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St. Francis De Sales
MSFS PATRON



Mother of Sorrows
MSFS PATRONESS



Fr. Peter Mary Mermier
MSFS FOUNDER

Dear Confreres,

The great feast of **Christmas** is at hand. The tone of celebration is very high all over the world. It is good for us to take a little time apart to delve deeper into **the mystery of God assuming Human Nature**. It is wrapped in the history of salvation and is unfolded gradually and carefully at the very beginning of the Gospel of Mathew in the presentation of **the Genealogy of Jesus Christ**.



The human history of Jesus is linked to **Abraham, the Father of Faith and the Father of the Nations**. It is also linked to **David**, the anointed of God who through divine intervention raised the people of God to a status at par with the then-dominating world power, Egypt. The trust that the people of Israel placed in Yahweh as slaves in Egypt and the never-failing promise of God as **the Covenant-Theology** presents is historically realized in the person of David. And it comes to its culmination in the person of Jesus Christ.

The four women mentioned in the genealogy, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and the wife of Uriah point out also how **Divine Mercy** accompany the salvation history and how **the Birth of Jesus** turns out to be the decisive manifestation of God's Mercy. We celebrated the incarnation of **Divine Mercy** on Christmas Day.

On this joyous occasion I would like to extend to each one of you a joyful Christmas and a grace-filled New Year. Let us also pray for **peace and harmony** all over the world and that the message of this great feast communicates, may reach to all humanity.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2023



CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

Extraordinary General Chapter

Extraordinary General Chapter was held from November 8-14, 2022 at the Fransalian Seminary in Pune, India. There were 40 participants representing all the provinces of our congregation.



PMP Program at Poondymadha Basilica, Tamil Nadu


A workshop of animation for Parish Mission Preaching (PMP) team was organized at Poondymadha Basilica, Tamil Nadu from 8th October evening to 12th October evening. It was an initiative by General administration under the leadership of Fr Johnson Kallidukil MSFS, General Councillor in charge of Mission. Two of our confreres from Dibrugarh Province who are part of PMP viz., Frs. Ajimon Cherian and Ajit Daimary attended the program. The first three days comprised of input sessions by various resource persons. Fourth day was set apart for sharing and evaluation of the activities of PMP in the particular Mission centres, and deliberations for future plans. On 13th-17 PMP members had pilgrimage to Velankanni. Thanks to Fr Johnson Kallidukil, Fr Jayakumar of South East Province, for meticulously planning out and organising the PMP animation programme.

PROVINCE MATTERS

The Second Ordinary Provincial Congress of Dibrugarh Province 2022



The Second Ordinary Provincial Congress of the MSFS Dibrugarh Province, took place from 29th November to 2nd December 2022 at *Christashram* (Diocesan Pastoral Centre), Dibrugarh, Assam, with the theme **“MSFS Dibrugarh Province: Journeying together in Mission as Fransalians”**. The orientations of the Provincial Congress reminded us that united as a family in Triune God and rooted in



the Charism of our Founder, we are called to live as community of brothers and Missionaries of Christ. In all, 60 confreres (53 Members of the Province, 1 Delegate of the Superior General, 6 Special Invitees) participated in the historic spiritual event of the Province. We raise our hearts in gratitude to God and to our heavenly patrons.

Sincere Gratitude

At this juncture, we remember with gratitude the instrumentality of all those who worked hard to make this event a spiritual journey. We are grateful to our beloved Superior General, Very Reverend Fr Abraham Vettuvellil for his constant guidance to the Dibrugarh Province. We thank him for sending his Delegate Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, the Assistant General and General Secretary for Mission, for animating the new Provincial Curia of Dibrugarh Province. Thanks to Most Rev. Dennis Panipitchai, the Auxiliary bishop of Miao Diocese for animating us with an inspiring recollection talk.

A special word of thanks to our Superior General, for sending his message to the Provincial Congress, and giving us the needed orientation. We are also grateful to all the Provincials, who sent us their inspiring and encouraging messages for our Provincial Congress as well as assured us of their prayer support for this great spiritual event of our new Province. In a special way we thank Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis Mansrayil, the first Provincial of Guwahati Province for his valuable presence in our Provincial Congress. Most Reverend Albert Hemrom, the Bishop of Dibrugarh Diocese, presided over the Inaugural Mass of the Provincial Congress. We place on record our gratitude to Bishop Albert for his appreciation and incisive exhortation to journey together as missionaries in the church. Sincere thanks to Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, the Provincial of MSFS South-West India Province, who delivered the Keynote Address on our Congress theme: “MSFS Dibrugarh Province: Journeying together in mission as Fransalians.

