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## LIVING A DEVOUT LIFE IN AN UN-DEVOUT WORLD

We humbly place the June edition of FRANSALIAN INTERNATIONAL (FI) - 2024 in your hands. We invite all our Friends, Benefactors, Fransalian Associates, Confreres, and Well-Wishers, to discover the must-know insights, information, and news from the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales around the world.

The entire Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales is intensely preparing for the XXI General Chapter 2025 which will take place from February 01 – 14, in Stella Maris, Visakhapatnam, India. The Delegates, Ex-officio Members, and Special Invitees from eleven Provinces and the Vice Province, Delegation Superiors, and Special Invitees from missions around the world will gather to discern the direction for the Congregation for the next eight years and elect a Congregational leader and team.

The theme chosen for the current FI issue is mental prayer according to St. Francis de Sales. Bishop Francis profusely spoke and wrote about prayer. Prayer is essential for anyone wishing to live a life of devotion. In his Introduction to Devout Life, he described prayer as “a stream of holy water that flows forth and makes the plants of our good desires grow green and flourish and quenches the passions that lie within our hearts.” Francis tells us that we are not created because God needs us. We are created ‘with an intellect to know him, memory to be mindful of him, will to love him, imagination to picture his benefits to us, eyes to see his wonderful works, tongue to praise him and so on’. For Francis, we should practice mental prayer, just as Jesus did, by incorporating it into our daily routines.

Mental prayer involves beginning with a thought or feeling with a meaning and then expressing it in some kind of formula. It is the heart’s love that holds the ear of God. Bishop Francis deemed vocal prayers important. But he advises us to move gradually into interior mental prayer focused on the passion of Jesus. He offers a detailed method of mental prayer in the Introduction to the Devout Life. To pray is not about ‘do this or don’t do this’. Prayer is not complicated. It is a relationship. It is talking to our Father and allowing God’s grace to invade our human nature. The teachings of St. Francis de Sales on prayer make it possible for anyone to live a devout life in an un-devout world with God’s grace.

Live JESUS!

**Father Abraham VETTUVELIL, MSFS**  
**Superior General**

## Embracing Youth and Faith: The Fransalian Mission



The recent National Fransalian Youth Conference in Visakhapatnam marks a significant milestone for the Congregation of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS). The event celebrated the Year of Fransalian Youth, emphasizing the crucial role of young people in the Church's future. With 400 youths from various Indian provinces participating, the conference was not merely a gathering but a manifestation of the Church's commitment to empowering the next generation. The conference, as mentioned in the Lead Story (page 05), was a blend of spiritual enrichment and cultural exchange. Such initiatives underscore the Church's dedication to fostering a sense of belonging and purpose among its young members. The importance of youth in the Church need not be overstated. The Fransalian Youth Conference exemplified this by recognizing outstanding youth representatives and providing a platform for their voices to be heard. This recognition is pivotal, as it validates the efforts of young people and encourages them to continue their engagement with the Church and society.

The interview with Most Rev Yves le Saux, Bishop of Annecy, (page 06) highlights the indispensable role of the MSFS in the new evangelization. The diverse experiences of missionaries from India and Africa enrich the Church's mission in Europe, bringing fresh perspectives and renewed vigour. This cross-cultural exchange is vital in a world where the Church must adapt to various socio-cultural contexts while maintaining its core values. Bishop Yves emphasizes the courage of St Francis de Sales, a virtue that the MSFS must emulate. This courage is not merely about facing external challenges but involves a deep inner strength and commitment to living out one's faith authentically. This sentiment echoes in the write-ups on prayer by Fr Mariadas Reddy (page 08) and Fr Joy Velicakathu (page 09), who underline the importance of mental prayer as a means of cultivating a personal, heartfelt connection with God. Mental prayer, they argue, is essential for sustaining spiritual vitality and should be an integral part of daily life.

The dedication of the MSFS extends beyond spiritual guidance. Their contributions to faith formation, family building, and social services significantly impact communities. As noted by Mr Shine Williams (page 07), the MSFS fathers are a source of inspiration through their unwavering commitment to mission. From organizing catechism classes and family retreats to providing leadership training and social services, their work addresses the holistic needs of the community.

As the Church navigates the complexities of the modern world, the MSFS and their approach to youth engagement, and missionary work offer a blueprint for a vibrant, dynamic, and resilient faith community. The youth conference in Visakhapatnam is a testament to what can be achieved when the Church invests in its youth and stays true to its mission of spreading the Good News with courage and compassion. May the spirit of the Fransalian Youth continue to inspire and lead the way for the Church and society.

**Fr Vintu Augustine, MSFS**  
Chief Editor  
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## National Fransalian Youth Conference Makes Historic Debut in Visakhapatnam

By Fr Jaddu Joseph, MSFS

**Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India, Jan 11 – 13, 2024** – In a groundbreaking moment for the Congregation of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, the first-ever national youth conference was hosted at SFS School, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam. The conference was organized as part of the celebration of the Year of Fransalian Youth to actively engage young people in the ministry of the Church.

The initiative, spearheaded by the General Administration, drew participation from 400 youth representing all provinces of India, including Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Nagpur, Pune, South East, South West, and Visakhapatnam. Fr J Stephen, General Councillor for SAIM, played a pivotal role in organizing the conference, alongside Fr Carlus Barowa, MSFS National Youth Director, and Fr Jaddu Joseph, Assistant National Youth Director.

The conference was inaugurated by Fr Johnson Kallidukil MSFS, Assistant Superior General, who hoisted the flag and celebrated Mass, delivering a message on the theme “Fransalian Youth: The Future of the Church.” Throughout the event, resource persons from various regions delivered inspiring messages, facilitated group dynamics, led action songs, and conducted prayers.

Awards were presented to outstanding youth representatives from each province, and all participants received certificates of participation. In addition to the enriching sessions, the conference featured cultural programs, a fire camp, and presentations showcasing traditional attire. The three-day conference concluded with a tour of the city of Visakhapatnam, leaving participants inspired and equipped to contribute to the future of the Church and society.



