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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

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Provincial Congress 2017:



The Nagpur Provincial Congress of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales was held at the Nagpur Provincialate, from 17-21 October 2017. The Provincial Congress is indeed a symbol of fraternal union and a forum of collective discernment and accountability for the life and mission of the entire Province. The chosen theme “Rooted in the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales for Renewed Zeal in Community and Mission” found itself to be the main focus of the study paper, keynote address, discussions,

interventions and reflection. The Provincial Congress facilitated the possibility of the maximum participation of finally professed members who are working in India. There were altogether 86 members present for the provincial congress and truly it was well represented by the province. The dynamics of the Provincial Congress provided ample avenue for the members to listen to the reports of the out - going Provincial, Bursar, various forum, perception study on the life of the Province, keynote address and meaningful intervention and clarifications. All these activities helped the assembled members to become fully aware of the life and work of the Province. The well deliberated and drafted statement and the plan actions are the outcome of our listening, interacting, discussing and sharing the concerns and challenges that the Province confronts today, and they truly represent the thinking and priority of the Province. It is our firm belief they will serve as the guiding lights for the next three years in the life and mission of the Nagpur Province.

I would like to thank our Superior General whole heartedly for accompanying us by his prayers and constant guidance in the planning and execution of the Provincial Congress. It is my duty to express our gratitude to Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, the Delegate of the General Administration. We have gained immensely from his graceful presence and meaningful intervention during the Congress. Fr. Thomas Kalariparampil is especially stand thanked for reminding the members present that the Provincial Congress is not an event to be managed but rather an occasion to open ourselves to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and experience the transforming power of the Spirit of God. Fr. Thomas Kalariparampil in his keynote address once again reminded the members present that we are to become Christ like following the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and always retain our- ‘MSFSness’ in our life and ministry. The Provincial Congress specially acknowledged the committed service extended by the outgoing Provincial administration. Fr. Melroy Almeida the co-ordinator of the steering committee and the members who were involved in the planning and successful conducting of the Congress were specially thanked. The Nagpur apostolic community and Provincialate community too have

played an active role during the Provincial Congress. Finally, I wish to thank each one of you dear confreres for your presence and active participation. Though the Congress has come to an end, yet we have just begun our journey to live the commitment made to each other, to live up to the orientations and action plan of the Provincial Congress 2017. God bless all the Fransalians of Nagpur Province.

Visitation to Apostolic Communities:

I had an opportunity to pay flying visits to all the Province Apostolic Communities starting with Jalna-Aurangabad community, with the view to know the members in their place of ministry, and to be in touch with the ground the reality of the Province. During my visit I had the opportunity to meet and interact with most of the members and share their concerns and the challenges that they face, while carrying out their regular ministry. I understand that each one of you is dealing with unique situations and challenges and they demand altogether different responses from you. During my visit I had a common meeting with the Apostolic Community and stressed the important role of the community in our life as religious and how it affects our ministry. The members were reminded that our Founder Fr. Peter Mermier who always stressed that there can be no religious life without community and our life must be nurtured in fraternal communion which in turn manifests itself in service of God and His people. Our community life itself must be lived in and through the common practice of common prayers, common table fellowship, community meeting, mutual respect and appreciation for one another. There should be monthly community meeting on a fixed day and it should be used as an occasion to evaluate community life and the apostolate of the community. Community meeting should have presentation of statements of accounts of the previous month. Thank you, dear confreres, for according me a warm welcome and I really enjoyed your hospitality.

Rev. Fr. Superior General Approves the Acts of the Provincial Congress 2017:

Rev. Fr. Superior General has granted the necessary approval for the Acts of the Nagpur Provincial Congress 2017, which comprises of the deliberations, the election of the provincial curia, statements and action plan and the modified provincial statutes. I would like to place them before you, trusting in God and your good will that they will guide and motivate the life of the members for the coming three years.

The Newly Elected Provincial Curia:

Fr. George Kurickal	- Councillor in charge of Mission and Admonitor
Fr. Patras Tirkey	- Councillor in charge of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries
Fr. Anthony Amaladoss	- Councillor in charge of Education
Fr. Lalit Tigga	- Councillor in charge of Formation
Fr. William Anthony	- Bursar.

Statement of the Provincial Congress 2017:

We, the members of the Nagpur Province of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, gathered at the MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur, for the Provincial Congress 2017 from 17th to 21st October 2017, keeping in mind the charisms given to us by Fr Peter Mermier, our Founder, and having the theme “Rooted in the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales for Renewed Zeal in Community and Mission” have come to the following conclusions after an honest and sincere reflection and deliberation.

- 1) Consecrated Life in the Community:** As the members of the Province we are resolved to make our community life the core of living as brothers; to dispose ourselves to the Spirit of God placing ourselves as instruments; to initiate a process of a continuous return to the source of our Christian life; to give undivided attention to community life; to keep our community away from unhealthy addictions which diminish our effectiveness as a community.