I place on record my gratefulness to Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil the former Provincial of Dibrugarh Province, Fr. George Vadakkeperincherimannil, councillor in charge of education, Fr. Joseph Bamhingbe, the councillor in charge of Mission, Fr. Milkius Tirkey, the councillor in charge of SAIM and Fr. Peter Parankimalil the Bursar. We thank them for their committed service in their ministry of leadership and administration of the Province. We are grateful to Fr. George Panthanmackel the Rector of Morning Star Seminary Kolkata for his gracious and encouraging presence in the congress.

We also spent qualitative time for discussing and deliberating on many administrative as well as other specific concerns. The consensus reached on many issues was a sign of mature deliberation and responsible discernment. Finally, the Congress drew up the Vision Statement and an Action Plan for the Province for next three years. We thank Fr. Ajit Daimary, Fr. Anthony Baruah and Fr. Francis Hwnn the Secretaries of the Provincial Congress; Fr. Vintu Augustine Avittapallil and Fr. Jose Karipadathu, the members of the Final Statement Committee; Fr. George Vadakkeperincherimannil and Fr. Philip Mhonchumo the members of the Action Plan Committee; Dn. Bosco Ngaoveinii and Bro. Michael Shimray, the Tellers of the Congress, for their generosity and service to the Congress. We remain grateful to *Christashram* Community – Director, Fr. Timothy Saldahna and the staff for the venue offered, and all the arrangements made for the food and accommodation of the participants of this Provincial Congress.

If the Provincial Congress had come to a successful conclusion, it is very much due to the Steering Committee, which played a valuable role through their meticulous planning and efficient execution. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Steering Committee: Fr. Carlus Barowa (Convenor), Fr. George Parampukattil, Fr. Philip Mhonchumo, Fr. Benjamine Ngade Nakho, and Fr. Jobins Vengathadathil- for their hard work and dedication. Hearty congratulations and sincere appreciation to you dear confreres for the successful conduct of the Provincial Congress!

And finally, to you dear members of the Province and the participants of the Provincial Congress, I thank you very sincerely for your preparation, prayer, presence and participation at this historic spiritual event. I am grateful to you for setting aside all the works in your centres and taking the trouble to travel long distances and making yourselves free for our Provincial Congress. Together, we have engaged in common prayer, reflection, and discussion. We have also made our deliberations for taking the Province to greater heights more through our committed lives and faithful ministry. Now it is our time of action! And together, trusting in God, we shall continue the journey to that path we have collectively chosen. I am grateful to you also for electing for the province a very good team of Councillors and Bursar: Fr. James Pattarakalayil, Fr. Philip Mhonchumo, Fr. Carlus Barowa, Fr. Varghese Manickathan (Councillors) and Fr. Peter Parankimalil (Bursar). I hope that with their rich experience in ministry and their dynamism, the Provincial Administration would lead the new Province to new levels of growth. Let us continue to remain open to the Spirit of God so that we become agents for unfolding God's plan for our new Province.

Approval of the Acts of the Provincial Congress 2022

I am happy to inform you that Rev. Fr. Superior General, with the consent of General Council, has approved the Acts of our Provincial Congress with the adopted Province Statutes.

Congratulations to the New Provincial Curia of Dibrugarh Province!

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the new Provincial Curia of Dibrugarh Province:



- Fr James Pattarakalayil (Admonitor & Provincial Councillor for Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries)
- Fr Carlus Barowa (Provincial Councillor for Formation)
- Fr Philip Ovung Mhonchumo (Provincial Councillor for Education)
- Fr Varghese Manickathan (Provincial Councillor for Mission)
- Fr Peter Parankimalil (Provincial Bursar)

We express our gratitude to them for saying Yes to the new ministry of leadership in the Province and assure them our support and cooperation, and invoke God's blessings on them.

Perpetual Profession at MSFS Study House, Shillong

On the 30th of September, on our Founder's Day, it was a joy to receive seven (7) of our Theology Scholastics as permanent members of our Congregation.

