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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

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**Dear Confreres**

**Greetings of Peace and Joy of Christ to you**

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



Lenten season is marked by selected diet program and some even resort to physical exercises to cope with the concept of sacrifice. Some of us sparingly avoid consumption of certain food items on Fridays and slightly more fasting usually undertaken on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Whether such abstinence is as result of inward oriented strong faith expression is a question to be posed to all of us. It may be good to reflect upon the goals of Lenten observances. This season should assist us to understand and live the Gospel of Christ which is comprised of Jesus' life, teaching, passion, death and resurrection. To derive the essence of the Gospel or the underlying message of it, we need to know how Christ lived his life. He was preoccupied, fully engaged, spending

his every moment in going behind the lost and forgotten ones. He "preferred the flawed instead of the flawless." Today's most common man may push away such groups and go for more acceptable ones of their own category. Let Lenten observances strengthen us with such thoughts on the life Jesus lived. In this season, the lonely needs our voice of compassion, let us extend our hands of friendship to those who feel alienated, let the love of Christ repair broken relationships in our families and communities.

Our observances should not be confined to making certain sacrifices or giving up something. We need to still be conscious that what we possess is much more powerful than what we really give up. Jesus' love for his people surpassed all other things. The season gives us the freedom to choose our path. We are living in a time when Christians are being persecuted and killed for practicing their faith. We are fortunate to live in a country where we are free to practice our faith. But do we work to show our faith by concretely taking the message of Our Lord to others. Another goal of Lent is spiritual renewal. It is our practice we periodically clean off the unwanted dirt and dust in our homes or offices, similarly Lent reminds us to get rid of the unwanted habits and tendencies which takes us away from the path of God. Let the Lenten observances help us imbibe the spirit Jesus' love for his people. Let it enhance our faith journey to the extent of touching the life of our neighbor. I wish you, dear Confreres, a fruitful Lenten season in preparation for the feast of resurrection of Our Lord Jesus. Let us be good examples to our parishioners, students under formation, catholic faithful in our institutions and domestic staff in our Lenten preparations of making sacrifices in life.

## **Panderpalli Remembers Fr. Philip D' Souza in the Jubilee Year**

St. Francis de Sales Church, Pandripalli, is all set to celebrate the Silver Jubilee Year of the establishment this Mission. When one reads the history of MSFS Odisha Mission, no one can surpass the stature of Fr. Philip D' Souza who single handedly steered the Mission to development in manifold dimensions. Having learnt Odia and Sadri for one year at Singarmunda Parish, he was appointed Parish Priest and Superior of Pandripalli in 1992, he carved out a community of faith from far out villages. Fr. Bijay says by sheer public relation skill with the faithful, he managed to get Mundagaon, Tillaimal and Kulga villages as part of Pandripalli Parish. His contribution in terms of structural development is unbelievable in a short span of nine years. They are construction of Pandripalli Parish Church, priests' residence, SFS Hostel and the Mission School. He began the construction of Divya Jyoti Minor Seminary, Village Church at Khuntodhoro, Mission School at Mundagon, Ponds at Pandripali and Barotengra, three open wells at Pandripalli, Etma Jharmunda and Latapara and three tube wells at Fitingpada, Malipada and Raidihi Village under Pandripali Parish, Raidihi Mission School in Raidihi Parish and purchased land for the Province at Bamra, Pandripalli and Latapara.

He was a man in hurry to execute as many projects as possible in short time. Today, Pandripalli has a strong Catholic Community with 11 sub-centers, 4 schools, 4 hostels and around 6000 people spread around 59 locations. Fr. Philip had done extraordinary works with limited resources. As the community is going to celebrate Silver Jubilee Year of the Mission, it is planning to construct a Parish Hall in memory of Fr. Philip D' Souza.

**- Fr. Christopher Lakra msfs**

## **Cleanliness Drive @ Kandor Mission, Jharkhand**



In response to the call of Pope Francis to collaborate with various lay associations to promote the common welfare of the people, Kandor mission teamed up with World Vision India – an American based private NGO, in promoting the importance of using proper sanitary facilities, in bringing the awareness on the danger of

open defecation and on personal and community hygiene. On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016, when the whole country was immersed in the Republic Day celebrations in various ways, SFS Campus at Kandor Mission found a unique way of her own to mark this day. The awareness program conducted for the school children and villagers found an impressive response. The resource person Mr. Kharing, made people aware of the dangers of open defilement and encouraged people to embrace a clean and healthy life style. Distribution of bathing soap was the first initiative taken to encourage everyone to keep themselves clean. We gratefully acknowledge World Vision for their support and collaboration with Kandor mission for the common welfare of Santal tribals.

