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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

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My Dear Confreres...

Greetings of love in the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Evangelii Gaudium



Evangelii Gaudium 'The joy of the Gospel' is the apostolic exhortation of His Holiness Pope Francis on the Church's primary mission of evangelisation in the modern world. The document challenges complacency at every level and touches on the Christian Obligation to the poor and duty to maintain a just system of life. In the 14,560 words document, Holy Father uses the word 'love' 154 times, 'joy' 109 times, 'the poor' 91 times, 'peace' 58 times, 'justice' 37 times and common good 15 times. Quoting several Bible passages, he highlights the relationship between the joy of receiving Christian faith and the joy of missionary activity.

Parishes are cited as the result of missionary movement and describes the importance of homily which needs to be brief. He said that preacher who does not prepare is not "spiritual" he is dishonest and irresponsible. The care for the weakest person is the social dimension of evangelisation. The last part of the exhortation deals with the personal relationship with Christ and the imitation of Virgin Mary as the model of joy and missionary activity. The copy of this document is procured by the Provincialate for all the members of the Province. We all need to make sure that we read it and draw inspiration from it so as to keep ourselves updated. The document is guidance from the Holy Father for our life, ministry and mission to make it more vibrant and effective.

Congratulations and Felicitations to our Silver Jubilarians

We honour our four Silver Jubilarians who completed twenty-five years of their priestly ministry. On behalf of the Province I thank God for the gift of these Confreres and their services in various apostolates. Their loyalty to the Province and joyful availability to its service merit our attention and appreciation. I am happy and privileged to preside over this joyful event special to them. I wish them good health to continue to share in the ministry of the church in teaching, sanctifying, shepherding and healing God's People as per the mandate accorded to them by their ordination. The Province will felicitate them at the time of Provincial Congress. I am happy to present their bio-data below.



Fr. Peter Paul was born to S. Antoni Muthu and M Soosai Mary on 02.07.1959 at Valipalayam. He was baptised on 06.07.1959 and confirmed on 09.05.1970 at St. Peter and Paul's Church. He did his elementary education at R.C. Middle School at Varipalayam and secondary education at St. Michael's H. S. at Coimbatore. He entered the minor seminary at Bastora, Goa on 17.07.1977. He did his Philosophy and Theology at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth Pune from 1983. He did his novitiate from 10.06.1982 to 14.06.1983 at Belgaum and made his temporary profession on 14.06.1983. He made his perpetual profession on 11.12.1988 at Bombay. He was ordained a priest on 21.10.1989. He has worked at St. Joseph, Kurla; SFS Parish, Nallasopar;, Catholic

Church, Nanded; Catholic Church, Buldana; Bhusawal, St. Theresa Mission Centre, Dharangaon; Cidco, Nagpur Provincialate, and presently he is at Bhusawal.

Fr. Ignatius D'Costa was born to Michael and Isabella on 20.09.1952 at Chulna, Bassein and baptised 02.11.1952 and confirmed 08.03.1964 at St. Thomas Church Sandor, Bassein. He did his elementary education at Chulna, Bassein from 1958 to 1963 and secondary education from Manikpur, Bassein from 1963-1969. Minor seminary at Bastora, philosophy and theology at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth. He did his novitiate from 14.06.1982 to 14.06.1983 at Belgaum and made his first profession on 14.06.1983. He was ordained a priest on 21.10.1989 at Vasai. He has worked at Uchegaon, Jalna, Pimpalgaon Devi Mission centre, Karanji, Mandvi, Kendal, Mozambique, Raidhi and presently he is at Badnera.