Hearty Congratulations to our brothers viz. Albin Antony, John Korungin Maring, Sanjuel Sangma and Souvei Dominic (Dibrugarh Province), Nirmal Benny (Guwahati Province) Abin Baby, Biraj Minz (Nagpur Province) who have taken the bold step to commit themselves forever to the Lord in the



Congregation of MSFS. Rev Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, Provincial of Dibrugarh was the main celebrant and he received the vows during the Eucharistic celebration. He exhorted the Candidates to be a prophet of the time in their ministry as a Pastor. The occasion was graced with the presence of around twenty-five priests who concelebrated the Eucharist and a large number of faithful together with the parents, relatives, friends of the Candidates and Religious, students and well-wishers. We are grateful to Fr. Athnas Kerketta and Fr Pratap Kerketta for their accompanying guidance and formation provided in preparing them to make their perpetual profession as well as for organising the whole programme.

Annual Retreat 2022

The Annual Retreat of our Province (03 – 08, October 2022), with the theme, "with the theme, "Forming Jesus Inside – Fransalian Way", animated by Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS began on 3rd and was concluded on 8th October 2022 at Christashram (Pastoral Centre), Dibrugarh. It was attended by 32 confreres of our Province. The retreat was a good preparation for a meaning celebration of the year of SFS, helping the participants to reflect and deepen the knowledge on St Francis De Sales. A big thank you to Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS for preaching and animating the retreat in a Fransalian way. We are grateful to Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil for arranging the preacher and the venue in advance for a meaningful participation of the retreat.



The Celebration of the 400th death Anniversary of St. Francis de Sales in Annecy

Celebration of the 400th death anniversary of SFS was held in Annecy, France from 2-4th of October 2022. Many confreres of our Congregation along with Rev. Fr. Yves Carron the Asst. General of the MSFS Congregation participated in the celebration. Representing the Province of Dibrugarh, 9 confreres attended the celebration. The program began officially on the 3rd October in the Church, where our Founder Fr Peter Mary Mermier was baptized. Subsequently Rev. Fr. Yves Carron the Asst. General delivered a talk on the life and mission of Fr Peter Mary Mermier following the spirituality of St. Francis

de Sales. It was an occasion for many of the confreres to see the birth place of our Congregation and to visit, pray and offer Holy Masses in the holy places where our Patron and Founder lived. The Program concluded on the 4th of October with Holy mass presided over by the Bishop of Annecy Rt. Rev. Yves Le Saux in the Basilica



of the Visitation in Annecy where the tombs of St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier and St. Saint Jane de Chantal is placed. *(Reported by Fr Shaju Ambiyil)*

SFS Dhemaji among Top 300 Schools in India

St. Francis de Sales Sr. Sec. School, Dhemaji, Assam – India, has figured in the list of top 300 schools in the country in the co-ed boarding schools category as per the Education World India School Rankings (EWISR) 2022 – 23. The annual EWISR, the world’s largest schools ranking survey, has been published by Education World with C fore, for the past 15 years. The rankings are based on the survey of over 4,000 India’s most high-profile schools on 14 parameters; namely, teacher welfare and development, competence of faculty, academic reputation, co-curricular education, sports education, life skills education and conflict management, individual attention to students, leadership management quality, parental involve ment, infrastructure provision, internationalism, special needs education, value for money and community service. *(Reported by Fr Vintu Avittapallil)*

Golden Jubilee Celebration of Don Bosco High School Silapathar

Don Bosco High School Silapathar had three golden days of celebration from 20th -22 October marking its Golden Jubilee year in 2022. The first day of celebration was arranged for the present students of the school with cultural programmes staged by students themselves. The second day (21st Oct 2022) celebration began with cultural rally by the students, teachers and alumni through the Silapathar town. It was flagged off by the OC of Silapathar, Mr. Muhidhar Teye. A cultural evening was arranged for the fathers, sisters, special invitees, and parents. The day was graced by the presence of Most. Rev. Michael Akasius Topppo DD, the Bishop of Tezpur as the Chief Guest. Fr George Thomas, the Provincial Delegate of Guwahati Province, Fr George V the Provincial Councillor for Education and the Provincial delegate of Dibrugarh Province, Lieutenant Colonel Abhimanyu Yadav, Fr Nathaniel the Vicar General of Tezpur Diocese, Fr Antony Swamy, the Secretary of the Education Board of Tezpur Diocese were the guests of honours. All the former Principals, Headmistresses, Vice Principals were felicitated on the occasion, as a token of their contribution to the growth of the school. The Jubilee Souvenir was released by the Bishop and the first



copy was handed over to Rev. Sr. Anny the Provincial Superior of Holy Cross, Guwahati Province. The evening cultural extravaganza staged by the students and alumni was witnessed by over six thousand parents and invited guests.

