

# NAGPUR PROVINCE

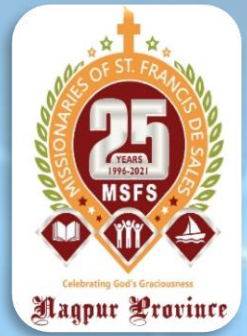
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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

23.01.2021

**Dear Confreres,** Fraternal greetings of good wishes and joy of the Lord from Nagpur. Permit me to extend to all of you my sincere festal greetings and prayerful wishes on the occasion of the feast of our heavenly patron St. Francis de Sales. May our beloved patron intercede for

each one of us and may his spirit and spirituality continue to guide us in our life and ministry. We must never forget what Bishop Rey has said while approving our congregation. “Yours is a triple task: study St. Francis de Sales, imitate his virtues, from your method of guiding people on his: full of gentleness to sinners”. Once again wishing each one of you a happy feast of St. Francis De Sales.

## **EVOLVING STATUS IS GOODNESS**

Something is evolving! An uproar that has been in the air for quite some time since the outbreak of the Pandemic is, ‘Humanity Before and After Covid-19’ and ‘Mission Before and After Covid-19’. It was a subject matter among the intelligentsia and common folk equally, both in print media and digital platforms that was of serious attention and thought-provoking debates. Humanity is going through a never seen, never-heard off scenario and many aspects of social living stand suspended. We believe God has a plan for humanity



through sufferings and trials. The Covid-19 Pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems, economy, trade and commerce, healthcare, education, tourism, local government, elderly care, employment, social networking, faith and religion, etc. As we look forward to the year 2021 with hope, St. Francis de Sales reminds us, “...**do not be disheartened by your struggles, but always rise again and again with fresh courage. We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention generous, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on the mystery of a loving God.**”

Three main aspects of the day-to-day affairs that remain suspended are: **Smile, Hand-shake and Hug**. It is as if it were a kind of abstention of our senses. Our smiles have been suspended and even if one smiled it could not be noticed by the other. Our exchanges of handshakes and hugs have been suspended as a precaution against the spread of the virus. In our relationships and interpersonal communication, the joy of having it exchanged remains a distant dream. Certainly, we know it will be restored, but when, is a moot question that remains unanswered. As humanity goes through a period of suffering, we look to the **Book of Job for inspiration**. It reiterates the truth concerning life and sufferings: First, it reiterates the fact that the evolving status is goodness. Something is getting evolved; our consciousness, attitudes, lifestyles, perspective of God and religion, happiness quotient, etc., (**Job 2/10**). Second, God has the final say in all things. He has the right over what He created. He has a design for the Universe. (**Job 1/21-22**) Third, we have a reward. Those who endure till the end will have a reward. (**Job 42/1-11**)

We believe that God will show His abundant mercy on humanity in 2021. The Covid-19 scenario has brought about new challenges and new responsibilities which demand new commitment in our apostolates and community living. We, Fransalians cannot shirk off our responsibility of caring for the sheep, in humble service and total obedience to the Lord. God has been gracious and thus we have a new Provincial Curia. **Provincial Chapter 2020** was a time of coming together, praying together, sharing together – a time of fruitful discernment on **Community Life, Charisms and Apostolates**. A new curia team ushers in a new lease of enthusiasm and new vitality in all spheres concerning religious life. At the same time, it places **personal responsibility, coupled with obedience and humility**, for us to emulate as they are the trademarks of true leaders. St. Francis de Sales inspires us with his nuggets of wisdom in the New Year as we gear up to celebrate his feast. St. Francis’ attitude towards new tasks, power and authority on earth had been: owning personal responsibility for success and failures, giving no room for blame-game and for hide and seek.

**On Humility** he says, "Let us never make a show of wishing to be last unless in our hearts we wish to truly be such." **On Obedience** he says, “Obedience is a consecration of the heart, chastity of the body, and poverty of all worldly goods to the Love and Service of God. Blessed indeed are the obedient, for God will never permit them to go astray.” We are proud to walk in the footsteps of our Patron, owning responsibility with obedience to God and one another, and in humility surrender.

