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### **SUPERIOR GENERAL TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

***Beloved Confreres,***

I greet you in the precious name of Jesus!

September is a month of special importance for us, the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. On the 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us that the Cross is the heart of our missionary consecration and the source of our strength in carrying out the Gospel mission. On the 15th, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows invites us to walk with Mary, who stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross, and to embrace her as our companion and model in mission. Finally, on September 30th, we gratefully celebrate Founder's Day, recalling with deep joy and gratitude the life and legacy of our beloved Founder, Servant of God Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. His vision, "to renew the faith and to rekindle the Christian spirit," continues to inspire us to live our Salesian vocation with fidelity, creativity, and missionary zeal. Together, these feasts make September a true month of grace, renewal, and recommitment for every MSFS.

#### **The Cross of Christ, as embraced by Father Mermier**

The Servant of God, Father Peter Mary Mermier, our Holy Founder, nurtured a profound devotion to the Holy Cross, which deeply influenced his spirituality, mission, vision, and the life of the Congregation. For him, the Cross was not merely a symbol of suffering but the very foundation of Christian discipleship, the pathway to holiness, and the source of missionary zeal. He constantly reminded the confreres that evangelisation required patience, sacrifice, and endurance, urging them to carry the Cross daily in union with Christ. His deep love for the Crucified Lord led him to encourage prayer before the crucifix and meditation on the passion of Jesus as the wellspring of strength in trials and fidelity to God's will.

In his vision, the Cross was not a burden to be avoided but a grace-filled reality that united the missionary to Christ's obedience and abandonment to the Father. This devotion found practical expression in the popular missions he promoted, where preaching on the passion and death of Christ invited the faithful to deeper conversion. Fr. Mermier exhorted his confreres never to preach a "cheap gospel," but rather to proclaim the full reality of Christ crucified and risen, with the Cross as the central mystery of faith. He summed up this conviction with his inspiring words: *"Let us work with great zeal, but let us never forget that the Cross is our strength."* For him, the Cross was also the missionary's unfailing companion in foreign lands, a constant reminder that suffering endured with love becomes fruitful for the Kingdom of God. When he sent the first missionaries from

France to India, he exhorted them to embrace the Cross as their light and strength, knowing that in the face of hardship, cultural challenges, and loneliness, it was only through the Cross that their mission would bear lasting fruit. Hence, it was not without a definite purpose that he, together with Mother Claudine Echernier, named the new foundation the *Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (SCC)*.

This legacy continues to mark the MSFS and the SCC charisms today, reminding his spiritual sons and daughters that fidelity to the Cross is the true source of courage, perseverance, and fruitfulness in their missionary vocation.

### Our Devotion to the Mother of Sorrows

When Fr. Peter Mermier entrusted our Congregation to *Mary, Mother of Sorrows*, he did so with profound conviction. He perceived in her a patroness who could shape our hearts to resemble hers—compassionate, courageous, and faithful. At the foot of the Cross, Mary stood in silent strength. She did not flee from suffering. She entered into it with her Son, sharing His pain and offering her maternal love to a broken world.

Mermier desired his missionaries to possess the same heart: a heart that does not stay indifferent but is moved with compassion; a heart that knows how to suffer with others; a heart that turns pain into hope. For him, true missionary zeal arises from compassion—a love that dares to stand beside the crucified of our times.

Today, devotion to the Mother of Sorrows is not just about prayers or pious practices. It involves allowing Mary to shape our missionary identity. It includes learning from her to be steadfast in trials, tender in our relationships, and merciful in our ministries. When our Congregation reflects the compassionate heart of Mary, we then become credible witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

May the Mother of Sorrows continue to accompany us, strengthen us, and teach us how to be missionaries with compassionate hearts—faithful to the spirit of our Founder.

### The Name: Mother of Sorrows or Mother of Compassion

Over and again, the question has been raised regarding the use of the titles *Mother of Sorrows* and *Mother of Compassion*. I wish to reiterate clearly: **officially, the Patroness of our Congregation is *Mother of Sorrows*, as used and defined by our Founder, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier.** This is the title that expresses the mind of the Founder and the heritage he has entrusted to us most faithfully. Please see the Circular of Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, the Superior General: sg-af-6 dated March 5, 2003.