## INTERVIEW



## ‘St. Francis de Sales’ Courage – A Virtue to be Imbided’

The Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS) was founded in the diocese of Annecy, France. Since its inception, the MSFS have been present in the diocese carrying out various missionary works. **Most Rev Yves le Saux**, the bishop of Annecy from 2022, shares his insights and thoughts on MSFS with **Fr Johnson Panthalanickal MSFS**, the associate editor of Fransalian International, during a direct interview.

### **Would you share your experience with the life and mission of the MSFS?**

The presence and pastoral work of the MSFS across the diocese are highly appreciated. I express my gratitude for their long-standing tradition, which is closely tied to the life of Saint Francis de Sales and the history of our diocese. The specific charism of the MSFS is crucial, particularly their role as missionaries. In Annecy, as in all of Europe, we are in a phase of new evangelization. We are no longer in a Christian world; we still have a vague culture marked by Christianity. I rely on the missionaries to reintroduce the faith to a world rediscovering Christianity. The more the missionaries live according to God’s expectations for them, the greater the benefit for the Church and the faithful.

### **How do you assess the contribution of the MSFS to the church and society?**

Many of the missionaries today come from India and various African countries. I believe that their diverse ecclesial experiences, different from those in Europe or France, are beneficial. Our diocese, like the Congregation, has a historical connection with SFS. I hope that the missionaries work alongside other congregations and the diocese to enhance our knowledge of SFS, a significant figure in the Catholic Church. The Pope’s letter commemorating the 400th anniversary of SFS’ death is a divine call for the MSFS to contribute to a better discovery of him.

### **How has the spirituality of SFS and the work of MSFS influenced the people of Annecy?**

I find it challenging to grasp the impact of the missionaries on the people of Annecy. One essential aspect of SFS that we strive to embody is his courage. While his gentleness and humility are often highlighted, what impresses me most is his bravery. He tirelessly travelled throughout the diocese, even when it was difficult to do so. The MSFS has to emulate this courage. Pope Francis emphasizes this point, noting how Francis navigated the era of religious wars with diplomacy and an understanding of people’s deeper needs. I expect that through the intermediary of the missionaries and their preaching, the people of Annecy be filled with a greater desire for holiness. The missionaries need to share SFS’ understanding of holiness with the younger generations returning to the Church. They seek a deeper interior life. The spirituality of SFS is nourishing for the present generation.

### **Your message to the MSFS...**

Be yourself, don’t be afraid. Delve deeper into your charism, and live it more fully. Live up to the demands of your constitutions in your own unique style. What matters most is what SFS advises, “Be who you are meant to be, but be good at it.”

## NARRATIVE



## 'MSFS – Source of Inspiration and Comfort to Many'

*By Mr Shine Williams*

I have been associated with MSFS fathers for several years, and my experience with them has been profoundly enriching. Their dedication to faith formation, family building, and community service is remarkable. The MSFS community is disciplined, hospitable, and deeply committed to its mission. Their sense of belonging and zeal for service is evident in all their activities. They have been significantly contributing to the Church and society through various initiatives.

**Faith Formation:** MSFS Fathers have played a crucial role in deepening our faith. They organize regular catechism classes, retreats, and Bible study sessions that help us grow spiritually. Their sermons are insightful and inspire us to live according to Christian values.

**Family Building:** They focus on strengthening families by conducting family counseling sessions, organizing family retreats, and promoting family prayer. Their guidance helps families navigate through challenges and maintain strong bonds.

**Formation of Children:** They are deeply involved in the formation of children. They run Catechism classes, youth groups, and children's programs that instill moral values and religious teachings in the younger generation.

**Youth Guidance:** The MSFS Fathers provide excellent guidance for the youth. They organize leadership training programs, and career counseling sessions. Their mentorship helps youngsters make informed decisions and lead purposeful lives.

**Care for the Aged and the Sick:** They extend their care to the elderly and the sick in our parish. They regularly visit homes and hospitals, offering prayers, sacraments, and emotional support. Their presence brings comfort and hope to those in need.

**Social Service Projects:** The Fathers are actively involved in social service projects. They run initiatives that support the poor and marginalized, such as food distribution programs, free medical camps, and educational support for underprivileged children.

**Construction of the New Church:** The construction of our new church is a testament to the MSFS Fathers' vision and leadership. They have been instrumental in planning and executing this project, ensuring that it meets the needs of our growing parish community.

The selfless service and dedication of MSFS fathers are a source of inspiration and comfort to many in our parish. On behalf of the parishioners, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to them for their unwavering commitment to the parish and community. Their zeal, generosity, and hospitality are truly commendable.

May they continue to be men of God, spreading the Good News far and wide with the same spirit of communion and mission. May their efforts in faith formation, family building, and social service continue to flourish and make a lasting impact on the lives of many.

(The writer is a parishioner of Our Lady of Sorrows Syro-Malabar Church, Bengaluru, India. The narrative has been received through **Fr Riju MSFS**, the parish priest.)

# Insights from the Patron



## Prayer: An Indispensable Exigency

*By Fr Dr Thumma Mariadas Reddy, MSFS*

One can never speak sufficiently about the importance of prayer. In a context of unbridled activism and deprioritizing prayer, we need to realize that it is integral to our lives with its holistic effects. This short reflection on the “Significance of Mental Prayer” is based on our hallowed Patron Saint, Saint Francis de Sales’ masterpiece, Introduction to the Devout Life, Second part, the first three chapters. He highly recommends mental prayer for reasons quite insistent.

**Mental prayer – A Soothing Aid for vocal prayers:** We seek mental prayer, not because we want to avoid vocal prayers or because it is an easy alternative. Vocal prayers do not dispense us from mental prayer. Mental prayer is a “constant,” not a variable.

**Mental Prayer and Vocal Prayers – Mutually Facilitating:** Mental prayer and vocal prayers are mutually supportive. Thereby, if the heart is drawn to mental prayer during the vocal prayers, follow that direction, with no remorse because such a mental prayer is much more pleasing to God and of greater benefit to oneself”.

