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### The Need of the Hour



The world has been struggling with stress and anxiety these days as COVID-19 continues to ravage human life, creating fear and uncertainty. The outbreak of the pandemic has become a global phenomenon. It has unleashed untold misery on the people and has caused an unimagined loss of life, jobs and deprivation. The coronavirus has brought the world to its feet, as it has affected lakhs of people and a few lakhs have already

succumbed to it. Coronavirus may have originated in the wet markets of midland of China's Wuhan Province; but it has pervaded every nook and corner of the world. COVID-19 is a great leveller as its victims are from every strata of society. It is attacking the world with great intent without differentiating people on the basis of race, colour, religious affiliation, region, rich or poor. It is alarming to note that even the countries which used to boast about their best medical facilities in the world are struggling to care for the victims of the virus and are clueless. The medical fraternity is unable to combat this monster and is yet to produce a vaccine to treat it. The world has in the past witnessed more deadly outbreaks of pandemics than COVID-19, like the American plague, Bubonic plague, Spanish flu, Aids and HIV, Cholera, Smallpox, and Asian flu. We have fresh memories of the outbreak of the following viruses in the recent past like HiNi Swine flu, Ebola epidemic, SARS, MERS, and Zia virus. Today the world is preoccupied with serious ways to survive the pandemic and the crying need is to invent vaccines to treat the patients affected by the coronavirus. The coronavirus has peaked in some countries and experts in the medical field think it is likely to peak in India in the month of July or August. Even so, its impact is monumental in terms of loss of life and the very frightening impact on the economy.

Today, it is very crucial to minimize the possibilities for the spread of the deadly virus and seek ways and means to mitigate the spread of the virus. Social distancing, the best means available can aggravate the feeling of loneliness and isolation. Let's make the lonely to feel wanted,



listen to them, speak comforting words, make a phone call to exchange words of comfort, and remain deliberately connected with the loner. It is time to provide hope to those who are at the places of our ministry, living under mortal fear and be a blessing and provide succour of hope for the victims of COVID-19. It is an appropriate time to pray for those who are suffering and offer all possible help to those who are in dire need in our centres; I am very proud of our schools and missions which are distributing rations to the needy.

These are unprecedented times and it calls for unprecedented efforts. It offers us an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual impact of the pandemic on the world and people. It reminds us that we are a global community, fragile as ever, vulnerable, and at the mercy of many unknown forces like viruses. It is, indeed, unsettling to think an invisible virus has turned the world upside down. It is threatening to reverse the decade of progress in our fight against poverty, inequality, and the life of the future of a generation. It is the biggest challenge that the human race is facing in the 21st century. As COVID-19 spreads its wings, death tolls are going up by leaps and bound. The misery of migrant labourers, lonely, elderly, daily wagers, and rag pickers is a serious problem that we face today. The health care workers are stretched beyond limits to offer quality service to the victims without caring for their health and lives.

Be an emissary of hope. Let us pray regularly for the suffering of millions all over the world. Nobody raised alarm to warn us about the possible dangers likely to be posed by the virus. Even the so-called developed countries are unable to face the challenges posed by the outbreak of the pandemic. Nobody anticipated such a problem and today we are in a hopeless situation and hapless in the face of the pandemic onslaught. Some say it is the revenge of nature and nature's response to the thoughtless exploitation of nature in the name of progress and economic development. What is our take on it?

Dear confreres, the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19 has brought the world to a standstill and has paralyzed most of the activities of the world and it is facing possible economic meltdown. Lockdown has made a mockery of all our plans and scheduled activities and we are compelled to remain indoors anxious about what awaits us in the coming days. Let's use these days fruitfully to come closer to the Lord, come closer to the members of your community, take time to read some serious books of your choice and work as a team to explore more creative and innovative ways to undertake our traditional ministries like a parish ministry, education, formation and other forms of apostolates. We have provided ourselves certain guidelines to deal with problems arising out of the closure of schools and uncertainty about the new academic year 20-21. Lockdown has certainly given head start to online education in our schools and the education forum has organized three meetings through zoom to provide necessary inputs to face the challenges in the field of education. We are planning to have similar meetings through zoom for other forum members too in the future. I would like to encourage all the members to take an active part in the online programs in the coming days. Let our communities become active and draw up a plan to respond to the challenges that we are facing these days and reinvent new ways to respond to the needs of the people and remain relevant. Be assured of my prayerful support and constant accompaniment for your life and ministry in the new academic year which has already begun in a subdued and unfamiliar manner. God bless Nagpur Province. Live Jesus.

