- 2018	SFS Parish Community, Chabua at Novitiate House
2018- 2023	Parish Priest at St Francis de Sales Church, Chabua
2020-2022	Provincial Councillor for SAIM
2023-	Novice Master, MSFS Novitiate House, Chabua

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS

- Congratulations to **Fr. Carlus Barowa** on his appointment as the National Youth Director of the MSFS Congregation.
- **Fr. Belo Francis** and the retreat team at Holy Redeemer Renewal Center Kaying for leading retreats in Sangram and Likabali Parishes.
- **Fr. Simon Thaikho and Fr. Pakon Narzary** for coordinating retreats in the villages of Sacred Heart Parish, Likabali.
- Fr. James Pattarakalayil and Fr. Rojin Joseph for organizing the annual retreat at Holy Rosary Parish Basar.
- Fr. Kusumkant Toppo and Fr. Alock Tigga for hosting the Fransalian Youth Convention and Eucharistic Procession at SFS Parish Chabua.
- Fr. Lukose Kavunkal and Fr. Luke Tanti for arranging the Eucharistic Procession at St. Mary's Parish Aalo.

- We extend our gratitude to **Fr Benjamine Nakho** for his outstanding commitment and service as the coordinator of the vocation promotion.
- Our gratitude to Most Rev. **Mar George Madathikandathil**, Bishop of Kothamangalam, for gracing the MSFS Provincial House with his presence.
- Thanks to **Rev. Fr. Shiji Poonthuruthil** for his visit to the MSFS Provincial House.
- Congratulations to **Bro. Isamding Kevin** for making his final profession on 30th September at MSFS Study Hose, Shillong.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CURIA MEMBERS OF NAGPUR PROVINCE

1. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes - PCIC - Mission Forum cum Admonitor
2. Fr. Sandeep Tirkey - PCIC - Formation Forum
3. Fr. Joseph Kailamangalam - PCIC - SAIM
4. Fr. Allen Gonsalves – PCIC - Education
5. Provincial Bursar - Fr. Selbestar Xalxo



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BISHOPS

We extend our sincere prayers and warm congratulations to the newly appointed Bishops, Most Rev. Benny Varghese Edathattel, the Bishop of Itanagar, and Most Rev. Linus Neli, the Archbishop of Imphal.

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. George Parampukattil, Fr. Joseph Chakkalackal, Fr. Sebastian Kuzhuppil, and Fr. Milkus Tirkey on being chosen as diocesan consultants for the respective dioceses where they render our services. Congratulations to them!

THE NEW SUPERIOR OF GA

Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Cherian Marottickathadathil for being reappointed as the Superior of GA Local community of the Dibrugarh Province.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CURIA MEMBERS OF PUNE PROVINCE

1. Fr. Austin Joy - PCIC -Mission
2. Fr. - Roxy Fernandes PCIC- SAIM
3. Fr. Ramesh George - PCIC- Formation cum Admonitor
4. Fr. Daniel Paraste - PCIC - Education
5. Fr Tony Premanand- Provincial Bursar



LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

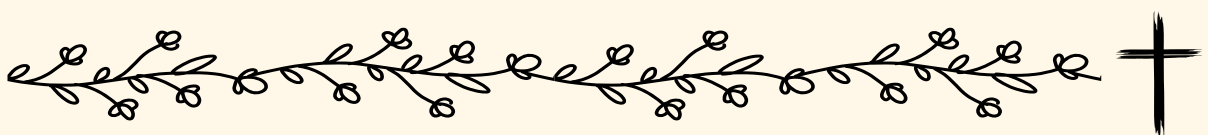
Fr. Lucien Gurliat MSFS, belonging to Franco-Swis province, who passed away on 27th October 2023.

Fr Peregrina Da'silva MSFS aged 87 of Pune Province, died on 10th November 2023, in Zug, Switzerland

Mrs. Mary aged 68, the paternal Aunt of Fr. Biju Kanicherry, who passed away on 6th October 2023.

Mr. Paunamlong Lawrence, aged 56 the eldest brother of Fr. Peter Peuhausuiding, who passed away on 23rd September 2023.

Mrs. Thone Martha, aged 85 the beloved Mother of Fr. Francis Hwn, who passed away on 26th November 2023.



Upper Assam Apostolic Community Members

(Jonai Telam, Silapathar, Dhemaji, Gogamuk, Chabua, Likabali)

Aerathedathu Tomson
Barowa Carlus
Baruah Antony
Chakkalackal Joseph (Convenor)
Chettaniyil Jose
Chettupuzhakaren Varghese
Hasda Sudhir
Kannamangalath Joseph
Kanicherry Biju
Kollathuvayalil Thomas
Mappilaparambil Emmanuel
Mathirampallil Aji Cherian
Mundoly Jose
Narzary Pakon
Parankimalil Peter
Puthumana Mathew
Raising Jacob
Thaikho Simon
Thazhathukunnel Joseph
Thundathil Augustine (Convenor)
Tigga Alock
Toppo Kusum Kant
Tirkey Milkus
Vadikkeperincherimannil George
Vattekkattukandam Libin
Vengathadathil Jobins

Arunachal Apostolic Community Members

(Pasighat, Yingkiong, Aalo, Basar, Kaying, Tato)

Arackal Thomas
Bamhingbe Joseph
Belo Francis
Kachipoumaii James
Karipadathu Jose (Convenor)
Kavunkal Lukose



Manickathan Varghese Paul
 Mattathil Jacob
 Mark Napoleon
 Painapally Jimal Johny
 Parampukatttil George
 Pattarakalayil James
 Peuhausuiding Peter
 Pullattuvaliyaparambil Rojin
 Tanti Luke
 Thadathil Jaimon
 Tirkey Solomon

Nagaland Apostolic Community Members

(Medziphema, Peren, Tening, Mangkolemba)

Chithung Joel Horam
 Edacherryapuvath John
 Gaichungdai Anthony Kameih
 Hwn Reylang Francis
 Kharumnuid Wanlambor
 Kuzhuppil Sebastian (Convenor)
 Kochuparathanath Thomas
 Ngade Nakho Benjamin
 Pattimackal Kurian
 Plathottathil Jojan
 Purayidathil Philip
 Pou Stephen
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