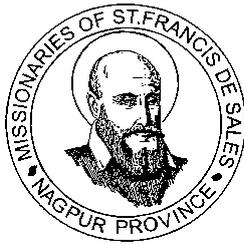


MISSIONARIES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



NAGPUR PROVINCE

MSFS PROVINCIALATE

23,24 Residency Road, Sadar

Nagpur 440001 INDIA

Ph: 91-712-2527805. Mobile: 09823567585

Fax: 91-712-2555284

(off)msfsmagpur@gmail.com (personal)jacobkarama@yahoo.com

bursarnagpur@yahoo.com

JK – 13

CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

21.11.2012

My Dear Confreres

I greet you with peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ

175th Jubilee Year of the Congregation

24th October 2012 marked 175th foundational year of our dear Congregation called the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales. It all began in the mind of a simple Priest Fr Peter Marie Mermier in the Diocese of Annecy. Impelled by his Missionary zeal and passion for Mission, he gathered a hand-full of Priest of the Diocese and initiated them to preach Parish Mission to nurture the faith of people which diminished when French Revolution played havoc with the faith. His efforts delivered dividends as it strengthened the faith of people which prompted him to go ahead with the foundation of a Religious Congregation and to translate into concrete action his missionary zeal and passion for Mission. This is the beginning of our history which is now 175 years old. The zealous founder had the vision to revitalize the existing faith by enabling and empowering the faithful to rise above their human spiritual plight. He did not stop here but extended that service of faith formation and implantation of faith beyond seas and kingdoms. This movement of making disciples for Christ started in a tiny village is still on and found concrete expression in continents and numerous Countries. So, it is a time to focus on our founder and his foundational objectives so as to celebrate this 175th Jubilee year.

Our founder called us to be Pioneers. If we look at the historical context, we shall find that Fr Peter Mermier initiated something new. He was distressed at the human spiritual plight of his people and wanted to raise them from that state and make their life grounded in faith. As pioneers what is intended is not new constructions or institutions but new approaches responding to the needs of time. This is what exactly he did. He pioneered to nurture and to nourish faith in God to affect qualitative changes in life.

Our founder wanted our Communal witness. He desired his Confreres (to live) in small groups not existing for its own sake, but for the core values of the congregation and spiritually mentored by a local Superior. As members of these groups, born to live intensely our faith in Jesus which necessitates our communal bond, fraternal caring, sharing and union. The Jubilee year should assist the local superiors, institutional heads and all of us to bring about more depth in our style of leadership. Make it an occasion to affect a renewal for better collective witnessing of our faith.

He said love turns everything into Gold. This statement emanates from his love for God and neighbour which he passed on to us. When such love is given primacy in life, there can be no hurdles in our missionary journey and vocation. Our dispositions become other-oriented, the pleasure of senses, need for security, seeking comfort zones or desire for power give way to dedicated service for God and his people. However, you and I and all of us need to make special efforts to introspect this aspect through silent prayer and reflection to ourselves to be more relevant as religious persons in ministering to God's people.

Our Founder shared with us a sense of Mission. The whole exercise of the Foundation of the Congregation came from his passion for Christ and Humanity. Furthering the reign of God was his passion. He was confused between Africa and India to direct his brand of Missionaries for the mission. Today, our sense of Mission is gradually getting replaced by institutional management, careerism etc. Remember what our retreat preacher Rev Fr Simon Rico Fernandes said that we are become home bound people devoid of any sense of mission. He lamented priorities have changed so there is something wrong somewhere. If home, relatives and friends are our attachment, we do not share any more the sense of Mission with our beloved founder.

Our founder wanted us to be another St Francis de Sales. This is how he set norms for our daily living. He attempted a whole lot of virtues to infuse in us with his adoption to St Francis de Sales who in his own inimitable way guided his devotees to a spirituality of love, optimism and positive regard for others. If our apostolic life lacks fervour, community living devoid of collective discernment and not subject to renewal, we are not any more mindful of Our Patron Saint. My dear fellow Priests and Brothers, this being the jubilee year we need to look around with the eyes and hearts of our founder to enhance the quality of our consecrated life, to recapture the sense of Mission and to shed the image of home bound people. All Communities and Institutions should get into serious planning to celebrate the Jubilee Year not only in terms of propagation of the Congregation's objectives and charism but affecting the needed shift of the consecrated life proving its relevance in the post modern world and becoming a genuine follower of Jesus Christ and St Francis de Sales. I write these reflections in all my limitations to set the tone for the Jubilee Celebrations in the months to come. The Provincial Council will decide on the Common Celebration to be organized at the Province level.

CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS LIFE AS PROPHECY: Exhorts Rev Fr Superior General



The Provincialate had the privilege to have the presence of our Superior General Rev Fr Agnelo Fernandes from 8th to 16th October 2012. His visitation to the Province for the Evaluatory Meeting with Provincial Curia on the implementation of the Action Plan 2009 was termed more as his home coming. He was extremely happy to see familiar faces in

Nagpur. He addressed the Local Superiors and Heads of Institutions who were cent percent present on 11th October and the Provincial Curia on 12th & 13th October. On 11th he invited the Superiors and Heads of Institutions to go through a process of inner journey to affect changes and transformation in themselves. A true leader will have the capacity to be humble, to face adverse circumstances and willing to suffer, love and forgive others. No leading is possible without focussing on the objectives and adapting to changing realities. A leader has to hold aloft the core values of his organisation and must make sure they are not disturbed or diluted. He said that consecrated life is a prophecy that is speaking on behalf of God, listening as God would listen, seeing as God would see, and acting as God would act. Such prophecy calls for discipleship, which is a call to be with the Lord, to make God's word at home in us, call to receive the Holy Spirit and a call to be inserted into trinitarian life.

Religious life is a prophecy of Hospitality. It is the openness to welcome cultures, religions, race and nations. It is being with the marginalised, the excluded sections, which necessitates enculturation ecumenism, etc. **Religious life is a prophecy of meaning of life.** It is doing the right work which we find worth doing. It is our love for a cause and willingness to die for that cause. Giving due recognition to our creation by God and giving our service to him gives meaning to one's life.

Religious life is a prophecy of voluntary impoverishment. It will have a liberating experience and it is an anti-idolatrous alternative life style. Money, instead of liberating, makes us slaves of the new gods. **Religious life is prophecy of realism.** It is the awareness or the insight into the Now and This. Idealism without roots in realism leads to anxiety and depression. Realism teaches us to balance between inspiration and work. **Religious life is prophecy of happiness.** It is contrast to the happiness of secular world which defines it in terms of pleasure acquired through consumerism, squandering, and excessive pre-occupation with the body. It is a life that passes from Gethsemane to Resurrection.

It is the ability of life to cope with disgrace, unfaithfulness and disloyalty. It is a knowing how to live meaningfully amidst suffering. **Finally, religious life is a prophecy of wisdom and imagination.** Wisdom is a gift from God which connects and integrates the past, the present and the future. It helps to overcome fundamentalism, dogmatism and condemnatory attitudes. It helps us form alliances, reconciliation between nations, individuals, and groups at war and build bridges. The day's animation by the Superior General was a refresher course for all of us in consecrated life. The Province is, indeed, indebted to the Superior General for his generous availability for the animation of our Local Superiors and Heads of Institutions.

Superior General's Evaluatory Meeting with the Provincial Curia



It was the follow-up meeting of the joint meeting of the Provincial Curia and the General Curia in the year 2009. At that time all forums had prepared a report of its ministry and organisational activities along with its future vision enlisting number of action plans. The members of the Provincial and General Curia had deliberated upon these reports and finalised certain action plans for immediate implementation and others for the implementation within a span of three years. On 12th October, the Provincial Councilors in the presence of the Secretaries presented an Evaluation Report of the Action Plan of the respective

forums. The reports mainly stressed on the level of the implementation of the Action Plan with limited proposals as immediate concerns to be addressed by the Province. On 13th October, the Provincial presented two evaluatory reports on the Action Plan of the former Provincial to improve religious life in the Province and the follow-up of the Report of the Asst. Superior General after his visitation of the Province in the year 2010. For the 2nd day's deliberations only the Superior General and Councilors were present. The exercise was aimed at effective ministry, exploring new possibilities of greater missionary enterprise and enhancing better religious community witnessing.

