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My dear Confreres,

Being still in the Easter Season, may I wish you the peace and joy of the Risen Lord in abundance. For us, members of the South-West India Province, this Easter season was a special occasion of praying together, sharing together, and journeying together under a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we celebrated the 4th Ordinary Provincial Chapter of our Province.

4TH ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF SOUTH WEST INDIA PROVINCE



As scheduled, the Capitulants of the Chapter gathered in Vinayalaya on 25th April at 4 pm. The spiritual animation to the Chapter was provided by an excellent recollection preached by Rev. Fr. Joseph Royan CSSR. The mass of the Holy Spirit was presided over by Fr Sabu Francis, Provincial of Guwahati Province, during which Fr. Jacob Parappally preached the homily reminding all the capitulants that we are in the synodal times with the theme: **Communion, participation, Mission**. The communion and participation take place in the province family and it flow out into our mission. The Chapter was a sacred event in which the delegates of the province and the congregation came together to listen to the Holy Spirit speaking in the depths of their hearts and listening to one another and prayerfully discern what is best for deepening the religious life of all its members and to find effective ways and means to proclaim God's word in constantly changing and challenging situations. Although

Archbishop Jose Pamplany could not travel to Bangalore due to health reasons, we were privileged to listen to his keynote address virtually, where he provided some inspiring and challenging insights into the topic “Implications of synodality for consecrated life.”

The 4th Ordinary Provincial Chapter of our Province has been 4 days of grace-filled experiences of togetherness, sharing, discussions and discernments. All through the Chapter the focus was on the central theme ***An Empowered Province Family For An Effective Fransalian Mission***. After the sessions on reports and elections, all the deliberations revolved around the suggestions gathered from the study groups with an attempt at re-discovering the spirit of self-discipline and family spirit in order to empower ourselves for nurturing our collective consciousness as members of one province family for effectively carrying out our Fransalian Mission.

STATEMENT AND ACTION PLAN

STATEMENT

We, the Fransalians of South-West India Province, gathered at Vinayalaya, Bengaluru for the Fourth Ordinary Provincial Chapter from 25-29 April 2022, reflected, discussed and deliberated on the theme: **An Empowered Province Family for an Effective Fransalian Mission**. We reaffirm to deepen our communion by revitalizing our community life by active participation in daily common prayers, transparent communication, wholehearted team-work and effective ministries. Thus, we resolve to empower our Fransalian Family, in the spirit of Synodality, following the footsteps of St Francis de Sales, to live Jesus and give Jesus. Being faithful to the missionary zeal of Fr Peter Mermier, we renew our commitment to work for God’s Kingdom of liberation and wholeness to all, especially to the poor and the marginalized and to care for the nature.

ACTION PLAN

RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LIFE

1. Ensure the following of the essential elements of Fransalian community life as per the community schedule such as common prayer, common meal, community recreation and monthly community meetings.
2. Observe faithfully the Vision and Mission of each community in the Province.
3. Follow strictly the Constitutional norms concerning the tenure of the local superiors.
4. Empower the local superior to coordinate the multiple ministries of a community and animate its life and activities.
5. Train superiors for leadership roles through regular animation of Superiors’ Forum.
6. Evaluate at least twice a year, the proper functioning of religious life in each of the province community by the provincial administration.
7. Provide empathetic support and care to individual confrere in need, especially in moments of distress, by the local community and apostolic community.

MISSION

1. Stabilize the existing missions; identify relevant ministry in Calicut, explore new mission centers

in Chikkaballapura district of the Kolar Mission and in Belgaum Diocese, North Karnataka, open the mission in Chennamkolli in Coorg, Mysore Diocese.

2. Revisit the possibility of extending our mission to North India, especially in Bihar.
3. Complete the Church construction in Adoor at the earliest.
4. Empower the Philippines Delegation with the purchase of land for a school and establish a centre for Social ministry.
5. Support the Chad-Cameroon Delegation to build a novitiate house and strengthen the delegation with the support of adequate personnel and finance.
6. Ensure the mandatory two-year pastoral or mission experience for the new priests.
7. Implement the policy of learning the mission language and the local language.
8. Explore the possibility of pastoral care to the migrant workers within our Province territory.

