



MISSIONARIES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES DIBRUGARH PROVINCE

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Dear Confreres,



As we complete the 400 years since the passing away of our heavenly patron today, we shall make a reflection on one of the outstanding virtues of his i.e., gentleness. We read in Mt 5:5 "Blessed are the gentle for they shall inherit the earth." The word gentle would mean non-violent in the Biblical understanding. In the course of human history, we see extreme types of violence inflicted on human beings, groups, races and nations in order to take away the land that belong to them. In most of the cases the rulers of this world build a powerful military

strength so as to appropriate the land that belong to someone else by force. It was not very different at the time of Jesus. From the Roman occupied territory of Palestine Jesus pronounces the beatitude of non-violence.

While the Matthean beatitudes (5:3-10) are framed by the concept of **the Kingdom of Heaven**, this beatitude explicitly speaks of **inheriting the earth**. It presents to us **nonviolence (gentleness)** as the key to a happy living on this earth. This beatitude is proven true both historically and from a psychological perspective. In the human history we clearly see the world powers changing. In the Biblical history itself we see this transition from the Egyptians to Assyrians, to Babylonians, to Persians, to Greeks and to Romans. The changing equations of the world power we see from century to century in the recent human history. Individuals and nations do not succeed to inherit this earth through violence.

The psychological veracity of this beatitude is picturesquely explained by Willian Shakespeare in Macbeth. After violently eliminating King Duncan, the prospect of enjoying the queenship was psychologically deprived to Lady Macbeth who suffers the onslaught of her own conscience which develops into mental sicknesses. The turbulence within can incapacitate a person from inhering the earth i.e., living happily on this earth.

Let the conclusion of the 400 years of the passing away of St. Francis de Sales remind us of his great virtue of non-violence (gentleness) to oneself and to others. He says "**Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength**". To be non-violent (gentle) we have to work on our own inner spiritual resources so as to have a happy life on this earth as well. May the celebration of his feast remind us gently of pursuing the path of holiness as envisaged by St. Francis de Sales and thereby sanctifying the world. Live Jesus!



St. Francis De Sales
MSFS PATRON



Mother of Sorrows
MSFS PATRONESS



Fr. Peter Mary Mermier
MSFS FOUNDER



Annual Retreat 2023

We have two retreats available in the months of July and October 2023. The first retreat will be preached by Fr Kurian Karickal MSFS. It will be held from 3 – 8, July 2023 at Mt. Tabor Retreat center, Kohima. The second retreat will be preached by Fr Tomy Palelil (Diphu Diocese) from October 23 to 28, 2023 in *Christashram* (Pastoral Centre of the Diocese of Dibrugarh), Mancotta, Dibrugarh. The participation in the annual retreat is obligatory (GD Art. 80). Therefore, please discuss in your communities and opt for one of the retreats and register your name in advance with the provincial secretary.

Memorial Day of Late Fr Tomy Thekkel



41st Memorial day of Late Rev. Fr. Tomy Thekkel was celebrated in SFS Parish Medziphema on 21st December 2022. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr Tomson Aerathedathu, the Provincial of MSFS Dibrugarh Province. Another day of Memory was commemorated on 3rd January 2023 in Kozhuvanal, Kerala at the home Parish of Fr Tomy. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Tomson along with MSFS confreres and the family members of Fr Tomy. The day ended with a memorial gathering and a fellowship meal.

SFS Feast at Kangpokpi



St Francis de Sales Parish Kangpokpi celebrated its Parish day on 22nd January 2023. Fr Varghese Velickakam the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Imphal graced the occasion and celebrated the Festive Holy Eucharist. The feast was attended by a good number of faithful from different villages of the Parish. After the Holy Mass, there was a Eucharistic Procession in and around the Parish. Thereafter a short felicitation program was held to thank the village Catechists for their hard work and dedication in taking care of the village churches. The Parish day culminated with a fellowship meal shared by all.