**Vocal Prayers – Geared to Mental Prayer:** All our vocal prayers need to be conducted with an attentive and earnest mental disposition. They should strengthen and deepen the prayer of heart, which is nothing but focus, intimacy, and communion with the Lord

**Mental Prayer – On any Subject:** The topics or subjects of the meditation can be anything as long as it is based on the life, teachings, and sufferings of our Lord, as long as it makes us look at him, feel close to him, fill us with him, learn his attitudes, and model our actions on his.

**Mental Prayer – Anywhere, but...:** In principle, mental prayer can be done anywhere and everywhere. But in practice, the church may be ideal, because the church is a place, unprevented by anyone, undisturbed by any household chores or workplace duty and it assures sufficient quiet.

**Mental Prayer: Any time...**

One hour of meditation is recommended every day. It can be done any time, but preferably before the midday meal, and ideally in the earlier part of the morning, because the mind can be less distracted and fresher after the night’s rest.

Thus, mental prayer is indispensable and there is no exception for anyone, unless one is not able to do it for inevitable and valid reasons. Blessed are they who do it lovingly and joyfully!



# Thoughts from the Founder's Heart



## PRAYER - A HEART-TO-HEART TALK WITH GOD

*By Fr Joy Velicakathu, MSFS*

Fr Peter Mermier, was a man of prayer. The seeds of prayer and devotion were sown in his heart through the teachings, instructions and life-example of his beloved Mother. Peter remained close to his mother at prayer, especially on Sundays when a priest celebrated the Holy Mass in the house of the Mermiers. His heart was filled with great joy to see his mother pray, receive Holy Communion and share the happiness with the personnel of the household.

For Fr Mermier, prayer is the spiritual communication between man and God, a heart-to-heart talk with God. Drawing inspiration from the teachings of St Francis de Sales, Fr Mermier understood prayer as an encounter of God's thirst for us that makes us thirst for Him. He learned from SFS that prayer is one of the chief avenues of response to the divine initiative for intimacy with human beings.

### **Prayer is a Need, a Duty**

For Fr Mermier, prayer is a need, a duty and a means of obtaining all the graces proper to our vocation. Quoting St Bede, he wrote to his confreres in India in 1852 that they must pray always because those who work always according to the will of God pray always. The priest by his ordination becomes a man of prayer. The ministry of one who prays is a ministry of life. To pray worthily and constantly is a duty and need of all priests, Fr Mermier wrote. All types of prayers are important. From vocal prayers, one must learn to move into interior mental prayer focused especially on the Passion of Jesus and develop an awareness of the divine.

### **Focus on Quality, not on Quantity**

Like in many other aspects of Christian devotion and religious life, Fr Mermier exhorted his brethren to focus on quality and not quantity in prayer. One Our Father said devoutly is worth more than many prayers hurried over.

He insisted that participation in the sacramental life of the Church is vital to our prayer and faith life. Prayers should become a constant part of our daily life to remain close to God. He was always the first for the common spiritual exercises in the community. Even at an advanced age, he continued to rise at 4 am and participated in two Masses each day. At the altar, no distractions assailed him and had great consolations.

Fr Mermier was convinced that as long as there is the oil of prayer the lamp of faith will always be lit on earth. Prayer is what lights the way for us to show the love of Christ to all the people.

### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at LRG, Ananthapur

By Fr Pilli Bala Showri, MSFS

**Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh, India, Jan 27, 2024** – LRG High School, Ananthapur, managed by Visakhapatnam Province of the MSFS, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with a grand event held on its premises, attracting a large gathering of dignitaries, clergy, parents, alumni, and well-wishers. The celebration marked 60 years of the school's commitment to education and community service.

Among the notable attendees were the Chief Guest, Fr Baviri Suresh Babu, the Provincial of Visakhapatnam, the Guest of Honour, Msgr Anthonappa Chowrappa, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Kurnool, and special invitees Fr Jacob Karamakuzhyil, General Secretary for Education, and many others. Fr P Bala Showri, the correspondent, extended a warm welcome to all attendees.

Fr Suresh Babu, in his address, emphasized the philosophy of the founder of MSFS, Fr Peter Mary Mermier, stating, "Education of the Heart is the Heart of Education." He highlighted the



school's role in nurturing students who aspire for societal growth and development. During the event, Fr. Babu inaugurated the newly installed solar system at LRG School, marking a significant step towards sustainability.

The event saw the participation of many MSFS fathers and religious sisters from Ananthapur, underscoring the strong community support for the institution. The cultural program was meticulously organized, featuring a variety of performances including group songs, fusion dances, mimes, action songs, group dances, skits, and traditional dances, captivating the audience. The Diamond Jubilee celebrations were a resounding success, reflecting the school's enduring legacy and commitment to holistic education.

### St Mary's, Jalna, Celebrates Golden Jubilee

**Jalna, Maharashtra, India, Dec 12, 2023** – St Mary's High School, established in 1973, celebrated its Golden Jubilee with the grand annual program 'Reminiscentia' marking the closing ceremony of the year-long celebration on Dec 12, 2023.

Centred around the theme 'Contribution of St Mary's to Society' the celebration highlighted the school's efforts in imparting

education, moral and spiritual values, and discipline to build leaders who promote peace and harmony in society. Throughout the year, various activities were conducted for students, teachers, and parents. Events for parents included a Mini Marathon, Rangoli Making, Solo Singing, and Best out of Waste competitions. Students participated in Quiz, Solo Singing, Group Dance, Inter-School Drawing, Badminton, Chess, and Cricket competitions.

Rt Rev Ambrose Rebello, the bishop of Aurangabad Diocese, and Fr Manoj Tirkey, the provincial of Nagpur province, presided over the event as the chief guest and guest of honour respectively. Students of the school captivated the audience with their fascinating performances, engrossing the air with exuberant joy.





## Seethammadhara Celebrates 50 Years of Excellence



**Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India, Jan 06, 2024** – St Francis de Sales School in Seethammadhara marked its Golden Jubilee with a grand celebration, honouring 50 years of educational excellence and community service. The event was attended by a host of distinguished guests, including Fr B Suresh Babu,

the provincial of Visakhapatnam, and Fr Jacob Karamakuzhyil, General Secretary of Education, along with several local political and social leaders.