***The Title of the Patroness of our Congregation:*** The General Chapter clarified that there have been, from the time of Fr. Mermier, our Founder, two Feasts in honour of Mother Mary under the titles "Mother of Sorrows" and "Mother of Compassion." **Since he chose the title "Mother of Sorrows" rather than "Mother of Compassion,"** it was agreed upon that in our Congregation, we will invoke our Patroness as the *Mother of Sorrows*. In this way we will be more true to the deeper Marian theology that is highlighted by the title *Mother of Sorrows* and to which perhaps Fr. Mermier was dedicated.

## Mother of Compassion

- This title emphasises Mary's active participation in Christ's redemptive mission by sharing in His love, mercy, and care for humanity.
- It highlights her role as a comforter and intercessor, who shows motherly tenderness to the suffering and leads them to Christ.
- Rooted in her "yes" at the Annunciation, it reflects how she continually participates in God's plan by offering maternal compassion to the Church and the world.
- Liturgically and devotionally, it's often linked to Mary's presence at Cana (helping the couple) and at Pentecost (strengthening the Church).

## Mother of Sorrows

- This title highlights Mary's suffering and union with Christ's Passion, particularly through the Seven Sorrows (prophecy of Simeon, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, meeting Him on the way to Calvary, standing at the foot of the Cross, receiving His body, and His burial).
- It underlines her endurance of grief, making her the model of Christian discipleship in the face of suffering.
- Liturgically, it is celebrated on September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows), right after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.
- **Mother of Compassion** = Mary as a **comforting, merciful intercessor**.
- **Mother of Sorrows** = Mary as a **suffering participant in Christ's Passion**.

**I strongly encourage you, therefore, to consistently use the title *Mother of Sorrows* in our writings, prayers, and devotions, so that our Congregation remains rooted in the Founder's charism.**

At the same time, it is not forbidden to use *Mother of Compassion* as one of the titles given to Mother Mary. What matters most is that our devotion to *Mother of Sorrows* shapes us to be men of compassion, missionaries with hearts wide enough to embrace the wounds of the world and to bring consolation and hope to all.

**Founder's Day, September 30, 2025**

It is now 163 years since our Holy Founder, the Servant of God, Father Peter Mermier, departed from this world. His vision, zeal, and missionary spirit continue to inspire us in our life and ministry. This anniversary invites us to look back with gratitude for the gift of our Founder and the rich legacy he has left us. As members of the Fransalian Family, we are entrusted with a spiritual and missionary heritage that has shaped generations. It is our sacred duty to live this heritage faithfully and creatively in today's context. At the same time, we are called to hand it over joyfully and responsibly to the coming generation, so that the charism may continue to bear fruit in the Church and the world.

Each year, when we come together as a Congregation to celebrate *Mermier's Day*, we return to the source of our identity and mission: the mind and heart of our beloved Founder, Fr. Peter Mermier. This day is more than a commemoration. It is a reminder, a call, and an examination: *Is Fr. Mermier alive in and through us today?*

Our Founder's life and ministry were marked by a bold spirit of renewal. He looked at the world around him, saw the needs of the Church and society, and responded with courage and creativity. He was never satisfied with the minimum. He never settled for mediocrity. He thought out of the box, went beyond conventions, and allowed the Gospel to take fresh expression in his ministry. For him, fidelity to Christ meant constant renewal.

If his life and ministry became a source of renewal for his time, what about us today? Are we agents of renewal in our communities, ministries, and missions? Or have we allowed routine, comfort, or minimalism to take over? These questions are not meant to discourage us, but to awaken in us the same fire that burned in the heart of Mermier.

To remain connected to the mind of our Founder means:

- to live with missionary boldness, not afraid of risks when the Gospel demands it,
- to go beyond mediocrity and seek creative ways of responding to today's challenges,
- to allow our lives to be transformed so that we, in turn, may become instruments of transformation for others.

Dear confreres, let us not lose sight of our focus. Our Congregation is not meant to be a comfortable shelter, but a vibrant force of renewal in the Church. Each of us is called to keep alive the daring spirit of Mermier in the here and now. May this Mermier's Day be an opportunity for us to renew ourselves personally and communally, and to recommit to being *living memorials* of our Founder's vision.

