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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

25.03.2016

Dear Confreres

Greetings of Peace and Joy of Christ to you!

Easter in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



The Church gives us important themes to be reflected upon ever since we began the Jubilee Year of Mercy from December 8, 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes is the face of the Father's Mercy that he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions and person. We run many institutions and centres where we are in relationship with many people in terms of collaboration in many ways. They depend on such institutions for their livelihood. This year is special for us to examine if we treat them

well. We are asked to "look into the eyes of our brothers and sisters especially those who are looked down upon and denied of their dignity". As decision makers, employers, owners of assets, we affect the lives of others. Do others see our kindness, our tenderness of heart and love in the administration of our offices? How do others value us? Do we share in the merciful love of Christ towards our brothers and sisters? We need to make every effort to give our people the experience of merciful love of Jesus which he showed to those lived on the margins of society.

Pope Francis says, Mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel". The concept of Mercy is not independent of the Gospel. To live Mercy one must revisit the Gospels which are full of words and deeds of Mercy. The gist of Jesus' teaching and acts represent nothing but Mercy. "The spiritual works of Mercy are to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, and bear patiently those who do us ill. Corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the sick and bury the dead." The acts of Mercy very much enhance our spiritual life. It will endear us to God and the one receiving Mercy will experience the spirit of God through us. In the day-to-day life Jesus showed mercy in a very tangible manner to those really deserved it. In this year, we need to specially look for such people to show the love of our saviour. Such gestures of Mercy are to be made an inherent part of our day-to-day life which will always make us

true followers of Christ. On Palm Sunday, the main celebrant at Nagpur Cathedral said that without partaking in the passion and death of Jesus, there will not be a glorious resurrection. Our resurrection is not independent of sharing in the passion and death of Christ. In this special year of Mercy, let our resurrection be more authentic with much reflection on the acts of Mercy shown by Jesus. I wish you all a spirit filled celebration of Easter.

Diocesan Zonal Level Christian Unity Prayer Meeting at Buldhana



The Universal Church keeps Christian Unity Octave from January 18th to 25th 2016. Around 500 Christians from all denominations of Akola-Buldhana area participated in the Christian Unity Prayer Meeting on 26th January 2016, held in the auditorium of St. Joseph's High School, Buldhana at 04.30pm. Fr. K.V. Joseph welcomed Rt. Rev. Bishop Elias Gonsalves of Amravati and Fr. Scaria received all the dignitaries with shawl and

bouquet. After the traditional lighting of the lamp by all pastors/leaders, the catechism children of Khamgaon and Buldhana performed a prayer dance. Rt. Rev. Bishop Elias read out a passage from the Holy Bible, said the opening prayer and urged everyone gathered of the need for unity and love among all Christian, referring to the theme of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, "Be Merciful like the Heavenly Father" by Pope Francis. He requested the gathering to hold each other's hands as a sign of love and unity and taking the same wherever we live and for the same recited the Lord's Prayer for strength and power to build UNITY and to be MERCIFUL. All the pastors read out various relevant passages from the Holy Scripture on UNITY and shared their thoughts. Adding more color to the programme was an audio visual program on the thematic song on Jubilee Year of Mercy. Patriotic songs and performances by army personnel were sung honouring the solemnity of the Republic Day of India. The Christian Unity Day celebration was concluded with fellowship meal.

Fr. Joseph Kailamangalam

Inauguration of Sr. Secondary Wing – Jhajjar



St. Francis de Sales Sr. Sec. School, Jhajjar is in its 6th year of academic venture was blessed with a new Senior Secondary Wing comprising of three floors and catering to the needs of the flourishing school. It was blessed on 29th February 2016 by Rev. Fr. Jas Elanjikal the Vicar General of Haryana and inaugurated by the Provincial and pioneer

Rev. Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhyil, in the presence of the Manager Fr. Emmanuel Vattamattam, other confreres from Delhi and the religious from Haryana area and witnessed by the staff and the students. A vibrant and colorful cultural program was put up by the students in which the architect and the contractors were felicitated. The inaugural message was given by Fr. Provincial and he asked the students and staff to maintain peace and harmony even amidst violence and threats. After the program the dignitaries were treated with a cup of tea.