Personal responsibility to care for the wellbeing of others, especially when humanity suffers, is not an option. Francis understood the responsibilities to care for the flock and owned the risk of launching into the ministry, successes and failures. Francis' response to **Bishop de Granier** who convoked his clergy in an **Assembly** at the beginning of **September 1594** to send missionaries to **Chablais** mission was, "**My Lord,**" said Francis, "**if you think that I am capable of it, command me, I am ready.**" The Bishop commanded and Francis replied, "**On your word, I shall cast the net.**" This was Francis filled with obedience and determination to shoulder the huge responsibility and it had serious repercussions in the history of France. You and I can change the world, provided the change begins with us. Francis saw a scenario wherein his intervention was mandatory; he readily took up the responsibility. There was no guile towards anyone. The apathetic atmosphere that prevailed in the assembly took him by surprise. His dogged perseverance and indomitable will power bore fruits. God wants us to own responsibility when mission beckons. The New Year will offer us many possibilities of offering our service to humanity, community and the Province, irrespective of who we are, what we do and where we come from. **(Galatians 3/28)**

Another realm of religious consecration St. Francis inspires is: **Living in Humility, Leading in Humility and Surrendering in Humility.** When Bishop de Granier insisted on him becoming the coadjutor, he told Fr. Pierre Critain, the confidant of the Bishop, "**You will tell the Bishop that I have never desired to be a bishop. But since he wishes it and since he commands it, I am ready to obey and to serve God in all things.**" Humility personified his persona; he would go to any extent to demonstrate humility in life. He acknowledged God as the centre of the universe, the centre of his being and having, and totally surrendered to His will. Thus, he was able to give himself for the service of humanity without bias, prejudices, backbiting and denigration. Every authority God allows us to shoulder should be our personal response to the mission of the Lord in humility. His learning, wisdom, worldly knowledge, nobility did not come in the way of the practice of humility. Humility demands from us that we live our religious consecration fully committed to the ideals of Prayer, Community Timetable and Evangelical Vows. On another occasion, St. Francis was offered the position of **Coadjutor of Paris** by Cardinal de Retz three times. It was told to him that the Cardinal would meet all the expenses. Besides, Francis' brother would be made Bishop of Geneva and would see to the success of the project. Antoine Favre advised him to accept the offer since he could do more in Paris. Francis retorted Favre saying, "**Would you like to exchange your wife for another woman? Well, how can you ask me to exchange mine?**" This echoes the message that Francis was not ambitious, because he knew it is destructive and against the mindset of Christ. Francis would refuse a Coadjutorship with the right of succession in the most prestigious See of France. He would not seek the passing glories of politics. No honour of this world, neither power, position, prestige nor money came in the way of the service of God and humanity. **(Ref. St. Francis de Sales, a Formative Biography)**

St Francis de Sales says, "**The fullness of our love for the divine goodness of our Heavenly Father is expressed in the fullness of our love for our brothers and sisters.**" Let us then, own the responsibility of serving one another who suffer, in humble surrender and total

obedience. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit who guides our efforts to be innovative and creative. Let no pain or poignancy become roadblocks in our march forward. **Happy Feast!**

**RENEWED COMMUNITY LIFE TO REVITALIZE OUR FOUNDATIONAL  
APOSTOLATES IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CHARISM**



The Nagpur Provincial Chapter 2020 was held from 27th - 31st December 2020. 41 confreres participated in the Chapter. 11 Ex-Officio Members, 24 Elected Delegates including 2 Elected Scholastics and 6 Special Invitees. Rev. Fr. Suresh Babu, the General Councillor in charge of Formation was the Delegate of the Superior General. Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan, Provincial of Pune Province and Rev. Fr. Ignaci Muthu, Provincial South East India Province, were present for the Inaugural Ceremony.

The Chapter began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. P.M. Joseph, with all the participants praying for the success of the Chapter. A recollection talk given by Rev. Fr. Suresh Babu emphasized on the Renewal of Community Life. Each day had a different theme and intention. The homilies preached at the Holy Eucharist, especially by Archbishop Elias Gonsalves and Fr. Peter Mendonca O.P. increased in the participants the spirit of a renewed community life.

