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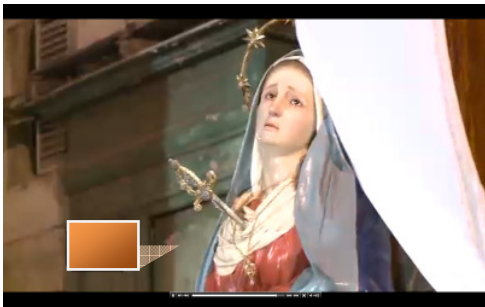
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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

16.09.2014

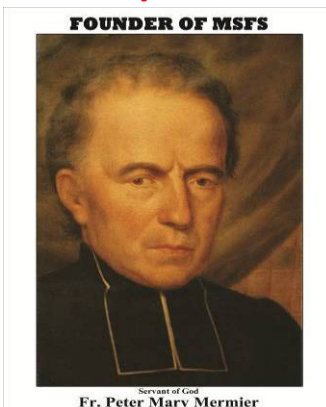
My Dear Confreres

Greetings of peace and joy of Christ to you



The month of September is very special for all MSFS in the world as it reminds us of our roots in spirituality. MSFS devotion to Mother of Sorrows is as old as our MSFS Congregation. This spirituality needs to find tangible expression in our religious life, ministry and faith formation. The Gospel of Luke speaks of Mary as a woman who is constantly trying to understand the meaning of the "Yes" that she said to God's invitation, which reveals volumes about the person of Mary and the seriousness with which she led her whole life. It is in this context that we need to realize the importance of the role played by Mary in the life of Jesus, in educating him about the realities of life around. Mary was a woman who contemplated her sorrowful moments in a matured way and taught Jesus how to cope up with painful moments in life. It is fitting in the month of September we resolve to share in this quality of Mother Mary. It may come to us as personal tragedies or inconvenience at community level or pain caused by external situations. Let us look at Mary as someone who fulfilled the will of God, one who sang the hymn of liberation, one who took the bold step to go against the customs and traditions at the risk of her own life, one who stood by Jesus at Calvary, one who prayed with the disciples and was filled by the Holy Spirit. An incredible disciple indeed! Mary who said "yes" to God still stands in silence at the foot of her son's cross. And her answer to God is still "yes".

Missionary Zeal in an Atmosphere of Love



30th September marks our founder's day. It is the day that gave us our identity as MSFS. His missionary mind and heart has to be our highest goal in achieving to be an MSFS. Fr. Mermier always incarnated in himself the fullness of Christ zeal with which he wished to animate his Congregation. He has left this fullness in his life examples, in his advice and in his virtues. It is crystal clear in his writings and in his desire for "I want Mission". Today, we need the hunger for this sort of godliness and for a true mind set for mission. One can never ever underestimate the power and influence of a life fully invested in serving the Lord Jesus. Fr. Mermier's ardent love for Christ's

mission reverberates from one generation for many other generations to follow. Now the baton is with us to rediscover Fr. Mermier's ZEAL for mission in going forth and to be out on the streets to experience the bruised, the hurts and to be dirty. We are blessed in our Founder, not only because he is blessed but also because in him we have a genuine religious, an ideal missionary and visionary who dared to dream the impossible dream. His earnest desire "I want missions" must continue to echo and re-echo in our hearts till such time we find ourselves burning with zeal for the missions. I take this opportunity to wish all of you, dear confreres, a meaningful celebration of the feast of Mother of Sorrows. I wish you Happy Founder's Day on 30th September 2014.

General Chapter Retreat

All of us need to understand, it is a special retreat which should not be missed for any umpteen reasons. Confreres who are sent for studies and are staying outside the province territory should have a contingency plan to attend this retreat in any other province. Confreres in developed countries need to communicate their difficulties and inform if they are not able to attend the retreat. Giving intimation, taking permission and giving proposals for better preparation and participation is the sign of our humble and obedient disposition which is the hallmark of religious life. It is advisable that members of Nagpur communities also stay in the Provincialate during the retreat for better participation and to avoid all distractions. Now, we have enough rooms as we are divided for two retreats. I wish to bring to your attention the following communication from the Superior General on this topic: *Make sure that all our confreres from your provinces who have not attended this Retreat due to whatever reason are given another opportunity to make this retreat as this is mandatory for all. There are units of the provinces in different countries and I request all the Provincials to make sure that confreres entrusted to your care will make this retreat wherever they are. I am told that there were only 33 participants for the retreat out of 80+ members in GAH. Please arrange a Congregational retreat for the confreres who have not attended with the help of the Delegation Superior and Local Superiors. May I remind you that as Major Superiors, it is part of our animation-responsibility to make sure that mandatory annual retreat is attended by all. It is important to follow up with this retreat and talk to confreres who have not attended this retreat before the next annual retreat in 2015. I strongly suggest that you provide another opportunity for confreres to attend the retreat (if they have not attended).*

Capitulants for the Provincial Chapter 2014

I am happy to give you the names of the Capitulants selected by Electoral Colleges for the forthcoming Provincial Chapter. I thank the community superiors for promptness in sending the second Ballots in time. Now we have limited time for the preparations. Apostolic communities, kindly complete your deliberations on theme paper and send the report to Fr Alan Gonsalves. Capitulants from Nagpur Communities are expected to stay in the Provincial House during the Chapter.

Capitulants

Fr. Aajo Therully

Fr. Adackapparayil Wilson

Fr. Allan Gonsalves

Fr. Almeida Melroy

Fr. Amaladoss Antony

Fr. Antony William

Fr. Arun P

Fr. Benedict D'Souza

Fr. Kerketta Bijay

Fr. Bosco P

Fr. Denis Joseph

Fr. Kadamkulam Scaria

Fr. Karamakuzhyil Jacob

Fr. Kombanathottathil Nobit

Fr. Kindo Deepak

Fr. Kailamangalam Joseph
Fr. Kurickal George
Fr. Raj Kulandai
Fr. Tigga Lalit
Fr. Malaparampil Philip
Fr. Mangalath Shijumon

Fr. Mankulathil Issac
Fr. Tirkey Manoj
Fr. Muthuswamy John
Fr. Dominic Peter
Fr. Kullu Petrus
Fr. Porimattathil Charles

Fr. Vallomkunnel Domy
Fr. D'Silva William
Dn. Tirkey Sandeep
Bro. Thuruthikara Anto
Bro. Pattathil Lalji
Bro. Kachapilly Lijohn

Scholastics Representative (1) Mappilakunnel Anto (Theologians) (2) Devasiyakutty Aneesh
(Philosophers & Regents)

Let us pray

Late Fr. Philip D'Souza's mother Pauline Diego D'Souza, aged 85, died on 08.09.2014.

Provincial's Itinerary

September

14th Germany

October

2nd Nagpur
20th -25th Provincial Chapter
26th Visitation of Communities with
Superior General
26th Nagpur
27th Badnera and Khamgaon
28th Buldana and Bhusawal
29th Jalna
30th Aurangabad
31st Nanded and Kinwat

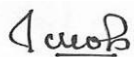
November

3rd Nimkheda
4th Raidihi and Latapara
5th Ambapani and Panderpalli
6th Sini and Seraikella
7th Jaratoli
9th Kandore
10th Varanasi
12th Delhi
13th Jhajjar
15th Nimach
20th – 21st Provincial & General Curia
Meeting
24th Bangalore

Salesian Thought

Let everything be in confusion, not only around us but even within us, yet always the highest point of our heart must look unceasingly toward the love of God. - **St. Francis de Sales**

Yours Devotedly in Christ,



Fr Jacob Karamakuzhyil
Provincial Superior