**- Fr. Anson Kaliyath msfs**

## **Directives from Rev. Fr. Superior General in view of the Year of Formation for Mission of Mercy and Compassion**

Rev. Fr. Superior General through his Circular SG-AB-10 has given directives to celebrate the year of Formation for the Mission of Mercy and Compassion. Although some house Superiors have already taken steps on the celebration of the year with the inauguration of the same, I give the following directives of Fr. General very specially spelt out for the information of all Confreres. 1. All communities are to formally

inaugurate the year of formation and close the year of consecrated life by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 with an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. 2. The theme MSFS formation for Mission of Mercy and Compassion is to be displayed in all communities and Centers. 3. Confreres will have to spend daily half an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. 4. Recite the special prayer prepared for the year of Formation for Mercy and Compassion. The responsibility lies on the Superior to animate the community on the expected line in this special year of the Congregation.

### **Ongoing Formation program for all Members**

In the specially convened meeting of formators in Bangalore, it was decided that Province Councilor-in-charge of Formation prepare a Province Calendar with the help of an expert team which is already being prepared tentatively by Fr. Benedict and sent to Fr. Noel Rebello for his approval and correction. The Provinces are expected to organize a three full day ongoing formation program for Confreres under the guidance of the Provincial and PCIC of Formation with assistance of the Formation forum. It is mandatory for all confreres to attend this program. Division of members decided for the retreat will be applicable to this program too. It is mandatory for all to attend this ongoing formation program. The scheduled date for the first group is 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for the second group. Confreres are also free to take part in the ongoing formation program of other provinces.

### **Mid-term Evaluatory Meeting by Asst. Superior General**

There is going to be a mid-term evaluatory meeting of all apostolic communities from 18<sup>th</sup> April to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Convenors and Secretaries will have to alert others and get ready with the preparations. It is a half-yearly evaluation of the term of the present provincial administration which is very much within the spirit of the General Chapter 2013. No routine program or activities take precedence over these apostolic community meetings with ASG. All should come well-prepared to participate actively in the meeting. To assist us for such preparation, ASG has prepared pointers to be studied. Copy of the same is sent to every member by mail to read and reflect on various topics. I am happy to give the following schedule of the visitation and meeting of the Apostolic Community.

<b>Schedule of Asst General with Apostolic Communities</b>						
<b>S.No</b>	<b>Of Area</b>	<b>At Place</b>	<b>On Date</b>	<b>From-Hrs</b>	<b>To-Hrs</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
1	Mannarkkad	Prakash Bhavan	18.04.2016	09.30	13.30	Mon
2	Delhi	Vinay Sadan	19.04.2016	09.30	13.30	Wed
3	Jharkhand	Seraikela	21.04.2016	09.30	13.30	Thu
4	Odisha	Latapara	22.04.2016	08.00	12.00	Fri
5	Bhusawal	Bhusawal	23.04.2016	10.30	14.30	Sat
6	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	25.04.2016	10.30	14.30	Mon
7	Nanded	Nanded	26.04.2016	10.30	14.30	Tue
8	Nagpur	Provincialate	27.04.2016	10.30	14.30	Wed
9	Asst General & Provincial Administration		28.04.2016	09.30 Onwards		Thu

### **Education Forum Seminar Regional**

Regional (Inter Province) Education Forum seminar will be organized by Nagpur Province in Delhi this year from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016. All are expected to arrive by 15<sup>th</sup> evening for the inaugural ceremony, on the same day after dinner. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> are the seminar days, 18<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for Delhi Darshan. The venue is **Hotel 'O' Delhi** next to the Karol Bagh metro station. Those of you who are going by train, after getting down at New Delhi, Nizamuddin, Old Delhi, or Anand Vihar Terminals can reach the venue by

Metro trains and taxi. In case of any query please contact Fr Manoj Tirkey on the numbers 9050589925, 09992463328. All those who are working in the school are eligible to go for it even if they are not part of the Education Forum. Since it is being organised by Nagpur Province this time, may I ask you to extend a helping hand to Fr Manoj in the organisation of the Seminar.