Fr. Joseph Kalekattil was born to Varkey and Aleyamma on 12.06.1959 at Kidangoor and baptised on 18.06.1959 and confirmed 26.04.1969 at Cherpunkal Holy Cross Church. He did his elementary schooling at Kidangoor from 1964 to 1971 at St. Mary's School and his secondary education from Vellora Tagore Memorial School from 1971 to 1975. Minor seminary at Bastora and Philosophy and theology at Jnana Deep Vidyapeeth, Pune and a year of regency at St. Mary's, Jalna. He entered Novitiate on 09.06.1980 and made his first profession on 10.06.1981 and final profession on 31.06.1986 at Pune. He was ordained a priest on 21.10.1989 at St. Joseph's Church, Kurla. He has worked at Nanded, Jalna, St. John's High School, Nagpur, and presently he is at Provincialate community.



Fr. Peter Dominic was born to William and Mary on 14.04.1960 at Hyderabad and baptised on 24.04.1960 at Our Lady of Health Church, Hyderabad. He was confirmed on 07.05.1972 at Catholic Church, Nanded. He did his elementary and secondary education at Nanded from 1966 to 1977. He completed his philosophy and theology from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth from 1982 to 89. He did a year of regency in 1984. He entered the novitiate at Visakhapatnam from 10.06.1981 and made his first profession on 10.06.1982 and final profession on 30.05.1987 at Pune. He was ordained a priest on 15.10.1989. He has worked at Bhusawal, Karanji, Jalgaon, Hartmannpur, Tuman, Bhusawal, Kinwat and presently he is at St. John's, Nagpur.



Fransalian Community at Shivajinagar - Tuman

I visited SFS School Nimkeda and Fransalian Community on 13th and 14th January. The school has around 300 students. I was present for the Parents' Day Celebration which was very impressive and an opportunity to see parents, staff and students. The Sisters of St Joseph of Annecy are our Collaborators. They run a dispensary in the school premises beneficial to the poor villagers. The school has passed the difficult time with the new constructions, spacious class-rooms, newly built science lab, etc. Once the students reach Std. 10 there won't be drop-out problems. CBSE has conducted their inspection in preparation for granting affiliation. We also have a Church at Shivajinagar where we have four Catholic families and it is about three kilometres from Nimkheda School. Our Fathers commute daily to Nimkheda to celebrate Mass for the Sisters and to run the school. Fr Vishwas Torne is the Superior of the house and the Principal of the School. He is assisted by Bro Vinayanad who is the regent for the community.

St John's Community, Nagpur

I visited St John's Community Nagpur on 15th and 16th January. The age-old school building and its aesthetic view is further enhanced with the recent painting. The School is keeping in academics, Sports curricular and co-curricular activity standards as usual. In honour of 175th year Parents' Day organised by the school was well appreciated by all. The Province is grateful to St John's Community for organising the mega-show. Fr Joe Denis is the Manager of the School and Superior of the Community who has carried out lots of up-gradation of the infrastructure. Fr John Britto Muthuswamy is the Principal assisted

by Fr Peter Dominic who is the Vice Principal for the school and the Minister for the house. There are two Senior Confreres in the Community. They are Bro John Maruthikuzhiyil and Bro Raphael Xalxo. Both of them are keeping in good health and mostly confined to their rooms.

Mermier Sadan Community, Nagpur

It has become the home for the elderly confreres. Fr. Micky Dalgado is back to his normal health, and looks quite healthy after his operation. Fr Micky D'Souza needs multiple operations. His physical movement is badly impaired by the knee problem. He is using a walker and needs to go for hernia operation. However, he keeps himself busy reading and writing. On meeting him he is ready to talk on all church-related topics. Fr K Joseph although eldest in the community and suffers from bad memory failure, is the face of the MSFS in Nagpur. For all functions and programs at the diocesan level, he is present. He would be very unhappy if one ignores him for such functions. Bro Lazarus needs better care than any one as he needs assistance for attending to many routine needs. There is a home nurse appointed to take care of him and others especially the cleanliness of the rooms and to give medicines on time. The Community Superior is Fr Johnson Parikkapally who is also working in St John's School office. Fr Vincent Minj is the office-in-charge of St John's Public School and the other community members are Fr Austin Correa and Fr Jose Parampukattil who is also the Manager of the School. Fr Jose has got multiple health problems and had undergone many operations. St Johns Public school is gaining in name and has around 400 students. A retired teacher of St John's School is appointed to take care of the academics. Fr John Britto Muthuswamy does the academic supervision. Fr Joe Denis is made in-charge of infrastructural up-gradation of the new School. Plan is being mooted to construct the school by Fransalian Education Society, the owner-society of St John's School with the assistance of Nagpur Fransalian Corporation.