The third day of the celebration on 22nd October that was earmarked exclusively for the alumni was attended by a large number of past Bosconians who tried to re-live their student life with various programmes, right from early morning which went on till the next day morning 4 am with lots of colour, music and dance. Padmashree Jadav Payeng who is known as the Forest Man of India was the chief guest of the evening. The senior alumni were felicitated on the occasion and a tribute of music was made in honour of the departed Bosconians. It was a mesmerising evening for the bosconians with dance, music, and merry. May God be praised for all the blessings received throughout the past 50 years of its existence! Congratulations to Fr Augustine Thundathil, the present Principal, Fr Peter Parankimalil, the manager, SFS campus community, the staff, the students, and the alumni of DBHS for organising this golden event!

DeSalite Fiesta – 2022 (Parents’ Day Celebration) at SFS Dhemaji

St. Francis de Sales Sr. Sec. School, Dhemaji, conducted the long-awaited and much appreciated DeSalite Fiesta – 2022 (Parents’ Day Celebration) on Nov. 25, 2022. DeSalite Fiesta – the most sought-after event of the School by students, parents and teachers – witnessed over 500 students on the stage in and through various programmes and hosted around 3000 parents. Conducted after a gap of four years, the event bore witness to an attention-grabbing non-stop three-hour skillful and brilliant performance by students of the School from Nursery to Class XII.

Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh

Province, graced the occasion as chief guest, along with Shri. Jadav Pegu, Addl Deputy Commissioner, Dhemaji, Shri. Gaurav Agarwalla, Addl Superintendent of Police, Dhemaji, Shri. Ahsan Parvez Chowdhury, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Dhemaji, Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the former provincial of Dibrugarh Province, and Sr. Vimal Paul SH, Provincial of SH Sisters, Tezpur, as guests of honour. Various programmes were staged by the students making the parent’s day magnificent.



25 years of MSFS presence in Arunachal Pradesh

On October 24, 2022, on the 184th foundation day of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales, the members of the Arunachal Apostolic Community celebrated at St. Joseph’s Parish, Kaying, the silver jubilee of MSFS establishing their first Mission centre in Arunachal Pradesh, at Pasighat. On this day in 1997, the foundation stone for the priests’ residence and hostel was laid by late Fr. Abraham Kuttilambel, the V.G of Tezpur diocese, in the presence of Fr. George Parampukattil, the then Provincial of the erstwhile North-East India Province. The pioneers, who formed this first community in Arunachal were Fr. Thomas Kollathuvayalil and Fr. Jose Karipadathu.



The celebration of the 25 years of this great event was done in the presence of the Arunachal Apostolic Community members. The pioneer missionaries who began residing in Arunachal Pradesh, Fr. Thomas Kollathuvayalil and Fr. Jose Karipadathu were honoured. The day's program began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Thomas Kollathuvayalil in the chapel of Holy Cross Convent, Kaying. After the mass, as the Apostolic community members gathered for the meeting, a felicitation was organized for the pioneers. Fr. Jose and Fr. Thomas also shared to the community members, their initial missionary experiences, as they began residing in a rented house at Pasighat town 25 years ago.

Inter - School Literary Competitions' 2022 - 23

St. Francis de Sales Sr. Sec. School, Dhemaji, organised an inter-school literary competitions, comprising of two events; namely quiz and debate, on Nov 19, 2022, for the SFS Schools of Upper Assam. Held under the banner of Fransalian Board of Education, Upper Assam, students from all our six schools of Dhemaji District participated in both the events. Fr. Mathew Puthumana inaugurated the event in the presence of all the principals of Upper Assam SFS Schools. Aimed at enhancing the literary potentials of students, namely reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, the events were steered by experts in the field from around.



