

# MISSIONARIES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

SOUTH-WEST INDIA PROVINCE

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**My dear Confreres,**

**W**e are on the eve of the great feast of Christmas. The stupendous truth of Christmas is that God is with us in all our human situations, as a God who identifies himself with us and brings us into his own life of grace and truth and salvation. The miracle of Christmas, the divine embracing the human, can take place only with human co-operation. While the lives of some were illumined by the star of Bethlehem, for several others it was a matter of lost opportunities. At this Christmas, moved by the joy of the gift, may we too have the humility first of all to let the little Child of Bethlehem to be born into our lives and let his light open our eyes to those human realities around. May his tenderness awaken our sensitivity and make us recognize our call to see him in all those who approach us in need and in everything that happens in our lives! It is thus that the miracle of Christmas can happen every day, if we really want it.

*I wish all of you the joy and peace of a wonderful Christmas.*

# *Congrats!*

## **NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL**

**Rev. Fr Johnson Kallidukil MSFS**

Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, the Superior General of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, has appointed Rev. Fr Johnson Kallidukil MSFS as the Assistant Superior General of our Congregation. We extend him our heartiest congratulations and prayerful best wishes. May the Spirit of the Lord be upon him in assisting our Superior General in animating our congregation effectively after the example of our Founder.



# *Thank You*

## **REV. FR YVES CARRON**

We express our gratitude to Rev. Fr Yves Carron for the all the selfless services he has rendered to South-West India Province as the Assistant Superior General of our Congregation.

## **DECEMBER 28, 2022: 400<sup>TH</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

A letter from our beloved Superior General was forwarded to you all, reminding us that on 28<sup>th</sup> of this December we celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of St. Francis de Sales. Along with the letter, the specific instructions of the Superior General on how each community should celebrate the day were also forwarded. Let all of us make special effort to celebrate the day accordingly.

## **REORGANIZATION OF OUR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

The Provincial Chapter 2022 had mandated the Provincial Administration to initiate appropriate mechanism for ensuring proper functioning of our educational institutions. The meeting of the education forum, held in Vinayalaya on September 10, had requested the Administration to work out ways and means in order to uniformly manage and administer our ministry of education. The provincial had assured the forum that within a month or two, appropriate measures would be initiated in this regard. With 22 institutions, our province has one of the most extensive net-work of educational institutions among the Indian Provinces. The stakes are very high,

if we consider the extend of investment, number of pupils under our care and the teaching and non-teaching staff that are employed. The members of the education forum were absolutely right in expressing the urgency that we approach the whole ministry of education in a uniform manner. It is high time that we re-organize our system a little bit to facilitate professional management, administration, and monitoring of every aspect of our ministry of education in a uniform manner. Towards this end, it is envisioned that we create an office of SWIP Education under the office of the Provincial. This office of the SWIP Education will be headed by a committee comprising of the Councillor in charge of education, the Provincial Bursar, and a lay professional, who would function as the CEO. At each institutional level, the principal will be the head, who will be assisted by a co-ordinator each of the teaching and non-teaching staff. The CEO will be responsible to co-ordinate the functioning of all institutions through the office of the principals. Mr. Noel Borges, a person with good academic credentials and excellent experience of having worked with St. Josephs and Christ Academy, has already been appointed as the CEO. Before narrowing down on to him, different prospective candidates were interviewed, a few were asked to make their presentations before the core committee for education along with the provincial and provincial bursar and all concerned were clear that Mr. Noel has the best acumen for the job we have in mind. He will formally take charge on February 1, 2023, although he has been already working on the project from the middle of November. We are also acquiring a custom-made software with all the required features as the technical tool. It will network and co-ordinate every aspect of our ministry of education in a uniform, easy to access, and professional manner. The entire process is being meticulously monitored by the Councillor in charge of education, Fr. Benny Marangolil. Towards familiarizing ourselves with the nuances of the proposed re-organization and eliciting healthy feedback, a meeting of all the members of the education forum is being convened for January 14, 2023. Taking all the valuable suggestions into account, the system will be finalized thereafter, probably in another two weeks. In the month of February, sessions will be held for introducing and training first the co-ordinators of both the teaching and non-teaching staff, which will then be followed by the training of the entire staff teams. It is envisioned that the proposed re-organization will come into practice from the coming academic year 2023-24.

### **EDEN NIVAS: A HOME FOR THE SENIOR CONFRERES**

The news about the purchase of a plot of land for constructing a residence for the senior confreres had been announced in the last circular. Fr Jose Parapillil has been gracious enough not only in making all the arrangements with the registration of the land and obtaining the documents, but has worked closely with an architect to work out an excellent plan for the construction of the house. A beautiful brochure has been made with the creativity and technical assistance of Fr Justin Thanikkal to be distributed among confreres and benefactors and is already available on our common WhatsApp platform. May I earnestly request all of you dear Confreres to make every effort to find people who would support this cause financially. Any personal contribution is also most welcome. It is a home for us MSFS and let us work together to materialize it.

### **A REMINDER**

The second Province annual Retreat is scheduled from January 16 to 20, 2023. The retreat begins





on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and concludes on Friday with lunch. All those who have not been able to participate in the first retreat held at Vinayalaya are expected to participate in the second one. Please ensure that all the participants are on time and leave the retreat venue only after the conclusion of the retreat. Those who have obtained permission to abstain from it are to make another formally arranged 5 days retreat, preferably in another province, and definitely pass on the details of it to the provincial.

## CANONICAL VISITATION

Provincial's canonical visitation of the communities will commence from the middle of February. Fr Superior General has given specific guidelines for the same. The details of the same as well as the precise dates will be communicated to you in time.