## **Silver Jubilee Year of the Division of Maharashtra-Goa Province: 2020-2021**

### **Nagpur Province at 25**

In the year 1996, the erstwhile Maharashtra-Goa Province, then known as MG Province was divided into two provinces i.e. Pune Province and Nagpur Province. Pune Province formally came into existence on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1996, with Fr. Jerson D'Souza as its first Provincial; with headquarters in Shaanwadi, Pune. Nagpur Province came into existence on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1996 with Fr. Joseph Pottemmel as its first Provincial. The Silver Jubilee of the division of MG Province and the birth of the Nagpur Province begins on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 and concludes on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. Let us usher in the Silver Jubilee Year with a Thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration on 16<sup>th</sup> August at the community or if possible the at apostolic community level, hoping that pandemic problem will subside by that time. It is not only the right time to thank the Lord for His ever abiding presence and unfailing accompaniment of the Province all these years but also the best time to renew ourselves and to return to our basic roots as MSFS. To faithfully follow the legacy of our Founder and keep alive the missionary dynamism of our Congregation, with total trust in the providential care of the Lord. Silver Jubilee Year is the time to recall with gratitude the 25 years of growth of our Province in terms of the number of members, the number of mission stations and institutions and the life of commitment and fidelity to the Lord. It is the time to take necessary steps to move ahead with renewed fervour and trust in the Lord. Let our lives be transformed and let us become genuine MSFS wherever we are and whatever ministry we may be engaged in. I keenly await your valuable suggestions and proposals for a relevant, meaningful and energizing celebration of this important event in the annals of our Province.

### **My Appointment as Provincial for a Second Term**

My dear confreres, you are aware that after the online consultation of all the perpetually professed members of the Province our beloved Superior General has appointed me as the Provincial of Nagpur Province for a second term with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to our Superior General and the General Administration for having been the source of strength and support during my first term; and to my dear confreres for your good will and willing co-operation extended to me. I look forward to continue my ministry of animating, encouraging, motivating and accompanying you to be faithful to the commitment that we have made to God, the Church, the Congregation and the people of God. Be assured of my availability and readiness to do everything within my power to carry out the responsibility placed on my shoulders by virtue of my office, trusting more on the infinite power of God and on your wholehearted co-operation. I assure you of my dedication to be at the service of the Province for its growth and consolidation. Let us become aware of the mission of the Church and the mission and legacy of our Congregation by constantly studying them and returning to the basics of the MFSF. Let us attach top priority to personal prayer, regular community prayer, monthly community meeting with agenda and be accountable and transparent in our community life and ministry. Let us work as one family, placing our total trust in God and become true Fransalians, following the spirituality of SFS, to become Jesus like in our lives and work with zeal for His people.



## Heartiest Congratulations to the new Doctor of our Province



I would like to share with you the joyful news that we are indeed blessed to have one more doctor among us. He is none other than Fr. Thomas Kuttiankal. He has completed his doctoral studies in Psycho-Spirituality. He successfully defended his final thesis in the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Thomas, Manila, Philippines and was awarded Magna cum Laude for his work. The title of his thesis is: Efficacy of the Cognitive – Spiritual - Intervention - Program (CSIP) in Reducing Depressive Symptoms, and Enhancing Psychological Well-Being of the Selected Young Adults (18-25 years old).

He has returned to India and is enjoying his much-deserved holidays at his home in Kerala. He had recently presented his paper online at an International Conference in Indonesia as he was not able to make it the conference on account of the outbreak of coronavirus. We rejoice with Fr. Thomas for his outstanding performance. He completed his studies while working as a Chaplain of a big hospital. He will join Suvidya College to guide and animate the future Fransalians. Once again our Heartiest Congratulations to you dear Fr. Thomas. The confreres of Nagpur Province rejoice with you for all that you have achieved. We welcome you back to India and wish you a fruitful ministry at Suvidya College.

