



MISSIONARIES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

DIBRUGARH PROVINCE

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Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

My dear confreres,
Fraternal greetings from Silapathar. As we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord today, we shall recall the voice of the Father: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mk 9:7). Listening to His Beloved Son who came "not to be served but to serve" I in fraternal communion with each one of you invoke His blessings for the Dibrugarh Province. May his Compassionate Mother stand by us.



St. Francis De Sales
MSFS PATRON



Mother of Sorrows
MSFS PATRONESS



Fr. Peter Mary Mermier
MSFS FOUNDER

Owing to ill health Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil tendered his resignation to the Superior General who accepted it and appointed me as the Administrator of the Dibrugarh province. I am instructed to initiate the process of consultation for the appointment of the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province without delay so that the provincial can be appointed on August 26, 2022. We will be initiating the process of consultation soon by E-Voting. We have already prepared the list of confreres who are eligible to vote and to be voted for and will send the list to Fr J. Stephen the General councillor in view of facilitating the electronic voting between August 20-25, 2022.

As the Administrator of the Province on behalf of each one of you I extend our heart-felt thanks to Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil for his four years long yeoman service as Regional Superior of our geographical territory and two and a half years of path-breaking work as the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province. We wish and pray that he recovers fast and join us soon to be part in building up our new Province.



CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

Reconvocation of the Extraordinary General Chapter

Our Superior General, Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil has re-convoked the Extraordinary General Chapter from November 08- 14, 2022. The venue will be Fransalian Seminary, Pune, India. Let us keep praying for the success of the Extraordinary General Chapter 2022.

Request from De Sales Research and Animation Centre (DSM)

There is a request from De Sales Mermerian (DSM) Research and Animation Centre, Hyderabad to send regularly Salesian articles & reflections on Fr Mermier and Mother of sorrows to desalesmermier@gmail.com/ johnson2268@gmail.com with your latest passport size photo for the quarterly bulletin of the DSM. You may write about different aspects of our patron as we celebrate this year as the year of St. Francis de Sales on the occasion of his 400th death anniversary or on Servant of God, Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, Mother of Sorrows or any other topic related to Salesian spirituality.



Congratulations Rev. Fr. Jean-Yves le Tué

MSFS Dibrugarh Province congratulates Fr. Jean-Yves le Tué on his appointment as the Provincial Superior of the Franco-Swiss Province for a second term of 3 years. We wish him God's abundant blessings.



Gratitude to Fr Tomy and Congratulations to Rev. Fr Antony Bonela

On behalf of MSFS Dibrugarh Province, I place on record our sincere gratitude to and appreciation for Rev. Fr. Tomy Joseph Puliyanampattayil MSFS, the former Vice-Provincial of USA Vice-Province for all the help and support he had rendered to Dibrugarh Province during his term as Vice-Provincial. We also extend our Heartiest Congratulations to Rev. Fr Antony Bonela on his appointment as the new Vice-Provincial of USA Vice-Province. We wish him God's blessings in his ministry of leadership in the Vice-Province!

Congratulations to the new South-West India Provincial Curia

Fr Thomas Kalariparambil (Provincial Superior)
Fr Kurian Karickal (Provincial Councillor and Admonitor)
Fr George Vattappara (Provincial Councillor)
Fr Santhosh Kumar (Provincial Councillor)
Fr Benny Marangolil (Provincial Councillor)
Fr Mathew Elayedathumadam (Provincial Bursar)

PROVINCE MATTERS

Inauguration of the year of SFS in Dibrugarh Province

After the MSFS Year of Missions 2021-22, Missionaries of St Francis De Sales are celebrating the Year of SFS 2022-23 on the occasion of his 400th Death Anniversary. Rev Fr Superior General has declared the 'Year of St. Francis de Sales from April 24 (Divine Mercy Sunday 2022) to the Divine Mercy Sunday 2023. The year of SFS 2022-23 was inaugurated in MSFS Dibrugarh Province on 29th May 2022 on the Ascension Sunday at SFS Parish Silapathar. Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province solemnly declared the Year of SFS opened by symbolically lighting the lamp before the statue of SFS together with other representatives. Every centre/community in the Province opened the Year of SFS in a solemn manner by way of lighting the lamps before the statue of SFS, unveiling the logo of the Year of SFS or having a procession with the statue/banner of SFS.