- 2) **Personal life:** We are resolved to raise transformational questions and seek transformational answers, in order to bring about a systemic change and paradigm shift. We are also convinced of the need to be genuine, loving human persons in our dealing with confreres. We will be accountable to our superiors. We will give importance to daily personal prayer life.
- 3) **Apostolates:**
 - a) **Pastoral Life:** We are resolved to be daring and committed missionaries after the example of our Patron St. Francis de Sales. We personalize the “clarion call of missions” by our Founder Fr. Peter Mermier and we uphold our missionary vision. We involve ourselves in the lives of the people, understand their problems and seek together solutions that will brighten their lives.
 - b) **Education:** We are resolved to give specialized training to confreres for diverse educational skills and technology. We will create a mechanism to assess our educational institutions. We will give preferential option to the economically under privileged. We will treat our collaborators with dignity and honour.
 - c) **Formation:** It shall be our constant endeavour to promote and discern genuine vocations for the Province. We will give undivided attention to all formees, helping them to dedicate themselves in the Congregation. We shall leave nothing undone to instil in the hearts of the young formees a true love for God and devotion to our Mother of Compassion. We will inculcate in them a profound knowledge of St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Peter Mermier, as well as of our various missionary engagements.
 - d) **Innovative Apostolate:** We are resolved to take missionary initiatives and personal risks for the sake of mission by involving ourselves in social and innovative ministries like preaching, inter-religious activities and others with the help of higher studies in secular subjects.
- 4) **Salesian Spirituality:** We are resolved to revisit the patrimony of our Congregation by deepening our knowledge of Salesian spirituality and practising the ‘little virtues’. We will grow in the experience of the love of God as guided by St. Francis de Sales.

Action Plan of the Provincial Congress 2017:

1. Consecrated Life in the Community

- a. We define community life “We are one in the spirit we are one in the Lord...” We will always maintain a cordial and brotherly relationship with each other under all circumstances. We will communicate with each other anything of significance which the other may have to know and may benefit from.
- b. To the best of my ability I shall be present for and actively involved in all community activities, particularly spiritual activities.
- c. Even though one is assigned a specific responsibility, one is obliged to share i.e. to give and receive ideas and suggestions through community discernment.
- d. We shall make available Salesian literature for personal reading and encouragement. We will read together Salesian literature at least once a week.
- e. We shall take measures personally and as a community to ensure that none of us becomes victims of any unhealthy addictions like smoking, drinking, abuse of mobiles and other current temptations. Should any one come to know that someone in the community has become a victim of any addictions; the other members should together take the confrere into confidence and help him to overcome his weakness.

2. Personal Life

- a. We commit ourselves to our personal transformation by consistent commitment to the spiritual exercises demanded of us by our constitutions.

- b. Each of us will prepare a personal daily time table of spiritual life, which will include morning prayer, Eucharist, meditation, visits to the blessed sacrament, adoration, rosary, way of the cross, evening prayer, night prayer, personal prayer and sacrament of reconciliation at least once a month.
- c. If for any reason we have to be absent from the community for a short time, we will make sure that the superior or whoever is present in the community is informed about our absence and the expected time of our return.
- d. We will give timely, necessary and authentic information about our ministries to the local superior and the community from time to time.

3. Apostolates

a) Mission Apostolate

- i. We shall answer the call of the mission with deep faith in God and in our confreres and move ahead courageously and confidently, no matter where we are sent.
- ii. We shall be true to the vision and mission plan of each centre and we shall not dilute it or even modify it except after consultation and serious deliberation.
- iii. The heart of our mission will always be the growth and development of our people. Hence, we will make an all-out effort to understand the problems of the people through our house visits, interactions with the people and making them participators in the decisions which affect them.
- iv. For finding solutions to their problems, we will guide and lead them to the relevant agencies, officials and organizations.

b) Education Apostolate

- i. A committee consisting of experienced teachers and experts shall be appointed, under the leadership of the councillor in charge of education to conduct a systematic and thorough evaluation on a given format of every school in the province once in two years.
- ii. We shall give fee concession/free ship to deserving economically weaker students in all our schools and the data of the same is to be maintained in the school record for reference and reported to the councillor in charge of education.
- iii. We shall treat all our collaborators humanely.

c) Formation Apostolate

- i. A minimum of six vocation promoters are to be appointed for different regions and one among them should be made the coordinator.
- ii. Each confrere is to make efforts to promote at least one vocation to the province and we should not neglect discerning vocations from our families/neighbourhood.
- iii. Be real role models to the formees through your exemplary life.
- iv. Display the name of one Salesian virtue on the notice board every week and give a brief meditation on that virtue in a progressive manner.
- v. Daily reading of extracts from the Salesian literature at a fixed place and fixed time.
- vi. A play/skit to be enacted on the life of St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Peter Mermier on the occasion of the celebration of feasts/ Founder's Day.
- vii. From the time of the commencement of regency every young confrere shall be seriously observed to discern his outstanding qualities, abilities, talents, inclinations with a view to understand the possible field of his interest. This knowledge will enable the formator to guide them in diverse educational skills and technology.
- viii. Send six confreres for formator's course in the next three years.

d) Social and Innovative Apostolate

- i. Send the members of the retreat preaching team for live-in experience at retreat centres at least for a period of one month.
- ii. The team must preach at least five retreats in our own parishes within three years.