The celebration began with a prayer song and a traditional welcome performed by students from classes IX and X. Fr P Manoj, the principal, who played a pivotal role in organizing the event, delivered the welcome address. He highlighted the school's numerous achievements and its contributions to education and society over the past five decades.

A highlight of the event was a dance and drama performance titled "The Journey," choreographed by Fr Jayaseelan. The performance depicted the school's illustrious 50-year history and culminated with the Jubilee song. The school also honoured the first batch of students from the 1982, 10th class, recognizing their legacy and contributions.

To commemorate the occasion, a souvenir titled "The Resonance" was released by the dignitaries. This publication captures the spirit and milestones of the school's journey from its founding to the present day. The Golden Jubilee celebration was a resounding success, reflecting the school's motto "From Darkness to Light." With optimism and hope, St Francis de Sales School looks forward to continuing its mission of shaping future generations into history-makers.

## SANNIDHI Celebrates Silver Jubilee

**Mysuru, Karnataka, India, Nov 14, 2023** — The Silver Jubilee celebration of the establishment of SANNIDHI, the MSFS Novitiate then and now the Minor Seminary, was held on Nov 14, 2014, on its premises. Rev Dr Abraham Vettuvellil, the superior general, presided over the Eucharistic celebration, along with Rev Dr Thomas Kalariparambil, the provincial, fellow confreres, priests, brothers, and sisters from neighbouring religious communities.

This celebration marked a significant milestone for the MSFS Minor Seminary, signifying twenty-five years of spiritual nourishment, unwavering devotion to initial formation, and mutual support. The Superior General emphasized the importance of discovering one's vocation in his homily.

In recognition of dedicated service, the Superior General, the Provincial, Fr Abraham Pendanam (then supervisor of the construction), former Novice Masters and Socius, former Rectors,

the staff, and the regents were honoured. Fr A Jerome, the rector, warmly welcomed the guests and confreres, later proposing an elaborate vote of thanks. Fr Arockiya Jayaraj presented a historical report on SANNIDHI, highlighting its journey over the past twenty-five years.



### Silver Jubilee Celebrations Held at Vadakkencherry



**Vadakkencherry, Kerala, India, Jan 30, 2024 –**

The MSFS Minor Seminary in Vadakkencherry celebrated its Silver Jubilee with meticulous preparations, attracting a large turnout of priests, religious, friends, and well-wishers. The event marked 25 years since the seminary's establishment and highlighted its contributions to forming several priests who are at the service of the society today.

Fr Baviri Suresh Babu, the provincial of Visakhapatnam, presided over the thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration. He was joined by Fr Thomas Kalariparampil, provincial of the Southwest Province, and Fr Sabukuttan Francis, provincial of Guwahati Province. Fr Sabukuttan delivered a meaningful homily during the Eucharistic celebration.

*By Fr Jose Karickal, MSFS*

The celebrations continued with a felicitation ceremony, where Rt Rev Jacob Manethodath, Bishop Emeritus of the Palakkad Diocese, served as the chief guest. The ceremony began with a video presentation chronicling the seminary's rich history and activities, which was followed by felicitation messages and the honouring of significant contributors with shawls and bouquets.

Key figures who shared their insights and wishes included Fr Mani Panthaly, the former provincial and initiator of the seminary, Fr Jose Cherianthara, the first rector, and Fr Tom Puliyanampatta, the succeeding rector. Their speeches reflected on the seminary's journey and its impact on the community. Approximately 65 priests attended the celebrations, underscoring the seminary's importance within the MSFS community and beyond. The event was a testament to the seminary's enduring legacy and its role in shaping future generations of religious leaders.

### Dhyan Ashram, Varanasi, Celebrated Silver Jubilee

*By Bro Anand Toppo, MSFS*

**Varanasi, India, May 29, 2024 –** Dhyan Ashram, the MSFS novitiate in Varanasi, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of its inception, alongside the first profession of twenty-four novices, on May 29, 2024.

Rt Rev Eugene Joseph, the bishop of Varanasi, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration, and Rev Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, the Superior General of the MSFS, concelebrated along with the provincials of different MSFS Provinces in India; namely, Fr Manoj Tirkey (Nagpur), Fr Johnson Gonsalves (Pune), and Fr Suresh Babu (Visakhapatnam), and many Fransalian and diocesan priests. Several other religious and local people also joined the celebration. Fr Abraham delivered a moving homily that resonated within all present.

The festivities included a drama titled, "I am the clay, you are the potter," on the life of St Francis



de Sales, written and directed by Fr Anand IMS, and performed by professional artists. The outstanding and meaningful performance captivated the audience, highlighting the profound spirituality and humility of SFS.

The dual celebration marked a significant milestone, reflecting God's abundant blessings and the unwavering commitment of the formation house in shaping future priests dedicated to serve people. The novitiate has contributed significantly to the Nagpur and Pune Provinces, bearing fruit in the form of 112 finally professed MSFS, which includes over 100 priests who now serve in various capacities across India and abroad.



## Ongoing Formation Programme 2024

*By Fr Dr Saji George, MSFS*

**Guwahati, Assam, India, March 01, 2024** –The General Secretariat of the MSFS for Formation organized a three-day ongoing formation programme titled “A Call to Transformation” for priests ordained from 2017 to 2022. The programme was held in two locations, targeting different provinces.



The first session took place at the MSFS Provincialate in Guwahati, Assam, from Feb 28 to March 1, 2024. This session was attended by participants from the Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Nagpur, and Pune provinces. Fr Sabu Francis, the provincial of Guwahati Province, officiated the inaugural Mass, and Most Rev John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, delivered the keynote address. Themes discussed included “Redefining Priestly and Religious Formation Today” by Dr. Jacob Parappally, MSFS; “New Trends in Pastoral Ministry” by Dr. Kuriakose Poovathumkudy; and “Psychosexual Integration for Effective Priestly Ministry” by Dr. Johny Nedungatt, SDB. The session had the participation of 50 priests.