ACTION PLAN OF MSFS DIBRUGARH PROVINCE FOR THE YEAR OF SFS 2022-2023

At the Personal Level	Education Forum
<p style="color: #0070C0;">We resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To deepen our personal knowledge of Salesian spirituality by way of reading Salesian literature as well as by attending Salesian seminars and retreats and to pray ardently for everyone entrusted to our care as Missionaries ❖ to make every effort for personal renewal, deepening the love for the Word of God, and through our sacramental fidelity and fraternal life in the community ❖ to make personal efforts to make known St. Francis De Sales and his literature in our private and public communications 	<p style="color: #0070C0;">We resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To read from the Introduction to Devout Life in the School Assembly ❖ To share thoughts on Salesian virtues in the School assembly ❖ To sing/ play SFS Anthem in every school ❖ To place a portrait/statue of SFS in a prominent place in each of our school. ❖ To have a section on SFS/Mermier in School library ❖ To have a Seminar on Salesian Virtues for Teachers ❖ To conduct Quiz/Skit/Sketch competitions for students on Salesian themes
Community Level	SAIM Forum
<p style="color: #0070C0;">We resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ to display the Emblem of the Year of SFS in every parish as well as the communities ❖ to recite SFS prayer (English and Hindi) in our communities/ Parishes ❖ to listen to <i>Wednesday with St Francis De Sales</i> together in the community ❖ To mark the occasion - Celebration of SFS Day in every parish and community with special invitees 	<p style="color: #0070C0;">We resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To distribute Framed SFS pictures to every Catholic family in our parishes ❖ To conduct programme for Fransalian Associates in Kaying Arunachal Pradesh ❖ To have Youth animation programme in Salesian virtues ❖ To have Salesian Retreat for the Youth ❖ To have Quiz/Skit competitions for the Youth

<p>Mission Forum</p> <p>We resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To have Mission Preaching on Salesian Themes ❖ To have the celebration of every first Sunday as SFS Sunday ❖ To have zonal Catechists training programme on Salesian spirituality 	<p>Formation Forum</p> <p>We resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To have Salesian Seminar for Priests, Brothers and Sisters (Theme: Delving deep into Salesian Spirituality) ❖ To have a Mid-year evaluation programme for regents recalling the Salesian Virtues
<p>Stewardship Forum</p> <p>We resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To construct a house for one co-worker to mark the year of SFS ❖ To give SFS Scholarship for 10 deserving students 	<p>Province Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To have a Salesian retreat from 3-8 Oct 2022 ❖ At the end of the year A magazine will be published with writings and photos of the events throughout the year.

First Religious Profession of Novices

Twenty of our Novices (Dibrugarh Province-11+ Guwahati Province-9=20) made their First Profession on 31st May 2022 after the completion of their canonical Novitiate in Chabua. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev Fr Sabu Francis, the Provincial of Guwahati Province and concelebrated by Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province, who also received the vows of the Novices belonging to Dibrugarh Province. The presence of other Priests, Religious from the neighbouring Religious communities of the Dibrugarh Diocese, and the parents and relatives of the newly professed added grandeur to the event. Congratulations dear Brothers, and God bless you abundantly to go forward in the journey of your Religious Life.



Diaconate Ordination



Three MSFS brothers namely James Kachipomai, Ngaoveinii Hinii, and Edrigson Lawai (Guwahati Province) were ordained deacons on 22nd June, 2022 in Orients theological College Shillong along with other 25 brothers by Most Rev. Bishop John Thomas Kattrukudiyil. Hearty Congratulations dear Deacons and we wish you all a very fruitful Diaconate Ministry!

First Annual Retreat

The First Annual Retreat of the Province was together with the Guwahati Province held from July 04, 2022 Monday (Evening) to July 9, 2022 Saturday (Morning) at MSFS Study House, Shillong. The retreat was animated by Rev. Fr Mario D'Souza MSFS. It was attended by 21 confreres from Dibrugarh Provinces along with other 27 confreres from Guwahati Province. The retreat was basically animated with Salesian themes as this year being celebrated as the Year of SFS. We are grateful to Fr Sabu Francis, the Provincial of Guwahati Province, for making all the arrangements and giving an opportunity for the Confreres of



Dibrugarh Province to join the retreat in Shillong. We are also grateful to Rev. Fr Mario D'Souza MSFS for animating the Salesian retreat in the year of SFS and Fr Athnas Kerketta, the Rector, and the community for the meticulous arrangement of the accommodation.

New members of the Dibrugarh Province



We cordially welcome Fr Francis Reyland Huwn and Fr John Hepuni, and Bro Isamding Kevin to Dibrugarh Province after completing the due legal process of changing from one province to another.