Fr. Manoj Tirkey

Charismatic Retreat at St. Joseph's Church, Ambapani



As per the Provincial Congress 2014 Action Plan, we had a 3-day Retreat during the Lenten Season at Ambapani Parish. It was conducted by Frs. Joseph Kailamangalam, Marcus Ruptake and Vincent Minz from 8th to 10th March 2016. It was the first attempt made by our Province preaching team to go to remote mission of our province to preach the Word of God. It was organized in three different sub-centres of our parish, for the convenience of the people.

The participation of the faithful, indeed, was marvellous. The faithful were very much receptive, inspired and strengthened by the preaching. Fr. Bijay in the name of parishioners thanked the preaching team for their efforts and well acclimatized presentation of the Word of God. **Fr. Bijay Kerketta**

Deanery Mahila Divas Celebration at St. Joseph's Church, Ambapani



For the first time the Deanery Mahila Divas was held on 21st Feb 2016 at Ambapani. 3500 mothers from 11 parishes participated in the event. Many distinguished guests were invited. Rev. Fr. Rajesh Roshan Minz, SVD was the resource person. He spoke on the theme 'Role of Women in Society.' Rev. Fr. Lawrentus Lakra, Vicar General of the

Rourkela Diocese was the Chief Guest and main celebrant of the Holy Eucharist. Mrs. Victoria Ekka, Deputy Collector of Jharsuguda, spoke on the theme "Rights and Benefits of the Women in Society." Dr. Prafull Mazi MLA, Talsera Constituency and Mr. Binay Toppo, Advocate and President of Sundargarh Bihar Association were also present for the occasion. It was well planned, organized and appreciated by everybody. Thank you for your prayers and support to this mission.

Fr. Ramesh Damala

The Mercy of God is not an Abstract Idea



Holy Father Pope Francis said: "the mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality in which He reveals His love as that of a father or mother to their child." It was our team effort to organize Charismatic Retreat with the help of a well-known Catechist to make known the Mercy of God to people. The retreat was held at Pandripalli and at five major centres from 17th February to 03rd March 2016. It is true that the Word of God is sharper than the sword when we witnessed hundreds of people lined up for confessions after

listening to the Word of God and his mercy for his people. The parish team specially thanked Fr. Ramesh Damala for availing himself to hear confessions. Let us be face of mercy. **Fr. Christopher Lakra**

Appointments and Transfers

I am happy affect the appointment and transfer for the year 2016 – 2017. Accepting transfers joyfully is the first sign of our sense of service to the Province. I wish confreres on transfer God's blessings.

Appointments & Transfers 2016				
S. No	Name of Confreres	Community of Appointment	Responsibilities Assigned	W.E.F.
1	Kailas Hivale	Kandor	Asst Parish Priest, School Staff, In-Charge of Sub-Centres and Boarding	01.06.2016
2	Johnson Parikappally	Fransalian Home Jalna	School Office Administrator, in-charge of Non-Teaching Staff, Asst Parish Priest	01.06.2016
3	Telesphor	St John's Nagpur	School Office, Asst Priest in-charge of St. John's Mass Centre	01.06.2016
4	Kamil Tete	Kandore	Parish Priest and Superior, Manager of the School, Boarding Director	01.06.2016
5	Oscar Kujur	Darkona	Mission-in-charge and Superior	01.06.2016
6	Kulandai Raj	St John's	Priest-in-charge of St John's Mass Centre, School Manager	01.06.2016
7	John Brito Muthuswamy	Nimkheda	Superior and Principal	01.06.2016
8	Anand Kullu	Mermier Sadan	Office Administrator, St John's Public School.	01.06.2016
9	Lalji Pattathil	Baradurgapur	Local Bursar, Asst Parish Priest, Boarding in-charge, School Staff.	01.06.2016
10	Sylbester Xalxo	Baradurgapur	Director of SFS School	01.06.2016
11	Rakesh Kerketta	Barardurgapur	School Principal, Asst Parish Priest, Boarding Director	01.06.2016
12	Jose Mudavan	CIDCO	Parish Priest and Superior	01.06.2016
13	Philip Mala	Nimkheda	Parish Priest, and Manager, SFS School, Nimkheda	01.06.2016
14	Gijo Francis V	Panderpalli	Asst Parish Priest, Boarding-in-charge	01.06.2016
15	John Peter P	Kandore	Asst Parish Priest, School Staff, Local Bursar	01.06.2016
16	Lijohn K Jose	Khamgaon	Asst Parish Priest, Priest-in-charge Buldana, Local Bursar	01.06.2016
17	Yesudas I	Ambapani	Local Bursar, Asst Parish Priest.	01.06.2016
18	Albin Joseph V	Darkona	Local bursar, Asst Priest-in-Charge	01.06.2016
19	Jomon Mathew	Neemuch	Asst Parish Priest, School Office Administrator, Staff.	01.06.2016
20	John Ruptake	Raidihi	Asst Parish Priest and Local Bursar, School Staff	01.06.2016
21	Vishwas Torne	Neemuch.	Superior, Parish Priest, Manager and School Staff	01.06.2016
22	Henry Peter	Jalna	Vice Principal, Local Bursar, Asst Parish Priest, BEd Studies, In-charge of Sub-Centres	01.06.2016
23	Ramesh Damala	Jhajjar	Office Administrator, Chaplain Jhajjar.	01.06.2016
24	George Kurickal	Mermier Sadan	Superior	01.06.2016
25	Peter Kujur	Vinay Sadan	Superior	01.06.2016
26	Scaria Kadamkulam	Jalna	Superior, Parish Priest, Manager of the School	01.06.2016
27	Sudhir Kujur	Vinay Sadan, Delhi	School Supervisor	01.06.2016
28	Sandeep Tirkey	Latapara	Full time vocation Promoter	01.06.2016
29	Richard Tirkey	Pabura	Asst Priest-in-Charge	01.06.2016
30	Emil Tirkey	Sini	Parish Priest, Manager, St. Xavier's School, Sini	01.06.2016
31	Hilarus Tirkey	Pabura	Priest-in-Charge, Superior	01.06.2016
32	Joe Denis	Bhusawal	Parish Priest	01.06.2016
33	Amal Raju	Jhajjar	Vice Principal	01.06.2016
34	Selbester Kullu	Sini	Superior	01.06.2016
35	Christu Raj	Seraikela	Vice Principal, Local Superior	01.06.2016
36	Barnabas Xalxo	Mannarkkad	Staff, Accounting Assistant, Spiritual Director	01.06.2016
37	Patras Tirkey	St John's	Local Superior	01.06.2016