During the Inaugural Ceremony a warm welcome was extended to the Dignitaries and the participants of the Chapter. The portraits of Mother of Sorrows, St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Peter Mermier were garlanded and the Holy Bible, the MSFS Constitutions and the MSFS

General Directory were enthroned. The messages of Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, the Superior General, Rev. Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhyil, the General Councillor in charge of Education and Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province were read out.

Rev. Fr. Binu Edathumparambil MSFS in his keynote address, emphasized on the Renewal and Revitalization of our Communities. He also mentioned that every community is a power house of prayer and of Christ's presence.



In his report Rev. Fr. Muthuswamy, the Provincial highlighted about the Animation and Evaluation of the Province, Community and Spiritual Life of the confreres, especially in the light of the Action Plan of the Provincial Congress 2017, its Assessment and Implementation. The reports of the four Apostolates and Financial aspect of the Province were presented by the 4 Provincial Councilors and Bursar. The participants asked for some clarifications; followed by discussion on various issues.

Fr. Isaac John presented the Collated Report on the Study Paper. Reports of Mozambique Delegation, GHA Delegation, Justice and Peace Commission, Scholastics, Province Magazine, Fransalian Associates, Cause of the Founder, Mission Development Office (MDO), Parish Mission Preaching (PMP), Fransalian Youth and new Missions were presented by the in charges. At the end of each report members made interventions and clarifications.

On the last day the Statement and the Action Plan for the coming three years were finalized. These would guide the members of the Province in the process of renewal of their community life. Fr. Suresh Babu, the Delegate of the Superior General gave his feedback on the Chapter and wished the members of the Province a renewed and revitalized community life. Fr. Melroy asked the participants to give a general evaluation and feedback of the Chapter. He also expressed his thanks to all who helped in the conducting of the Chapter. The concluding Holy Eucharist was presided over by the Provincial and the newly elected Provincial Curia. In the dining room the kitchen and service staff were thanked for all the assistance rendered. The members then enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and as per their plans left for their mission stations.

**Fr. Ignathi Kshirsagar MSFS**

**NAGPUR PROVINCIAL CHAPER 2020 HAS ELCTED FOLLOWING MEMBERS  
AS NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA**



**NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA**

**BECOMING NEW CREATION  
AND BEARING GOOD FRUITS**

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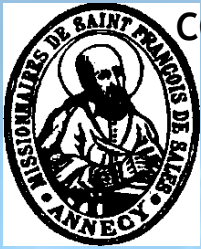
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**LEFT TO RIGHT:**

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2. FR. LAJARUS SORENG (PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR OF INNOVATIVE FORUM),
3. FR. DOMY VALLOMKUNNEL (PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR OF MISSION FORUM),
4. FR. BENEDICT DE SOUZA (PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR OF FORMATION FORUM AND ADMONITOR),
5. FR. SELBESTAR XALXO (PROVINCIAL BURSAR)



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To  
Rev. Fr. John Britto Muthuswamy, MSFS  
Provincial Superior of NAGPUR Province,  
INDIA,

January 12, 2021

### **SUB: APPROVAL OF THE ACTS OF NAGPUR PROVINCE CHAPTER**

Dear Father Muthuswamy,

Through your email dated January 10, 2021, you have submitted the copy of ACTS of the Nagpur Provincial Chapter 2020. You are seeking the approval of the Superior General for the same. The Statement and Action Plan of the Chapter should provide you the guidelines to animate the religious life and apostolates of the Province in the missionary legacy of the Congregation and the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

**With the consent of the General Council, I gladly approve the election of the new Nagpur Provincial Curia and the Acts of the Provincial Chapter.**

May your leadership bring blessings to the confreres in their religious and apostolic life!

United with you and the Province,

Fraternally in Christ,

Father Abraham VETTUVELIL, MSFS

Superior General

## **STATEMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2020**

We, the members of the Nagpur Province of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, assembled at the MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur, for the Provincial Chapter 2020, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, during the Silver Jubilee year of the Province (1996-2021). Keeping in mind the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales, our Patron and the Foundational Charism inherited from Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, our Founder and after studying the theme: “Renewed Community Life to Revitalize our Foundational Apostolates in the Spirit of our Charism”, have come to the following conclusions:

### **1. Religious Life**

We resolve to renew our religious life, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to share in the mission of Jesus Christ and to live a life of witness by following the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales as envisioned by Fr. Peter Mermier. We resolve to enter into deeper communion with the Lord and one another by adopting a simple life style and self-discipline through our faithfulness to personal and community prayer.