### **Ordinations for the Province 2016**

Deacon **John Ruptake** was born on 06.11.1969 at Harigaon, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra to Madhukar and Tarabai, baptized on 30.11.1969 at St. Teresa Church, Harigaon and confirmed in the same Church in the year 1980. He did his primary schooling from 1976– 1983 at St. Teresa’s School, Harigaon, Shirampur and secondary schooling from 1983-1985, at Annasaheb Patil Pathare School, Taklibhan, Aurangabad. He made his first profession on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1996 at Uchgaon. He completed his philosophical studies at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur, B.A. at Indira Gandhi Open University, Amravati, B.Ed. at Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh and theological studies at St. Albert’s College, Ranchi, Jharkhand. He made his final profession on 03.05.2002 at St. Teresa Church, Harigaon, and ordained a Deacon on 04<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur, and his diaconate ministry at St. Mary’s Church, Jalna. He will be ordained a priest **on 02<sup>nd</sup> April 2016** at St. Teresa Church, Harigaon, by His Excellency Lourdes Daniel, Bishop of Nashik.



Deacon **Albin Joseph V** was born on 26-07-1988 at Peravoor, Kerala to Joseph V J and Aney Joseph V, baptized on 03-10-1988 at Kanichar and confirmed on 21-02-1998 at St. Sebastian’s Church, Padiyoor. He did his primary schooling from 1993–2001 at Perumparamba UP School and secondary schooling from 2001-2004 at KPCHSSS, Pattannur. He made his first profession on 01-06-2008 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Kanchannagar Parish, Ambikapur. He will be ordained a priest **on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016** at St. Sebastian Church, Vattapara, Padiyoor by His Excellency Mar George Njaralakkatt, Archbishop of Tellichery.



Deacon **Anto Varghese Thuruthikara** was born on 02<sup>nd</sup> May 1987 at Pariyaram, Thrissur, Kerala to Varghese and Annie, baptized on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1987 at St. Mary’s Church, Vimalagiri, Muthukurssi, Palakkad and confirmed in the same church on 01<sup>st</sup> May 1999. He did his primary schooling from 1992 – 1996 at St. JBC L.P School, Pariyaram, Thrissur, and secondary schooling from 1997-2002, St. George’s H.S, Pariyaram, Thrissur. He made his first profession on 01-06-2006 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara and Panderpalli, Odisha. He will be ordained a priest **on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016** at St. Mary’s Church, Vimalagiri by His Excellency Jacob Manethodath, Bishop of Palakkad.



Deacon **Jomon Mathew** was born on 30.11.1987 at Kuttampuzha, Ernakulam, Kerala to V.O. Mathew and Saramma Mathew, baptized on 04.06.1988 at St. George’s Church, Pooyamkutty and confirmed in the same church on 03.05.2001. He did his primary schooling from 1994–2001 at St. George’s UP School,

Pooyamkutty and secondary schooling from 2001-2004, GHSS, Kuttampuzha. He made his first profession on 01-06-2008 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Little Flower Catholic Church, Tori, Ambikapur. He will be ordained a priest on **18<sup>th</sup> April 2016** at St. George's Church, Pooyamkutty by His Excellency Mar George Madathikandathil, Bishop of Kothamangalam.



Deacon **Lalji George** was born on 22-Sep-1986 at Kalady, St. George Church, Kerala to George PV and Leela George, baptized on 15<sup>th</sup> January 1987 at St. Rocky Church, Manickamangalam, and confirmed at Kalady, St. George's Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1998. He did his primary schooling from 1992 – 1999 at Manickamangalam, NSSHS School and secondary schooling from 1999 - 2004, Mannarkkad, Pottaserry School. He made his first profession on 01-06-2008 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Fransalian Community Baradurgapur, Dumka. He will be ordained a priest on **20<sup>th</sup> April 2016** at St. Rocky's Church, Manickamangalam by His Excellency Jose Puthenveetil, Bishop of Ernakulam.



Deacon **Lijohn K Jose** was born on 04.03.1980 at Karayamparambu, Angamaly, Kerala to Jose PO and Lilly Jose, baptized on 14.04.1980 at St. Joseph Church, Karayamparambu and confirmed in the same Church on 18.05.1992. He did his primary schooling from 1990– 1996 at RCALP School, Walayar, Palakkad and secondary schooling from 2001-2004, St. Thomas UP School, & Star Jesus High School, Karakutty, Ernakulam. He made his first profession on 01-06-2007 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Fransalian Community, Darkona, Ambikapur. He will be ordained a priest on **21<sup>st</sup> April 2016** at St. Joseph's Church, Karayamparambu by His Excellency Thomas Chakaith, Bishop of Ernakulam.