Let us allow the Lord to make us more than minimal, more than mediocre. Let us be missionaries after the heart of Christ, in the spirit of Peter Mermier.

### Our Response to the Call of the XXI General Chapter

It has been more than six months since we celebrated the General Chapter. The General Chapter 2025 was a significant milestone—a moment of grace and discernment in the life of our Congregation. It spoke to us with clarity and conviction about our identity, our mission, and the path forward. I am sure you have the text of the Call of the Chapter, if not in hard copy, at least soft copy.

**You are aware that decisions of the General Chapter are non-negotiable, and anyone, by virtue of being an MSFS, is bound by such decisions, and no further common discussions can be entertained on their legality or acceptability.** One can always seek clarification. However, when discussions and inquiries extend to questioning the authority of the General Chapter, it cannot but be considered a grave offence, inviting sanctions.

Let us continue to move forward with faith, fidelity, and fraternal collaboration, always listening to what the Spirit is saying to us today.

## On the Increasing Trend in the Departures, Excardination and Incardination

A particularly delicate issue that demands our urgent attention is the **growing trend of excardination from our Congregation and incardination into dioceses**, especially after several years working in **developed countries**.

There seems to be a pattern: after spending several years in ministry overseas, *one feels called to a diocesan way of life*. Then, the confrère returns to his home country, takes a **year of discernment**, and subsequently requests **exclaustration**. After one to three years, he is eventually **incardinated into a diocese**. In some cases, this process appears to proceed so smoothly that one cannot help but wonder: *Are we being taken for a ride?*

Let me state this with clarity and canonical precision:

There is no canonical obligation on the part of the Supreme Moderator (Superior General) to grant the indult of excardination to any confrere seeking to join a diocese. Nor is there a canonical obligation on the part of the Provincial and the Council to recommend petitions to be considered by the General Administration.

Such a permission is never automatic and is granted only for the most serious and truly exceptional reasons.

*In this context, I would like to issue a note of caution to all Provincials and Provincial Administrations. A confrere may be personally convinced of a diocesan vocation, but as Major Superiors, we are not passive administrators. We are pastoral leaders and guardians of our missionary charism. We must accompany such individuals with spiritual clarity, but also with frankness and challenge. In many of these cases, what is presented as “diocesan vocation” may actually be a preference for comfort, financial security, and a freer lifestyle, often disconnected from the values of religious life. As leaders, we are obliged to question such motivations and to protect the Congregation from becoming a transitional body that sends workers to affluent regions, only to lose them to local dioceses.*

*As those entrusted with the authority and duty of animation, we share a responsibility to help members remain faithful to their vocation, our charism, and the original call we all received. Confreres must recognise that this fidelity is not optional; it must withstand the shifting winds of time and culture, the allure of comfort, and the pull of fleeting satisfactions and temptations. Major Superiors, in particular, have a paternal duty to guide and protect the vocations entrusted to them. This guidance is not always easy; it may involve challenging a confrere in charity and truth or making difficult, even painful, decisions when necessary. Yet, such acts, carried out with discernment and love, serve the greater good of the confrere, the community, the Province, and the Church. Over time, those who are challenged often come to appreciate the value of that guidance and are grateful for it later.*

*As leaders, we are custodians of our precious heritage, now being lived through every member of our congregation.*

*I strongly urge the Provincials NOT to entertain such requests. We need to be firm and united as leaders in our policies. As we are winding up some of the pending cases of excardination and incardination, I would like to bring to your attention that the General Administration is firm on this matter that, unless for a very grave reason, a positive VOTUM for the excardination and incardination will not be granted.*

It is interesting to note that according to the statistics, 98% of such cases (excardination and incardination) and over 70% of the cases of laicisation are with confreres who were sent from a developing country to serve in a developed country. It is essential that every confrere forms a genuine bond with the MSFS religious family. Here comes the significance of the strict implementation of the 10-Year Policy and the non-negotiable aspect of community life.

As a congregation, let us be united in ensuring that:

- Each case is treated individually, with depth of discernment, not as a predictable path.
- We never normalise excardination as a career progression.
- We strengthen our accompaniment and formation, especially for those working in difficult or affluent environments.
- We stand firm, rooted in our identity as Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, resisting the temptation to appease, even when pressured.