38	Anson Kaliyath	Seraikela	Office Administrator, Chaplain to Catholic Community	01.06.2016
39	Arun P	MSFS Provincialate	Superior	01.06.2016
40	Joseph Platho	Suvidya	Spiritual Director	01.06.2016
41	John Dive	FTI, Aurangabad	Superior, Workshop Manager, Jalna Property Case In-charge	01.06.2016
42	Rijo Mechery	Badnera	School Office Administrator, Asst Parish Priest	01.06.2016
43	Issac Mankulathil	MSFS Provincialate	Higher Studies PhD in Christ University, (SJTIE Manager Temporarily) Bangalore	01.06.2016
44	Domy Vallomkunnel	MSFS Provincialate	Doctorate in Rome	01.06.2016
45	Christopher Lakra	Pandripalli	Superior	01.06.2016
46	Joseph Arulraj	Prakash Bhavan	Pastoral Service in the Diocese of Sultanpet	01.06.2016
47	Arun Kumar Ekka	Latapara	Local Bursar, Staff	01.06.2016
48	Shantwan Khutekar	Bhusawal	Superior, Secretary to Trust	01.06.2016

The appointment letters shall be sent shortly along with handing over forms, bank resolutions appointment letters for civil purposes for the respective societies. The extra copy of the appointment letter of the local superior is to be displayed on the notice board for the information of the community members. Kindly feel free to contact communities and fix up the dates of joining, farewell, etc. I thank you dear confreres for your joyful availability for the mission of the Lord.

Provincial Delegate for Handing Over

Name of the Place	Provincial Delegate	Responsibilities
CIDCO	Fr. Pius Gonsalves	Superior and Parish
Jalna	Fr. Oscar Kujur	Superior and Manager, Office Administrator
Mermier Sadan	Fr. Peter Dominic	Superior
Kandor	Fr. Sylbester Xalxo	Superior, Local Bursar, Parish
Nimkheda	Fr. Patras Tirkey	Superior, Principal, Manger and Parish
SFS School, Delhi	Fr. Lajarus Soreng	Superior
St. John's School	Fr. George Kurickal	Superior and Office Administrator
SFS School, Seraikela	Fr. Silbester Kullu	Superior and Manager
Raidihi	Fr. Ramesh Damala	Local Bursar
Panderpalli	Fr. Issac Mankulathil	Superior
MSFS Provincialate	Fr. Patras Tirkey	Superior

Appointment of Regents: Amit Tirkey - Provincialate, Ashok Tigga – Khamgaon, Devasish Barla – Kinwat, Sanjay Lakra – Mermier Sadan, Udit Kujur – Prakash Bhavan, (Vishal Barse - Moz).