Provincialate Community, Nagpur

The canonical visitation of the community was held on 11th February. The members of the community makes efforts to be good host to province members. Quite a bit of time go for the health care of the members. The community does not have a proper vehicle and now it has become slightly difficult for various works. There is also a felt need to have a driver. If community members become drivers, then it affects the works of different offices. Although the PCM has sanctioned a vehicle we are still buying time as many other projects are being taken up by NFC. At the moment, construction of the NFC staff quarters at St John's compound, construction works at Latapara, additional floor of SJTI complex, boarding cum priest residence at Kandor and renovation works at Mannarkkad, and Provincialate are being carried out by NFC. Fr Wilson is the house superior plus the Provincial Bursar. It is important to have a full time Superior for the Provincialate. Fr Rijo is the Provincial Secretary cum acting Director of SJTI computer department. Br. Anil Pandit is doing his regency at the Provincialate. His help to the confreres who are sick and assistance in the kitchen for all functions and meetings is really commendable.

Fransalian Seminary, Pune

I spent two days at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. The Rector, Fr Lourduswamy was away for a month-long counselling course but arrived on the second day and I could meet him. Our scholastics are busy with their theology studies, ministry and other house departmental assignments. I met them collectively and individually. We have 15 Scholastics - 2 in the first year, 9 in the second year and 4 in the third year. I had a fruitful discussion with them on various topics. I have impressed upon to show commitment to their missionary vocation by showing courage for venturing mission in India and Mozambique. Comfort zone culture is be shunned by all of us to do justice to the mission of the lord. I am happy to share with you the following poem on Comfort Zone written by Alexander Gibson.

The place where dreams die. The best friend to failure.
The only place where growth is a sin and progression is frowned upon.
Presided over by fear and governed by one owns insecurities.
Where temporary happiness and contentment are the order of everyday.

The place where room for advancement is considered profane

And to do something different exiles one from the other.

Where the normal train of thinking is not applied. A place where friendship ends and resentment begins.

A place that truly isn't comfortable at all.

A place where you are your own worst enemy and the antagonist of your own story.

The place where mediocrity is standard and potential stays at rest.

The place where careers turn to jobs and love turns to lust. A place where habit is natural and conflict is non-existent.

A place where possibility thrives, but never grows up. A place where could've, would've, should've originated.

Bad grammar? I think not! Real life. The prerequisite to mistake, the white flag of life.

The comfort zone is where the national anthem for defeat was written.

The beginning to nothing but the end to everything. The metaphorical box. The intangible danger.

The pot with no water. The arch nemesis to change. The comfort zone is a vacant place to live where no one should want to move. And if you so happen to find yourself there, get out now! Otherwise you have met the perfect catch twenty-two.

Visitation of Fransalian Community, Badnera

This is one of our old parishes in Amravati Diocese. We have around 35 catholic families in this parish. Fr Ignatius D'Costa is the parish priest. Fr Sayu Cheruvil is the Community Superior and Principal of the School. Construction plans are being finalized to build the new school at Badnera. At the moment, the school has hundred+ students only. Badnera School shows all signs of becoming a prominent school. Parents want to see the school in structure. Delhi Fransalian Society will have to come to the assistance for the construction of this school.