This is not just a canonical matter alone. It is a question of fidelity to our founding vision, our vow of obedience, and our ecclesial commitment as a Congregation. Every organisation has the right and the obligation to preserve itself and to foster its growth.

Each year, as we complete the report required by the Holy See, when there is a notable movement of members towards excardination and diocesan life, it raises serious concerns. The Holy See consistently reminds us of the need to preserve and honour the original vocation to religious life.

In the background of the increasing number of petitions for excardination, the Dicastery for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life, had asked us as to what measures our congregation was taking to safeguard its members.

This invites us to examine our formation methods, style of accompaniment, and the way we exercise authority, animation, and administration with renewed honesty.

### Reporting of Abuse Cases and Other Irregularities

I write to you on a matter that touches the very core of our consecrated life and missionary commitment, our integrity, our fraternal bonds, and the sacred trust placed in us by the Church and the People of God. The matter concerns cases of abuse, misuse, irresponsible conduct and irregularities.

The Vatican today maintains a **zero-tolerance stance on abuse** under Pope Leo XIV, who has reaffirmed the Church's commitment to preventing sexual, spiritual, and authority-based misconduct. Through the **Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM)**, it has issued a **Universal Guidelines Framework** requiring dioceses and religious orders worldwide to adopt public safeguarding protocols, cooperate with civil authorities, and establish survivor-centred procedures.

From time to time, situations arise involving abuse, misconduct, or other serious irregularities. These are painful and sensitive issues, especially when they involve our own confreres. As superiors, it is never easy to make judgments in such situations.



However, silence, inconsistency, or superficial handling only worsen the damage - to individuals, to communities, and to our collective witness.

It is therefore essential that the General Administration be kept fully and promptly informed of such cases. **We would prefer to hear directly from the Provincial rather than from rumours or third-party sources.** Transparency and early communication help us to support, accompany, and guide effectively.

At the same time, we must be committed to protecting the privacy and dignity of the persons involved. Every confrere deserves to be treated with fairness, compassion, and due process—never with rash conclusions or public exposure.

We must also be cautious not to fall into the temptation of “quick-fix” solutions or informal compromises that seem convenient but fail to address the deeper issues. Such approaches may offer temporary peace but seldom bring lasting healing or justice.

Moreover, we have observed with concern that similar offences have been handled with varying levels of seriousness—some being reported to the Generalate and the confrere is given the sanctions while others are *adjusted* within the Province without adequate documentation or communication. This inconsistency leads to confusion and undermines accountability and gives rise to a sense of disparity.

At times, the laxity with which we address certain serious allegations dilutes the ambience of discipline in the province family. When standards are not upheld uniformly, it weakens the moral fabric of our communities and diminishes the confidence of our confreres in the leadership.

Based on the Directives from the Dicasteries and the MSFS Code of Ethics, we have developed a consistent policy of imposing sanctions for a minimum of three years, with certain conditions and restrictions – the details of which may vary from case to case, depending on the severity and context.

Let us not be afraid to address such matters with clarity, truthfulness, and fraternal courage. We need to foster a culture of accountability that is deeply rooted in Gospel values and respectful of the human person. Let us work together to build a system that is marked by transparency, trust, and integrity.

### A Crucial Question about our Spending Habits – Celebrations – Jubilees

I write to you today with a deep sense of responsibility and fraternal concern regarding a matter that has been troubling me profoundly. As stewards of our Congregation and spiritual leaders of our communities, we are called to uphold the values that define our missionary vocation—simplicity, detachment, and solidarity with the poor.

However, I have observed with increasing concern a growing culture of spending among us that seems inconsistent with our religious calling. Occasions such as jubilees, graduations, annual days, and similar events—while certainly moments of grace and thanksgiving—are at times being celebrated with a level of extravagance that raises serious questions. Beyond these, holidaying in luxury cruises, regular visits to high-end restaurants, and an increasing reliance on online food culture reflect a lifestyle that drifts away from the simplicity we profess.

Where is our simplicity?  
Where is our compassion for the tears of the poor who live around us?  
Where is the witness we are called to bear to Gospel values?