My Beloved Brothers, preach wherever you go, use words if necessary. Annual Retreat 2012

On 12th November, 65 Confreres arrived at the Provincialate for the Annual Retreat. After the felicitation of the Silver Jubilarian, Fr Melroy Almeida, and the New Priest, Fr Christhu Raj, Fr Simon Rico Fernandes OFM Cap gave his introductory talk and inaugurated the Festival of Silence. The whole Retreat was christened by that name. He said that silence is important to talk to the Lord and to hear him and to undertake the most important journey to the heart. Next day, the theme reflected upon was contemplating on the Face of Jesus to assist us to be radiant and effective in ministry. The second day's theme reflected on was the Pilgrimage of the Heart. The year of faith, the challenges of being a minister and what it means to be a religious was touched upon. He quoted St Francis of Assisi who told his band of Missionaries: "My Beloved Brothers, preach wherever you go, use words if necessary." The theme reflected on the third day was: Love turns everything into Gold. Instances were elaborated to highlight how one could be taken away from Love of God and neighbour. On the fourth day the theme was Mother Mary in Redemption and last day the Mission Concept of Fr Peter Mermier's 'I want Mission' enumerating through the Circular of the Superior General who gave ample thoughts on Mermerian Vision and Mission of the Congregation. The Festival of Silence was brought to a fruitful end with the well organized Thanksgiving Mass at 11.30 am on 16th November. All confreres made the devotional renewal of Vows during the Eucharistic Celebration. Fr Allen Gonsalves thanked Fr Simon Fernandes for his inspiring accompaniment during the Retreat.

- Fr Robin Parappuram MSFS

Priestly Ordination of Deacon Kuldeep Kiro



Kuldeep Kiro was born to Tobias and Emelda Kiro on April 1, 1982 at Jhilimili Orissa State and was baptized at Catholic Church, Gaibira on 10/05/1982 and confirmed at St. Peter's Church, Raidihi. He began his primary school at Kankerjora and Raidihi, did his Secondary from Kusumura High School in 1998 and completed his 12th from, Gaibira in 2000. He did his Minor Seminary at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara Orissa in 2003 and made his first profession on 1st June 2004 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his Bachelor of Arts from Bangalore University, Bachelor of Philosophy from Suvidya College, Bangalore in 2007 and Bachelor in Theology from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune in 2011. He did a year's regency at Fransalian Vidya Niketan, Khamgaon. He made his final profession on 29th December 2010 and ordained a Deacon on 30th December 2010 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. His diaconate ministry was at Mahima Church, Janakpuri, Sacred Heart Church, Bhusawal, St. Joseph's Church, Ambapani, Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara and St. Francis de Sales Church, Panderpalli. He will be ordained on 4th January 2013 by Archbishop John Barwa SVD. I extend to him hearty congratulations on behalf of the Province and offer him our prayerful wishes. I wish that he becomes the pastor expected of him to be a genuine worker in the vineyard of the Lord and for His Kingdom.

Priestly Ordination of Deacon Rijo Francis Mechery



Rijo Francis Mechery was born to Francis and Rosily on 20-06-1986, Palapilly, Ernakulam District Kerala and was baptized on 10th August 1986 at St. Joseph's Church, Koonor and confirmed on 1st May 1997 at Fathima Matha Church, Puspagiri. He began his primary school at Fathima Matha School, Pushpagiri and R.U.P.S Meloor and did his Secondary from M.A.M.H.S., Koratty. He did his propadeutics at Prakash Bhavan Mannarkkad in 2003 and made his first profession on 1st June 2004 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his Bachelor of Arts from Bangalore University, Bachelor of Philosophy from Suvidya College, Bangalore in 2008 and Bachelor of Theology from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune in 2012. He did a year's regency at Fransalian Vidya Niketan, Khamgaon. He made his final profession on 27th December 2011 and ordained a Deacon on 27th December 2010 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. His diaconate ministry was at St. Francis De Sales Church, Panderpally. He will be ordained on 27 December 2012 at Fathima Matha Church Pushpagiri Angamaly Kerala. Ordination is to be conferred by his Eminence Cardinal Mar George Alenchery, Archbishop of Ernakulam,-Angamaly. I wish Deacon Rijo all the joys of this great spiritual event on behalf of the entire Province. May he become a true instrument of God to work for His Kingdom and Mission.