### **2. Apostolates**

#### **2.1. Mission**

We resolve, endowed with our Charism and love for the mission of Christ, to bring about renewal of Faith, to strengthen the PMP, assessing our mission apostolates and empowering confreres in pastoral ministry, by harnessing and utilizing the energy of the youth for effective pastoral ministry.

#### **2.2. Formation**

We resolve to promote vocations and ensure the holistic development of our formees, adhering to the Fransalian Graded Integral Formation. We resolve to equip our formators with the required training to ensure excellence in all aspects of religious life.

#### **2.3. Education**

We resolve to ensure quality education in all our schools by updating ourselves and the staff on the evolving trends in education. We resolve to disseminate Salesian virtues through our parents and organized groups. We resolve to reach out to the economically underprivileged and upgrade the rural schools with the assistance of the urban schools.

#### **2.4. Social and Innovative**

We resolve to use our human and material resources in an organized way by identifying confreres with aptitudes for social ministry, establishing charitable societies for initiating social apostolates. We resolve to use social media and digital platforms for varied ministries to create awareness on legal rights and integrity of creation.



## 2.5. Stewardship

We resolve to manage the temporal goods diligently and sincerely, and to share our resources for the upliftment of the poor. We resolve to adequately train our confreres for the administration of the temporal goods.

### **ACTION PLAN OF THE NAGPUR PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2020**

#### **1. RELIGIOUS LIFE**

- 1.1. We shall have regular monthly recollections, community meetings with minutes and tabling of accounts.
- 1.2. We shall have half an hour adoration daily, devotion to Seven Dolours, regularity of the Office of the Church and the Holy Eucharist.
- 1.3. We shall respect the Major Superior or/and Local Superior by giving information and seeking permission with regard to absence from prayer, meals, recreation and any other aspect that requires permission and information.
- 1.4. We shall not use our mobile phones during common meals, prayer and meetings.
- 1.5. We shall assist in the animation of the community by the Superior.

#### **2. APOSTOLATES**

##### **2.1. MISSION**

- 2.1.1. We shall conduct PMP retreats in all our parishes.
- 2.1.2. An assessment of all our parishes shall be done.
- 2.1.3. We shall assign for specialization at least one priest in pastoral ministry.
- 2.1.4. The Youth Director of the Province will coordinate the animation of the Fransalian Youth in our Parishes.

##### **2.2. FORMATION**

- 2.2.1. We shall send two priests for Formators' course.
- 2.2.2. We shall appoint a full-time Vocation Promoter in both our Minor Seminaries and coordinate vocation promotion in different regions.
- 2.2.3. We shall adhere to the implementation of the Graded Formation in our Minor Seminaries and Novitiate.
- 2.2.4. We shall study the possibility of starting Plus Two studies in our seminaries, by utilising the existing infrastructure, giving importance to language studies and other soft skills.

##### **2.3. EDUCATION**

- 2.3.1. We shall appoint a committee to prepare skits, short reflections for school assembly on St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Peter Marie Mermier and Salesian Spirituality.

- 2.3.2. We shall draw up a concrete plan for the utilisation of our schools' infrastructure for the poor and the underprivileged.
- 2.3.3. We shall periodically organize seminars on Legislations, Education Policy and other related aspects of education.
- 2.3.4. We shall send confreres for regular B.Ed. studies and encourage all to do Post Graduation.
- 2.3.5. We shall establish Friends of Fransalians (FoF) in our schools.