Feast Day Celebration at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Nagpur



Feast of the Patron of the archdiocese, St. Francis de Sales, was celebrated differently this year at Nagpur Cathedral with a seminar organised for the specially invited priests, religious and lay representatives of the archdiocese. The seminar was conducted by Rev. Fr. Jacob Parappally MSFS who enlightened the gathering on the topic “**Our understanding of Jesus Christ**” and “**How do we transmit our faith in Jesus Christ to others?**” He urged the gathering to be Jesus to the people we come in contact with. He assured the listeners that God's Word is creative, effective and transformative and urged us to be proactive

rather than reactive. Be like Jesus and St. Francis de Sales - both were holy and human in their dealings with others. Fr. Jacob Parappally made the sessions active and lively by his humorous way of communicating and putting across the Christian values presented in understandable words and daily life context. There was a cultural programme that followed the feast-day Mass celebrated by Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara and concelebrated by Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhyil (Provincial) Fr. Jacob Parappally MSFS, Fr. Jerome Pinto and Fr. Varghese Pullan (Provincial of Pallottines). The initiatives of the Archbishop to involve the entire catholic community to grow in devotion to St Francis de Sales were well appreciated by everyone.

– **Fr. Rijo Mechery MSFS**



Holy Family Feast at Shivajinagar

The annual feast of the parish was celebrated on 1st Jan 2014 at Shivajinagar with Mass at 11.00 a.m. with Rev Fr. Johnson msfs, the main celebrant and Fr. John Vianny, parish priest of Bendala gave the homily. Parishioners extended tremendous cooperation and generous support for the same. It is a small parish, consist of 4 families but the feast was given bigger publicity by

extending the invitation to all. Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy, Nimkheda did work hard behind the scenes. The woman group cooked food at parish residence for all. Sisters from neighbouring communities were present. All joined together for our celebration and meals. People from neighbouring villages also joined for the feast day celebration. **Bro vinayanad**

Christmas Celebrations at SFS School, Nimkheda



Almost 700 people of Nimkheda and neighbouring villages witnessed Christmas celebration in S.F.S. School, Nimkheda. Parents were well pleased by their children's performance on the stage. In his message Fr. Viswas Torne, the principal of the school, said that Christmas means love. God became man to show us how to love one another. Love is beyond all religious structures and caste affiliations. Love is not discriminative and shall not divide but unites human communities.

Bro Vinayanand

Nagpur Province Delegate Superior installed in Rehau, Germany



On 27th and 28th January 2014 the members of the Nagpur Province in Germany came together to celebrate the feast of our patron St. Francis de Sales, and also for the installation of our Delegate Superior in GAH. The feast day mass was presided over by Rev. Abbot. Emeritus Emram Kaeser, (Benedictine Order). After the Gospel, Rev. Abbot read out the Appointment Letter of the Provincial appointing Fr Lalit Tigga as the delegate Superior. Fr. LalitTigga assumed the office of delegate superior of

Nagpur Province in GAH by reciting the CREDO and also by taking the Oath. Most of the members from the province were present for the function along with Fr. Maria Michael Selvan MSFS (SE) and Fr. Maria Prakash MSFS (Pune). It was a well-organized function. We thank to Fr. Michael Raj for organizing the installation ceremony.

- Fr Anish Ozhakanakuzhyil MSFS

Mrs Edith Breitfelder passes away



We mourn the sad demise of Mrs Edith Breitfelder in Rehau, Germany, at the age of 90 who was very close to our hearts. She was a great Teacher, Benefactor and a Fransalian at heart. She

was a very faithful and committed Christian. After retirement as teacher, she taught many MSFS Fathers, who came to Rehau in the beginning stage of their stay in Germany. She spent much time to teach German language together with German traditions and customs and way of life with motherly care and love. Fathers William, Charles,

Maria Pushpam (SE), Lalit, Solomon, Rajesh, Kamil and Marianus Kujur are indebted to her. We will miss in Mrs. Edith Breitfelder a true Fransalian, a Friend and Benefactor. Some of our MSFS Confreres attended her funeral service on 31st January 2014. She was God fearing and very much contented and enjoyed every day of her life as teacher to all. We express our thanks and gratitude to her for the service she rendered to us. We offer our prayers for her departed soul and to the bereaved Family. May her soul rest in peace!