In the closely fought competitions, DBHS Silapathar, SFS Dhemaji and SFS Telam emerged the Champions, 1st Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up respectively in Debate and DBHS Silapathar and CKHSS Gogamukh came out Champions and 1st Runners Up respectively in Quiz with SFS Dhemaji and Fransalian HS Jonai sharing the 2nd Runners Up prize. Winners were awarded with trophies and certificates. *(Reported by Fr Vintu Avittapallil)*

Salesian Program in Annecy (SPA)

It was on 8th of August 2022 that I started my journey from the Land of Rising Sun, Arunachal Pradesh to the Land of Freedom, France. It was spiritual journey to the heart-throb of Salesian Spirituality to be filled with the fragrance of St. Francis De Sales and Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. Since it was my maiden trip to Europe, I was so much excited and was privileged to visit the



heaven on earth, Switzerland, then traveled through the land of poets and thinkers, Germany. Then it was a glance to the Land of Music, Austria, and final days in the Land of discoveries, scientists, and inventors, Italy. Finally flying back from the eternal city, Rome, which is generally considered to be the cradle of civilization and Christian culture and the center of Catholic Church. Thanks to all our MSFS Fathers working all these countries who had made all the arrangements possible to enjoy the few days we had with them.

The Salesian Retreat is the key to the Salesian Program. It was arranged in Chavanod little away from Annecy, where we have the house of Holy Cross Sisters. We were eight in the group of SPA 2022 representing one each from each province. We were all guided and directed by the Assistant General Fr. Yves Carron and Fr. Samuel. Thanks to both the fathers spending their valuable time for us through the Salesian Retreat and through the entire program of SPA. At the end of the retreat we were able to enter into the entire program with a renewed zeal and enthusiasm.

Annecy is a place, replete with the spirituality of St. Francis De Sales. The soil, the air, the nature and the environment everything spoke to us about St. Francis De Sales. We could meet people, lay organisation, religious orders which follow the spirituality of St. Francis De Sales. Some of them took classes for us and explained to us how they are influenced by the Spirituality of St. Francis De Sales. The classes given by different Fathers were interesting with explanations and visit to the places.

Touching the soil of our patron and founder has touched our hearts. We have heard the inner call to be rooted in Salesian Spirituality. Let this spirituality of the heart flow like the unending source bringing many to a renewed life and mission to live Jesus. I remain grateful to all who helped us, especially our Provincials and the other fathers who did the needful in India and abroad. *(Reported by Fr Varghese Manickathan)*

Inauguration and blessing of the Presbytery in Basar

The newly constructed presbytery at Holy Rosary Church, Basar, Leparada District, Arunachal Pradesh, was inaugurated by Hon. MLA. Shri Gokar Basar, on 15 November 2022, in the presence of the benefactors from Switzerland, Mrs. Kathrin Joye, Mr. Marc Joye, Mrs. Susanne Hogenschurz, and Mr. Markus Allenspach. There was also a public meeting in which confreres from nearby communities, Basar church leaders, parishioners, students, and well-wishers participated. The program ended with lunch for everyone.

It was blessed later on Sunday 18th December 2022, by Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, the Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province. The blessing was done, after the Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr Tomson. The presence of Madam Nyabi Dirchi - JPC Leparada, Fr George Parampukattil, Sisters from Aalo college, Parish Councillors and parishniors solemnised the occasion. Sincere thanks to the benefactors from Switzerland along with Fr Sunny Panthanazhivadakethil, and the hard work and dedication of Fr Lukose Kavungkal, Fr James Pattarakalayil and Fr Rojin Pullattuvaliyaparambil in actualising the project.



Journey with the Relic of St. Francis De Sales

The journey with the Relic of SFS is an initiative taken by Dibrugarh Province in this Year of SFS. The journey has completed in our missions in Manipur and Nagaland. At present the relic is in Tato, Arunachal Pradesh. In every mission special prayers, veneration and novena have been organized. Through this pious activity, we are disseminating the spirituality of our Patron St. Francis De Sales to the people in our parishes and missions. In the month of January, the relic will be in circulation in Upper Assam and will be concluded on the feast day of SFS on 24 January 2023 in MSFS Provincial House Silapathar. Let us continue to disseminate the spirituality of our Patron to our faithful in this year of SFS in our parishes and missions.

Priestly Ordination of our Deacons

We are happy that we are blessed with the following two (2) Deacons to be ordained Priests in the Archdiocese of Imphal for our Congregation and the Church at large. Please do attend their ordinations, wherever possible and accompany them with your prayers during their time of preparation.