*Congrats!*

### ENGLISH PROVINCE

#### REV. FR BENNY VALYAVEETIL MSFS

**O**ur heartiest congratulations to Rev. Fr Benny Valiyaveettil MSFS, on being appointed as the Provincial of the English province for a second term. We promise him our prayers and fraternal support.



### GUWAHATI PROVINCE

#### REV. FR SABU FRANCIS MSFS

**R**ev. Fr Sabu Francis is reappointed as the Provincial of Guwahati Province. We congratulate him and offer him our prayers and best wishes.

### DIBRUGARH PROVINCIAL CURIA

- Fr James Pattarakalayil ( Provincial Councilor & Admonitor)
- Fr Carlus Barowa (Provincial Councilor)
- Fr Varghese Paul Manickathan (Provincial Councilor)
- Fr Mhonchumo Philip Ovung (Provincial Councilor)
- Fr Peter Parankimalil ( Provincial Bursar)



## APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

- **Fr Benny Koottanal** is appointed as the Superior and Director of Indian Institute of Spirituality, Rajajinagar as well as the Chief Editor of SFS Publications with effect from January 3, 2023.
- **Fr Joe Cherolickal** is appointed as the Dean of Studies at Tejas Vidya Peetha, Kengeri with effect from January 3, 2023
- **Fr S. Arokia Jayaraj** is appointed as the Dean of Studies at Sannidhi, Mysore with effect from January 5, 2023.

## PROMOTION OF THE SCOLASTICS

### Promoted to Priesthood

- Dn Jibin George Anithottathil
- Dn Robin Pereira
- Dn Madathiparambil Rony Thomas

### Promoted to Priesthood in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation

- Dn M'Toudjiel Abba

### Promoted to Perpetual Profession in the Philippines Delegation

- Jeson Ly Berdida
- Jibin Pathil

## A FEW POINTS TO NOTE

1. Several confreres have been going for treatments, especially ayurvedic, without obtaining the necessary prior permission. If insurance coverage is to be obtained, proper procedure has to be followed. If people expect the province to take or share the expenses involved, it is absolutely necessary to obtain prior permission.
2. Several important communications to the provincial or to the provincial bursar are sent through WhatsApp. This is not enough. For the sake of documentation, please send all the official communication through Email.
3. As per the decision of the General Chapter 2019 as well as the directives of the UGC, we are not allowed to use titles of honorary degrees. This was reiterated by the Superior General in the recently concluded Extra-ordinary General Chapter. Therefore, please do not use such titles yourselves as well as do not let others use it in our institutions while addressing us.
4. Our Ordo for the year 2023 has been dispatched to all the communities in India. If anyone has not yet received it, kindly inform the persons the provincial secretary. In this regard I would like to thank very specially Fr Thomas Kanat, for the enormous time spent, and the meticulous care he has taken to bring out the Ordo 2023.



# OBITUARY



Fr Ganji Bala Joji Reddy MSFS (62)  
Died on: October 16, 2022  
Vizag Province



Fr Francis Stephen MSFS (53)  
Died on: October 20, 2022.  
Vizag Province



Fr Tomy Thekkel (58)  
Died on: November 10, 2022  
Dibrugarh Province



Fr K.T. Thomas (88)  
Died on: November 13, 2022  
Vizag Province



Fr Noel Rebello (79)  
Died on: December 02, 2022  
Pune Province

- Sr Wilfred CHF (90), paternal Aunt of Fr Joseph Pazhayattil, passed away on October 20, 2022
- Mrs. Philomena (78), Mother of Fr C. Joseph, died on November 06, 2022
- Mrs. Jessy (49), Sister of Fr Jijo Chemplanickal, died on November 10, 2022
- Mrs. Elikutty Mathew (94), Elder Sister of Fr James Mukalel, died on November 15, 2022
- Mr Andrews (32), brother of Fr Arun Kumar, died on November 27, 2022
- Msgr. I. Chinnappa (92), uncle of Fr A. Jerome, passed away on December 11 2022
- Mr. KJ Joseph Kochuparambil (85), Maternal Grandfather of Fr Subin Palamattathil, died on December



## MY SCHEDULE

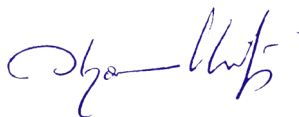
December 27, 2022	Ordination of Dn Robin Pereira at Haliyal
December 29, 2022	Ordination of Madathiparambil Rony Thomas at Kallara South
January 03, 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary Mass of Fr Antony Mookenthottam at Suvidya College
January 05, 2023	Ordination of Dn Jibin Anithottathil at Vayattuparamba
January 09, 2023	Suvidya Governing Body and PIF Meeting
January 10, 2023	Gabriel Memorial Lectures at Suvidya College
January 11, 2023	Regents Meet at Vinayalaya
January 13, 2023	Annual Day of De Sales Academy at Hebbagodi
January 16-20, 2023	Province Retreat, Charis Bhavan
January 23, 2023	Feast of St Francis de Sales at Suvidya College
January 24, 2023	Feast of SFS at Vinayalaya
January 26-27	Provincial Administration's visit to Kolar Mission

## VOICE OF SFS

**“God has destined everything for his love as the end of all things ”**

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**Fraternally,**



**Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS  
Provincial**



# *Priestly Ordinations*



**DN ROBIN PEREIRA**  
**27-12-2022**



**DN RONY MADATHIPARAMBIL**  
**29-12-2022**



**DN JIBIN ANITHOTTATHIL**  
**05-01-2023**



**DN M'TOUDJIEL ABBA**  
**28-01-2023**

**Merry Christmas**  
and a Happy New Year