FORMATION

1. Intensify the efforts for vocation promotion by the vocation promoters in collaboration with the PMP, school/college principals and parish priests, and conscientize every confrere about the need to promote vocations.
2. Accompany prospective candidates to MSFS at least from the beginning of high school.
3. Form a team of vocation promoters, including the scholastics.
4. Train, qualify and equip the formators adequately along with counselling skills.
5. Continue the Tejas Theological formation, keeping up the original vision, in the present location in collaboration with FIDESIndia, using the available land - by developing adequate infrastructure and landscaping, conducive for formation.
6. Assess periodically the formation program at various stages.

EDUCATION

1. Appoint full-time Managers and Administrators in full-fledged educational institutions and respect their role in the running of the institution.
2. Equip more confreres for educational ministry with proper qualification as mandated by the General Chapter 2019.
3. Assign the Councilor in charge of Education with specific office to monitor the proper functioning of our educational institutions.
4. Explore the possibility of running our educational institutions under a priest with B.Ed. as Manager (Correspondent) and with a lay Catholic as Principal.
5. Discover creative ways of preserving our Catholic identity in our educational institutions and give preference to Catholic students in granting scholarships.

SOCIAL AND INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES

1. Run our social work centers with the objective of empowering the poor and the marginalized without any profit motive.
2. Comply with Government regulations in running our Boys' Homes and keep abreast with the changing policies.
3. Establish a centre for media ministry.

4. Form legal cells and crisis management teams in Karnataka and Kerala.

STEWARDSHIP

1. Complete the regularization, rectification and securing of our properties.
2. Build Senior Confreres' Home in Kerala.
3. Introduce pocket money system for the confreres; annual holiday allowance and cloth allowance.

OTHER CONCERNS

1. Apprise the General Administration of the mind of the Provincial Chapter to conduct a consultation on the Division of the Province.

The New Provincial Administration

The 4th Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the South West India province has elected the following Confreres to the Provincial Administration.



Fr Kurian Karickal

Admonitor and Councillor
In Charge of Mission



Fr Benny Marangolil

Councillor in Charge of
Education



Fr R. Santhosh Kumar

Councillor In Charge of
Formation



Fr George Vattappara

Councillor in Charge of
Social and Innovative
Ministries



**Fr Mathew
Elayedathumadam**

Provincial Bursar

On behalf of all the members of our Province, I extend our heartiest congratulations to each of them, thank each of them for having accepted this enormous responsibility and wish them God's abundance blessings!

A Word of Appreciation and Gratitude

1. **Our Beloved Superior General, Very Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvilil**, who, from the selection of the theme for the Chapter till the completion of the Chapter itself, remained in constant touch with me with his paternal suggestions, encouragement and prayers. On behalf of all of us I thank him most sincerely.
2. **Rev. Fr. J. Stephen**, the General Councilor for Innavative ministries, arranged and monitored the

meticulous conducting of the electronic voting in all stages. Thank you dear Fr. Stephen for your fraternal support and expertise.