Dn. James Kasao Kachiipomai was born on 21st April 1993 as the second child of Mr. Kasaso Stephen and Mrs. Monio Monica. He hails from Laii Village from the Archdiocese of Imphal, Manipur. After completing his HSLC from Holy Cross School, Phaibung Khullen, Manipur in 2009, he joined SFS Seminary Medziphema. He made his First Religious Profession on 31st May 2013 at MSFS Novitiate, Chabua, Assam. After the completion of philosophy course at Suvidya College Bangalore, he was sent for Regency to SFS Seminary Medziphema from 2016-2017 after which he was asked to pursue his Licentiate in Philosophy at Dharmaram Vidyakshetram, Bangalore, from 2017-2019. He did his theological formation at MSFS Study House, Shillong from 2019-2022. He completed his theological studies at Oriens Theological College, Shillong, and was ordained deacon on 22nd June 2022. Having successfully completed his theological formation and diaconate ministry at St. Joseph Parish Kaying, he will be ordained priest on 15th January 2023 in Phaibung Khullen by Most Rev. Dominic Lumon, the Archbishop of Imphal.



Dn. Ngaoveinii Sevarowliikho (Bosco) was born on 18th March 1995 as the fifth child of Mr. Hiinii Henry and Mrs. Peihu Veronica. He hails from Thingba Khullen Village from the Archdiocese of Imphal, Manipur. After completing his HSLC from St. Xavier's School, Makhan, Manipur in 2011, he joined SFS Seminary Medziphema. He made his First Religious Profession on 31st May 2015 at MSFS Novitiate, Chabua, Assam. After the completion of philosophy course at Suvidya College Bangalore, he was sent for Regency to SFS Seminary Medziphema from 2018-2019 after which he pursued his theological formation at MSFS Study House, Shillong from 2019-2022. He completed his theological studies at Oriens Theological College, Shillong, and was ordained deacon on 22nd June 2022. Having successfully completed his theological formation and diaconate ministry at Holy Rosary Parish Basar, he will be ordained priest on 15th January 2023 in Phaibung Khullen by Most Rev. Dominic Lumon, the Archbishop of Imphal.



Appointments

| Sl. No. | Name | Place of Appointment | Designation |
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| 1 | Fr Philip Purayidathil | SFS Parish & Hr. Sec. School Medziphema | Superior, Parish Priest & Manager |
| 2 | Fr Benjamin Nakho Ngade | SFS Parish & Hr. Sec. School Medziphema | Associate Priest & Principal |
| 3 | Fr George Vadakkeperincherimannil | SFS Parish & Senior Secondary School, Dhemaji | Associate Priest & Principal |
| 4 | Fr Francis Reylang Huwn | SFS Parish & School, Tening | Superior, Parish Priest & Principal |
| 5 | Fr Ajimon Mathirampallil | MSFS Novitiate Chabua | Socius |
| 6 | Fr Jacob Raising | SFS School Telam | Associate Priest & Principal |
| 7 | Fr Joseph Kannamangalath | Fransalian School Jonai | Associate Priest & Principal |
| 8 | Fr Antony Eattikattil | Vinaya Bhavan Minor Seminary, Thamarassery | Procurator |
| 9 | Fr Vintu Avittapallil | | Designated to pursue PhD in Education |

All these transfers will take place in the first half of February 2023

- ❖ Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil is appointed as the member of MSFS Community Dhemaji with effect from 4th January 2023, till he assumes a new responsibility.

Thanks/Congratulations

- ❖ Congratulations to Fr Augustine Thundathil, the staff, the students, and the alumni for organising the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Donbosco High School Silapathar.