Hearty Congratulations to our newly ordained priests



Heartiest Congratulations to **Fr. James Chapao Kachiipomai** and **Fr. Bosco Ngaoveinii** who were ordained on 15th January 2023 in Phaibung Khullen by Most Rev. Dominic Lumon DD, the Archbishop of Imphal, in the presence of Most Rev. John Thomas, the Bishop of Itanagar, Fr Tomson Aerathedathu, the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province, and 101 priests, 111 sisters and about 3000 faithful on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee XXV Sessional Congress of Poumai Naga Catholic Community. They were ordained along with other two Deacons of the Archdiocese of Imphal viz., Fr. Jovei Jonah and Fr. Poupao Luke. After the ordination, there was a short felicitation programme, followed by a festive lunch. The Thanksgiving Mass of Fr James Chapao Kachipomai was held on 17 January 2023 in his home village at Laii. The Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Bosco Ngaoveinii was held on 17 January 2023 in his home village at Thingba Khullen. Congratulations dear **Fr. James Chapao Kachiipomai** and **Fr. Bosco Ngaoveinii** and wish you both the best of everything and God's blessings for your future priestly ministry!



Congratulations to the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilarian of 2023!

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. He did his regency at Holy Rosary Church, Purul from 1994-1995. After his Regency he went to pursue 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 of 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.



APPOINTMENTS

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

Congratulations to the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilarian of 2023!

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 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 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. He did his regency at SFS Parish Church Hamren from 1994-1995. After his Regency he went to pursue 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 Menampambil of the Archbishop of Guwahati at Oriens Theological College, Shillong. After the completion of his theological studies, he was ordained priest on 18th April 1999 at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Salana by Most Rev. Robert Kerketta, the Bishop of Tezpur. He has completed his Licentiate in Theology with Honors from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 2017. He served the Province as the Councillor in-charge of SAIM from 2020 to 2022. Fr. Milkus Tirkey will complete the Silver Jubilee of his ordination on 18th April 2024.



APPOINTMENTS

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-	Parish Priest at St Francis de Sales Church, Chabua
2020-2022	Provincial Councillor for SAIM

Thank You



On behalf of MSFS Dibrugarh Province, I place on record our sincere gratitude and appreciation for **Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu, MSFS**, the former Provincial of South-East India Province, for all the helps and support he rendered to Dibrugarh Province during his term as Provincial.

Congratulations

We extend our Heartiest Congratulations to **Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jayaraj, MSFS**, the new Provincial of South-East India Province, and wish him God's abundant blessings in his ministry of leadership in the Province!



Congratulations



Heartiest Congratulations to **Rev. Fr. Sabukuttan Francis, MSFS**, the Provincial of Guwahati Province for being reappointed for the second term. We wish him the best wishes and God's abundant blessings for his continued ministry of leadership in the Province!

CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty Congratulations to **Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS**, the Provincial of South-West Province on being appointed the chairman of the PIF (Provincials of Indian Forum). We wish him the best wishes and God's abundant blessings for his new role of leadership in the Congregation!



Thanks/Congratulations

- ❖ Congratulations to Fr Simon Thaikho for completing LLB with First Class from Guwhati University.
- ❖ Congratulations to Fr Milkus and Fr Alock Tigga for organizing marriage and first holy communion preparation classes at SFS Parish Chabua from 27th to 31st December 2022.
- ❖ Thanks to Fr Jojo Pazheveetil for visiting the MSFS Provincial House Silapathar and some of the Missions in Upper Assam and Arunachal.
- ❖ Thanks to Fr Alock Tigga for conducting Hindi course for the Scholastics of Theology at SFS Parish Chabua from 15 -30th January 2023.
- ❖ Thanks to Fr Shiji Poonthuruthil for visiting the MSFS Provincial House Silapathar during his home holidays.