- iii. Start a Retreat/Animation Centre and ensure a regular and effective preaching team to run it.
- iv. Initiate interreligious dialogue programs in all our centres.
- v. Register yourself for post graduate studies at the earliest in consultation with the provincial.
- vi. Establish an office under Manav Vikas Program at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara, Odisha and appoint a full-time director to coordinate the social works in the province.
- vii. Send at least two confreres for BSW/MSW during the next three years.
- viii. Call experts to conduct health camps in all our parishes once in a year.
- ix. Conduct one-day seminar in our parishes on child abuse and domestic violence and related topics.

e) Stewardship Apostolate

- i. Every local bursar should have the knowledge of tally and accounting. Those appointed local bursar should join duty only on completion of a course in tally and accounting.
- ii. Monthly tabling of the community account is obligatory at the monthly community meeting and superiors are responsible to ensure that it is done.

f) Salesian Spirituality

- i. Establish a Salesian Spirituality cum retreat centre in our Province, preferably at Nagpur with a full-time director who conducts regular programs. SMMI sisters could be invited to collaborate in this project.
- ii. Send at least two confreres for higher studies in Salesian Spirituality.

Nagpur Province Statutes:

The few modified and additional province statutes are given below.

A.

1.2.6 Provincial Chapter / Congress

Provincial Congress/Chapter is a very sacred event in the life of the Province which all the members or those mandated should attend. Any exemption to this will be with the permission of the Provincial. (Modified)

1.2.7 There has to be an annual evaluation of the life in the community during the Canonical visit of the Provincial. (This statute is a new one)

1.2.8 Spirit of Prayer and Silence

Members will agree to have a period of silence and specify it in the common timetable, especially in the mornings and evenings so that there is the spirit of prayer and study in the house. This will allow the individual members to have their personal prayer and meditation at least 45 minutes daily as prescribed.

B.

1.2.13 Community Meetings

1. Have community meetings every month without fail with an agenda which should include sharing about each member's mission and its concerns.
2. All those who are responsible for the management of temporal goods of the community, Societies and Institutions of the community shall present before the community the monthly statement of community accounts.
3. Members of the community who are in charges of different apostolates of the community should share with the community about their apostolate during every community meeting (This statute is a new one)
4. The Superior is to present the minutes of the community meeting at every meeting and it is to be filed and presented to the Provincial on his visits.
5. The Superior is free to call for extraordinary meetings as and when the need arises.

C.

3.8 Financial Planning and Accounting

1. Accounts need to be properly maintained. Transparency is needed for better effectiveness. An elected finance committee should assist in this area. During the community meetings the Parish Priest should present the parish accounts before the community.
2. Maintenance of the parish community is the responsibility of the parishioners. Therefore, certain assistance in cash or kind is to be given for the maintenance of the community engaged in pastoral work. (Modified).

E.

4.5.5 Service Conditions

Working hours, Attendance and Leave Register, Types of leaves and Rules on Absence.

We need to prepare service conditions governing all the schools of our Province. **(Modified)**

F.

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18. He ensures that all the guidelines given in the new MSFS Governance are observed and adopted.
19. When his term/s as Provincial is over, he is encouraged to work in some frontier mission of the Province. (This statute is a new one)

G.

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16. A priest shall not undertake any other work not pertaining to the mission entrusted by the Bishop without the permission of the Bishop.
17. A priest who is considered to be sent for Pastoral ministry must have worked in India/Mozambique not less than six years as a priest. This is applicable for all the confreres sent to work abroad. (This statute is a new one)
18. After 10 years of service rendered to the Diocese, it is mandatory that the confreres sent exclusively for pastoral ministry/fund raising returns to the Province to take up assignment in the Province.

H. New Chapter has been added.

12. Retirement

- 12.1 For a religious there is no age for retirement except from some official posts for which we need to follow the rules of the state administration. A confrere does not retire till he feels, and the Provincial administration thinks that he needs to be given a retired life.
- 12.2 We have a home, Mermier Sadan, as the home for the retired confreres. But a retired confrere must be in a community, preferably in a place where he has worked the most, as long as he can manage himself. He must be brought to Mermier Sadan only when he needs help to look after himself.

Congregational Retreat at Poondi, Tamil Nadu:

The Congregational retreat began on 7th October and ended on 12th October 2017. The retreat was held at Poondi Matha Shrine, Tamil Nadu. The General Curia, the Provincials of India and Africa, Vice- Provincial of USA and the Regional Superior of Diburgarh and the members of the Retreat team were the participants of the retreat. The retreat was conducted by a selected team of seven MSFS Confreres under the leadership of Fr. Mario D'Souza. The theme of the Retreat was, "Walk the Way, Live the Grace." The retreat was well preached with a lot of depth of spirituality. The retreat team won the hearts of all the participants. After the retreat there was a critical evaluation of the retreat by all the participants and suggestions were proposed for further improvements. In short, it was a grace-filled time of spiritual and fraternal togetherness. This Congregational retreat will be preached next year to the Nagpur Province members during the Diwali and Christmas vacations by the two members of the team. It is an important retreat planned by the General

Administration with the view to prepare us for General Chapter 2019. All the members of the Province are duty bound to attend this special spiritual programme.

PIF – PEA Meeting with the General Curia:

The Meeting of the Provincials India Forum (PIF) and the Provincial of East Africa (PEA) together with the General Curia (GC) was organized in Trichy at the MSFS Provincial House from 14th to the 16th of October. It was really an experience of collective responsibility and discernment. Such a meeting once again showed the need, the joy and the effectiveness of working and collaborating. The main concern was seeking and obtaining clarity on different aspects of religious life.