Deacon **Jinoy Kopy** was born on 24.08.1984 at Veeranchira, Kerala to Devassykutty and Annie Devassy, baptized on 01.09.1984 at St. Joseph's Church, Veeranchira and confirmed in the same church on 01.05.1995. He did his primary schooling from 1991 – 1995 at Randukai GTS School and secondary schooling from 1996-2000, Chaippankuzi. He made his first profession on 01-06-2004 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute from 2009 - 2010, and B.A. at SFS College, Bangalore and theological studies at Diocesan Seminary, Saint Pius X Maputo, Mozambique from 2011 – 2014. He made his final profession on 30.09.2012 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Belavista, Mozambique and ordained a Deacon on 14.11.2014 at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Kalhangalene, Maputo and his diaconate ministry at Malanghelene,



Mozambique. He will be ordained a priest on **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016** at St. Joseph's Church, Veeranchira by His Excellency Bishop Mar Pauly Kannookadan, Bishop of Irinjalakuda.

Deacon **Gijo Francis V** was born on 08.03.1989 at Thrissur, Kerala to S Vincent James and Verronica, baptized on 16.04.1989 at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Palaniyar Palayam and confirmed in the same church on 25.05.200. He did his primary schooling from 1994-2001 and secondary schooling from 2001-2004 at St. Francis Xavier's Vocational Higher Secondary School. He made his first profession on 01-06-2008 at Dhyanaashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Assamwani in the Diocese of Dumka. He will be ordained a priest on **04<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Palaniyar, Palayam by His Excellency Peter Abir Antonysamy, Bishop of Palakkad.



Deacon **Yesudass I** was born on 12.03.1988 at Kozhinjampara, Palakkad, Kerala to Irudhaya Samy and Arokia Mary, baptized at St. James' Church, Sayathurai and confirmed in the same church on 25.05.1999. He did his primary schooling from 1994-2001 at St. Francis Xavier Voc.H.S.S and secondary schooling from 2001-2004. He made his first profession on 01-06-2008 at Dhyanaashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Larangi Parish, Ambikapur. He will be ordained a priest on **05<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at St. James Church, Sayathurai by His Excellency Peter Abir Antonysamy, Bishop of Palakkad.



Deacon **Yesudoss Lucas** was born on 30.11.1987 at 05.06.1988, Tamil Nadu to V.O. Mathew and Saramma Mathew, baptized on 16.11.1997 at St. Joseph's Church, Chengalpat and confirmed at Infant Jesus Church, Vallam, Chengalpat on 28.12.2006. He did his primary schooling from 1994 – 2001 at St. Joseph Primary School, Mamallapuram and secondary schooling from 2001-2004, Loyola HSS, Utthiramerur, Kanchipuram. He made his first profession on 01-06-2008 at Dhyanaashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Sacred Heart Church, Bhusawal. He will be ordained a priest on **07<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at Infant Jesus Friary, Vallam, Tamil Nadu by His Excellency Needhinaadhan, Bishop of Chengalpattu.



Deacon **John Peter Perianayagam** was born on 04-03-1988 at Sandanapalayam, to Anthony Swamy and Kulandai Theresa, baptized on 13-03-1988 at St. Ann's Church, Sandanapalayam and confirmed in the same church on 06.08.2001. He did his primary schooling from 1993 – 2001 at St. Antony's primary School, Sandanapalayam and secondary schooling from 2001-2004, St. Antony's High School, Sandanapalayam. He made his first profession on 01-06-2008 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. He made his final profession on 06-06-2014 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, and ordained a Deacon on 08-11-2014 at Christ the King Church, Pune and his diaconate ministry at Bhanji-Kandore Mission. He will be ordained a priest on **09<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at St. Ann's Church, Sandanapalayam, Martalli by His Excellency Lawrence Pious, Bishop of Dharmapuri.