3. **Rev. Fr Jacob Karamakuzhiyil**, the General Councilor for Formation, was the Delegate of the Superior General for the Provincial Chapter. I am very grateful to him for his brotherly, very observing and vibrant presence as well as gentle suggestions and vibrant involvement in all the discernments of the Provincial Chapter.
4. My sincere gratitude to **all the Provincials, especially, Fr Sabu Francis** for his loving presence and **Frs Suresh Babu and Ignaci Muthu** for their messages, for their wishes and encouragement during the provincial Chapter. They were a great source of support and encouragement.
5. My special gratitude to **all the Capitulants of the Provincial Chapter**. Through their astute alertness, disciplined and regular participation and very meaningful interventions and discussions they raised the standard of our chapter to a higher level. Each of them held firm to a high caliber of our province through high thinking and practical application. The maturity of the seniors, the expertise of the middle-aged and the dynamism of the young ones were very fundamental for the effectiveness of our Chapter. Kudos to you dear Fathers and Brothers.
6. My heartfelt gratitude to the **Steering Committee Members: Frs. Santhosh Kumar, Jeevan Prasad, Thomas Thekkekarottu and Jijo Manjackal** left no stone unturned in order to make sure that the Provincial chapter is conducted in the most effective way. Their meticulous planning, implementation of the plans and constant vigil to attend even to the minutest matters made the 4th ordinary provincial chapter one of the best conducted events of our province. On behalf of the whole province I extend my heartfelt gratitude to them.
7. **Members of the Communities of Vinayalaya and IIS and Brothers from Tejas Vidya Peetha** deserve great appreciation for their hard work and commitment to make sure that all the facilities were provided for the meaningful conducting of the Provincial Chapter. Beautiful arrangements of the Chapter hall, Chapel, nourishing food, stay and accommodation have been excellently planned out and executed. I express my heartfelt gratitude to both these communities for their generosity and service-mindedness.

Heartfelt Gratitude to the Outgoing Provincial Administration

I would like to place on record the sincere commitment and whole-hearted support of the outgoing Provincial Administration. I am grateful to **Fr Benny Koottanal (Provincial), Frs. Binu Edathumparambil, Fr. A. Jabamalai, Fr. Joe Cherolickal, Fr. Riju Vazheparambil, and Fr. Vinod Kanattu (Provincial Bursar)** for their unfailing reliability, teamwork and above all the spirit of service for the well being of the Province. In the name of the whole province I place on record your selfless service for the glory of God through our province. I wish you God's abundant blessings in your future ministry.

My dear Confreres, the parting message of the Risen Lord to the Disciples was: **Go to the whole world and baptize everyone**. Time has come for us to launch out into the renewed spirit of living community life as envisaged by the Provincial Chapter 2022. We are invited through this Chapter with a special mandate to go to every corner of our province with a convincing message of the Chapter **that we are**

called to live in communities sharing our brotherhood in fraternal union with one another. LET US BE THE MESSAGE AND THE MESSENGER.

New System of Personal Allowance

One of the action plan of the just concluded Provincial Chapter is to “Introduce pocket money system for the confreres; annual holiday allowance and cloth allowance” in tune with the practice in all other Indian Provinces which would ensure uniformity among all the members. It was left to the provincial administration to fix the exact amount. The Provincial Council in its meeting on April 30, 2022 fixed the monthly allowance for every confrere as Rs.3500/- and an annual allowance of Rs.15000/- towards personal attire and annual holidays. In addition, the bills of regular medication shall be remitted from the respective communities. **This system comes into effect from the Month of June 2022.** Please remember that all the personal needs are to be met from the allowance provided. For remittance of any additional expenses, prior written permission from the Provincial is required. Due to pandemic induced circumstances many of us have developed a habit of making long trips or interstate journeys, to home or elsewhere, on community vehicles. It is time that we as religious return to our good old practice of relying on public transport for such needs. If, in exceptional cases and with due permission of the local superior, common vehicles are to be used for personal matters, fuel expenses shall not be met from the community. It is highly desirable that we also maintain a strict account of our personal expenses as was meticulously practiced by our senior confreres.

Our Jubilarians

Golden Jubilee Year of the Priestly Ordination of Fr James Manjackal

Fr. James Manjackal had the unique privilege of inaugurating the Golden jubilee year of his priestly ordination with a concelebrated Mass with Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome, on the 23rd of April. This is indeed a great occasion for us to thank God and rejoice with Fr Manjackal. As we all know, Fr Manjackal’s priestly ministry has been mostly associated with Charismatic retreat preaching and renewal of Christian life. From being the MSFS face in Kerala, Fr. Manjackal has evolved into the recognizable global face of MSFS today. We, the members of South-West India Province, join Fr Manjackal in thanking the Good Lord for the abundance of Grace that the Lord has showered upon people all over the world through the instrumentality of his priestly anointing. We pray for him that the Good Lord may continue to use him as a unique instrument of his Grace. As plans will be worked out for an appropriate celebration of his jubilee, a detailed tribute shall be published.