Change in the Dates of Forum Meetings with General Secretaries:

The Convenors, General Secretaries and members of the various forums kindly are requested to take note of the change in the dates of the forum meetings with General Secretaries. These proposed meetings will be held at the Provincialate, Nagpur. Kindly ensure your tickets are booked well in advance. Kindly go through lists of the reconstituted forum given in the newsletter.

The following are the changed dates for Forum Meetings.

1. 09th and 10th February 2018: Mission Forum
2. 11th and 12th February 2018: Social and Innovative Forum
3. 13th and 14th February 2018: Education Forum
4. 15th and 16th February 2018: Formation Forum

Preparation for the 20th Ordinary General Chapter, 2019:

Our Superior General has already convoked the 20th Ordinary General Chapter to be held at MSFS Provincialate, Narengi, Guwahati, from February 01 to 13, 2019, theme of the chapter is **“WAKE UP TO THE BASICS”**. May I request all the confreres of the Province to respond to the call of the Congregation and prepare ourselves well for this spiritual event by praying fervently for the success of the event and responding to the tasks given by the General Administration and the organizing committee. Three reflection papers with Power Point Presentation were forwarded to all of you. Kindly follow the directives and guidelines as to how to send your findings and responses to the preparatory committee for the General Chapter.

Founder’s Day Celebration – St. John’s High School, Nagpur:



“Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily”. St. John’s High School, Nagpur celebrated Founder’s Day on 29th September. The Fathers, Staff and Students witnessed the program. It began with the lighting of the lamp and garlanding of the portrait of Fr. Peter Mermier by the fathers present. Pranee T. of VII C and Somesh C. of VII B hosted the program. The school captains felicitated the MSFS Fathers of the school and of Mermier Sadan. A brief description about the life of Fr. Peter Mermier was enacted on the basis of an audio documentary by the students of Std. VII. After this a prayer was said by Maifuz Ali of VII C. The Principal Fr. Peter Dominic enlightened the staff and students by highlighting the virtues and values that Fr. Peter Mermier followed throughout his life. He also mentioned about the hard work done by Fr. Peter Mermier and the MSFS fathers throughout the world. The program concluded with words of gratitude by Prabhat Kale of VIII A.

Fr. Peter Dominic.

Fr. Peter Mermier Rolling Trophy – SFS School, Seraikella:



St. Francis de Sales School, Seraikella, organized Fr. Peter Mermier Inter-School Football Tournament this year from 18th to 22nd September. It was inaugurated by Fr. Sahaya Dasan, Principal of St. Xavier School, and Chaibasa. The inaugural match was between STR Sanjay and N.R. Government High School. The sporting festival of 5 days had 16 schools that participated with passion and enthusiasm. The final match was

played between N.R. Government High School and Boys Middle School. N.R. Government High School lifted the champion's trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- The runners-up received a trophy and Rs. 3000/- Mr. Sandeep Dubey SDM was the Chief Guest and Fr. Phillip M. MSFS was the Guest of Honour. This event would not be possible without the support of Fr. Anthony, Fr. Deepak, Fr. Ramesh and the hard work of teachers in charge, Mr. Kabi, Mr. Gautham, Mr. Faizal and Mr. Arvind Mishra. The event was a really a grand success.

Fr. Anthony Amaladoss.

Fr Peter Mermier Inter-School Debate Competition- GMVV, Nanded:



Gyan Mata Vidya Vihar, Nanded organized the 12th Fr. Peter Mermier Inter-School Debate Competition on 29th September 2017. The competition is organized in honour of Fr. Peter Mermier, the Founder of the MSFS Congregation. The topic was Capital Punishment - A Paradigm to Restrain Crime. The program began with a prayer song sung by the school choir. Fr. Principal and Fr. Manager garlanded the portrait of Fr. Peter Mermier. The ceremonial lamp was lit by the

Fathers and the esteemed judges. Nidhyati Chawata delivered the welcome speech. Many schools from Marathawada region participated. All the debaters spoke fluently and with confidence. Little Scholar's Public School, Nanded bagged the first prize and Nagarjuna Public School, Nanded were second. Shweta Sonawane of St. Mary's School, Jalna was the best speaker for the motion; Radhika Tamboli of Little Scholar's Public School, Nanded was the best speaker against the motion. Ruchita Murkute of St. Mary's School, Kinwat won the best interjector prize. The vote of thanks was proposed by Gargi Narvadkar. The dignitaries who judged the program praised the Management and staff of GMVV.

Fr. Marcus Ruptake.

From One End to the Other – South to North:



The Mozambique Delegation took the bold decision to work in the diocese of Tete which is in the North. The first two confreres, Fr Ranjit and Fr Aajo moved to Domwe to take up mission work. They were presented to the parishioners on 22nd October. They found the faith of the people in Domwe to be stronger than that of those living in the South. The people are religious, and they sincerely desired the presence of a priest. The welcome mass was celebrated on a small stage; the people were standing bare feet on the ground. The dusty wind, the hot

sun, the four hour long Eucharistic celebration was not a problem for them. They were happy to receive the new priests and attend the Holy Eucharist. It was a joy to see the number of people receiving Holy Communion. Though poor, the people are ready to forgo anything for the presence of priests; always ready to welcome the Word of God and work for the Kingdom of God. We pray that our Fransalians presence may make a great impact in their minds and hearts and together we may work for the growth of the Kingdom and the glorification of God's name.

Fr. Aajo Therully.