## Outreach Ministry at Bara Durgapur Mission

On account of the Covid-19 pandemic the whole world is in fear and anxiety. This deadly virus has claimed many lives. Lakhs of migrants who had no jobs and no food decided to use whatever means possible to reach their homes. Many of them walked for days



and nights and in the bargain many also lost their lives. Due to the long lockdown many people in their own home towns lost their jobs and had no food. To the question, “Where is God?” as the vast poor of humanity suffers, came the inspiration that God is in us, inspiring us to do something to alleviate them from their present suffering.

Responding to this inspiration the Bara Durgapur Mission Team consisting of the MSFS fathers and brothers, and the CSC sisters began Covid-19 Outreach Ministry on 21st March 2020. Trusting in God who hears our prayers, we carried the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of Our Blessed Mother to all the 52 villages of our mission. We recited the rosary on this spiritual



journey. We stopped at every village in an open space prayed for the people and blessed them with the Blessed Sacrament and holy water. We also distributed pamphlets informing them about the Do's and Don'ts, in order to keep themselves safe from the Corona virus.

Once the lockdown was declared by the Government people started facing difficulties for their survival. We sent messages to Friends of Fransalians, benefactors, our relatives and dear ones requesting for some financial help for the needy families of our Mission. We started on a small scale by helping the neighboring needy people with the small contributions we received. But as funds began to pour in we were able to reach out to 2200 families. Of these only around 400 were Catholic families. Each family was given a grocery kit containing rice, dal, salt, chilli powder, spices, potato, onion and cooking oil. We provided meals to around 400 children. Around 2200 families in 58 villages were conscientized about the 'Do's and Don'ts' so that they are not affected by the deadly virus. We are grateful to God for helping us to reach out to so many families through the generosity of many kind hearted people. May God bless them and may He protect each one of us.

**Fr. Joseph Kailamangalam MSFS**

### **SFS Sr. Sec. School, Janakpuri Lives Up to Its Motto**



An invisible virus has become invincible and it has deepened inequality globally. Inequality in turn worsens its spread. The pandemic is widening social and economic divisions that also make the virus deadlier. The poor, the needy and the migrant workers have lost their

livelihoods. In this context, we recall Jesus' command to His disciples, "You yourselves give them something to eat." (**Mark 6/39**).

It clearly means, working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor. It also calls for small daily acts of solidarity in meeting the real needs which we encounter in the present times around us. As true Fransalians, SFS School, Janakpuri, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Anthony Amaladoss and with the kind support of Fr. Albin and Bro. Abin, donated 150 packets of non-perishable edible items like wheat flour, dal, sugar and oil to migrant labourers in Gurgaon, to the poor parishioners of SFS Church, Janakpuri, to poor families of section E students of our school, to rickshaw pullers from Janakpuri, Vikaspuri and Hastal, to the domestic workers of the school and to some sick and jobless people. We thank the ex-students of our school who actively took part in this charitable activity. We understand that giving is an act of grace and no one has ever become poor by giving.

**Mrs. Ponnammal**



## Relief Work in Kandor Mission

The pandemic Covid-19 has brought the economy of our country to a very bad state. Many people have become homeless, helpless and have no food. Jesus Christ said; “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me.” [Mt 25/40]



Drawing inspiration from these words of Jesus who wanted us to identify Him in the poor, we the Fransalians of Kandor Mission, together with the FCC sisters, the teachers and a few others reached out to our needy people by distributing food packets. The people were also specially instructed on how to remain safe and healthy during this pandemic period.

By doing this relief work, we experienced a different sort of joy in our lives, as there is a much more joy in giving than in receiving. At this time of crisis we were able to help 368 very poor families that are residing in twenty-one villages of Kandor Mission Parish. For us it was a great honour to be able to help them to overcome their sufferings. It also helped us to have a deeper meaning of our call to priestly ministry. I take this opportunity to thank the sponsors from Pinzberg Parish, Germany, for having extended their generous help to our people during this time of Covid-19. May God bless them and their families for their support and care for the poor and the needy.