I would also like to inform you that since a few months Fr James Manjackal has become a full-fledged member of the Charis Bhavan community as well as the Charis Bhavan Team for various ministries, although his permanent residence continues to be in Spain in view of his global mission.

Fr. James Manjackal

Congrats!

DATE OF BIRTH : 12-03-1946
PLACE OF BIRTH : Cheruvally, Kerala
NAME OF FATHER : Chacko
NAME OF MOTHER : Anna
NAME OF THE PARISH : St. Mary's Church, Cheruvally
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Diocese of Kanjirappally
FIRST PROFESSION : April 19, 1966, Salesianum, Visakapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : April 19, 1971, St Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
DIACONATE : May 01, 1972, St Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
ORDINATION : April 23, 1973, St Mary's Church, Cheruvally.



Appointments

- 1973: Assistant Parish Priest at Bobbly Parish, Visakapattanam
- 1973-1974: Philip Nagar, Parvatipuram
- 1974-1989: SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
- 1989-1995: Charis Bhavan
- 1995-1996: Sabbatical Year
- 1996-1998: Mermier Bhavan, Hebbagodi
- 1998 - on : Aboard in Sojourn
- 2017 - on : Missionary of Mercy, Rome
- 2022- on: Charis Bhavan

Silver Jubile Year of the Priestly Ordination of Fr Johny Puthiyaparambil

My dear Confreres, we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Fr Johny Puthiyaparambil. Along with you, I take this opportunity to congratulate him for the total surrender to the Lord through the MSFS Congregation and in particular through our Province. Dear Father, you are unique and through your own unique dynamism, you have brought in the flavour of love and commitment through the var-

ious ministries you have undertaken in the province until now. May this Jubilee year be a time of joy, fulfilment and motivation for further commitment.

Congrats!



Rev. Fr Johny Puthiyaparambil

DATE OF BIRTH : 23-05-1962
PLACE OF BIRTH : Kanjirappally
NAME OF FATHER : P.T Scaria
NAME OF MOTHER : Aleykutty
NAME OF THE PARISH : St Dominic, Kanjirappally
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Kanjirappally
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1991, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : MSFS Study House, Shillong,
DIACONATE : MSFS Study House, Shillong,
ORDINATION : April 22, 1998, St Thomas Church, Kanamala

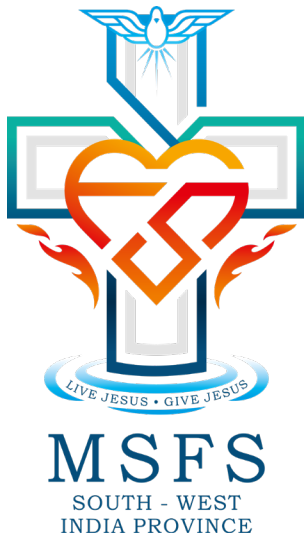
Appointments

- 1998-1999: Assistant Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Aryankavu
- 1999-2000: St. Mary's Church, Anchael
- 2002- 20008 : Charis Bhavan
- 2008-2012: Parish Priest at St. Alphonsa Church, Atlanta
- 2013-2015 : Jyothi Nilaya, Calicut.
- 2015 : Mother of Compassion Family Centre, Kattapana

Studies

- 2006: Licentiate in Family and Marriage, John Paul II Institute, Changanacherry
- 2016: Doctorate in Family Spirituality, St Peters Pontifical Institute, Bangalore