Deacon **Ashok Minj** was born on 29.11.1984 at Tangerpani, Jashpur Nagar, Chhatisgarh to late Albis Minj and Albina Minj, baptized on 19.12.1984 at St. Joseph's Church, Ginabahr and confirmed on 13.04.1996 at Catholic Ashram, Pharsakani. He did his primary schooling from 1991 – 1996 at Primary School, Pharsakani and secondary schooling from 2002 – 2004 at Prakash Higher Sec. School, Pathalgaron. He made his first profession on 01-06-2007 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his philosophical studies and B.A. at Suvidya College, Bangalore from 2007 – 2010, theological studies at Diocesan Seminary, Saint Pius X Maputo, Mozambique from 2012 – 2015. He made his final profession on 13.11.2015 at Lar Mermier, Maputo, and ordained a Deacon on 14.11.2015 at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Kalhangalene, Maputo and his diaconate ministry at Saint Francis Assisi Church, Infulene, Matola, Mozambique. He will be ordained a priest on **17<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at Catholic Ashram, Pharsakani, Kunkuri by His Excellency Emmanuel Kerketta, Bishop of Jaspur.



### **Delegated for Ordination**

We are happy and thank God for the gift of these new priests. Twelve of them is a record number which we will not have in the near future. Four of them will go to Mozambique. Due to my prescheduled visit abroad in April and TMM in Arusha, I shall not be able to attend the ordinations. Fr. Joseph Kailamangalam and Fr. John Britto Muthuswamy are delegated to represent the Provincial for these ordinations.

### **Our Sincere appreciations/thanks/congratulations to:**

**Fr. Sandeep Tirkey** who has entered into agreement with a parishioner in Darkona for the purchase of land nearly an acre for the Church and presbytery. He is also exploring the possibility of purchasing a piece of general land in adjoining area for future educational needs of the Mission.

**Fr. Peter Dominic** who has been taking good initiatives to get rid of the many ill-reputed elements and groups moving around in St. John's Compound, Nagpur. Their numbers are on the decline. There were certain people who made special opening on the compound wall to leave their animals into the compound for long period of time. I heard it is being stopped with persistent efforts made through the guidance of Fr. Peter Dominic. Special efforts are taken to keep the surroundings clean and neat especially the primary school building. NFC is doing everything possible to secure the campus and regulate movements of people into the campus.

**Fr. Emmanuel Vattamattam** who has filed a contempt of court case against the Town and City Planning Department of Haryana at the advice of the Lawyer in Chandigarh on behalf of Delhi Fransalian Society for Sonipat land acquisition case. The Court had asked the department to respond why the land notified ten years back for public utility purpose is not acquired and used for the purpose for which it was to be notified. The government department did not respond to the notice of the Court which made our lawyer to file a contempt of court case against them. There is a possibility of the land de-notification.

**Fr. Christopher Lakra** who has been doing a commendable job as parish priest of Pandripali, last two years with hectic pastoral visit to villages. Through his very amiable and obliging nature, he has won over people. Through his regular attendance at funerals and for other sacraments, he managed to contact many people through their relatives and restore the faith of around 48 families in a village near Badgaon who were otherwise not practicing faith. This village is going to be made a new sub-center of the Church. There are special catechetical programs arranged for them. The community has decided to develop two sub-centers for the Parish. He has also taken up parish preaching mission at his own parish level. This is what Holy Father remind us that the shepherd should have the smell of the sheep. Priests, who do not have contact with their people, hardly take part in the pastoral vision of the Church, and not visiting families and villages would be the worst complaint against a parish priest.

**Fr. Ramesh Damala** who is appointed in Ambapani Church as assistant Parish Priest has made a name for himself through sheer hard work in mastering Hindi Language. Initially, it was hard for him to even read. On his own, he went for Hindi Course in Varanasi. Now he gives homily and introduction during mass extempore. He is a good example and inspiration for the newly ordained priests belonging to non-Hindi speaking area.

**Fr. Wilson Adakaparayil** who has completed the internal auditing of all communities, institutions and parishes for the year 2015. The council took ample time to study the report and suggested re-auditing of few communities. This is to make them fall in line with proper system of book-keeping and timely account maintenance. Fr Wilson is planning crash courses in computer program for religious people in Nagpur.

**Fr. Bijay Kerketta** who is the Parish Priest of Ambapani has been taking many initiatives to develop our Mission. Plans to construct the presbytery is on along with the dispensary and convent for Sisters of Helpers of Mary. At the moment with the involvement of parishioners, local brick making on a large scale is being mooted for the construction of compound wall for the church property. Daily one-hour adoration is introduced in the Church which is being initiated to enhance Eucharistic Adoration.