The second session was held at Stella Maris in Visakhapatnam from March 13 to 15, 2024. This session catered to the South East

India, South West India, and Visakhapatnam provinces. Fr Suresh Babu, the Provincial of Visakhapatnam, delivered the inaugural address. Topics included “Formation to Affective Maturity” by Dr. Joseph Jeyaraj, SDB; “New Trends in Pastoral Ministry” by Dr. Kuriakose Poovathumkudy; “Building Relationships” by Miss Shirley Coutinho; and “Revisioning Religious Identity and Mission in Context” by Dr. Jacob Parappally, MSFS. A total of 58 priests attended the session.

Both programmes concluded with an evaluation and closing remarks by Fr Saji George, the General Secretary for Formation. The sessions aimed to redefine and enhance the participants’ understanding of their priestly and religious roles, integrating modern pastoral needs with traditional values.



## New Block Inaugurated at LCI

*By Fr Augusto Antonio, MSFS*

**Arusha, East Africa, May 01, 2024** – The newly-constructed building that includes a library block, theatre and classrooms at Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha, was inaugurated by Fr James Panthalanickel, the provincial of East Africa and the delegate of the Superior General for the LCI, and blessed by Fr Thomas

Kochalumchuvattil, the director of LCI, on May 01, 2024.

The completion of the facility, a long-cherished dream, took over three years. The event was attended by numerous dignitaries, former students of LCI, religious, and laypeople from different parts of the world, all gathering to celebrate the memorable achievement.

## Franco-Swiss Province Day Held in Geneva\*

By Fr Aneesh Devasiyakutty, MSFS

**Geneva, Switzerland, May 6, 2024** – The Franco-Swiss Province

held its Province Day amidst the picturesque setting of Florimont, Geneva, bringing together 21 confreres for a day of strategic planning, spiritual enrichment, and community building.

The day's primary focus was an in-depth discussion about the future of the Bonlieu building in Fribourg, which holds significant importance for the province. The confreres engaged in dynamic and reflective deliberations on its best utilization and preservation.

The confreres celebrated Holy Mass together, reinforcing their bonds through shared faith and worship. Following the Mass, they enjoyed a communal lunch, providing an opportunity for informal discussions and fellowship.



In the afternoon, the confreres were treated with a guided tour of the Florimont School, which was both informative and inspiring, offering insights into the educational environment and the school's commitment to holistic development.

This gathering not only strengthened the confreres' commitment to their mission but also paved the way for future initiatives that will benefit their community and the broader society.

## Fransalian Mission Programme Held in Brazil

By Fr Eldin Bernard, MSFS

**Guaraciaba, Brazil, Jan 24, 2024** – The Brazil Province of the MSFS organised a three-day Mission Programme for the Fransalian parishes of the province at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Guaraciaba, in the diocese of Chapeco through Jan 22 – 24, 2024. Sixty six Fransalian missionaries and eight MSFS priests participated in the programme from various parishes.

The priests present spent time counseling people who asked for, praying over sick people, blessing the houses, conducting talks on Fransalian methods of Mission and exposing the Spirit and Sprituality of the Congregation.

The Fransalians, together with the missionaries and parishioners, celebrated the feast of St. Francis de Sales, with Fr Jose Devasahayam, the provincial, as the main celebrant. The programme recorded a meaningful and enriching experience for the faithful in the history of the province.







## Erection of Jaggampeta Quasi-Parish

*By Fr P Karuna Kumar, MSFS*

**Jaggampeta, Andhra Pradesh, India, Dec 17, 2023** – A historic moment unfolded in the history of Jaggampeta RC Mission as it transitioned to a Quasi-Parish, signifying a significant milestone in its spiritual journey, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023.

Fr Baviri Suresh Babu, the provincial, presided over the Eucharistic celebration, and Fr K Vijay Shekar delivered an inspiring homily. Following the Communion rite, Fr Provincial solemnly read the decree of erection, by Most Rev Mallavarapu Prakash, the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam, officially declaring Jaggampeta Mission as a Quasi-Parish.

Fr Provincial installed Fr P Karuna Kumar as the first Priest in-charge of the newly established Quasi-Parish, entrusting him with the pastoral care of the faithful in the area. After the Holy Eucharistic celebration, Fr Provincial urged the gathered faithful to generously contribute towards the construction of the Church, emphasizing the importance of communal support in building a place of worship for future generations.

Expressing gratitude, the newly installed Priest in-charge extended heartfelt thanks to Fr Provincial, the attending Councillors, fellow priests, and all the faithful present, acknowledging their support and prayers.

## Superior General's Visitation to Peru

Fr Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS, Superior General, made his three-day Canonical visit to Perú Mission through Feb 12 – 14, 2024. The local people warmly received Fr General with unique cultural gifts. He actively participated in the Ash Wednesday celebrations with the parishioners in two missions; namely, La Curva and El Arenal.



## National Vocation Sunday Hosted

*Fr D Nelson Arockiasamy, MSFS*

**Karonga, Malawi, Africa, April 21, 2024** – St. Martin De Porres Parish, Karonga, Malawi, hosted the National Vocation Sunday for the diocese under the theme, “Youth, as you are called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace; go and invite everyone to the banquet,” on April 21, 2024. The event highlighted the importance of vocations, and saw extensive preparation and participation from various religious congregations and the youth of the Lilongwe Archdiocese.



The parish, in collaboration with the diocese, organized a day dedicated to vocation promotion on April 20. The Vicar General of the diocese, Mons Laurent Dziko, presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration on the day. Following the Mass, representatives from 15 religious congregations presented their charisms and goals to the gathered youth.

Rt Rev Martin Anwel Mtumbuka, the bishop of Karonga, officiated the Holy Eucharistic celebration on the Vocation Sunday, April 21. In his homily, Bishop Mtumbuka emphasized the theme, urging the youth to sow seeds of hope and build peace.

Fr D Nelson Arockiasamy, the parish priest, welcomed the bishop, priests from the Malawi Catholic Secretariat, and representatives from the 15 religious congregations. The Mass was live-streamed across five media channels: Radio Tuntufye, Radio Maria, Lunta TV, MBC TV, and Zodiak. The celebration of National Vocation Sunday at St Martin de Porres Parish was a testament to the collaborative spirit and commitment to foster vocations.