Let us not forget that our vow of poverty is not merely a legal requirement or a ceremonial declaration. It is a radical choice—a daily commitment to live in trust, in moderation, and in solidarity with the poor. Every euro, dollar, or rupee spent with discernment can be a resource redirected to mission, education, healthcare, and care for the elderly and sick among us.

I must also confess, with all honesty, that I find it difficult—often painfully so—to offer satisfactory explanations to our God-fearing confreres, as well as to many outside our Congregation, when they ask me about the relevance, the need, and the logic behind the scale and nature of some of our celebrations. These are not cynical critics; they are people who admire religious life and who look to us for authenticity and inspiration.

When our celebrations begin to mirror the very worldliness we have renounced, we risk undermining our own credibility. How can we preach detachment when our lifestyles reflect indulgence? What message do we send to the poor, the young in formation, and to our mission partners when we prioritize external show over interior conviction?

***These Questions, I know, are not Comfortable, but they are Necessary.***

I urge you, my dear Provincials, to reflect deeply and guide our confreres with wisdom and courage. Let our jubilee celebrations and other events be marked by simplicity, spiritual depth, and a genuine sense of thanksgiving—not competition, extravagance, or display. Let us model a missionary lifestyle that is counter-cultural and Gospel-rooted, one that draws its strength not from appearances, but from authenticity.

May the Lord, who called us to this beautiful vocation, grant us the grace to be faithful to the spirit of St. Francis de Sales and the charism entrusted to us.

## DECISIONS, NEWS AND EVENTS

### Committee for the Revision of the General Directory

With the consent of the respective provincials and the confreres concerned, the General Administration has constituted the Committee for the Revision of the General Directory.

The committee members are:

1. **Fr. Domy Thomas MSFS**
2. **Fr. Kulandaisamy Thomas MSFS**
3. **Fr. James Panthalanickel MSFS**
4. **Fr. Dola Velankanni MSFS (Leader)**

To facilitate smooth coordination and communication, **Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy, MSFS**, one of the General Councillors, will serve as the liaison between the committee and the General Administration.

On behalf of the entire Congregation, I thank them for accepting this sacred and significant task, which is vital for our Congregation's future life and mission. We are confident that



they would carry out this responsibility with utmost dedication, collaborative teamwork, prayerful discernment, and in the true spirit of our Patron, St. Francis de Sales, and Father Peter Mary Mermier, our Founder.

We wish them all the blessings of God in this important task.

### Appointments

**Rev. Fr. Sumuvel Devaraj Thomas MSFS** was appointed as the new provincial superior of the Franco-Swiss Province with effect from August 1, 2025 for a term of five years. We wish him the blessings of God in this new assignment.

At the same time, we also thank **Rev. Fr. Jean Yves Le Tue MSFS**, the outgoing provincial, for his dedicated service at the helm of the Franco-Swiss Province for the past six years.

**Rev. Fr. Jose Thomas Karickal** is appointed as the Local Superior of the MSFS Community in Rome with effect from October 1, 2025. His residence will be at Casa Procura, Via del Mascherino 46/2.

**Rev. Fr. Nazareth Pascal D'Silva MSFS** from Pune Province is appointed to the MSFS Community at Schlanders in Italy, under the jurisdiction of the Generalate for a period of three years, starting from on July 1, 2025.

### Ongoing Formation

The **Salesian Retreat** for scholastics preparing for the perpetual profession was held from May 4 to May 24, 2025, at Fransalian Ashram Harmony, in Belgaum, Karnataka, India.

Another **Salesian Seminar cum Retreat** for the scholastics preparing for perpetual profession is being held from September 10 to October 7, 2025, at Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha, Tanzania.

**De Sales and Mermier Heritage Retreat (DSMHR) 2025** took place from May 11 to May 22, 2025, at Annecy, France, and concluded with a pilgrimage to Rome on May 27, 2025. There were eight participants representing eight provinces.

**Salesian Program Annecy (SPA) 2025** commenced on August 31, 2025, at Annecy, France. The programme will conclude on October 2, 2025, followed by a pilgrimage and visit to Rome. Confreres from seven different provinces are participating.

### Departures from the Congregation

The following persons cease to be members of the MSFS Congregation:

Fr. Valarian Carvalho (Pune Province)

Fr. Henry Peter (Nagpur Province)

Fr. Vineesh Thomas Chempakasery (Nagpur Province)

We gratefully remember their service to the Congregation and wish them all the blessings of God in their lives.