Fr Melroy Almeida Celebrates Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood



Fr. Melroy Almeida was born to Joseph and Edna on 16.08.1960, Thana, and was baptized on 04th September 1960 at St. John the Baptist Church, Thana and confirmed in the same church on 2nd February 1970. He began his primary school at St John the Baptist School, Thane. His secondary from Holy Cross High School, Bastora, and Higher Secondary from St Xavier's College, Mapusa, as a student of SFS Institute, Bastora. He made his first profession on 10th June 1979 at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam. He completed his Bachelor of Arts from Bhopal University in 1985, Master of Arts from Annamalai University in 2003, Bachelor of Education from Nirmala Institute, Panjim,

in 1993, Bachelor of Philosophy in 1982 and Bachelor in Theology in 1987 from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. His regency was at St Mary's, Jalna, from 1982-84 and was ordained a priest on 11th October 1987 at St. John the Baptist Church, Thana Mumbai.

Fr. Melroy was Vice Rector (1987-89) and Rector (1989-92) of Vidya Sadan, Nagpur, and teacher and Manager of St. Mary's High School, Jalna from 1993-99. He was part of the first batch of three to be sent to Mozambique Mission in December 1999. He was Parish Priest of SFS Mahima Church, Janakpuri in 2000, Superior of Vinay Sadan (2001-08), Vice-Principal (2001-08) & Principal (2008-12) of SFS School, Janakpuri, and Principal of Gyan Mata Vidya Vihar, Nanded, from July 2012 to date. He has been the Councillor to Provincials from 2008 to date. The whole Province rejoices with him on completing the 25 years of Ministry successfully in different capacities. He is a very simple and cheerful person with no malice towards any one. He has a great knack to win over friends and been instrumental in getting number of Indian Benefactors for the Province. As Secretary of Delhi Fransalian Society, he went out of his way and mobilized funds for the construction of the Schools in Jhajjar and Neemuch. The Province on his Silver Jubilee Year praise and thank God for the gift of this wonderful personality who contributed immensely for the growth of the Province. I gratefully remember his parents, brothers, and relatives who are good acquaintances of our Confreres. On the first day of the Retreat the entire Province community felicitated him. His family members are going to celebrate his Silver Jubilee on 30th December 2012 at Kurla, Bombay. I wish him God's abundant blessings on his jubilee year, good health of body and mind and many more years of fruitful ministry.

Ambapani Peoples Church.

The Ambapani parish has already begun the work of the Boundary wall. With the help of Parishners the work is in progress and it is expected to finish by 30th December. We are glad to invite the Missionary Sisters of Helpers of Mary. They will be officially entering the Ambapani Mission on 16th December 2012. To commemorate the 175th foundation of our congregation the Parish had organized a Hockey Tournament for a week, which commenced from 14th to 21st of October 2012. There were 41



teams from different parts of Odisha and Jharkhand. The parish youth had gone for the Deanery youth convention and won prizes. On 7th November 2012, we had the joy to have group marriage celebration of 10 couples. This year being the Year of Faith the Parish team has planned many devotional practices such as Rosary, Seminars and Adorations for the parishners to strengthen in their faith. The Deacon Paul and the Brother Regent had organized an English coaching class for the 10th class students during Dussera Holidays. Ambapani is a very vibrant parish in terms of the practice of faith and the unity as one parish community. **Fr. Bijay Kerketta,msfs**

One in Spirit and Mission; Holy Cross Sisters and MSFS Fathers Honour Fr Peter Mermier.