Blessing and Inauguration of Priests' Residence:



At the request of the Bishop of Sultanpet diocese the MSFS have taken up a parish in Kullarayanpalayam, Palakkad, Kerala. The blessing and inauguration of the priests' residence was held on 30th September. Rt. Rev. Bishop Antonyswamy Peter Abir blessed it and it was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Muthuswamy, the Provincial of Nagpur Province, in the presence of priests, religious and parishioners. After this the Holy Eucharist as celebrated by Bishop Antonyswamy Peter Abir. Fr. Christu Raj

of South East India Province is the Parish Priest. There are 178 families in the parish and most of them are farmers. The main ministry is the administering the sacraments, visiting the homes and conducting BCC meetings. It was a long-cherished dream of the parishioners to have a separate parish with a priests' residence; a priest who will be always available for their spiritual and social needs. This dream has been fulfilled through our Congregation. I sincerely thank all those who helped to complete the building. Special thanks to Fr. Jacob K. our former Provincial who helped in all the possible ways to build the presbytery. We pray that our presence will make a difference in the lives of our parishioners.

Fr. Joseph Arulraj.

Final Profession of Bro. Rajendra Toppo:



I am grateful to Almighty God for my vocation to the religious life. I made my final profession on 24th September in the parish of Our Lady of Mercy, Catambe, Maputo, Mozambique. The Eucharist began at 9.00 am with a solemn procession. It was presided over by Fr. Henry the adviser of Mozambique delegation. Our delegation superior Fr. Petrus Kullu, confreres, priests, religious, parishioners, benefactors and other invitees participated in the Eucharist. In his homily Fr. Petrus Kullu exhorted us to be more faithful to our call as religious and to faithfully live the evangelical councils. After the homily the delegation superior received the solemn public profession of my vows. After the Eucharistic celebration I thanked whole community for their presence, active participation and prayers for me. The solemn celebration concluded at 1.00 pm with a fellowship meal for whole community. I sincerely thank God, our Superior General, my Provincial, all my formators, superiors, confreres, benefactors and friends who helped me in different ways reach where I am now.

Bro. Rajendra Toppo.

The Baton is Handed Over to the New Provincial Administration:



Friday 3rd November 2017 was a very important day in the life of Nagpur Province. On this day the new Provincial Administration took charge officially in the presence of the General Councillor Fr Agnelo Fernandes, the delegate of the Superior General. The day began with half hour adoration in the Provincialate chapel. This was followed by sessions wherein Fr Angelo Fernandes instructed the outgoing members of the curia the modalities to hand over their charges. They were given time to prepare themselves following the new method of

handing over. Meanwhile the new members of the curia were given orientation as to how to animate, govern and administer their respective areas. Later, time was given to each councillor of different apostolate to sit together, on a one to one basis and hand over the charge. The day ended with a farewell programme and agape attended by the members of the Apostolic Community and the Holy Cross Sisters, for Fr. Jacob K and Fr. Wilson as they were the members of the Provincialate community for the past six years as the Provincial and the Bursar.

Fr. George Kurickal.

Back to Germany for the Lord's Mission:



It is already two months since I am in Germany. I am appointed as Pfarvicar in the parish of Assumption Church, Schmidgaden. It is in the diocese of Regensburg in the region of Oberpfalz. There is also another parish called Rottendorf and all together there are four churches. I have adjusted myself to the life here. I am kept quite busy the whole day. The parish priest is a good person and is always ready to help me. There are altogether 3200 Catholics in this parish.

The other confreres are far from here, but we have a good contact with each other by phone. We are six confreres in the Regensburg community. We planned to meet at least once in three months. Life here is a real challenge as well as very interesting. I am happy to be here.

Fr Charles P.

Final Profession of Brothers Anto Deepak and Roshan Tigga:



The Perpetual Profession of eight Brothers was held at M.S.F.S. Study House, Shillong on 30th September. Brothers Anto Deepak and Roshan Tigga of Nagpur Province, two brothers of South-East India Province, and four brothers of North-East India Province made their final commitment to the Lord. Fr. Philip Thomas, the Provincial Councillor and Admonitor of North-East India Province received the public profession of the vows made during the Eucharistic celebration. He preached an inspiring homily in which

he strongly exhorted us to be faithful to our religious commitment. The theme of the day was: "Behold I Have Come To Do Thy Will". The event was grace filled with the presence of many priests, religious, our parents, relatives and friends. After the Holy Eucharist, there was a short felicitation program followed by a delicious dinner for all.

Bro. Anto Deepak.

Regional Mission Forum Meeting at Vinayalaya, Bangalore:



The Regional Mission Forum 2017 was held at Vinayalaya on 26th of September. The meeting began with a short adoration. All the six provinces were represented by the PCICs and Secretaries. Fr. Angelo Fernandes, the General Secretary welcomed the participants and introduced the sessions. The input session was given by Fr. Philip Thomas of North East Province. Presentations were given by PCIC about the provinces and the action plan of each province. Some

proposals and information shared by the General Secretary. The forum members made some proposals for the General Chapter 2019.

Fr. Allen Gonsalves.

