



MISSIONARIES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

SOUTH-WEST INDIA PROVINCE

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My dear Confreres,

We are in the week after the Easter Octave and have begun, like the Emmaus disciples, our 40 days journey between the Resurrection of Jesus and His Ascension, passing through times of rejoicing, times of sorrow as well as times of victory, reflecting upon the gifts God graciously provides for us to grow closer to him and into greater Christlikeness. Indeed, the Christian life is a JOURNEY, not just a DESTINATION so as to just sit back and wait to arrive at our destination -- HEAVEN. The danger is that we can end up keeping Jesus a STRANGER on this journey and miss out on all the blessings of the PRESENT! We could also make Him involved in EVERY part of our life, open ourselves to Him, and nurture a constant fellowship with Him. It is then that our hearts will “burn” with the brightness and glow of His peace and joy, transforming ourselves thereby to true people of Easter!

AUTONOMOUS STATUS FOR SFS COLLEGE, HEBBAGODI



April 02, 2024, stands as a significant milestone for St. Francis de Sales College, situated in Electronics City, Bengaluru, as it has been awarded Autonomous Status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Government of Karnataka.

The Autonomous Status, bestowed upon St Francis de Sales College, comes as a testament of the commitment of the MSFS Congregation to academic integrity, innovation in curriculum development, and

fostering a conducive environment for holistic learning in higher education.

With the Autonomous Status, the College is now empowered to design and implement its academic programs independently, aligning them with the industry requirements and global standards. It enables the College to offer specialized courses, introduce contemporary teaching methodologies, and enhance research opportunities for faculty and students.

Our hearty congratulations and sincere thanks are due to Fr. Binu Edathumparambil, the principal, Fr. Jijo Manjackal, the Vice-Principal, Fr. Robin Thonikuzhiyil, the Administrator, for leaving no stones unturned in achieving such a milestone for our college with their meticulous planning, single-minded focus and exemplary dedication and hard work. We also remember gratefully the tremendous service extended by the quality enhancement team who stood by the management in every conceivable way in realizing this dream of ours. It is also an opportune time to acknowledge with gratitude the strenuous efforts taken by the previous management, who had already envisioned and started the initial steps towards this goal, as well as the dedicated commitment of all the other MSFS Confreres who have been part of the College, along with the hard work and contribution of all the other stakeholders – Faculty, Staff, Students, Parents, Alumni, Industry Employers and all well-wishers.

The courses currently offered at St Francis de Sales College (Autonomous) are BCOM, BBA, BCA, BSC, BA, MCOM, MSC (Psychology & Mathematics), MA (Economics), MBA (HR, Marketing, Finance, Logistics & Supply Chain), MCA and PhD (Commerce). Specializations are also offered in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Cyber Security, Data Analytics, CA, CMA and ACCA

With this Autonomous Status, St Francis de Sales 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.

ANNUAL RETREAT

The dates of the Province Annual Retreats for the academic year 2024-2025 have been finalized.

1st RETREAT

Date: 07th October 2024 to 11th October 2024

(From Monday Morning till Friday Noon)

Venue: Vinayalaya, Bangalore

2nd RETREAT

Date: 13th January 2025 to 17th January 2025

(From Monday Morning till Friday Noon)

Venue: Charis Bhavan, Kerala



I request all of you to enroll your names with the Provincial Secretary for any one of the retreats and plan your programs accordingly.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION REGARDING OUR NEW BATCH OF THEOLOGIANS

Our Province had conceived the whole Kengeri campus as a multi-faceted campus of missionary initiatives in order to provide a mission-oriented, contextualized theological formation for our young generations of new priests. Due to various problems like land-issues and the consequent inability to provide adequate infra-structure as well as non-availability of sufficient number of qualified and competent resident staff and so forth, the programme could never be fully materialized as it was envisioned. Specifically speaking, the following concerns have become too serious today to be ignored: (1) Tejas does not have even the bare minimum infrastructural facilities; (2) it lacks by far adequate number of qualified and competent residential staff; and (3) the industrial developments in the surroundings has made the place absolutely unfit for a theologate.

Our last Provincial Chapter had delved on the issues in depth and had serious discussions about shifting Tejas to an entirely new campus, which has meanwhile proved to be almost impractical on many counts. Because of the serious limitations, the ideals as well as the effectivity of a mission-oriented contextual theological formation stand highly compromised today. Taking these and many other factors into account, the Provincial Administration has taken a unanimous decision not to send the next batch of scholastics to Tejas Vidya Peetha (for the academic year beginning from 2024-2025) and send them instead to St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, and St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, as resident seminarians. This decision has been approved by our Superior General. A definitive decision as to whether we want to continue with the Tejas theologate or stop the Tejas programme altogether as the current batches complete their formation there, shall be taken after the coming Mid-term Assembly in July 2024.