## Midterm Assemblies

The following mid-term Assemblies took place in recent times:

- USA Vice Province from June 23 -25, 2025 with the theme: **Renewed, Regrounded and Empowered**
- Dibrugarh Province from July 02 - 04, 2025, with the theme, **Fransalians: Living our Charism as Pilgrims of Hope**
- South East India Province from July 28 – 31, 2025, with the theme: **United as Pilgrims of Hope: Committed to Our Charism and Renewal**

## Raising Mozambique Delegation to the Status of a Region

In accordance with the provisions of our Constitutions (cf.#185, 222, 223, 245 ) and General Directory (cf. #282), through the Decree (*SG-JK 25-89 dated June 29, 2025*) issued by the Superior General, the Delegation of Mozambique is raised to the status of a Region with effect from September 30, 2025.

On behalf of the entire Congregation, I express our sincere congratulations, appreciation and best wishes to our confreres in the Mozambique Delegation and the entire Nagpur Province.

## Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha

The new academic year 2025-2026 was inaugurated on September 1, 2025, through a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by the Superior General, Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS. Rev. Fr. Arockia Dass MSFS, delivered the Lectio Brevis. There are 88 students enrolled in the Bachelor of Philosophy program, 20 participants in the Diploma in Religious Formation and Leadership program, and 54 in the Certificate program in Catechetical Training. We wish the staff and the students all the blessings of God in this new academic year.

## Video Presentations on the Life and Spirituality of Father Peter Mary Mermier

I am delighted to share exciting news about a valuable resource that will deepen our understanding and appreciation of our beloved founder, the Servant of God, Fr. Peter Mermier. We extend our deepest gratitude to **Fr. Wilson Abraham MSFS**, the Novice Master at Varanasi, India, and Associate Director of the De Sales and Mermier Resource and Animation Centre, Hyderabad, for his dedicated work in creating the **"MERMIER SERIES."** (<https://www.dsmhyderabad.com/mermier>)

This remarkable initiative by DSM is a collection of **20 YouTube Videos**, offering a continuous journey through his profound life and timeless teachings.

The "MERMIER SERIES" is an invaluable tool for every member of our MSFS and SCC family, as it delves into the very heart of our origins and charism. These talks are designed not just to reflect on history, but to provide a **"map to follow"** for our vocations today.

Among the many compelling themes, the series includes **"Thirty Timeless Lessons from Father Mermier: Tribute to a Missionary Heart"** and powerfully explores **"THE UNYIELDING SPIRIT: The Life and Legacy of Father Peter Mermier."** Finally, for our congregational identity, the series beautifully articulates **"Bound Together, Sent Forth: Father Mermier on the MSFS Congregation,"** portraying us as a family united in love and commitment.

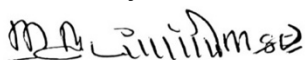
I strongly encourage all confreres to watch these videos. May this "MERMIER SERIES" inspire us to be fearless in trial, fervent in prayer, and faithful in love, echoing Father Mermier's timeless call to make Jesus Christ known and loved.

### Concluding Remarks

My beloved Confreres, as we stand at this moment in our history, we are invited once again to renew our fidelity to the Lord who has called us and to the Congregation that has entrusted us with a mission. The world around us changes rapidly, but the Gospel remains our anchor, and our missionary vocation continues to be our joy and responsibility. Let us not lose courage in the face of challenges, nor become weary in our service; rather, let us strengthen one another through prayer, fraternity, and collaboration. I am deeply grateful for the generous commitment, sacrifices, and dedication that each of you offers daily in diverse contexts of our mission. May we, as one family, continue to draw inspiration from the Salesian spirit of gentleness, humility, and zeal, and thus become instruments of hope, reconciliation, and love in the Church and in society. Entrusting our Congregation, our ministries, and our future to the maternal intercession of Our Blessed Mother, and invoking the guidance of St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Peter Mary Mermier, I pray that we may continue to journey forward with joy, courage, and unwavering trust in the providence of God.

Live Jesus!

Fraternally in the Lord,



Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS  
Superior General

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*"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20).*