## Church Blessed in Arunachal Pradesh



**Arunachal Pradesh, India, April 25, 2024** –

Rt Rev Benny Varghese, the bishop of Itanagar, blessed and inaugurated the newly-built St. Joseph’s Church Simong, a village church under Divine Mercy Parish, Yingkiong, on April 25, 2024.

Many priests, religious, and parishioners gathered to be part of the occasion and to experience God’s

blessings. The church was a long-cherished dream of the faithful in the village and they worked hard to fulfil their dream through their little contributions and cooperation. Dibругarh Province of the MSFS partially funded the church building.



## Preaching Retreat for the Journalists

By Fr Merry Benzer, MSFS

**Curitiba, Brazil, March 16, 2024**

–Brazil Province of the MSFS has initiated a new venture of preaching retreat for the journalists in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Curitiba. The first retreat was organized by Fr Merry Benzer, in



charge of communication, and was preached by Fr Freitas Jose, and Fr Jose Devasahayam, the provincial, on March 16, 2024.

The preachers presented about the congregation, and St Francis de Sales, the patron saint of the MSFS and of the journalists. The archdiocese would like to have someone from the province to preach a retreat each once in three months for the journalists on the spirituality of the patron saint.



## SFS College, Bengaluru, Awarded Autonomous Status

**Bengaluru, India, April 02, 2024** – St Francis de Sales College, Bengaluru, located in Electronics City, has been awarded Autonomous Status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Government of Karnataka. This significant milestone underscores the MSFS Congregation’s dedication to academic integrity, curriculum innovation, and fostering a conducive environment for holistic learning in higher education.

The Autonomous Status empowers St. Francis de Sales College to design and implement its academic programs independently, aligning them with industry requirements and global standards. This new status enables the College to offer specialized courses, introduce contemporary teaching methodologies, and enhance research opportunities for both faculty and students.

The College extends gratitude to the provincial administration, confreres associated with the institution, staff, students, parents, alumni, and other stakeholders. With the Autonomous Status, SFS College aims to further elevate its academic pursuits, empower students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills, and continue its legacy of shaping leaders and change-makers in society.



## SFS School Unveils Grotto of Our Lady

**Ettumanoor, Kerala, India, Dec 22, 2023** – A long-cherished DeSalite dream came to fruition when Dr Thomas Kalariparambil, the provincial, blessed the newly constructed shrine and dedicated the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at SFS Public School. The grotto’s artistic allure captivates every visitor, seamlessly blending aesthetics with the profound spiritual essence reminiscent of Lourdes in France. This addition to the schoolyard enhances the spiritual atmosphere, offering a serene space for reflection and prayer.





## Educators' Training Programme Organized

**Guwahati, Assam, India, April 12, 2024** – The Education Forum of Guwahati Province organized a two-day Educators' Training Programme on April 11 and 12, 2024. Aimed at enhancing the skills and competencies of the Heads of Institutions within the province, the programme brought together educators from institutions across to discuss and delve into key themes crucial to effective teaching and leadership in the education sector.

Dr Jibrael Jos, a renowned expert in education and leadership and the resource person for the programme, enriched the discussions and provided invaluable guidance to the participants with his vast experience and profound insights.

The discussions on habits for effective employment, communication, teaching strategies, qualities of a great teacher, and leadership qualities were enriching and empowering. Participants left the programme equipped with valuable insights and strategies to excel in their roles as leaders in the field of education.



## De Sales & Mermier Heritage Retreat Held

By Fr Saju Joseph, MSFS



**Anney, France, May 27, 2024** – The second edition of the De Sales and Mermier (DSM) Heritage Retreat for the Fransalians from across different provinces was held at Anney, France, through May 10 – 27, 2024. Six confreres from the provinces of Pune, Nagpur, South West, Dibrugarh, East Africa, and the Southern Africa Region participated in the profound spiritual journey.

The Heritage Retreat, an initiative of the congregation enabling its members above 40 years of age to make a spiritual journey in the footsteps of St Francis de Sales and Fr Peter Mary Mermier, consisted of four segments;

namely the Salesian Retreat, walking in the footsteps of St Francis de Sales and Fr Peter Mermier, and a pilgrimage to Rome.

The event commenced with a warm welcome by Fr Pére Letue Jean -Yves, the provincial of Franco-Swiss and Fr Samuel Thomas, the director of DSM Heritage Retreat Programme. The retreat provided an enriching and spiritually transformative experience for all the participants. By retracing the steps of SFS and Mermier, and concluding with a pilgrimage to Rome, it offered a comprehensive exploration of Salesian spirituality and heritage.

## Sheltering the Displaced Families in Manipur

**Manipur, India, April 26, 2024**

– In response to the plight of displaced families in Manipur due to ethnic violence, the Mission Development Office (MDO) of the MSFS, Rome, initiated a project to provide shelter to those affected and constructed houses for two families under Kangpokpi Parish, Manipur, offering a beacon of hope amidst challenging circumstances.

The newly built houses were blessed on April 26, 2024, by Fr Saji Puthiyakulangara, the director of MDO, Rome, and Fr Jose Chettaniyil, the director of MDO unit, Dibrugarh Province, in the presence of Fr Roy Moothedathu, the parish priest, and the family members.



The effort stands as a testament to the commitment of humanitarian efforts to alleviate suffering and restore dignity to the displaced population.



## Celebrating the Year of Fransalian Youth at the Province Level



**Trichy, Tamil Nadu, India, April 27, 2024** –

The South East India Province celebrated the Year of Fransalian Youth with enthusiasm and fervour at MSFS Provincialate, Trichy, on April 27, 2024. The meticulously planned event featured a seminar, Holy Eucharist, and a cultural evening, attracting nearly 250 young and vibrant participants from 20 parishes across Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The celebration commenced with a short adoration, followed by an insightful input session by Fr Martin Joseph, Secretary to the TNBC Youth Commission. Sr Josephine Dolly SCC held another session in the afternoon.

Fr A Patrick Jayaraj, the provincial, presided over the Eucharistic celebration and Fr C Sebastian, the Councillor of Education delivered the homily. The Mass was concelebrated by Fathers from the Provincialate community and various parishes, enriching the spiritual experience for all attendees.