PROMOTION OF THE SCHOLASTICS

Promoted to Postulancy in Vadakkencherry

1. Rohit Roshan Rozario

Promoted to Novitiate

1. Bro. Andrew Beckam V
2. Bro. Chinnappa Chethan M.
3. Bro. Jakeba Ranasandha
4. Bro. James Melwin S.
5. Bro. Jeevan Chethu
6. Bro. Papin Baliarsingh
7. Bro. Arun, Moosariat
8. Bro. Thomaskutty Benny Perumalil
9. Bro. Harshdeep Katara

Promoted to First Profession and First Year of Philosophy at Suvidya College

1. Bro. Alan Antony
2. Bro. Ashin Antu
3. Bro. Jebastin S
4. Bro. Sharath

Promoted to First Profession and First Year of Philosophy, Chad-Cameroon Delegation

1. Abdoulaye Gaou Aimi Mahamat Rene
2. Bere Evrard
3. Eboa Mark Lancelot Mua
4. Mbai-Adoum Christian
5. Eugene Achang

Promoted to Second Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows at Suvidya College

1. Bro. Godwin David
2. Bro. Ishanandan Mantry
3. Bro. Jeesmon Thomas
4. Bro. Joyson Nazareth
5. Bro. Patrick Vadoparambil

Promoted to Third Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows at Suvidya College

1. Bro. Alan Prince Attapattu
2. Bro. Daniel Ignatius Pellissery
3. Bro. Jeevan Tirkey
4. Bro. Justin Johnson Paruthipara
5. Bro. Prashanth Ekka
6. Bro. Raphael A.
7. Bro. Satish Kujur
8. Bro. Vijay Bernard

Promoted to Regency and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Bibin Jose Kannamkulathu : Charis Bhavan Retreat Centre, Athirampuzha.
2. Bro. Bristo Augustine Karyakkadan : SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor.
3. Bro. Vinod Kumar Y. : Sannidhi-SFS Seminary, Mysore.

Promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows, St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru

1. Bro. Abin Abraham Ellickamuriyil
2. Bro. Jaison Jaimon Parakalayil
3. Bro. Jerome Christi
4. Bro. Joseph Francis Kozhikkadan

Promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows, St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha

1. Bro. Akshay T. M.
Thurutheparannolil
2. Bro. Jerin Shaji Panachickal

Promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows at Tejas Vidya Peetha

1. Bro. Ajo Mookenthottam
2. Bro. Ameer Pottackal
3. Bro. Antony Kunnumpurathu
Puthenveedu
4. Bro. Abishek Ekka
5. Bro. Christin Tom Kidangayil
6. Bro. Jerin Kulamkuthiyil
7. Bro. Ranjith Panna
8. Bro. Rechin Deepak
9. Bro. Sebastian Joseph Arinjaniyil
10. Bro. Sebastian Kaniyanparambil
11. Bro. Sibi Jose Poomarathil

Promoted to Third Year Theology and Recommended for Perpetual Vows at Tejas Vidya Peetha

1. Bro. Anthony Rosario
2. Bro. Albin Kadaparambil

The Following Scholastics Cease to be the Members of Our Congregation

1. Bro. Rohit Kujur
2. Bro. Manish Tigga
3. Bro. Alphonse Christopher

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

- **Dn. Jeson Ly Severo Berdida** will be Ordained as a priest by the imposition of the hands of Rt. Rev. Medil Sacay Aseo, DD., Bishop of Tagum Diocese, at San Isidro Labrador Quasi-Parish Camanlangan, New Bataan, Davao de Oro, on June 07, 2024.
- **Dn. Jibin Pathil** will be Ordained as a priest by the imposition of the hands of Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop Emeritus of the Syro-Malabar Church, at St. Thomas Forane Church Anakkara, Idukki, on June 15, 2024, at 9.30 am.

OBITUARY

- Mrs. Jacinta Ekka (48), the elder sister of Fr. Francis Ekka, passed away on April 01, 2024.

VOICE OF SFS



Focusing only upon the past or on the future obscures
the only time that really matters: the present

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Kalariparambil'.

**Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS
Provincial Superior**