Scholastics approved for Renewal of Vows and promoted to the next stage of formation by the Provincial Administration for the year 2016 - 2017

Admission to Novitiate: Amal John, Bimal Topno, Abhijit Bhengra, Lambert Ekka, Saijin Benny, Amrit Lakra, Prince Jose, Suresh Guria,
(Joao Xavier Fernando, Luis Ardrew Manuel, Zito Americo (Moz) - Subject to approval)

Approved for First Profession and 1st year Philosophy: Sanjit Tigga, Jagadish Tete, Albin Baby, Anup Tigga, Biraj Minz, Lona Christian, Nevin Tete, Roshan Minz, Febin Tom, Clement Antony, Lucas Alelino (Moz) – Subject to approval).

Approved for Renewal of Vows and 2nd year Philosophy: Amrit Kujur, Anoop Francis, Benedict John, Emmanuel Mullick, Pramod Kerketta, Suraj Ekka, Theodore Ekka.

Approved for Renewal of Vows and 3rd year Philosophy: Battula Kalyan, Gollapudi Joseph, Rajat Kumar Digal, Romi Roy, Ruban Gilbert, Sameer Minz, Sebastian Minz, Sunil Xess, Desiderio Joao (Moz) – Subject to approval).

Approved for Renewal of Vows and 2nd year Mph: Augusto Antonio, (Moz)

Approved for Renewal of Vows and 1st year Theology: Sujit Minj, Deepak Baa, Santosh Kumar, Ajay Lakra, Anish Devasyakutty, (Linus Joseph, Poomagan Sensuslass, Goma Moises - Moz).

Approved for Renewal of Vows and 2nd year Theology: Anto Deepak, Manu Joseph, Vinayanand Katru, Roshan Tigga, (Rajendra Toppo - Moz)

Approved for Renewal of Vows and 3rd year Theology: Anil Pandit, Jimmy Kallarakkal

Approved for Fourth Year Theology: Anto Mappilakunnel, S. Yobu Melkie Sadhek, Jnanamani Simon, (Ranjit Lakra - Moz).

Parish Mission Preaching Team of the Province: Frs. Joseph kailamangalam, Marcus Ruptake, Christopher Lakra, Cyprian Dungdung, Vincent Minj, William Antony and Henry Peter.

Study team for St Joseph Technical Institute of Professional Education: Frs. William Antony, Issac Mankulathil and Antony Amaladoss.

New Priests in Different Forums

Education Forum: Fr. Lalji George, Fr. Gijo Francis, Fr. Albin Joseph, Fr. I Yesudas

Formation Forum: Fr. Jomon Mathew, Sandeep Tirkiey

Mission Forum: Fr. John Ruptake, Fr. John Peter

Innovative Forum: Fr. Lijohn K Jose

Apostolic Community New Convenors and Secretaries

Nagpur Apostolic Community Convenor: Muthuswamy,

Bhusawal Apostolic Community Convenor: Joseph Kailamangalam, **Secretary:** Rijo Mechery

Aurangabad Apostolic Community Secretary: Henry Peter

Kandor Apostolic Community Secretary: John Peter

Important Dates

18th April 2016 to 28th April 2016: Asst General Meets Nagpur Apostolic Communities

04th August to 6th August 2016: On-going Formation Group I

22nd September 24th September 2016: On-going Formation Group II

28th Oct to 1st November 2016: First Group Retreat

27th Dec to 31st December 2016: Second Group Retreat

01st July to 3rd July 2016: Tally Course for following confreres in the Provincial House: Fr. Lalji George, Fr. Jomon Mathew, Fr. Gijo Francis, Fr. John Ruptake, Fr. Albin Joseph, Fr. Lijohn K Jose, Fr. John Peter, Fr. I Yesudas, Rakesh Kerketta, Nobit K, Arun Kumar Ekka (Kindly book your tickets). Others are encouraged to join if interested.