13th October 2012 was a significant day in the annals of the history of Akola and Khamgaon Mission. On this day our two communities (MSFS and HOLY CROSS) along with the other congregation Sisters and Fathers from the neighbouring parishes and religious houses gathered at Khamgaon to commemorate the 150th Death Anniversary of our dear founder, Rev. Fr. Peter Marie Mermier at the invitation of Fransalian Community at Khamgaon. On this special day, the MSFS Fathers and the Holy Cross Sisters of Khamgaon and Akola found it befitting to thank the Lord for His constant guidance and support in all our efforts to make the good God known and loved, after the example of our founder Rev. Fr. Peter Marie Mermier who has envisioned our charisms and imparted them to us through his very life and teachings and the values and virtues he left behind. Through a meaningful

and innovative Eucharistic celebration we were invited for an introspection of our life, personal, apostolic and community in the light of his life and teachings. At this juncture in a special way we offered to the Lord our generals, provincials, and their teams with all their plans and projects, hard work and good fruits---while leading our congregations keeping with the charism and the spirit of our origins. We also thanked the Lord for every Father and Sister of our provinces, for their generous service and co-operation, all our friends, benefactors, and well wishers for their timely support and guidance, in the functioning of our congregations. We offered at the altar of the Lord the entire congregation with its impending needs and aspirations the varied missions we are engaged among the diverse culture. We also invoked the grace and blessings of God almighty on our congregations, our provinces and on our communities in whose benevolence we move and live.

All who attended the Mass were spiritually enriched and inspired. After that we all gathered in the dining hall for a dinner. Thanks to the creativity of Fr. K.V. Joseph and Fr Christuraj. We ended by singing and thanking God for this great evening. At the end of it all Fr. K.V. Joseph gave each Sister and Father a rosary each specially blessed by the Superior General, Rev Fr Agnelo Fernandes MSFS.
Sr Pushpa Thomas SCC

Annual Sports' Day at SFS School, Seraikella



School Annual Sports' Day was celebrated on 10th Nov. 2012. **Mr. Jelesh Kabi**, the Vice Chariman of Nagar Panchayat, Seraikela was the Chief Guest and **Mr. Gautam Roy**, Chief Manager, Bank of India, Seraikela was the Guest of Honour. The sport events began with March Past and a colourful Drill Dance. The various events were conducted for Pre-Primaty, Primary and Middle school students like running race, long jump, shot put, breaking the pot, skipping race, filling the bottle, rabbit race, bursting the balloon, etc.

Team **Knight Riders** won the first prize with 129 points - Vishal Mahato and Preeti Sakseria being the captain and vice captain. The second prize was won by the team **Royal Challengers** with 114 points - Suryakant Choudhary and Sumi Mahato being the captains and vice captains. The other teams **SFS warriors** and **Super Kings** received 3rd and 4th place respectively. The presence of Frs. Richard and Vinsent and Sisters from St. Xaviers' School, Sini, and a great number of parents and people of press and media added colour to the event. - **Fr. Shiju Mangalath MSFS**

Parents' Day at SFS School, Neemuch



'Children, light of the world' was the theme of Children's Day and Diwali Celebration at SFS Neemuch on 9th November. The twin celebration was preceded by a long practice for the tiny tots as it was the first time the school held a ceremony for parents. There was the fear of the students to enter into rhythmic movements of dance and dance to the melodious tunes of music, fears vanquished and new lease of confidence built as the programme ended. Shri Mahabir Shekhawat DIGP, CRPF, Neemuch, the Chief Guest, inaugurated the Computer Laboratory

prior to the programme. The entry to the tent was decorated with *diyas* of various colours. The prayer dance of 7 minutes by pre-primary kids did spring up a surprise as it was beyond their expectations. We could see the contentment in the faces of parents as students gave introduction to many programmes in English. The dance *maa tuje salaam* recalled memories of school days of saluting the national flag with pride and patriotism. The chief guest has an overwhelming appreciation for

Christian education culture. He motivated the parents to be co-educators with the school by devoting an hour daily, looking into the academics, health and hygiene of their wards. He said SFS School is not a school run for business but for service. Parents were also given an opportunity to deliver a message on the auspicious occasion. Students were awarded with merit certificates and medals for outstanding performance and academic excellence.