Change of Province

- ❖ Bro. David Nongrum from Dibrugarh Province has joined the Guwahati Province after a due legal process. We wish him all the best and God's blessings!
- ❖ Fr Roy Karakkattu is detached from Dibrugarh Province and is affiliated to the Province of England of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales with rights and obligations (Active and Passive voice) in the Province of England with effect from July 26, 2022.

Departure from the Province

Wilbirth Ajim Marak, a second-year scholastic of Philosophy was given the dispensation from his temporary vows by Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, the Superior General, with immediate effect on July 30, 2022.

Vocation Promotion & Candidates for the Orientation Programme

Owing to the hard work of all the vocation promoters of the respective areas and other committed confreres under the coordination of Fr Benjamin Nakho Ngade, this year we have 18 candidates from Northeast and elsewhere for Dibrugarh Province. They are sent to Vinaya Bhavan Seminary Thamarassery for their Orientation Programme. Thanks to Fr Milkius Tirkey for accompanying the candidates. They had three weeks' preparatory programme in MSFS Novitiate Chabua before they were sent to Vinaya Bhavan Seminary. We thank Fr Francis Poovelil and Fr Francis Hwnn for accommodating and taking care of them in the Novitiate and Fr James Bashena Adani and Alock Tigga for animating the preparatory programme in the Novitiate. We are also grateful to the Rector and the Staff of Vinaya Bhavan Seminary Thamarassery for making all the arrangements and receiving them into the minor seminary. We wish all our candidates a fruitful and pleasant time of formation to be a Fransalian!

Flood Relief Service



The "Fransalian Association for Social Transformation (FAST) under MSFS Dibrugarh Province has made its first social service as registered NGO by distributing water filters for flood hit villages of Nagaon circle under Dhemaji District. The Nagaon circle consists of Dhanlaguri, Hiloimari, Kajimati, Gadatola and Mukulbari villages. The inhabitants of these villages are mostly Boros and Santhals. The road communications to these villages were cut off due to flood. The area is susceptible to water borne diseases. Therefore, FAST rendered this service of facilitating safe drinking water for the people. Thanks to Fr Jose Chettany, the Director of Social Work in the Province, for the timely help and Fr Peter Parankimalil for availing the fund from the Society.

Training Programme for Fransalian Associates

On July 31, 2022, first ever training programme in the Dibrugarh Province was held for the Fransalian Associates in St Joseph's Parish, Kaying, Arunachal Pradesh. There were 30 members who took part in the training programme conducted by Fr Carlus Barowa MSFS, the Co-ordinator of Fransalian Associates in the Province. They, in the course of time form part of the pious lay association of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales all over the world. They are women and men, our co-workers, who wish to be part of the Fransalian family. They are called to lead a life



of personal holiness by following the spirituality of St Francis de Sales and by imitating his virtues. At the end of the process of training, they become full-fledged members of the Fransalian Associates by formal consecration in full freedom. (Reported by Fr Carlus Barowa)

Salesian Formation and Retreat for the Theologians

The mandatory Salesian formation and retreat before the perpetual profession was conducted for the first, second and third-year theologians of both Dibrugarh and Guwahati Province from 1st through 30th July 2022 in Shillong. Fr Habil Hasda, Fr Athnas Kerketta and Fr Tomson Aerathedathu were the animators.

Adieu to Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Mittathany



We, the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales in Northeast India, were saddened to hear about the demise of Archbishop Emeritus Most Reverend Joseph Mittathany (91) of Imphal on 12 July 2022 at CMC Hospital Imphal. We gratefully remember him as we mourn his passing away. It is through his instrumentality that our congregation got implanted in Northeast India. With his passing away, the Church in Northeast India has lost both a Missionary and a Visionary Bishop, who was instrumental in the building up of two dioceses in the Northeast, especially of the Archdiocese of Imphal from its very beginning and in giving impetus to Arunachal Mission in the initial stages.

Transfers and Appointment

- ❖ Fr Joseph Thazathukunnel, after having completed four years of his services as Local Superior and Animator of the MSFS community of Silandro in Italy is relieved by Superior General from his offices on 30th of June 2022. **WE extend to him a HEARTY WELCOME to Dibrugarh Province.** At present he is engaged in Holiday Ministry in Switzerland at the request from the Administration of Dibrugarh province. He will be arriving in Silapathar on 27th August 2022 for a short holiday.
- ❖ Deacon James Kachiipomai is appointed at St Joseph Parish Kaying for his Diaconate ministry with effect from 12th September 2022.
- ❖ Deacon Ngaoveinii Hinii is appointed at Holy Rosary Parish Basar for his Diaconate ministry with effect from 12th September 2022.