#### **2.4. SOCIAL AND INNOVATIVE**

- 2.4.1. We shall appoint a team of experts to draw up a master plan for the *Hingna* land, to start formal and non-formal training, a retreat centre, social service, family ministry, etc.
- 2.4.2. We shall establish the *Manav Vikas* Programme in *Chota Nagpur* region and initiate social service projects by utilising the existing infrastructure at *Divya Jyoti Ashram*.
- 2.4.3. We shall start a YouTube channel and involve confreres to produce reflections on the Word of God and Salesian Spirituality.
- 2.4.4. We shall organize Fransalian Associates once a year at the Province level.
- 2.4.5. We shall make our campuses plastic-free.
- 2.4.6. We shall promote and foster Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Dialogue.
- 2.4.7. We shall promote devotion to, and the Cause of our Founder.
- 2.4.8. We shall promote justice, peace and integrity of creation in our institutions.

#### **2.5. STEWARDSHIP**

- 2.5.1. We shall train our Local Bursars and Office Administrators prior to their appointment.
- 2.5.2. We shall develop a mechanism to centralize and utilize our other income.
- 2.5.3. We shall plant 25 saplings in our communities in order to mark the Silver Jubilee year.
- 2.5.4. We will promote devotion to the Cause of the Founder by reading the book, *Monsignor Mermier*.

## OH, CHRIST IGNITE US TO ILLUMINE



On 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 there was a spirit of joy and gratitude in the air as 9 MSFS and 2 Capuchin brothers were ordained Deacons at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. They are Dileep Markam, Maria Joseph M, Peter Alphonse M, Periyamayagam K and Raymond S Figredo of Pune Province; Rajat Kumar Digal and Gollapudi Joseph of

Nagpur Province; Emmanuvel Sathish D of South-East-India Province; Duggipudi Ranjith Kumar of Visakhapatnam Province; Julius and David of the Capuchin Order. The liturgy was planned and meaningfully animated around the theme: Oh Christ Ignite Us To Illumine.

The Eucharistic celebration began at 10:30 am. The main celebrant was Rt. Rev. Thomas Dabre, Bishop of Pune Diocese. The con-celebrants were Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan Selvaraj MSFS, Provincial of Pune Province, Rev. Fr. Ignacimuthu MSFS, Provincial of South-East-India Province, Rev. Fr. Philip Gonsalves, Provincial of St. Bonaventure Province Maharashtra Capuchin Order, Rev Fr. Arun, Delegate of Nagpur Provincial, Fr. Vincent Lourduswamy, Rector of Fransalian Seminary, Fr. Benhur, the Rector of Lavarna, Capuchin, Fr. Tony Prem, Councilor in charge of Formation, and many priest confreres and brothers from both the Congregations. The whole liturgy and celebration was live streamed as the dear ones and guests of the brothers could not be present on account of the Pandemic. After the Eucharistic celebration Deacon Peter Alphonse proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the newly ordained Deacons. This was followed by cutting of the cake and felicitation of the newly ordained Deacons and Dignitaries. Short messages were given by the Provincials and by Fr. Johnson, the former Rector. To add more joy to the day was the celebration of Fr. Noel Rebello's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. A booklet on **Religious Life: Testimony**, the thoughts of the Deacons, was released by Bishop Thomas Dabre. The celebration extended to the joyful partaking of a delicious meal. The event has been recorded as a mega event in the history of Fransalian Seminary. Happiness has certainly increased in the heart of ever blossoming MSFS and Capuchin as eleven newly ordained Deacons were available for service in the vineyard of the Lord. **Live Jesus.**

**Dn. Maria Joseph MSFS**

## ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD



**Deacon Poomagan Sensus Lass**, was born on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1990 at Udayendiram, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, to Mr. Sensus Lass and Mrs. Rita Sagaya Mary. He was baptized on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1990 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Udayendiram, and was confirmed on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2001 by Rt. Rev. Dr. A. M. Chinnappa, Emeritus Bishop of Vellore at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. He did his Primary Schooling at R.C.M. School, Udayendiram and High School St. Don Bosco High School, Jolarpet. From 2007-09 he did his Secondary Schooling at Prakash Bhavan, Mannarkad. He made his First Profession on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi.