- Fr. LalitTigga, MSFS



First Annual Parents' Day at SFS School, Neemuch

SFS School Neemuch celebrated its first Annual Parents' Day on 13-02-2014 with the theme *rishta* – being human and to make known the commitment of Fransalians in the ministry of education for the last 175 years on earth to build human relationships. Efforts of the early missionaries were highlighted through commentaries and the display of flex banners. The theme was developed in various literary exposures through cultural dance, thematic dances, fusion dances, and

drama. Students of primary classes were given opportunity to animate the programme as masters of ceremony. The Chief Guest Mr. Rudolf Alvares IPS, SP Neemuch stressed the need to enrol students in quality educational institutions of the sort of SFS Neemuch in order to meet the needs of the competitive world of today. While distributing the prizes for the best academic performances of the previous year, he congratulated the efforts of the school as well as parents for bringing out the best in students. The guest of honour of the day Rev. Fr. Kennedy Thomas, the Manager of St. Thomas Sr. Sec. School, Mandsaur, gave away the prizes for the best non-academic performances and competitions. The overwhelming discipline of the parents during 3-hour programme was admirable. The tunes of *Jai Ho* marked the end of the function.

Fr. Issac Mankulathil MSFS

Mission forum Meeting



The Mission Forum of Nagpur Province had a meeting at the Provincialate on 13th and 14th February 2014. It was animated by Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, the General Secretary for Missions. The meeting was well planned with a set agenda and topics, which was earlier sent to all members of the forum. This enabled them to come well prepared for the meeting. On 13th there were

4 sessions and on 14th, 2 sessions. Fr Agnelo gave talks with well-prepared PPTs. on the following topics - Understanding of Missions; Indicators of ongoing self-formation for mission forum members; implementation of action plan of Provincial Congress and Directives of IX General Chapter concerning mission. A lot of time was also spent on open sharing and discussion on our parishes and mission stations, especially the problems faced. A draft document on 'MSFS Parish and MSFS Pastor' was read and discussed. Members were asked to study it in details and give recommendations. It was decided to read 'Evangelii Gaudium' within a month and be more committed to 'Live Jesus'. Next meeting to be held in August. We are grateful to Fr Agnelo for his guidance and support.

Fr. Melroy [PCIC]

Formation forum Meeting



The Formation Forum meeting of 2013-14 was held on 17th and 18th February animated by the General Secretary of Formation, Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello. Fr. Joe Denis, Councillor-in-charge of Formation, welcomed all the members. Fr. Jacob, the Provincial, said that there is a need to strengthen the forum with more members. The General

Councillor-in-charge with the help of specially prepared hand-outs conducted a thorough workshop on the new edition of the Fransalian Formation guide lines which highlighted formations in different states, report writing, on-going formation, etc. Fr Noel also dwelt with the formation guidelines of Nagpur Province. There was a special session on province matters related to Formation.

- Fr Paul Varambinakam MSFS

Education Forum Meeting



The Education Forum took place on 15th and 16th February 2014. There were 16 members representing different schools of the province and was chaired and animated by Fr. George Parampukattil msfs, the General Councilor for Education. There were five sessions and during each session different aspects of education and school management were dealt with. Besides, there was interaction and discussion on 'Profile of a Fransalian Principal/Headmaster, Profile of a Fransalian Teacher and Profile of a Fransalian Student. Proposals of the minutes of the Regional forum meeting was also deliberated. Fr. George exhorted the members engaged in the apostolate of education to implement Fransalian vision and mission of education, creating a Fransalian culture in all our schools. On the second day the concluding session was chaired by Rev. Fr. Jacob, the Provincial who presented a brief report on the upcoming schools.