**Fr. Kamil Tete MSFS**

## Sharing is the Expression of Love: The Fransalians of Nagpur



As a generation of people, never before have we confronted an emergency of this proportion and nature. COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic. It's a war-like situation. The civil administration, the government is trying to handle it on a war

footing. At a time like this no nation is fully prepared to handle a situation of this intensity. The richest nations in the world are trembling under the onslaught of the virus. In India for the kind of population and the concentration of population we have, we don't have a medical system and



the resources to provide for everybody for months. Those directly affected and particularly the poor will have to be reached out to with tangible help. Corona restrictions have badly affected daily wage earners. These are times when only a kind gesture can heal the wounded not just words of compassion.

The strategy was first to give input on the pandemic and to control its spread by adopting hygienic living and by maintaining social distance until the pandemic is eradicated. Secondly, the Fransalians in Nagpur distributed ration-kits sufficient for a month. The relief work was extended to 731 families spread over 8 days. The areas covered for relief work included: Gatti Khadan, Ganga Nagar, Sandeep Colony, Pardi, Sadar, Mariam Nagar, Tulsi Nagar, Bokhana, Nimkheda and Murli village under Katol Tehsil. The work was done with financial help from Fransalian Education Society, Nagpur, St. John's High School, St. John's Public School, St. Francis de Sales School, Nimkheda and the MSFS Provincialate. This help would not have been possible without the help of volunteers. The Fransalians networked with the Archdiocese, SMMIs, and Dominicans for this relief work, for without their help and guidance we would not have achieved this task. The Apostolic Community members were a constant source of inspiration and were ready to help for relief work as sharing is the only way to express love in a tangible way.

### **Gyan Mata Community Kitchen Service**

“It's not how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts. Life isn't worth living, unless lived for other people.” [St. Mother Teresa]

There could be no better way to teach students the value of giving back to the society than to set them an example by reaching out to people and volunteering to feed the needy and hungry, especially in the midst of the Corona-19 pandemic.



The Government's sudden decision to lockdown the nation left millions of people stranded and homeless; and halted their routine activities. The rising graph of fatalities left thousands of people clueless and jobless and on the verge of starvation. In such a dire situation, GMVV dared to show kindness towards the suffering people of our nation.

The School Management, under the able guidance of Fr. Shijumon and the leadership of Fr. Arun, took up an ambitious project; GMVV Community Kitchen Service to distribute food packets to the needy and hungry in the town. After obtaining necessary permission from the



local authorities a detailed plan was chalked out. An appeal was made to GMVV staff, parents, ex-students and well-wishers to be a part of this noble cause. The response was overwhelming as people donated generously in cash and kind. Fr. Arun and his team of dedicated school staff volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that the noble scheme would benefit the maximum number of needy persons.

A community kitchen was set up in the campus of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and food items were cooked and packed with utmost care. From 14th to 29th April 2020, food packets, fruits and water were distributed at different localities. 450 food packets were distributed every day, making it a total of 7080 packets in 15 days. 400 dry ration kits were also handed over to the needy families living around GMVV and in Labour Colony. GMVV contributed 5,00,000/- to the Chief Minister's and Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The local newspapers lauded and highly appreciated this noble service of GMVV. It had lived up to its motto: Service to Man is Service to God. GMVV not only teaches Value Education in its classrooms but also ensures that it is practically translated into action especially in times of need. We believe in healing the world and make it a better place by bringing a smile on the faces of the poor and needy.

**Mrs. Ashwini Manthalkar**

### **Reach Out Program by Fransalians of Shivajinagar**



As the world remained helpless in front of the unseen enemy COVID 19, there were many people whose lives did not really matter to the general public. It is those who belong to the low income families. We the MSFS at Shivajinagar made some humble efforts by

reaching out to these needy persons. From our limited resources we did our best to make a few people smile. We purchased food materials from the wholesale market and made 150 food provision kits. We then distributed these kits to 150 families of daily labourers living in Shivajinagar village. The distribution was done with help of volunteers from the parish and the school. Earlier a survey was done of the most needy and deserving families. One pleasant morning a member from each selected family was made to line up on the school ground keeping in mind the required social distancing. Fr. Amal then explained to the people about the symptoms of COVID 19. He also instructed them about hygiene and social distancing and other safety measures in order to protect themselves and their family from COVID 19.