He studied Philosophy at Saint Augustine Interdiocesan Philosophical Seminary, Matola, Mozambique. He did his Regency at Our Lady of Fátima Church, Ponta do Ouro. He studied Theology at St. Pious X Interdiocesan Theological Seminary, Maputo. He made his Final Profession on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the Delegation House, Casa Fransaliana, Matola. He was ordained a Deacon on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Malhangalene by Most Rev. Francisco Chimoio, the Archbishop of Maputo. He is doing his Diaconate Ministry at Our Lady of Amaparo Church, Matola. He will be ordained a priest on **1<sup>st</sup> February 2021** at 6.00 pm by Rt. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius, D. D. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Udayendiram, Vaniyambadi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu. On behalf of the entire Province I wish Deacon Poomagan Sensus Lass, all the joys of this great spiritual event. May he become a true instrument of God to work for His Kingdom and Mission.



**Deacon Linus Joseph Kodikulam**, was born on 5<sup>th</sup> February 1991 at Ottapalam, Palakkad, Kerala, to Mr. Raju Joseph and Mrs. Cicilykutty Raju. He was baptized on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1991 at St. Mary's Church, Palakkayam, and was confirmed on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2000. He did his Primary and Secondary Schooling at Carmel HSS Palakkayam. From 2007-09 he did his Higher Secondary and Minor Seminary at Prakash Bhavan, Mannarkad. He made his first profession on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He studied Philosophy at St. Augustine's Seminary, Matola, Mozambique. He did his Regency at St. Francis de Sales Church, Bela Vista and Theology at St. Pious X Theological College, Maputo. He made his Final Profession on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at MSFS Delegation House, Matola. He was ordained a Deacon on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at St. John Evangelist Church, Maputo, by

Most Rev. Francisco Chimoio, the Archbishop of Maputo. At present he is doing his diaconate ministry at St. Joseph's Church, Ressano Gracia, Maputo and St. Antony's Church Mavila,

Inhambane. He will be ordained a priest on **11<sup>th</sup> February 2021** at St. Mary's Church, Palakkayam, Palakkad, Kerala, by **Rt. Rev. Mar Peter Kochupurakal**, Aux Bishop of Palakkad Diocese. On behalf of the entire Province I wish Deacon Linus Joseph Kodikulam all the joys of this great spiritual event. May he become a true instrument of God to work for His Kingdom and Mission.



**Dn. Sanjay Lakra** was born on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1989 at Panchora( Raidihi) Odisha to Mr. Manoj Kumar Lakra and Mrs. Purnami Lakra. He was baptized in the year 2006 at the Assumption Church Kusumdegi. He was confirmed in the Year 2008 by Rt. Rev. John Barwa D.D. then Bishop of Rourkela at St. Francis Xavier Church Kesramal. He did his primary school at Telendihi Primary School (Raidihi). His upper Primary was at Panchora Primary School. He studied his high school at Kusumdegi High School (Mission School) in Odisha. His higher secondary was at Panchayat Samiti( P.S.) College Bargaon, Sundergarh, Odisha from 2008-2010. He did his Minor Seminary at Divya Jyoti Ashram Latapara Bargaon in the year 2010-2012. He made his first profession on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at Dhyanashram Varanasi. He studied Philosophy at Suvidya College

Bengaluru from 2013-2016. He did his Regency at Mermier Sadan Nagpur Maharashtra. He did his Theology at Jnana Deepa Vidya Peetha( JDV ) Pune. He made his final profession on 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 and was ordained a Deacon on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 by Rt. Rev. Thomas Dabre Bishop of Pune. He is doing his diaconate ministry in Bano Mission Simdega, Jharkhand. He will be ordained a priest on 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 by Rt. Rev. Kishor Kumar Kujur D.D. Bishop of Rourkela. On behalf of the entire Province I wish Dn. Sanjay Lakra, all the joys of this great spiritual event. May he become a true instrument of God to work for His Kingdom and Mission.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS**

### **The policy of congregation concerning the change of nationality**

On account of certain discrepancies that have been brought recently to the notice of the general administration that some confreres have changed their nationality on their own in a developed country where they have been sent for studies or ministry, the assistant general Rev. Fr. Yves Carron has through his letter instructed that all provincials inform the members of the province about the congregational policy concerning the change of nationality. Our General directory (Nos.360-363) is very clear on the matters of "Nationality/change of nationality" and due rules and procedures are to strictly adhere. Therefore, it is pointed out by the Asst. General by the directory of the congregation that, if any confreres would like to change his nationality will have to seek needed permission from our Superior General through their respective provincial and he has to get in touch with the provincial well in advance. Any other short term procedures do not befit the congregational rules. Let us become aware of the policy of the congregation and abide by them