New Phone No: Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello: (Hyd. No): 703 289 5032; (Mum No): 845 203 2567

On-Going Formation:

Group - I

Lalji George, Jomon Mathew, Gijo Francis, John Ruptake, Albin Joseph, Lijohn K Jose, John Peter, I Yesudass, John Britto Muthuswamy, Shantwan Khutekar, Austin Correa, Philip Malaparambil, William Antony, Henry Peter, Scaria Kadamkulam, Antony Chalakkal, Pius Gonsalves, Melroy Almeida, PC Paul, Sayu Cheruvil, John Parkhe, Michael Toppo, Nobit K, Barnabas Xalxo, Charles Porimattathil, David Paul, Mickey D'Souza, Cyriac Velikettel, Anand Kullu, Mickey Delgado, Joseph Kalekattil, Patras Tirkey, Telesfor Lakra, Jacob Karamakuzhyil, Domy Vallomkunnel, Issac Mankulathil, Simplicio Rocha, Rakesh Kerketta, Kailas Hivale, Silbester Kullu, Antony Amaladoss, Anson Kaliyath, Allan Gonsalves, Cyprian Dung dung, Richard Tirkey, Amal Raju B, Ambrose Minj, Vishwas Torne, Thomas Vadakumpadam, PM Joseph, Daniel Bara, Anil George, Emmanuel Vattamattam, Michael Raj, Solomon Sahayaraj, Robin Parapuram, Marianus Kujur, Francis Venmenikattayil Stephen Soares, Mathews Kodamullil, Henry Nedumkallel, Georgekutty, Rajesh Jayaseelan, Raju Minj, Petrus Kullu, Vineesh Thomas, L Yesudoss, Anto Varghese, Jinoy Kopyl, Ashok Minz, Thomas Kuttiankal, Sebastian Annaikandathil.

Group – II

Wilson Abraham, Peter Dominic, Raphael Xalxo, Arun P, T P Joseph, George Kurickal, Joseph Plathottam, Kulandai Raj, Jose Parampukattil, Saiju Vettukallel, Pradeep Tirkey, Deepak Kindo, John Carvalho, Bosco P, Ignatius D'Costa, Joseph Kailamangalam, Rijo Mechery, Joe Denis, Peter Paul, Marcus Ruptake, Paul Varambinakam, Joseph Arulraj, Ignathi Kshirsagar, Benedict De Souza, Manoj Tirkey, Lazarus Soreng, Peter Kujur, Ramesh Damala, Christu Raj, Emil Tirkey, Sylbester Xalxo, Kamil Tete, Sudhir Kujur, Arun Kumar Ekka, Vincent Minj, Christopher Lakra, Bijay Kerketta, Sandeep Tirkey, Hilarus Tirkey, Oscar Kujur, Shijumon Mangalath, John Dive, Joseph Mudavankunnel, Ranjit Tirkey, Paul Gonsalves, Jins Karakadayil, Jijo Punchayil, Aajo Therully, Peter Thomas, lalit Tigga, Vincent Chettiar, Alphonse Arockiaswamy, Marianus Kerketta, Rajesh Lugun, Ashok Antony, Anish George.

Silver Jubilarians



Fr. Correia Austin Xavier was born to A.G.A. Rusarinho and Leonild on 23.12.1964 at Aldona and baptised on 10.01.1965 and Confirmed on 05.02.1979 at St. Thomas Church, Aldona, Goa. He did his elementary schooling at St. Thomas Boys Primary School from 1969-1974 and secondary education at St. Thomas Boys High School from 1974-1980. He completed his philosophy 1983-85 and theology from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth from 1988 to 91 and MTH at JDV from 1992-1995. He did a year of regency at Kurla in the year 1985-1988. He entered the novitiate at Belgaum on 14.06.1982 and made his first profession on 14.06.1983 and final profession on 01.12.1990 at Kurla, Bombay. He was ordained a priest on 23.04.1992. He has worked at Tuman, Khamgaon, Mandvi, Kendal, Pandripalli, Latapara, St. John's Community, Manarkkad presently he is at Mermier Sadan, Nagpur.



Fr. Francis Venmenikattayil was born to Sebastian and Mary on 28.05.1964 at Kuravilangad and baptised at Nazareth Hill Holy Family Church, Kuravilangad. He was confirmed on 16.07.1978 in the same church. He did his elementary schooling at Govt. LP School, Kalathoor and secondary education at De Paul English Medium H.S. Nazareth Hill from 1972 to 1978. He completed his philosophy 1983-1985 and theology 1988-1991 from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth. He did a year of regency at FTI, and completed his Diploma in Industrial Electronics in MIT,

Aurangabad in 1985-1988. He entered the novitiate at Belgaum from 14.06.1982 and made his first profession on 14.06.1983 and final profession on 01.12.1990 at Kurla, Bombay. He was ordained a priest on 12.05.1992. He has worked at Badnera, Nagpur, Germany and presently he is in Switzerland.



