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To

Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalary MSFS, Provincial

All the Confreres of the South West India Province

All the Family Members and friends of Fr. Sibi Manickathan MSFS

All the MSFS Confreres world-wide

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. Shalom!

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Fr. Thomas Kalary, the Provincial of the South West India Province, his family members, and all our Confreres around the world on the occasion of the sudden and unexpected passing of our beloved Confrere, **Father Siby Joseph Manickathan MSFS**.

We have learned of this shocking news with great pain and deep sadness. In this difficult hour of loss, our hearts are heavy; yet, we want to remember the life that Fr Siby led - a life characterised in every respect by the spirituality of our patron saint, St. Francis de Sales.

Father Siby was always a man who approached people with a smile and a welcoming attitude. His kindness and gentleness touched many hearts, and his life was a living testimony to the love and peace he radiated through his faith in God and the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. In all my encounters, he struck me as very human. Guided by the Holy Spirit, he had a gentle way of handling every situation. On March 24th, I participated in the Requiem celebration in Regensburg, Germany. The entire event was a testament to the greatness of Father Siby.

My beloved younger brother, Siby. I have known you since your time in the minor seminary when you were just 15 years old. You always called me Kunjeattan in our mother tongue, which means elder brother. Indeed, I was a brother to you. You radiated positive energy. On the 1st of March this year, we met for the last time (in this chapel) at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Ettumanoor for the grand jubilee celebration. When you saw me from afar, you ran to me, hugged me, and congratulated me. We celebrated Holy Mass together that day. Now I'm with you again. The only difference is that I am still here on earth while you have now moved to your residence with the angels and saints. Dear Father Siby, **be where God wants you to be**. We hope to be united with you when our time comes. Goodbye, dear Siby.

Dear Family Members, the MSFS Congregation is grateful to you for bringing us such a wonderful person. We pray for you and your intentions. May the memory of Fr. Siby always inspire us to embody the values of St. Francis de Sales in our own lives. Amen.

Yours in Christ Jesus, on behalf of the General Curia,

Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS
Superior General

Rome, Italy, March 25, 2025
Feast of the Annunciation



"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7)