NEW LOGO FOR THE PROVINCE



During the Provincial Chapter a new logo for our Province was released. This new logo tries to capture the core of our MSFS identity and spirituality. The first two letters 'M' and 'S' form the cross, indicating that the missionaries of St. Francis de Sales are the emissaries of Christ crucified, making his salvific mission their own. The next two letters 'F' and 'S' form into a heart, indicating the spirituality of heart of St. Francis de Sales that revolves around love of God and humans. All the three symbols of the Holy Spirit is present in the logo, signifying three different dimensions. As spirit filled and spirit-led missionaries, the Fransalians sustain within themselves an unquenchable passion for the mission and strive to create ripples of divine life wherever they are called upon to work. Thus they become living epitomes of the motto: "Live Jesus! Give Jesus." If anyone wants e-copies of this logo, please collect it from Fr. Justin ThaniKkal.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. **Fr Paul Aranjanil** is appointed as the Superior of MSFS House and Atmajyothi Retreat Centre, Pattikad with effect from 20th May 2022
2. **Fr Joshy Mangalathu** is appointed as the Superior of MSFS House, Kattappana and co-ordinator of DATA programme with effect from 20th May 2022
3. **Fr Riju Vazheparambil** is designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows Syro Malabar Parish, Hebbagodi with effect from 15th May 2022
4. **Fr Shajan Manickathan** is appointed as the Administrator of MSFS House and SFS school, Kannur with effect from 20th May, 2022
5. **Fr Thomas Moongamakkal** is appointed as the Superior of MSFS House, Kannur with effects from 20th May, 2022
6. **Fr Plamthottathil Sanoj** is appointed as the Administrator of MSFS Community and SFS School, Mattannur with effect from 20th May 2022
7. **Fr Robin Thonikuzhiyil** is appointed as the Administrator of MSFS Community & SFS College, Hebbagodi with effect from May 7, 2022
8. **Fr Vinod Kanattu** is appointed as the Administrator, Administrator of Institutions of KFS Society in Mermier Bhavan Campus with effect from May 7, 2022
9. **Fr David S Buddini** is appointed as the Administrator, SFS School and community Kuknoor with effect from May 17, 2022
10. **Fr Staney R** is appointed as the Administrator of the MSFS community and SFS College at Tama-ka, Kolar with effect from May 20, 2022
11. **Fr Saji Eanthanamkuzhiyil** is appointed as the Principal of SFS School, Kukkannoor with effect from May 18, 2022
12. **Fr Thomas Thekkekarottu** is appointed as the Director of NEST, Kengeri with effect from May 22, 2022
13. **Fr Mijo Kulamkuthiyil** is appointed as the Administrator of Tejas Vidya Peetha, Kengeri with

effect from May 22, 2022

14. Fr Sibichan Panthammackel is Appointed as the Superior of Vinayalaya, MSFS Provincial House, with effect from May 20, 2022

15. Fr A. Anthony Swamy is appointed as the Superior of MSFS community Soumya Sadan, Mysore with effect from May 18, 2022

16. Fr Binoy Kuzhuppil is appointed as the Spiritual Director at Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore With effect from June 10, 2022

17. Fr Simil Devasia is appointed To the Community in Savanur with effect from June 1, 2022

18. Fr Martin Richard is appointed to Assist the parish in Kolar with effect from May 18, 2022

19. Fr Kelvin Olikkunnel is appointed as Vice-Principal, SFS School Ettumanoor with effect from June 10, 2022

20. Fr Albin Puthenveetil is designated for MA studies in Bengaluru

PROMOTIONS TO THE NEXT STAGES OF FORMATION 2022

Promoted to the Novitiate

Ajay George

Alphonse Christopher

Deepak Tirkey

Durlabh Kumar

Elbin P Saji

Georgin Manu

Godwin David

Ishanandan

Jeesmon Thomas

Joyson Nazareth

Patrick

Shijin Antony

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

Alan Prince Attapattu

Daniel Ignatius Pellissery

Jeevan Tirkey

Justin Johnson Paruthipara

Prashanth Ekka

Raphael A.