**Fr. Arun P** with great sense of perseverance undertook extensive paper work and correspondence and secured from Rome dispensation of Kuldeep Kiro from clerical state and religious vows. Fr. Arun P also succeeded in completing the dossiers of Mathew Ubale and Marshal Jadhav with much difficulty as the case is old and had to struggles for documents and testimonies. We are informed by our Asst Superior General that our files have reached Rome. Fr. Thumma Mariadas is also appreciated for speeding up our work in Rome.

**Fr. Rajesh Lugun** who had come for his annual holidays have promised to provide a Church Bell for Panderpalli Chuch which he said will be sent from Germany by ship with the assistance of his parishioners.



**Fr. Sayu Cheruvil** who is the Principal of Badnera School has informed that the school secured recognition from Maharashtra Government up to Std. 8<sup>th</sup>. Now the School will have to work on the NOC from State Government for affiliation to Central Board of Secondary Education.

**Fr. Ignati Kshirsagar** who is the Principal of Neemuch School has been trying to bring up the school which is still in its initial stage. He is very good at computers and has designed certain simple software for student registration and students report cards, etc. He has done computer courses in Jhajjar selectively for designing such programs.

Two ASMI Sisters of Bhopal Province, **Sr. Nimmy and Sr. Shanti** who had rendered their services to Seraikela School for the past one year. The Provincial administration has decided to withdraw the sisters from next academic year. We acknowledge the services of these sisters with grateful heart. It may become more and more difficult to get sisters for such collaboration as there is shortage of sisters due to fall in vocations. We need to fill the gap with new arrangement of appointing coordinators with specific duties in the administration of the school.

**Fransican Clarist Congregation of Hazaribag Province** have agreed to collaborate with MSFS in Kandor Mission. They will be sending two sisters this year to take over the boarding for girls. We have just finalized the agreement with them.

### **Appointments**

**Bro. Micheal Toppo** is appointed as caretaker of the property under St. Mary's Society Kinwat. He will organize the agricultural activities on Kinwat and Himayatnagar properties.

**Fr. Paul Varambinakam** is appointed as the Vice-Promoter for the promotion of the Cause of the Founder, Fr. Peter Mermier. He will work in collaboration with Rev. Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy, Assistant General and the Chief-Promoter of the Cause of the Founder and along with other Vice-Promoters from other Provinces.

### **Hearty Welcome to:**

**Fr. Alphonse Arockiaswamy** who is in India from Germany for his annual holidays.

**Fr. Stephen Soares** who will be in India for holidays from USA in the month of March.

### **Let us pray for:**

**Fr. Gerard Gill MSFS**, aged 87, of English Province, died on September 10, 2015 at Sacred Heart Residence, Dublin.

**Fr. Gerard Van Hooren**, aged 89 of Franco-Swiss Province died on October 11, 2015.

**Fr. P.D. Varkey**, aged 88 of Visakhapatnam Province, passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

May I request all those who have not fulfilled the suffrages to do the same at the earliest (Const. No. 118; General Directory No 98). May his soul Rest in Peace.

**Fr. Oscar Kujur's** cousin brother Sunil Kujur died on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.

**Fr. Arun P's** father Mr. Poulouse aged 75 died on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**Fr. Emile Mayoraz** who is not well as informed in the Superior General's Circular SB-AB-11.

**Fr. Kurian Chempalakunnel** is hospitalised for almost a month and he is totally bedridden, needs 24 hours care.

**Bro. Melky's** father is ailing for some time with serious health problems.

## Provincial's Itinerary

### February 2016

25.02.2016 Jhajjar  
27.02.2016 Vinay Sadan

### March 2016

01.03.2016 Varanasi  
03.03.2016 Nagpur  
16.03.2016 PCM  
17.03.2016 PCM  
18.03.2016 PCM

### April 2016

03.04.2016 USA  
15.04.2016 England  
24.04.2016 India  
27.04.2016 Provincial Curia meets ASG.

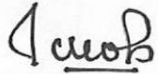
### May 2016

06.05.2016 Arusha  
24.05.2016 Mozambique

## Salesian Thought

If God had not created man, He would still indeed have been perfect in goodness, but He would not have been actually merciful, since mercy can only be exercised towards the miserable. **St. Francis de Sales**

Yours Sincerely in Christ



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