**Fr. Amal Raju Bandanadam MSFS**



## Final Profession in Mozambique

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 was a joyful day in the life of Fransalian Family of Mozambique Delegation. Bro. Anish Praveen and Bro. Amit Baa made their Final Commitment to the Lord at Casa Fransaliana, Matola. The Holy Eucharistic



celebration commenced with a solemn procession. With great joy our Brothers directed their steps towards the altar of God, accompanied by their padrinhos (godfathers) and by the celebrants. Rev. Fr. Henry, the Delegation Superior, presided over the Eucharistic celebration. By his warm greetings of fraternal love, he cordially invited all present to unite our hearts in thanking God for choosing and calling our Brothers to serve Him in the Congregation of MSFS. Fr. Jins, the Delegation Bursar, by his insightful sermon inspired and encouraged the Brothers to venture untiringly in exploring and fulfilling God's will in their life.

During the profession ceremony Bro. Anish and Bro. Amit expressed their willingness to a commit their entire life to the living of the Evangelical Councils. They then prostrated themselves before the altar expressing their unconditional surrender to God, as the angelic choir of our younger brothers sang the Litany of Saints. Fr. Henry then placed the Congregational Cross around their necks and with an affectionate embrace received them into the Fransalian Family. This great ceremony renewed our hope and trust in God as we enjoy His profound love, constant guidance and unconditional support. It also revitalized our missionary spirit, deepened our commitment to God's plan and further oriented our vision and creativity in discovering the untrodden paths to establish effectively our identity as MSFS in Mozambique. The celebration ended with a fellowship meal. Bro. Amit shared his sentiments of gratitude to the Fransalian Family. On account of certain restrictions by the civil authorities the liturgy and celebrations took place in a simple manner with a limited number of participants, yet its spiritual significance remains great in the history of the Fransalian Family.

**Fr. Yesudoss Lucas MSFS**

## Fund Raising and Project Writing

From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 ten participants attended an intensive program on Fund Raising and Project Writing at Lar Mermier, Maputo. The program began with words of welcome by Fr. Henry Nedumkallel, the Delegation Superior. Then the baton was handed over to the resource person Fr. Ranjit Tirkey, who was a participant of the same course organized by the MDO in Rome.





Each day there were four sessions; two in the morning and two in the evening. The main objective of this program was to make the participants acquainted with the method and procedure of project writing and with various funding

agencies. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we were introduced to the topic; ‘What is project writing and the methods of project writings.’ On the same day Fr. Ranjit arranged a video conference with Dr. Rafael D’Aqui, from the Organization of Church In Need, Germany. It was indeed very interesting and informative. On 23<sup>rd</sup> morning we had the privilege of visiting the websites and getting to know the details of the different organizations and agencies that help to fund various projects. In the afternoon we had a video conference with Fr. Thomas Chozhithara, the Director of MDO, Rome. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we spent our time working on the importance of the Title of the Project.

Several facilitation techniques were used by the resource person which included questions and answers, brainstorming, group discussions, video conferences and practical implementation of some of the topics. Having got all the necessary information each of us had to present a written project. The program came to an end with an evaluation of the program. The vote of thanks was delivered by Bro. Amit Baa and Fr. Henry Nedumkallel.

**Bro. Vishal Barse MSFS**

### **Final Profession at Tejas, Bangalore**

28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 was a day of great joy and God’s blessings for all the members of the MSFS Congregation. Our dear Bro. Ruben Gilbert along with seven of our brothers; four from South-West India Province and three from South-East



India Province made their final commitment to the Lord. Thus they were given the privilege of serving God as finally professed members and bringing them a step closer to His altar, in their preparation for the priesthood. The theme chosen for the liturgical celebration was ‘To Live Jesus as Fransalians Forever’. Rev. Fr. Benny Koottanal the Provincial Superior of South-West India Province presided over the Eucharistic celebration and received the vows of our brothers.



Rev. Fr. Henry Jose Kodikuthiyil, the Rector welcomed the gathering. The presence of Rev. Fr. Binu E. the Councillor in Charge of Formation (SW) and many of our confreres who had come from our neighbouring communities, added great joy to the day. After the liturgical celebration our newly finally professed members were felicitated and all enjoyed the sumptuous meal in a spirit of joy and fellowship.