Regional Education Forum Meeting at Trichy



Fransalian Education Forum Regional meeting was held at MSFS Provincialate, Trichy on 28th and 29th September 2017. All the councillors and secretaries were present for this meeting which was chaired and presided over by the General Councillor in charge of education Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil. During these two days of meeting different aspects of our educational apostolate as well as future plans for all Fransalian schools were discussed comprehensively. On

this occasion Fransalian Edu Times International was released by the Rev. Fr. George and a pocket calendar, prepared by the regional forum was given to all the councillors. Fr. George very specially thanked Fr. Peppin and Fr. Manoj who were part of this forum for last six years.

Fr. Manoj Tirkey.

Transfers and Appointments:

Fr. Jacob Karmakuzhyil is appointed as the priest in charge of Bamra school project w.e.f from 23/10/2017. He will reside at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara.

Fr. Wilson Adackaparayil is appointed as the Office Administrator of Gyan Mata Vidya Vihar, Nanded w.e.f from 10/12/2017.

Departure from the Congregation:

Udit Kujur, a first-year theologian from Tejas Bangalore, Sunil Xess, a regent from Jhajjar and Emmanuel Mullick, a third year philosophy student have decided to leave the Congregation. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their new lives.

Names of the Participants for the 2nd Province Retreat 2017:

Brs. John Parkhe, Raphael Xalxo, Frs. Allan Gonsalves, Amalraju, Anand Kullu, Anil George, Anson, Arun P, Austin Correia, Barnabas Xalxo, Benedict D'Souza, Christu Raj, Deepak Kindo, Emile Tirkey, Emmanuel, Hilarus Tirkey, Ignathi, Ignatius D'Costa, Issac M, Jacob K, Jnanamani, Joe Denis, John Dive, John Peter, John Ruptake, Jose Mudavakunnel, Joseph Kalekattil, Joseph KV, Kulandai Raj, Lijohn K, Manoj Tirkey, Marcus Ruptake, Michael D' Souza, Nobit, Patras Tirkey Paul V, Peter Kujur, Rakesh Kerketta, Ramesh Damala, Sandeep Tirkey, Shijumon, Thomas V, Vincent Minj and Wilson Abraham.

Note: The Retreat will be from 26th - 31st December 2017, at the Provinciate, Nagpur. The retreat will begin on 26th evening and end with lunch on 31st December. All the above members have to attend the retreat.

The Provincial Administration of Pune Province:

1. Fr. Johnson Gonsalves - Councillor cum Admonitor
2. Fr. Santosh Salve - Councillor
3. Fr. Tony Prem Anand - Councillor
4. Fr. Valerian Carvalho - Councillor
5. Fr. A. Nelson - Bursar

The Provincial Administration of East-African Province:

1. Fr. Jacob Thekkara - Councillor cum Admonitor
2. Fr. Thomas Kochuparambil - Councillor
3. Fr. Kurian Kollapallil - Councillor
4. Fr. Thomas Kochalumchvattil - Councillor
5. Fr. Joseph Eryanical - Bursar

I would like to congratulate the newly elected members of the Provincial Curia of both the Provinces and wish them all God's blessings, as they begin their ministry of animation in their respective Provinces.

Canonical Visitation by the Provincial Superior:

Canonical visitation is part and parcel of the ministry of animation and it is done to renew and reaffirm the bond that exists between the Provincial Administration and the local community. It is an exercise undertaken to recognize and appreciate the success of the local community and encourage the community to face the challenges. The visitation is a powerful and pressing call to live our life to the full. I will begin this important work from this month and I look forward to meeting all you in your places of your ministry to encourage and motivate you to excel your ministry. I will be sending a letter to the heads of local communities and institutions regarding the canonical visitation. You are requested to follow the guidelines while preparing for the canonical visitation. Kindly pay attention to the details of Provincial's programme in this newsletter.

Re-Constituted Apostolic Communities 2017 – 2018:

Nagpur

Convenor: Melroy Almeida

Secretary: Amal Raju B

Agnelo Fernandes
Anand Kullu
Austin Correa
Cyril Velikkattel
David Paul
Domy Vallomkunnel
Emmanuel Vattamattam
Francis Venmenikattayil
George Kurickal
Gijo Francis
Issac Mankulathil
Jose Parampukattil
Joseph Kalekattil
Joseph Plathottam
Kulandai Raj
Michael D'Souza
Muthuswamy
Patras Tirkey
Peter Dominic
Peter Paul
Philip Malaparambil
Pius Gonsalves
Raphael Xalxo
Simplicio Rocha
Telesfor Lakra
Thomas Kuttiankal
William Antony

Nanded

Convenor: Marcus Ruptake

Secretary: Ignathi Kshirsagar

Bosco P
I Yesudass
Ignatius D'Costa
John Parkhe
Michael Toppo
Paul Pallikunnath
Wilson Abraham

Aurangabad

Convenor: Shijumon Mangalath

Secretary: Lalji George

John Carvalho
John Dive
Johnson Parikappally
Joseph Mudavankunnel
Rakesh Kerketta
Saiju Vettukallel
Scaria Kadamkulam

Bhusawal

Convenor: Shantwan Khutekar

Secretary: Lijohn K Jose

Joe Denis
Mathew Kodamullil
Peter Kujur
Rijo Mechery
Sudhir Kujur

Mannarkkad

Convenor: Paul Varambinakam

Secretary: Jomon Mathew

Anson Kaliyath – Bangalore
Christuraj – South East Province

Jins- Bangalore

Joseph Arulraj
Pulloppillil Joseph

Delhi

Convenor: Manoj Tirkey

Secretary: Albin Joseph

Ambros Minj
Anil George
Arun P
Barnabas Xalxo
Benedict D'Souza
Christu Raja
Daniel Bara
Lazarus Soreng
Nobit K
Roshan Kanjirathinkal- North East
Sylbester Xalxo
Thomas Vadakumpadam
Vishwas Torne

