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## A EULOGY TO FR. JOSE PUTHIYAPARAMPIL (SR.), MSFS

**F**r. Jose Puthiyaparampil has left this world for his eternal reward just a few hours ago. Today we are left with the burning memory of a person of faith - a person who, while most people seek to be known by their accomplishments and to live in their accomplishments, just strived to live in his loves. Fr. Jose's religious vocation was the foundation of all that he did and represented. He loved God, he loved being a MSFS, and loved working for the people of God. Deeply rooted in a life of prayer, he never lost his first fervour; he had the same zeal, same enthusiasm, same commitment at the end of his life that he had at the beginning. Indeed, Fr. Jose was a wonderful advertisement for the religious priestly life - a simple and gentle human being, without airs or issues or scruples, rather living a hope-filled trust in God's promise and plan for the future. A faith-and-spirit-filled person who lived in love of God through humble service of others. It is an opportune moment to take a glance at the person Fr. Jose has been:

**Rev. Fr. Jose Puthiyaparambil**, son of Thomas and Aleyamma, was born on February 19, 1948, in Velichiyani, Parathode. His educational journey began at St. Joseph's L.P. School, Velichiyani, followed by Grace Memorial H.S., Parathode. After completing his SSLC at Parathode, Fr. Jose joined the SFS Seminary at Arumanoor in 1965. He did his philosophical studies at Fathimagiri in Nilambur from 1967 to 1969. On May 04, 1970, he made his First Profession at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam. Thereafter, he was sent for regency at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor from 1970 to 1971. Fr. Jose pursued his theological studies at the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, spanning from 1971 to 1975. He made his Perpetual Profession on May 04, 1974, at Visakhapatnam, and he was ordained a deacon on September 14, 1974, at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Poonamallee. Finally, on February 01, 1975, he was Ordained a priest at St. Thomas Church, Velichiyani.

### APPOINTMENTS

1975-1977: St. Antony's Parish, Panakahalli, Diocese of Ooty.

1977-1981: St. Mary's Parish, Talavadi, Diocese of Ooty.

1981-1982: Rector of SFS Institute, Philip Nagar, Visakhapatnam.

1982-1987: Rector of MSFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai.

1987-1989: Parish Priest at St Francis de Sales Church, Correspondent of SFS English.  
& Kannada Medium Schools, and Manager of Mermier Farm, Hebbagodi.

- 1989-1996: Parish Priest at St Francis Xavier Church, Gokunte
- 1996-2001: Parish Priest of St Mary's Church at Kolar, Correspondent of SFS School in Chintamani and SFS School in Kadisenahalli.
- 2001-2003: Parish Priest at St. Nicolas Church, Torelli, Italy.
- 2003-2011: Parish Priest at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Yelahanka.
- 2006-2009: Vocation Promoter in Tamil Nadu.
- 2011-2014: Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Church, Sidlaghatta and Priest in charge of the substation at Gauribidanur.
- 2014-2018: Parish Priest of SFS Parish, Correspondent and administrator of SFS School. Kuknoor.
- 2016-2018: Correspondent and Manager of SFS School, Savanur.
- 2018-2020: Superior, Manager & Administrator of SFS PU College, Tamaka.
- 2020-2023: Superior, Manager & Administrator of SFS Schools, Director of Pratheeksha Boys' Home, and Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Chintamani.
- 2023 : Chaplain and Spiritual Director at Katherine Nivas Citizens Home, Vidyanagar.

As we can see, Fr. Jose played several roles during his priestly and religious life: a pioneering missionary, a gentle pastor, an inspiring formator, a caring man in the community, and above all one of the finest gentlemanly human persons. After him, we look at and understand a lot of things differently, religious life and missionary spirit, friendship and community life, team work and initiative, attitude to work and even leisure, all of them and many others totally differently. Indeed, he did write a lengthy and solid history in the hearts of all with whom he lived and worked in the language of God's love. He fashioned a new paradigm for what it means to be a missionary of St. Francis de Sales: silently, yet effectively transmitting the message of the Gospel, bringing in a new quality to Christian witnessing, pastoral care, community life and team work. He had filled the world around him with the love of God.

Gabriel Marcel said once, to love a person means saying, you shall not die. That's what we want to tell Fr. Jose Puthiyaparampil today, you shall not die; for, various are the ways in which you touched our hearts that you can never die to our hearts, for, with your very life, you have given us all a glance into the eternity. For all that you have been to the MSFS Congregation and to the mission of the Church we bow before you in gratitude and acknowledge with true gratitude the wonderful legacy you have left behind as a MSFS missionary priest. We thank the Lord for the



many blessings with which he blessed you and the strong faith which he gifted you, and we entrust your warm, gentle soul to the merciful embrace of the God you served so well. **REST IN PEACE DEAR FR. JOSE!**

Dear Confreres, tomorrow, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024, the mortal remains of Fr Jose Puthiyaparampil will be brought to SFS Parish church in Hebbagodi around 10.00 am. The Requiem Mass will begin at 11.00 am, by **His Grace, Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore Archdiocese**. Thereafter, the body will be taken to SFS Seminary Ettumanoor for the Funeral.

The Funeral service will begin at 2.30 pm on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor, and the final rites will be officiated by **His Eminence Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, Major Archbishop Emeritus of the Syro-Malabar Church**.

#### VOICE OF SFS



**“Pray to God and cast yourself into His arms. O my God, take me into Thy care on that terrible day; may all other days be sad if only that single day will be a happy one!”**

**Fraternally,**

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

**Fr Thomas Kalariparambil, MSFS  
Provincial Superior**