**Dn. Amit Tirkey MSFS**

### **First Profession at Dhyanashram, Varanasi**



On 30<sup>th</sup> May during the Eucharistic celebration in Dhyanashram chapel, Fr. Benedict De Souza, the Novice Master handed over the cassocks to the four novices of Pune Province and six novices of Nagpur

Province. Due to the corona pandemic, the pre-novices had not reached the novitiate so their initiation ceremony had to be postponed to a later date. Fr. P.M. Joseph preached the retreat for the novices and prepared them for their first commitment. The much-awaited day, 31<sup>st</sup> May was the happiest day for the ten novices, as all of them made their First Profession. Due to lockdown the local religious and clergy of the Diocese of Varanasi could not be present for this happy occasion.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rt. Rev. Eugene Joseph, the Bishop of Varanasi. As the Provincials could not be present Fr. Benedict De Souza, the novice master was delegated to receive the vows on their behalf. The concelebrants were Fr. Roselin Raja, Fr. Francis Vyagappan, Fr. Anson Kaliyath, Fr. Barnabas Xalxo and Fr. P.M. Joseph. Fr. Anson gave the welcome speech and Fr. Barnabas read the Gospel. In his homily Fr. P.M. Joseph highlighted the theme of the day - **Called to Heal and to be Healed**. He made many references to the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales and the missionary spirit of Fr. Peter Mermier. He challenged us to live as a community of brothers and to sweeten the community in which we will be appointed. He also invited us to lose and dissolve ourselves in order to make the community lively and vibrant. Then Fr. Benedict De Souza received the vows of the newly professed, presented each of them with a cross, congratulated and warmly received them into the Fransalian Family. After communion Bro. Bimal Tirkey expressed words of gratitude on behalf of the newly professed. The candidates and the sisters of St. Ann's of Providence added solemnity to the Eucharist by their melodious singing. The Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod blessed the novices by their presence. After the Holy Banquet there was a photo session. Then all trooped down to the refectory for a short felicitation program which was followed by breakfast. It was indeed a joyful day which we will always cherish.

**Bro. Sudeep Barla & Bro. Mario Jude Andre**



## Ordinations- 2020



**Dn. Moses Goma Supaida** was born on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1988, in Nami-Lamba, Vila-Mualadzi village, Chifunde district, Tete province. He is the 6<sup>th</sup> and the youngest in the family of Mr. Goma Supaida and Mrs. Tizione Milione. He was Baptized on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1989 in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Namitete, Malawi. He was Confirmed on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006, in Our Lady of Graces Church, Angonia. From 1999 to 2003 he attended elementary school, at Namilamba Primary School, Chifunde. In 2004 he entered Nkantha Secondary Elementary School, where he came to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 2005. From 2006 to 2008 he attended Secondary School at Vila Ulongué Secondary School, Angónia-Tete. Having finished his elementary schooling and feeling called to the consecrated life, he entered the Minor Seminary of the Fransalian Family. From 2009 to 2010, he attended high school at the Cristo Rei da Matola Propaedeutic Seminary. As part of his religious formation in 2010 he was sent to Kenya. There he made the pre-novitiate at the Ndagani Seminary, Chuka, Meru Province. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 he entered the Novitiate in Fransalianum, Kibaha, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012, he made his First Religious Profession, thus becoming a member of the Fransalian Family. From 2012 to 2015.

He did his philosophical studies at Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha, Tanzania. On returning to Mozambique, he was sent to Inhambane Province for regency and for pastoral experience to the parish of Santo António de Mavila. From 2016 to 2019 he did his Theological studies at the St. Pius X Inter-Diocesan Major Seminary, Maputo. He was actively involved in pastoral work in St. John the Evangelist Parish of Malhangalene. On 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 he made his Perpetual Profession at Casa Fransaliana, Matola and was ordained a Deacon on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Malhangalene by Rt. Rev. Francisco Chimoio, Archbishop of Maputo. He is doing his diaconate ministry at St. Peter's Clavier Domue parishola. He will be ordained a priest on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020, at 9:00 am in Mualadzi, Tete by Rt. Rev. Diamantino Guapo Antunes. On behalf of the entire Province I wish Deacon Moises Goma Supaida, all the joys of this great spiritual event. May he become a true instrument of God to work for His Kingdom and Mission.