Fr Issac Mankulathil MSFS

Archdiocese of Nagpur Celebrating 125 years

125 years ago Nagpur became a diocese. To mark this post centennial Silver Jubilee year the diocese had planned various programs such as spiritual renewal of the diocesan clergy and the faithful, the project of renovating 125 houses for the needy is also taken up by the Diocese. The Valedictory Functions are being organised on 24th and 25th November 2012. His Excellency, Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, Apostolic Nuncio to India, will be the main Celebrant at the concelebrated Holy Mass at 3.00 pm on 25th November. The Honourable Governor of Maharashtra will be the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function at 5.30 pm. Forty hours Eucharistic Adoration and Eucharistic Procession with lighted candles is planned on 24th November followed by Evangelization through Music, a Gospel Concert by Jesus Youth. The whole diocesan clergy the parishioners and religious congregations in the Archdiocese under the dynamic leadership of Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara is gearing up for the culmination of the Jubilee Celebration on 24th and 25th. On behalf of the Province, I offer my prayerful wishes and heartiest felicitations to the Archbishop, diocesan clergy and the entire Catholic Community of Nagpur.

MSFS Jubilee Celebration inaugurated at Shaanwadi, Pune

Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was celebrated at 5.30 pm at St. Francis de Sales Church, Shaanwadi, presided over by His Lordship Most. Rev. Thomas Dabre, Bishop of Pune. The occasion was blessed with the gracious presence of Very Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes MSFS, Superior General, General Councilors, Provincials of India and East Africa. Fr. Vincent Louduswamy, the Provincial Superior of Pune Province welcomed the august gathering. During the Homily, the Bishop enumerated the wonderful missionary ventures of the MSFS and exhorted them **to reach out at the grass root level - the least, the last and the lost ones of the society**. The liturgy was animated by Brothers from Fransalian Seminary.

The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a felicitation programme where in the **“differently-abled”** children from Snehalya Institute, Wagholi, enthralled the audience along with students of SFS School, Shaanwadi, with their melodious voices and **“awe evoking”** dance. In his address, Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, the Superior General asked all the members to **be true to the vision and mission of the Founder Fr. Peter Marie Mermier and respond to “Signs Of Times”** appropriately. The Province bulletin “Saakshi” was released to mark the Year of Faith. **(Pune Circular)**

Provincials of India and East Africa Meeting (PIF)

The Meeting of Provincials of India Forum, East Africa Provincial and the General Curia took place at Pune from 23rd to 25th October. The meeting studied the report of the MSFS Africa Missions and the Evaluation report of LCI Arusha Project as Projects of the entire Congregation. Topics such as USA Region, 175th Foundation Year of the Congregation, 150th Death Anniversary of the Founder, the Ranchi Medical College Project, Organisation of the Communities in GAH, opening of new mission territories, exclaustation to confreres in foreign countries, Code of Ethics for India, collaborative ventures of the Provinces, various publication works and many other concerns were deliberated upon. Plans are afoot for the conclusion of the Jubilee Celebrations in Bangalore at Congregational Level. Fr Mariadas Thumma briefed the members of the preparations completed so far for the 19th General Chapter and the needed works to be attended to immediately.

CRI National Leadership Conference

CRI National Leadership Conference was held at Leonia Holistic Destination, Hyderabad, from 28th to 31st October on the theme **Innovation in Consecrated Life for greater effectiveness**. It was my first experience to have attended such a conference in which 550 Major Superiors participated. The Presidential Address was given by Archbishop of Hyderabad, Most Rev Thumma Bala. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs Mini Mathew, Chief Secretary to Govt of Andhra Pradesh, paid rich tributes to Catholic Church for its contribution in the field of education and health. She said there was nothing before the Catholic Mission came into existence but today in the changed scenario of development our Missions and Institutions seem to be facing the middle age crisis. Sr. Elsie K. Varghese SSPS speaking on the topic **Communal Discernment Leading to CONSENSUS in decision- making** elaborated the needed human skill and highlighted a strategy in building consensus for decision making. On **Innovation in Formation**, Sr Matilda Monteiro said: “In recent times, with the impact of socio-cultural, political and ideological changes taking place in the world, religious life is passing through a serious crisis of identity and commitment. It so happens with us after years of formation. What about young candidates who come to join us from today’s socio-cultural context? On **Innovations in Life Style, A Commitment and Challenge**, Xavier E. Manavath CMF said: “As leaders, we need to be visionaries, born out of our commitment to live the Gospel in creative fidelity. As people consecrated to the Lord, we are called not only to grow in conformity with him, but also called and bound to re-incarnate his presence, vision and mission contextually, meaningfully and relevantly wherever we are. That calls for varieties of styles and forms in the way we are, live, act, form and organize ourselves.” It was, indeed, a great experience to have attended such a conference which gave ample exposure and facilitated interactions of relevance and importance to mission ministry and organisational matters.