Satish Kujur

Vijay Bernard

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

Amul Arokiaswamy G.

Bibin Jose Kannamkulathu

Bristo Augustine Karyakkadan

Vinod Kumar Y.

Promoted to the Second Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows at Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Yada Bakari Abel

Bello Bouba Kaina

Tatah Synesius Felim Shofola

Ndje Ndongo Nyebe Jean Rene

Christian Allahadjim

Konlack Moffo Cardin

Jude Limnyuy

Dehezo Tsasse Christian

Djorkef Valdo Timene

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

Antony Kunnumpurathu Puthenveedu

Ajo Mookenthottam

Akshay T. M. Thurutheparannolil

Rohit Kujur

Ravi Kumar

Jason Jaimon Parakalayil

Jerin Shaji Panachickal

Manish Tigga

Joseph Francis Kozhikkadan

Jerin Kulamkuthiyil

Jerome Christi

Abin Abraham Ellickamuriyil

Promoted to the Third Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows at Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Che Betrand Ching

Dassi Lambo Jean Baptiste

Julius Venyeni

Mua Clovis Ewi

Nanguep Njampou Martin Aurio

Promoted for Renewal of Vows and Regency

Prabeen (Probin) Tirkey

Sebastian Tomy Kaniyanparambil

Sibi Jose Poomarathil

Sebastian Joseph Arinjaniyil

Ranjith Panna

Rechin Deepak

Christin Tom Kidangayil

Akash Tirkey

Abishek Ekka

Promoted for Renewal of Vows and Regency at Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Ning Stanley Kang

Wiysahnyuy Nelson Fonyuy

Promoted to the First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows at Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Mbinkar Melchisedek Nsoyuka

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

Asher Kochuparambil

George Karottukizhakel

Jerin Ponmalakunnel

Jerry Balthasar

Joachim Anthonyswamy

Jostro B. Muthupeedika

Promoted to the Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows at Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Nzesseu Chimi Valentin

Yibongha David Shiynyuy

Engelbert Nga Modo

Promoted to the Third Year Theology and Perpetual Profession at Tejas Vidya Peetha

Elackodickal Cyril

Illickal Somi

Elivalinkil Jefin Devasia

Kaniyodickal Jain George

Payattukandathil Jilu

Promoted to the Third Year Theology and Renewal of Vows at Chad-Cameroon Delegation

Jacques Clovis Temgoua

William Favier Henri Azdaba Evang

Promoted to the Fourth Year Theology and Perpetual Profession at Philippines Delegation

Roberto G. Batohinog

Joelvin N. Tahitit

The Following scholastics Cease to be Members of the Congregation

A. Samuel

Cherackal Kuriakose

Vono Vono Emmanuel Claude

We wish them God's abundant blessings in their future life-endeavours

My Schedule

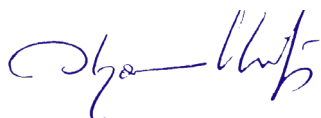
May 2022

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| 9 th May | Meeting with Bishop of Kannur |
| 10 th May | SFS School, Kannur |
| 10 th -14 th May | Aluva, Ettumanoor |
| 16 th May | Comprehensive Exam, Suvidya College |
| 17 th May | Blessing and Inauguration of the Church, Savanur |
| 18 th May | Blessing of the new wing, SFS School Shiralagoppa |
| 19 th May | Blessing and inauguration of community House, Mundargi |
| 28 th May | Perpetual Profession, Tejas vidya Peetha |
| 29 th May | Blessing of the parish hall, Ulickal |
| 30 th May | Initiation to the Novitiate, Makkiyad |
| 31 st May | First Profession, Makkiyad |

VOICE OF SFS

“Let us walk ... joyously, dear souls, among the difficulties of this passing life ... These pains will have an end when our life ends, after which there will be only joy, only contentment, only eternal consolation.”

Fraternally,



**Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS
Provincial**