**Dn. Santhosh Kumar J**, was born on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1993 at vinayagapuram(Adhanur), Villupuram, Tamil Nadu, to Mr. A. Joseph and Mrs. A. Arokia Mary. He was baptized on 12<sup>th</sup> september 1993 at Holy Trinity Church, Adhanur, and was confirmed on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2006 by Rt. Rev. Dr. Antony Anandharayar Arch Bishop of puducherry Gudallor arch diocese at Holy Trinity Church adhanur. He did his primary schooling at R.C School Adhanur, higher school at St. Don Bosco Transit school at Thattanchavadi puducherry, and secondary schooling at Prakash Bhavan, Mannarkad from 2008-11. He made his first profession on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He

studied Philosophy at Suvidya college, Bengaluru. He did his Regency at MSFS minor Seminary, Prakash Bahavan, Kerala and Theology at Tejas Vidya Peetha, Bengaluru and 6 months in JDV, Pune. He made his Final Profession on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018, in Tejas Vidya Peetha,



Kenkeri, Bengaluru and was ordained a Deacon on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Tejas Vidya Peetha, institute of mission-oriented and contextual theology by Rt. Rev. Dr. T. Antony Swamy Bishop of Chikmangalur. He is doing his diaconate ministry at St. Mary's Church and School, Jalna. He will be ordained a priest on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 10:30 am in MSFS Provincialate, Trichy, Tamil Nadu by Rt. Rev. Dr. J. Susaimanickam DD Bishop of Sivagangai. On behalf of the entire Province I wish Dn. Santhosh Kumar J, all the joys of this great spiritual event. May he become a true instrument of God to work for His Kingdom and Mission.

## Re-Constituted Apostolic Communities 2020 - 2021

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### Information

**Fr. Paul Gonsalves** joins English Province and he ceases to be the member of Nagpur province as per the intimation received from Rev. Fr. Superior General. He has been incorporated into the English Province with an active and passive voice. I would like to thank him wholeheartedly on behalf of Nagpur Province for the years of selfless service that he has rendered and especially as a formator at Latapara minor seminary and later on as a member of Mozambique Delegation. We wish him good health, happiness, and many more years of fruitful ministry in his adopted Province.

### Appointments

**Fr. Thomas Kuttiankal** is appointed in Suvidya College, Bangalore.

**Fr. Manu Joseph** is appointed as Secretary to the Provincial.

**Fr. Gijo Francis** is appointed as Local Bursar and Staff at Prakash Bhavan, Mannarkkad.

### Hearty Congratulations

We the Nagpur Fransalians Congratulate the new Provincials of the Provinces of Brazil, East Africa and Pune appointed by our Rev. Superior General, Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil.

They are the following:

**Fr. Jaganathan Gnanadurai** - Provincial of Brazil Province (First Term)

**Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel** - Provincial of East Africa Province (Second Term)

**Fr. Jayaseelan Selvaraj** - Provincial of Pune Province (Second Term)

On behalf of the Nagpur Province, we assure them of our prayer and support.

Let us congratulate **Fr. Issac John** for securing full scholarship to do his doctoral studies at Pontificio Istituto Teologico Giovanni Paolo II in Family and Marriage Sciences ( Popularly known as Family counselling) and for successfully defending his thesis, "Family Emotions and their sanctification: An analysis in the light of Biblical Families" in Pontifical John Paul II institute, CANA, Changanassery, Kerala.

Let us congratulate **Bro. Sameer Minj** for successfully completing his M.PH with 77% from Dharmaram College, Bangalore.

### Departure from Congregation

**Fr. Rajesh Lugun** has decided to leave the congregation and Priesthood and he has already applied to be relieved from his priestly obligations and religious commitment. Let's wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

### Prayer Intentions of the Superior General for the month of July

That each confrere and every MSFS community be more faithful to the consecrated poverty, and thus be sensitive to the needs of the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed, in thoughts and deeds, we pray to the Lord! Lord graciously hear us



### **Let us pray for**

**Rev. Fr. Albert D'Souza**, Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Nagpur who passed away on 04<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Mr. Chinnapan**, grandfather of Fr. Christu Raja who passed away on 08<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

I request all those who have not fulfilled the suffrages to do the same at the earliest (Constitution No. 118; General Directory No. 98).

### **Salesian Thought**

“God desires from us more fidelity to the little things that He places in our power than ardour for great things that do not depend upon us.”

**Fr. J. B. Muthuswamy MSFS**  
**Provincial Superior**