## **Prayer intention of the Superior General 2021.**

Let us pray for the intention of our beloved superior general every day without fail and we have already provided to the of the province the printed format intentions of the superior general for the year 2021. Local superiors are instructed to pray daily for our superior general and in case if your community does not have printed copy of the intentions kindly be in touch the secretary of the provincial.



## **PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL FOR THE YEAR 2021**

### **JANUARY**

God our Father, please send your Holy Spirit on the participants to the Extraordinary General Chapter, to guide them, to sustain them, and to help them to fulfill their task at the service of the Congregation”, we pray: R/ Lord graciously hear us

### **FEBRUARY**

For our Congregation that we may be deeply rooted in our CHARISM and foundational apostolate of Parish Mission Preaching for the renewal of Christian faith, we pray: R/

### **MARCH**

For all the members of the Congregation, through the intercessions of St. Joseph, we may seek ways to promote fairness, justice, the dignity of life, and family spirit, we pray: R/

### **APRIL**

For an increase of all vocations in the Universal Church and in a particular way for religious vocation to the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, we pray: R/

### **MAY**

For all our novices who are completing their canonical novitiate in preparation for First Religious Profession, that they may be strengthened by the Lord to live faithfully and joyfully what they profess as young FRANSALIANS, we pray: R/

### **JUNE**

For our own families and the families that we serve in our pastoral ministry, that they will be patient in their struggles and not become embittered by their hardship but receive God’s grace offered to them, we pray: R/

## **JULY**

For fraternal unity and peace in our communities through the power of the Precious Blood of Jesus, that we may witness to the gospel values and 'little virtues' in our community life, we pray: R/

## **AUGUST**

For workers around the world, especially children who work long hours for little pay and for those who are victims of injustice, exploitation, and discrimination that we might all seek ways to promote fairness, justice, and dignity in their lives, we pray: R /

## **SEPTEMBER**

That all our Confreres may be renewed in the spirit of prayer and communion with God in the same spirit and zeal of our Founder Fr. Peter Mermier and our Patroness, Mother of Compassion, we pray: R/

## **OCTOBER**

We pray for all our benefactors and collaborators that their witness to Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice, peace, the dignity of human life, and integrity of creation be blessed abundantly, we pray: R/

## **NOVEMBER**

For the sick confreres, may they receive the healing power of God, and for the deceased confreres, may they be welcomed into the merciful and generous care of the Risen Lord, we pray: R/

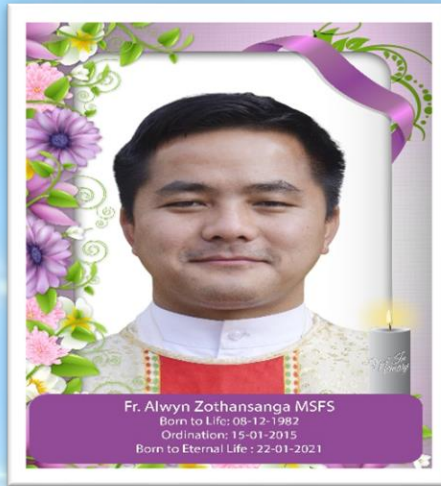
## **DECEMBER**

For our confreres who take care of the differently-abled, the disadvantaged, and the vulnerable, that their ministries will comfort them and promote their dignity, we pray: R/

**Live JESUS!**

**Father Abraham VETTUVELIL, MSFS**  
**Superior General**

**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



- Fr. Alwyn Zonthanzanga MSFS, 38 of Guwahati Province, who expired on 22 January 2021.

**SALESIAN THOUGHT**

**“HAVE PATIENCE TO WALK SHORT STEPS UNTIL YOU HAVE WINGS TO FLY”**

**Yours Fraternally in Christ,**

**Fr. John Britto Muthuswamy  
Provincial Superior**