- ❖ Congratulations to Fr Vintu Avittapallil, Fr Philip Mhonchumo, the staff, parents and students of SFS Hr. Sec. School Dhemaji for being featured in the list of top 300 schools as per the Education World India School Rankings for the category of 'Co-ed Day school'
- ❖ Congratulations to SFS School Dhemaji for organising the inter-school literary competitions, comprising of two events; namely quiz and debate, on Nov 19, 2022, for the SFS Schools of Upper Assam.
- ❖ Congratulations to Fr George V, the Principal and the staff of SFS Hr School Medziphema for organising SFS Football League 2022 which began on August 13, 2022 at St. Francis de sales Hr. Sec Medziphema School football ground and concluded on November 5, 2022.
- ❖ Thanks and congratulations to the steering committee of PC-2022 for organising the Provincial Congress 2022 successfully.
- ❖ Congratulations to Fr Vintu Avittapallil for clearing the NET examination 2022
- ❖ Congratulations to St. Francis De Sales parish Silapathar and Sacred Heart Parish Likabali for organising an inter-state Carol singing from Bijoypur to Likhabali.
- ❖ Congratulations to Fr Simon Thaikho for completing his LL.B studies.
- ❖ Congratulations to Christ King Parish Gogamukh and St. Mary's Parish Aalo for organising Eucharistic processions
- ❖ Thanks to Fr Sunny Panthanazhivadakethil along with benefactors from Switzerland for visiting the Dibrugarh Province.
- ❖ Thanks to Fr John Edacherryapuvath and Fr Kurian Ovelil for making all the arrangement for the smooth handing over of the mission in Thingbakhullen and Thinbga Khonou to the Society of Kristu Dasi.
- ❖ Thanks to the sisters of SCSC for their past ten years of committed service rendered to the missions of Thingbakhullen and Thinbga Khonou.
- ❖ Congratulations to Fr Carlus Barowa for having completed MBA Studies

General Information

- ❖ Fr Jijimon Konthananickal has reached England on 24th Oct 2022 and is affiliated to the Province of England of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales with rights and obligations in that Province.
- ❖ Society of Kristu Dasi (SKD) has taken over the Mission in Thingbakhullen and Thinga Khonou on 13th December 2022.

Prayer Request

- ✦ Let us pray for Bro. Chesrang A Sagma (II-year Philosopher) who is undergoing treatment in Guwahati, that touched by the good Lord, he may recover good health.

Obituary

- ✠ Mr. Joyce Jacob (32), the nephew (younger brother's son) of Fr George Parampukattil, passed away on 4th October 2022.
- ✠ Mrs. Elikutty (89), the eldest sister of Fr Kurian Pattimackel, passed away on 9th October 2022.
- ✠ Rev. Fr. Ganji Bala Joji Reddy (62), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province, passed away on 16th October 2022.
- ✠ Rev. Fr. Francis Stephen (53), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province, passed away on 20th October 2022.
- ✠ Rev. Fr Tomy Thekkel (58), belonging to Dibrugarh Province, passed away on 10th November 2022.
- ✠ Mr. Habil Kerketta (77), the uncle (mother's younger Brother) of Fr Milkus Tirkey, passed away on 12th Nov 2022.
- ✠ Rev. Fr. K.T. Thomas (88), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province, passed away on 13th November 2022.

- † Mrs. Mariyakutty Joseph Painappally (90), the paternal grandmother of Fr Jimal Johny Painapally, passed away on 26th November 2022.
- † Mr Philip K J, the uncle of Fr Biju Kanichery, passed away on 29th November 2022.
- † Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello (77), belonging to Pune Province, passed away on 2nd December 2022.



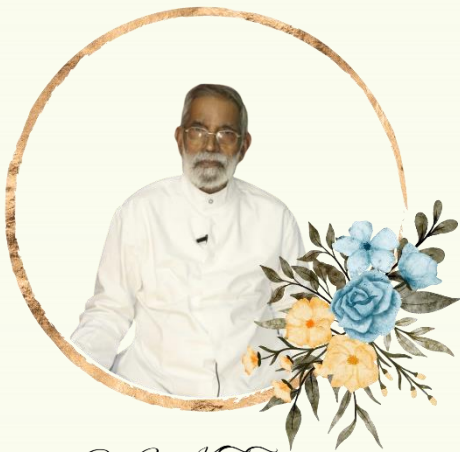
Rev. Fr. Ganji Bala Soji Reddy



Rev. Fr. Francis Stephen



Rev. Fr. Tomy Thekkel



Rev. Fr. K.T. Thomas



Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello

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

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023!

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

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TREADING THE PATH OF OUR PATRON SFS...

In the Incarnation, God made us see what the human mind could hardly have imagined or understood. So great was God's love for humanity that in becoming human, God desired to fill us with divinity. God wished to crown us with divine goodness and dignity. God wanted us to be children of God, for we are formed in God's image. (Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)