- Fr Manoj Tirkey MSFS

Social Apostolate and Innovative Mission Forum Meeting



The meeting commenced at 9.00am on 19th February 2014 with a small prayer service with lighting of the lamp by Fr Jayseelan the General Secretary, Provincial Fr Jacob, Councilor-in charge Fr John Britto Muthuswami, and the Secretary Fr K.V. Joseph.. Fr Jacob addressing the members for their presence said that the S.A and I.M forum is a small forum with very few members but has the responsibility to motivate all the members in different apostolates to

make their ministry very vibrant and effective. Fr Muthu Swamy presented a brief report of the S.A and I.M of the Province. He said that only few centers have taken up this ministry in a grant way and Khamgaon is a special centre carrying out Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries. Fr Jayseelan, with his vision mission statements and beautiful power point presentation enlightened everyone present and motivated everyone to take up the ministry of S.A and I.M with commitment and dedication. He initiated the members to have sharing session to update and make assessment of the activities in the centres. We also went through Province Action Plan and General Chapter Action plan. The meeting came to an end at 7.40 pm with vote of thanks.

Fr Joseph Kailamangalam msfs

Mission Development Office (MDO) established in Rome

Fr Thomas Cherukat informs that Mission Development Office was inaugurated and blessed by the Superior General on 24.01.2014 in fulfilment of the decision of the General Chapter. A suitable and sufficient structure is yet to be put up to develop a better administrative system. MOD is established for the mission of the Congregation. Members are welcome to send projects, appeals to the office with the recommendations from the Provincials. MOD has a website namely www.amisales.org. The email id of MOD is amisalesroma@gamil.com Fr Thomas Cherukat has requested provincial to send circulars, periodicals, province magazines etc. to this email id. The postal address of MOD is 'Congregation of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, Via del Mascherino 46/3, 0013 Roma, Italia. Let us cooperate with Fr Thomas Cherukat and send him relevant information from time to time of our activities and programs before we send to him projects and appeals.

Let us pray for

Fr Marianus Kerketta's mother (Mrs. Christian, aged 65) who died on 24th January 2014

Bro John Parke's sister in law Asha Bhai aged 50 who died on 08th February 2014

Fr. Silbester Kullu's grandmother aged 80 who died on 26th February 2014

Fr. Micky D'Souza who is operated for Hernia and recovering

Fr. Kalekattil Joseph who is to undergo an operation.

Fr. Sayu Cheruvil who was hospitalised and is recovering.

Appointments and Transfers

Fr Ignatius D'costa is appointed the local Superior of Fransalian Community Badnera and the Office Administrator of the School.

Fr Sayu Chervil is temporally attached to Provincialate Community for treatment and rest. He has been developing Haemoglobin deficiency in the Blood for which he was hospitalized more than once.

Fr Joe Denis is appointed the Vicar for the Province during my absence in view of my visitation to Mozambique in the month of March.

Fr Daniel Bara is appointed to the Community of Ambapani

Fr Telesfor Lakra is appointed the assistant parish priest of Raidihi

Fr Christopher Lakra is attached to the Community of Latapara as per the authorisation given by the Provincial of Pune.

Provincial's Itinerary

February

28th Canonical Visitation Mozambique.

March

15th to 21st Tanzania

22nd Nagpur

28th, 29th & 30th PCM

April

22nd Guwahati for North East Provincial Congress

28th

Kerala

May

1st

Kottayam, Dn. Jijo P's Ordination

3rd

Ernakulam, Dn. Aajo's Ordination

6th

Kannur, Dn. Jins' Ordination


12th

Palakkad, Dn. Joseph's Ordination

Salesian Thought

“God looks at the intention of the heart rather than the gifts He is offered.”

Yours fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Jacob'.

Fr Jacob Karamakuzhyil MSFS

Provincial Superior