General Information

- Rev. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu is appointed as Major Superior and chairman of the governing body of formation houses of Guwahati-Dibrugarh Provinces.
- Fr. Samuel Devaraj and Fr John Hepunii are appointed by the Superior General as the Director and Assistant Director of SPA and De Sales and Mermier Heritage Retreat.

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Information/Requests from Provincial Bursar's Office

- The centers which have not given the Priest Welfare Fund and Health Care Fund of the previous years and of this financial year should do it latest by the end of February 2023. You may either transfer the amount to the Local Account of Dibrugarh Fransalian Society or give check in the name of Dibrugarh Fransalian Society.
- The centers who have not given the Tally Data of Half Yearly Account (April-Sept 2023) to the provincial Bursar's office please do it on or before 10th February 2023.
- I request all the centers to submit a copy of the Annual General Audit report/ statement of the financial year 2021-2022 to the Provincial Bursar.
- I request all the communities to prepare the **Annual Budget Proposal 2023-2024** in the FAST Software as usual and send the data at the earliest. The last date to submit the prepared budget proposal is 15th February 2023. (Since there is no other updating needed for the FAST Software from our side, you may kindly use the same software for preparation. However, you need to change the financial year to the next. If you need any assistance kindly contact the provincial bursar's office.
- I request all the local bursars/superiors to collect a copy of the **Asset Register** for your respective centers from the provincial bursar's office. The details of how to maintain and what are the particulars to be recorded in it will be communicated when the bursar visits the centers.

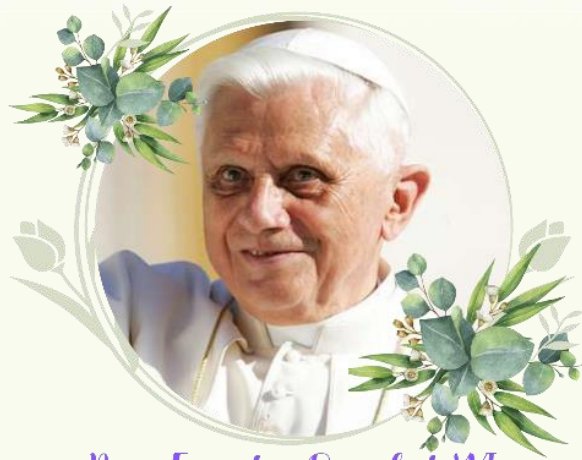
(Fr Peter Parankimalil, Provincial Bursar)

Appointments

Sl. No.	Name	Place of Appointment	Designation
1	Fr Wanlambor Kharumnuid	SFS Seminary Medziphema	Administrator
2	Fr James Chapao Kachiipomai	Holy Angels Parish Tato	Associate Priest
3	Fr Bosco Ngaoveinii	SFS Parish Kangpokpi	Associate Priest

Obituary

† Mr. Manuel Jose Mundoly (64), the younger brother of Fr Jose Mundoly, who passed away on 23rd January 2023.



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
1927-2022

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

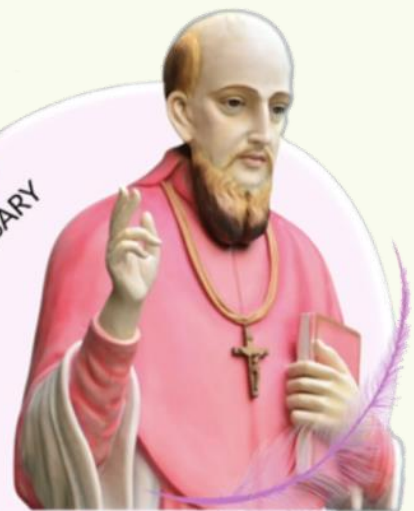
Wish you all a Happy Feast of our Heavenly Patron St. Francis De Sales!

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS".

Fr Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS
(Provincial, MSFS Dibrugarh Province)

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DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Year of St. Francis de Sales
2022-2023

TREADING THE PATH OF OUR PATRON SFS...

"We must do all things from love, and nothing from constraint. We must love obedience rather than fear disobedience" -SFS