Meeting with Holy Cross Provincials at Hyderabad



“Birds of the same feather flock together.” MSFS Provincials made special efforts to meet and exchange pleasantries with the Daughters of the Cross of Chavanod with whom we share a foundational bond. Factors like distance, communication difficulties of the past, lack of collaboration, etc. made us look like distant relatives. The growth, Mission and Ministry of both our Congregations were very dear to our founder, Fr Peter Mermier. At Hyderabad, we had an informal meeting with the Holy Cross Provincials. Besides five of us, the Holy Cross Provincials of Amravati, Pune, Angamaly, Kolkata,

Trichy, Guwahati, Madurai and AP Delegation Superior were present. The meeting was called merely to refresh our traditional bond and collaboration. The MSFS Provincials invited the Holy Cross Sisters to join in their effort to promote the cause of Fr Peter Mermier and expressed the need to promote his spirituality among the younger generation of both the congregations as desired by Fr Mermier and Sr Claudine. The Provincials agreed to send their News Letters to each other and also felt the need to exchange periodicals and Salesian Mermerian literature for all the Provincials of the Daughters of the Cross if they are not already getting.

Provincial Council Approves the Ordination of 9 Deacons

After having studied the applications, confidential reports and the self-evaluations, the Provincial Council Meeting held on 14th and 15th October approved the applications for Ordination to the

Priesthood of Deacons Kuldeep Kiro, Rijo Mechery, Ashok Antony, Arun P, Sudhir Kujur, Rakesh Kerketta, Georgekutty Arackal, Nobit Kombanathottathil and Paul Varambinakam.

Provincial Council Approves Perpetual Vows

After having studied the applications, confidential reports and self-evaluations the Provincial Council approved the applications of Bro Joseph Arulraj and Bro Arun Ekka for the Perpetual Vows and the Ordination to the Diaconate. The approval is subject to the ratified of the Superior General. Perpetual Vows are scheduled on 28th December 2012.

The Provincial Council has withdrawn Fr David Paul from the Ranchi Medical College Project, a collaborative venture of Provincials of India Forum. Replacement for this assignment will be decided in the next PCM. Fr David Paul is on his home holidays and will be given his appointment by the end of this month.

Let us Pray for

- Franklin, Soares 80 years, father of Fr Stephen Soares, passed away 14th October
- Mr. George, 58 years, brother of Fr Solomon Sahayaraj MSFS, passed away on 17th October 2012
- Fr Devasia Kalapurackal, age 60, of South-West India Province, passed away on 18th October 2012.
- Thresia, age 80, eldest sister of Fr PC Paul, passed away on 5th November 2012
- Fr Mathew Thudianplackal MSFS, 83 years, of South-West India Province, passed away on 17th November 2012.
- Mr Michael Kallidukil 72 years, father of Fr Johnosn Kallidukil passed away on 16th October.
- Marceline Gonsalves, 60 years, youngest sister of Fr Pius Gonsalves passed away on 5th October.

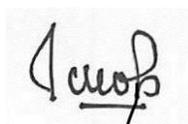
Provincial's Itinerary:

November	4 & 5	Jalna
22	6	CIDCO
24 & 25	7	FTI, Aurangabad
27	8	Himayatnagar
28	9	Kinwat
29	10	In Nagpur
30	18	Suvidya Governing Body Meeting
December	21 & 22	PCM
2	27	Chalakudy - Ordination of Dn Rijo
3	28	Pune - Perpetual Profession
3	30	Kurla - Silver Jubilee of Fr Melroy

Salesian Thought: True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.

- St. Francis de Sales

With every good wish for the grace filled Advent Season
Yours Fraternally



Fr Jacob Karamakuzhyil
Provincial Superior