Sini - Seraikela

Convenor: Emil Tirkey

Secretary: Silbester Kullu

Anthony Amalados
Cyprian Dungdung- Jamshadpur
Deepak Kindo
Hilarus Tirkey
Ramesh Damala
Richard Tirkey

Kandore

Convenor: Kamil Tete

Secretary: Anto Mappilakunnel

Jnanamani
Joseph Kailamangalam

Odisha

Convenor: Allan Gonsalves

Secretary: John Peter

Arun Kumar Ekka
Bijay Kerketta
Christopher Lakra

Henry Peter
Jacob Karamakuzhyil
John Ruptake
Lalit Tigga
Oscar Kujur
Sandeep Tirkey
Vincent Minz

Mozambique

Mermier Apostolic Community
(Matola, Lar Mermier, Mavila, Tete)

Convenor: Raju

Secretary: Anto V

Aajo
Alex Tigga
Kailash Hivale
Melky
Paul Gonsalves
Peter Thomas
Petrus Kullu
Rajesh Jayaseelan
Ranjit Lakra
Ranjit Tirkey
Sebastian Annaikandathil
Stephen Soares
Vineesh Thomas
Yesudoss. L

St. Francis De Sales Apostolic Community

(Katembe, Bela Vista, Ponta De Ouro)

Convenor: Georgekutty,

Secretary: Jinoy Kopyl

Ashok Minj
Henry Nedumkallel
Jijo Punchayil

Germany

Convenor: Solomon Sahayaraj

Secretary: Robin

AlphonseArockiaswamy
Anish George
Ashok Antony
Charles Porimattathil
Marianus Kerketta
Marianus Kujur
Pradeep Tirkey
Rajesh Lugun
Robin Parapuram
Michael Raj
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Reconstituted Nagpur Province Forums 2017- 2018:

Mission Forum

Fr. George Kurickal (**Convenor**)
Fr. Lajarus Soreng (**Secretary**)
Fr. Marcus Ruptake
Fr. Allen Gonsalves
Fr. Cyprian Dungdung
Fr. Barnabas Xalxo
Fr. Richard Tirkey
Fr. Oscar Kujur
Fr. Bijay Kerketta
Fr. Kulandai Raj
Fr. Ignatius D'Costa
Fr. Hilarus Tirkey
Fr. Sudhir Kujur
Fr. Joseph Denis
Fr. Philip Maleparambil
Fr. Thomas Vadakumpadam
Fr. Mathew John
Fr. Kamil Tete
Fr. Paul Pallikunnath
Bro. Raphael Xalxo
Fr. Jose Mudavankunnel
Fr. Emil Tirkey
Fr. Kailash Hiwale
Fr. Michael Raj,
Fr. Vincent Chettiar,
Fr. Rajesh Lugun,
Fr. Solomon Sahayaraj,
Fr. Marianus Kujur,
Fr. Robin Parapuram,
Fr. Ashok Antony,
Fr. Anish George,
Fr. Pradeep Tirkey,
Fr. Marianus Kerketta
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Fr. George Kutty,
Fr. Ranjit Tirkey,
Fr. Raju Minj,
Fr. Petrus Kullu,
Fr. Jijo Punchayil,
Fr. Aajo Therully,
Fr. Vineesh Thomas,
Fr. Peter Thomas,
Fr. Jinoy Kopyl,
Fr. Anto Varghese,
Fr. Ashok Minj,
Fr. Sebastian Annaikandathil
Fr. Paul Gonsalves

Education Forum

Fr. Anthony A (**Convenor**)

Fr. Shijumon M (**Secretary**)
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Fr. Manoj Tirkey
Fr. Amal Bandanadam
Fr. Joseph Kalekattil
Fr. Deepak Kindo
Fr. Anil George
Bro. Ambrose Minj
Fr. Peter Kujur
Fr. Vinsent Minz
Fr. Ramesh Damala
Bro. John Parkhe
Bro. Michael Toppo
Fr. Johnson Parikappally
Fr. Christu Raj
Fr. Melroy Almedia
Fr. Bosco P
Fr. Ignathi Kshirsagar
Fr. Henry Peter
Fr. Jnanamani
Fr. Vishwas Torne
Fr. Gijo Francis
Fr. Albin Joseph
Fr. I Yesudass
Fr. Melky
Fr. Ranjith Lakra
Fr. Rajesh Jayaseelan
Fr. Domy
Fr. Alphonse Arockiaswamy
Fr. Anson Kaliyath
Fr. Simplichio Rocha

Formation Forum

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(**Secretary**)
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Fr. Austin Correia
Fr. L Yesudoss
Fr. Joseph Pulloppillil
Fr. Pius Gonsalves
Fr. Cyriac Velikattel
Fr. Scaria Kadamkulam
Fr. Sandeep Tirkey
Fr. Arun P
Fr. Charles Porimattathil
Fr. Arun Kumar Ekka
Fr. Daniel Bara
Fr. Nobit Kombanathottathil
Fr. Jomon Mathew
Fr. John Peter