The event concluded with a lively cultural evening, where the youth participated enthusiastically, creating cherished memories. The successful event was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Youth Committee and the Provincialate community.

## Seven Consecrated as Fransalian Lay Associates

**Mysore, Karnataka, India, Dec 22, 2023** – In a poignant ceremony held at De Sales Bhavan, seven individuals were consecrated as Lay Associates in the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS) Congregation, marking the culmination of a year-long intensive formation program.

The newly consecrated Lay Associates are; Angela Mercy, Elsy A.T., James Jacob, Mercy Vincent, Philomena Lewis, Rose Mary Thomas, and Vincent John Bosco. Having successfully completed the prescribed formation program, these individuals showcased unwavering commitment to the values and spiritual ethos of the MSFS Congregation. Membership does not grant additional privileges but serves as a pathway for personal growth, spiritual development, and alignment with the MSFS mission.

The consecration ceremony took place during a solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, the provincial. Fr Sudeep Paul, Coordinator of Fransalian Associates for the South West India Province, presented the candidates to the Provincial.

During the ceremony, the candidates made a heartfelt commitment, pledging to live their baptismal consecration fervently and strive for holiness according to the Way of Life and Statutes of the Fransalian Associates. They also resolved to follow Jesus Christ more closely, drawing inspiration from the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Francis de Sales.

The consecration signifies a significant milestone for the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales as the congregation looks forward to the valuable contributions of these newly consecrated Lay Associates in supporting mission projects and fostering the Salesian spirit.



## Fransalian Communications' Initiative Unites University Students

*By Fr Thomas Chozhithara, MSFS*

**Morogoro, Tanzania** – In a vibrant effort to connect young students from different universities in the Morogoro region, Fransalian Communications, an initiative of the MSFS Scholastics of Morogoro, organized a series of seminars. Amidst the bustling heart of the world, the Fransalians aimed to unite the youth through a two-day seminar and a one-day leadership programme, held at different venues.

The program featured talks on growing in Christ, youth issues, Holy Hour, the Sacrament of Confession, counseling sessions, and the Holy Mass. For the first time in 24 years, the invitation was extended to students from Jordan University College (St. Augustine University) and Mzumbe University, whose enthusiastic participation exceeded expectations. Regular participants from Sokoine University of Agriculture also attended, bringing the total to over 400 participants. The seminar provided



a platform to sharpen their focus on life and explore critical issues facing the current generation.

Fr Thomas Chozhithara MSFS, the director of Fransalian Communications, led the leadership seminar on Jan 06, 2024. Fr Richard Tamaro, MSFS, and Fr Elcardo Muuhereza, OFM, animated the university seminars on March 16 and April 27 respectively. Participants left with enlightened thoughts and a resolve to implement the insights gained for their betterment and well-being.

## 'Janbikas Seva Sangh' Established in Chota Nagpur

*By Fr Anto Thomas, MSFS*



**Latapara, Odisha, India** – Following the recommendation of the 2016 Provincial Chapter and its reemphasis in 2023 to develop a social work center in Chotta Nagpur, 'Janbikas Sangh' has been established at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara, Odisha.

Focused on four core objectives; namely, education of poor children, community development, community awareness, and income generation, the initiative aligns with the new governance policy of Social Apostolate

and Innovative Ministry (SAIM) under the monitoring of the Mission Development Office (MDO) of Nagpur province.

Activities are conducted in phases for different target groups, including children, youth, women, and the unorganized labour sector. The initiative supports integrated rural development through income generation programs, educational support for children, training sessions, medical assistance and camps, awareness programs, skill development, promotion of human rights, advocacy, and sustainability.

Before launching activities, baseline surveys and community mapping are conducted to identify the expressed and perceived needs of target locations. Currently, this initiative has extended its reach to Odisha and Jharkhand, covering around 32 villages.



## ‘SFS Vocational Centre’ Established in Tekkalipatnam

**Tekkalipatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India, April 07, 2024** – The Visakhapatnam Province of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS) has significantly expanded its social and innovative ministries with the inauguration of the ‘SFS Vocational Centre.’ The centre aims to provide vocational training and employment opportunities for the local community.

Fr Baviri Suresh Babu, the Provincial, blessed and inaugurated the centre during a ceremony attended by several priests, religious members, and local faithful. The event marked a milestone in the congregation’s efforts to support social development and community upliftment in the region. Fr Anand Prakash, the parish priest, warmly welcomed the attendees, setting a cordial tone for the event. The Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr Suresh Babu, featured a homily delivered by Fr Vijay Shekar.

During the ceremony, a parishioner expressed



heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the local community. The parishioner acknowledged the selfless service of past MSFS priests and commended the congregation for establishing the vocational centre, which promises to create significant employment opportunities and enhance the socio-economic status of the community. The SFS Vocational Centre stands as a testament to the MSFS’s commitment to social apostolate and innovative ministry, reflecting their mission to serve and uplift the communities in which they operate.

## Women’s Day Celebrations at MBA and Nippani

*By Frs Elvis & Alphonse, MSFS*



**Navi Mumbai, March 8, 2024** – Jan Vikas Society organized a Women’s Day and felicitation program at Mermier Bal Ahram, Koparkhairane, Navi Mumbai, on the theme “You are an expression of God’s love,” on March 08, 2024. The event brought together children from Vaduz Home Panvel, Florin Boys’ Home Taloja, and School on Wheels, with around 150 children in attendance.

Added to, Good Shepherd Mission, Nippani, commemorated International Women’s Day with an impactful program attended by distinguished guests. Approximately, 70 women and a handful of young girls participated in the event. Both events were a testament to the commitment of the MSFS in promoting the dignity and strength of women, fostering a spirit of appreciation and respect.

## An Extra Mile with Jesus



**Badnera, Nagpur, April 17, 2024** – Fransalian youth of Badnera, Nagpur Province, organized a one-day seminar named ‘An Extra Mile with Jesus’ for the youth of Amravati diocese on April 17, 2024, at St John the Evangelist Church, Badnera, drawing approximately 150 attendees.