Change of Address

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Obituary

- † Mrs. Jainy (65) the sister-in-law (youngest brother's wife) of Fr George Kunnel, passed away on 6 June 2022.
- † Mr. Razoulhoulie James Metha, the father of Fr Avilhou Stephen passed away on 9 June 2022.
- † Mr. Varky Paulose (71), the maternal uncle of Fr Joseph Chakkalackel, passed away on 8 June 2022.
- † Rev. Sr. Grace FCC (46), the elder sister of Fr Antony Eattikattil, passed away on 11 June 2022.
- † Mr. Renjith Jose (39), the cousin of Fr Lukose Kavungal, passed away on 14 June 2022.

- ✠ Mrs. Rani (68), the youngest aunty of Fr Joseph Chakkalackel, passed away on 23 June 2022
- ✠ Mrs. Kasii-e Lily (65), the beloved mother of Fr Napoleon Mark, passed away on 24 June 2022.
- ✠ Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kuzhupil MSFS (Sr.), belonging to East Africa Province passed away on 26 June 2022.



May the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in Peace

Feast of the Assumption of Mary and Independence Day

For Christians in India, August 15 marks two important celebrations, the first one spiritual and the second one national. The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven and Independence of India remind us of one great truth: **liberation**. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was privileged to be the first human being to enter into the promised glory with Jesus. Mary is crowned the queen of heaven, a shining star of true liberation. The tradition of Assumption Day dates back to the fifth and sixth century. Pope Pius XII in Apostolic Constitution of 1950 set forth the Dogma on Virgin Mary "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Virgin Mary enjoys a special status in the history of Salvation.



India became a nation on August 15, 1947.

The glorious past of India with its rich culture and heritage suffered heavily both economically and culturally at the hands of the British rulers. However, the indomitable spirit of the nation was harnessed under the leadership Mahatma Gandhi, who restored the pride of **Mother India** by treading the path of non-violence and self-sacrifice in attaining freedom for us. Every Indian Christian has reasons to be proud of Mother Mary and Mother India. As Citizens of this **Great Nation** we commit ourselves to Nation-building, especially through Education and Social upliftment. Let us pray

for the wellbeing and prosperity of India. **Wish you all a happy Independence Day and the Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!**

Yours in the Lord Jesus,



Fr Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS
(Administrator, MSFS Dibrugarh Province)

Walking in the Path of the Patron

"Be patient with everyone, but above all with thyself. Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage"

RESULTS OF BOARD EXAMS 2021-22
DIBRUGARH PROVINCE

Serial No.	Name of School	10th / 12th	Appeared	Passed	Above 60%	Above 80%	Highest Percentage	Pass Percentage
1	ALL SAINTS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL,PEREN	12	16	16	6	4	90	100
		10	42	40	23	6	93.8	95
2	DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL SILAPATHAR	10	154	153	100	25	96.58	98.71
3	SFS HIGHERSECONDARY SCHOOL, MEDZIPHEMA	10	117	111	64	16	92.4	95
		12(ARTS)	102	95	53	4	84	97
		12(COM)	17	16	10	4	87	94
4	FRANSALIAN HIGH SCHOOL, JONAI	10	108	108	55	15	93	100
5	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL,TELAM	10	46	46	37	4	87.8	100
6	ST.JOSEPH SCHOOL, KAYING	10	35	34	16	1	82	98
7	S.F.S. SCHOOL ,BASAR	10	22	20	3	1	81	90.9
8	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL, KANGPOKPI	10	97	95	60	1	81.9	97.9
9	S.F.S. SCHOOL TENING	10	23	22	15	2	80	98
10	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL,AALO	10	29	29	8	2	85	100
11	ST FRANCIS DE SALES SR SEC SCHOOL,DHEMAJI	10	112	112	41	25	95.8	100
		12(SCI)	36	36	23	2	87.2	100
		12(ARTS)	11	11	04	3	81.2	100
		12(COM)	11	11	10	1	82.4	100
12	ROSARY SCHOOL PURUL	10	48	44	30	1	77	92
13	CHRIST KING SCHOOL, GOGAMUK	10	123	123	81	31	97.5	100
14	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL ,PASIGHAT	10	83	82	42	05	89	98