Fr. Joseph Plathottam
Fr. Alex Tigga
Fr. Jins Karakadayil

Innovative Forum

Fr. Patras Tirkey(**Convenor**)
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Fr. John Dive
Fr. David Paul
Fr. Sylvester Kullu
Bro. John Ruptake
Fr. Michael D' Souza
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Fr. Thomas Kuttiankal
Fr. Emmanuel Vattamattam
Fr. Peter Paul
Fr. Jacob K
Fr. Lijohn K Jose
Fr. Lalji George
Fr. Sudir Kujur
Fr. Stephen Soares

Stewardship Forum

Fr. William Antony (convenor)
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Fr. John Carvalho
Fr. Saiju Vettukallel
Fr. Jose Parampukattil
Fr. Hilarus Tirkey
Fr. Rakesh Kerketta
Fr. Selbester Xalxo
Fr. Joseph Plathottam

Preaching Ministry

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Fr. Marcus Ruptake
Fr. Wilson Adackaparayil
Fr. Lakra Christopher
Fr. Cyprian Dungdung
Fr. Henry Peter
Fr. Vincent Minj
Fr. PM Joseph
Fr. Melroy Almeida

Our Sincere Appreciation/Thanks/Congratulations To:

Nanded Community for obtaining N.A certificate for the land and regularizing of the exiting school building. Sincere thanks to the members of the Nanded community for completing this important work and this process was started by **Fr. Melroy Almeida**, the former principal. It was achieved by regular follow-up and co-operation of many well-wishers and a parent. God bless Gyan Mata School.

Bro. Rajendra Toppo, who was Finally Professed on 24th September 2017 at Catambe, Mozambique.

Bros. Anto Deepak and Roshan Tigga, who were Finally Professed on 30th September 2017 at MSFS Major Seminary, Shillong.

Bros. Manu Joseph and Vinayanand Katru, who were ordained deacons on 19th October 2017 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune.

Bro. Augusto Antonio, from Mozambique, who completed his MPh in JDV, Pune (2015 to 2017). He passed with high distinction, in Science, Philosophy and Religion.

Fr. Arun P. who completed his B.Ed. from the University of Nagpur (2015 to 2017), and has passed with distinction

Fr. Nobit K. who completed his B.Ed. from the University of Gonduvana (2015 to 2017), and has passed with distinction

Fr. Saiju V. who completed his B.Ed. from Tamilnadu Teachers' Education University (TNTEU) (2015 to 2017), and has passed with high distinction.

Let Us Pray For:

Fr. Tony Lopez of Pune Province aged 75, who expired on 1st September 2017.

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

Fr. Peter Dominic's father, Mr. William Joseph, aged 82, passed away on 11th September 2017.

Fr. John Dive's aunt, Sr. Martina Gaikwad GSM, passed away on 12th September 2017.

Fr. Cyriac Velikkettel's brother, Mr. Simon, aged 75, passed away on 21st September 2017.

Fr. Philip Malaparambil's aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth, passed away on 26th September 2017.

Fr. Mathew Thayil's sister, Sr. Ambrosia CMC, aged 92, passed away on 15th October 2017.

Fr. Philip Malaparambil's uncle, Mr. T.M Mathew aged 80 passed away on 31st October 2017.

Fr. Joe Denis' nephew, Ryan Denis, aged 32 passed away on 4th November 2017.

Fr. Telesfer Lakra's father, Suleman lakra, aged 70, passed away on 6th November 2017.

Fr. Ramesh Damala's brother, Mr. Savariyappan, aged 36, passed away on 8th November 2017.

Fr. John Peter's aunt, Mrs. Lourdu Mary, aged 60, passed away on 8th November 2017.

Fr. Kamil Tete's uncle, Francis Tete, aged 75, passed away on 10th November 2017

Provincial's Itinerary:

November 2017

Nov 26- 27 Prakash Bhavan
Nov 28 Kullarayanpalayam

Dec 20- 21 Bhusawal
Dec 22- 31 Provincialate

December 2017

Dec 01- 04 Suvidya
Dec 05 Tejas
Dec 07 Baradurgapur
Dec 08- 09 Kandore
Dec 10-11 Varanasi
Dec 12-13 Vinay Sadan
Dec 14-15 Jhajjar
Dec 16-17 Mahima
Dec 18-19 Neemuch

January 2018

Jan 02- 03 Kinwat
Jan 04- 05 Nanded
Jan 06- 07 Jalna
Jan 08- 09 FTI
Jan 10- 11 Cidco
Jan 12- 13 Khamgaon
Jan 14- 15 Badnera
Jan 16- 17 Nimkheda
Jan 20- 21 Darkona

Jan 22 Panderpalli
Jan 23- 24 Latapara
Jan 25 Provincialate
Jan 28 Mahima
Jan 30- 31 Sini

Feb 05 Ambapani
Feb 06 Pabura
Feb 07- 16 Nagpur
Feb 19- 20 Pune
Feb 21- 22 Goa

February 2018

Feb 01- 02 Seraikella
Feb 03- 04 Raidhi

Salesian Thought:

Read also the stories and biographies of saints. You will see there, as in a mirror, the image of the Christian life. Find inspiration in their actions, drawing profit for yourself according to your life situation.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Fr. J.B. Muthuswamy msfs,
Provincial Superior.