Participants engaged in discussions and activities that emphasized team building, unity, and collaboration. Key takeaways included various group activities along with action songs that energized the youth and helped them dynamically connect with Jesus. Highlights of the event included the presence of Most Rev Malcolm Sequeira, Bishop of Amravati diocese, and Ms Shirley Countiho, the resource person, Fr Rupesh Dabre, youth director of Amravati diocese, and Fr Jnanamani, youth director of Fransalian Youth of Nagpur Province.

Overall, the seminar provided an enriching and inspiring experience for all the participants, fostering a deeper sense of faith and community among the youth.

## Fransalian Associates’ Programme Launched

*By Fr Henry Clemant Nedumkallel, MSFS*



**Katembe, Mozambique, Jan 03, 2024** — The Fransalian Associates’ program was officially launched in Mozambique during the canonical visitation of the Superior General, Fr Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS. Fr Abraham convened gatherings with aspirants of the Fransalian Associates in Katembe on Jan 03 and in Bela-Vista on Jan 13, delivering inspiring talks and offering valuable insights into what it means to be a Fransalian Associate.

Fr Yesudoss Lucas MSFS, the parish priest of Katembe, has been entrusted with coordinating the formation of the Fransalian Associates. The formation programme, designed to prepare candidates, commences

on the last Sunday afternoon of each month, animated by one of the MSFS confreres. This year’s programme has been finalized, with designated confreres assigned to lead sessions on specified themes. The two existing groups will alternate between Bela-Vista and Katembe for the formation sessions.

The inaugural session of formation for the year was held in Katembe on Feb 04, followed by the second session on the last Sunday of the same month. The sessions mark the beginning of a comprehensive preparation journey for the aspirants, guided by the principles and values of the Fransalian community.



# BOOKS BY MSFS

## About the Book



Classical Spirituality would teach us that the Founder of a Religious Congregation is a person who acts and reacts in day-to-day life with a certain consistency according to the particular vision of the mystery of Christ he/she has under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thereafter in union with the Church they translate the mystery in their daily life. The outward expression of such an in-depth human desire to build up the edifice of human life through perfect surrender to the Will of God by 'Servant of God', Fr Peter Mermier, the Founder of the MSFS Congregation, is given vent by the author of this book. Fr Francis Francis, belonging to the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales through his doctoral dissertation, titled, Fransalian Charism and Missionary Apostolate: An Exploratory Study on the Charism of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales

The author has systematically researched and nuanced that true spirituality is inclusive spirituality. Its foundations are based on experience. At the same time God's will is action bound. Researching through the scripture, critically evaluating the traditions of the church, scholarly interpreting the teachings of the church and the latest documents and encyclicals of the Church and practically validating the liturgy of the Church the author blends the beautiful cognizance that spirituality has to be practical, reformative, educative, progressive, empowering and life-sustaining. This literary contribution stands as a valid statement for the Christian conviction that God rules the world; He makes His presence felt in the world through simple initiatives; He sustains it when we are consistent in our commitment and He extends it when it is in union with the will of God.

Fr Francis has magnified through this literary contribution the importance of God-experience as the foundation of spirituality. This work can go a long way as an authentic contribution to Christian Theology and Spiritual Theology in particular.

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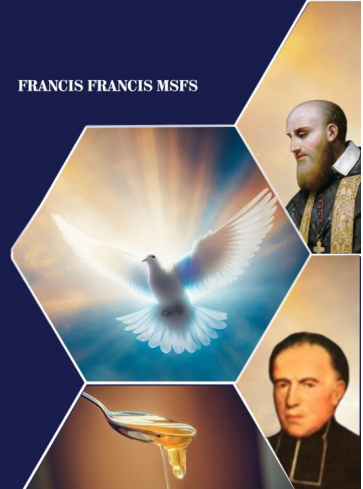


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Philebus is the one and only Platonic dialogue that comprehensively and conclusively deals with the question of pleasure and good in relation to human life. Only when the human life becomes ultimately attuned to the universal good, one can realize the human good. The question raised is: In what relation pleasure and knowledge stand to the good?

This study is a gentle reminder to our current age that oscillates between what can be described as the "Protogorian" attitude, re-informed by the subjectivism of modernity that considers human being as the measure of everything requiring absolutely no trans-human and trans-worldly reference for the good human life and the various versions of what can be called the existential-hedonist-utilitarian attitude that understands a good human life purely in terms of that which works and provides for happiness here and now. This study also reminds the readers the inherent dangers and consequences in losing the larger and deeper perspectives in understanding the good human life. What makes Dr. Kannanaikkal's effort outstanding is his ability to capture the flow of thought clearly and in its logical sequence from a text as complex and difficult as the Philebus. It is not very often that one comes across a work of such analytical depth and hermeneutic truthfulness, but presented in such an easily accessible style. It is indeed one of the best studies available on the Philebus, and probably the best effort of an Indian author on Plato, the philosopher!

- Dr. Thomas Kalary MSFS



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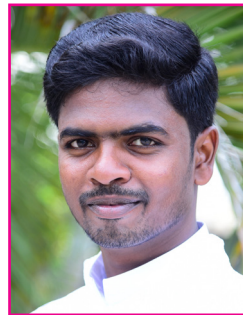
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# GENERAL CHAPTER LOGO EXPLAINED

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## CHAPTER

### The C stands for CHAPTER and the SEVEN Elements



Christ: the Head of everything, Call: our Vocation, Consecration: Our Religious Life, Communion: Our Community Life, Commitment: Our Obligation  
Community: The people entrusted to our care

## GENERAL

The G stands for GENERAL. These seven elements together help the General chapter in the process of Discussions, Deliberations Discernment, and Decision-Making which would guide us to live our Charism. Living Charism in fullness demands all these elements.



## XXI for 21<sup>st</sup>



The symbolic XXI means 21st Chapter; a Religious Community, as well as the Holy Trinity.



## CHRIST

Christ: the head of everything

## CHRIST & THE PARTICIPANTS



The blue line on the right side of the circle – the head of Christ – implies our need to be connected to Christ in the entire process of decision-making.

## APOSTOLATES

The group of persons represents those among whom we exercise our apostolates.





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