Fr. John Britto Muthuswamy was born to Thirumalai Swamy and Kulandanmmal on 27.12.1960 at Vallakundapuram and baptised and confirmed on 15.02.1977 at St. Joseph's Church, Porlur. He did his elementary schooling at Valla Kundapuram and secondary education at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Dharapuram. He completed his philosophy 1982 – 1985 and theology 1988 – 1991 from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth from 1982 to 1990. He did his regency at Kristu Niketan, Jalgaon and St. Mary's School from 1985 to 1988. He entered the novitiate at Visakhapatnam on 06.06.1981 and made his first profession on 10.06.1982 and final profession on 01.12.1990 at Kurla, Bombay. He was ordained a priest on 06.05.1992. He has worked at Jalna, Nanded, Nagpur and presently he is at Seraikela, Jharkhand.



Fr. Khutekar Daniel Shantwan was born to Shankar and Jayabai on 16.02.1959 at Gevrai and baptised on 16.03.1959 at Gevrai. He was confirmed on 26.01.1982 at St. Thomas Church, Aldona, Goa. He did his elementary schooling at Holy Cross H.S., Shevgaon from 1969-1974, and secondary education at Chatralaya H.S. Shevgaon from 1977 to 1979. He completed his philosophy in the year 1983 – 1985 and theology from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth from 1988 to 1991. He did his regency at St. Thomas H.School, Aldona and St. Francis Xavier's High School, Siolim, Goa from 1985-1988. He entered the novitiate at Belgaum on 14.06.1982 and made his first profession on 14.06.1983 and final profession on 01.12.1990 at Kurla, Bombay. He was ordained a priest on 04.04.1992 at Pimpalwadi, Paithan. He has worked at Khamgaon, Mandvi, Kandel, Dhyansharam, Buldana Vidya Sadan, Sini-Seraikela, Kandor, and presently he is at Bhusawal.



Fr. Philip Malaparambil was born to Simon and Annamma on 12.02.1959 at Nattassery and baptised on 22.12.1959 at Sacred Heart Mount Church, Nattassery and confirmed on 18.02.1973 at St. George's Church, Thazathangady, Kerala. He did his elementary schooling at St. Michaelines L.P. School, and his secondary education at Sacred Heart Mount H.School, Nattassery. He completed his philosophy 1983-1985 and theology 1988-1991 at Jnana Deep Vidyapeeth, Pune. He did his regency at Fransalian Home, Aldona, Goa, from 1986-1988. He entered Novitiate on 01.06.1984 and made his first profession on 02.06.1985 at Belgaum and final profession on 01.12.1990 at Kurla, Pune. He was ordained a priest on 08.05.1992 at Sacred Heart Mount Church, Nattassery, Kottayam. He has worked at Delhi, Sini- Seraikella, Bhusawal, and presently he is at Neemach.

Our Sincere appreciations/thanks/congratulations to:

Fr. Christopher Lakra, the Parish Priest of Pandripalli, for organizing three days Charismatic retreats in all 6 sub-centres besides Pandripalli Parish. It was a hectic program extending 21 days organized in spiritual preparation to enhance Lenten preparations. All our Confreres from Odisha assisted especially for hearing confession.

Frs. Joseph Kailamangalam, Marcus Ruptake, and Vincent Minj who organized the special Lenten retreat to the Parishioners of Ambapani where Fr. Bijay Kerketta is the Parish Priest. So as to encourage greater participation of the faithful, two days each programs were conducted in four sub-centres.

Fr. Issac Mankulathil preached a five days' retreat to deacons of Pallotines of Central Province at MSFS Provincial House. The retreat was well appreciated by the deacons. Fr. Issac has written the National Eligibility Test (NET) and result is awaited.

Fr. Anil George, Principal of Delhi School, managed to do a study of extra space availability in Delhi School building and made ten class rooms in the existing building to run the evening shift in the morning hours without any new construction to resolve the problem of segregation of the poor students. **Fr. Saiju Vettukallel** was instrumental in the planning of these class rooms, wasting of space is minimized and maximum building is utilized. Construction is required for the needs but at times we copy other institutions without any critical assessments.

Fr. Domy Vellomkunnel is all set to do his Doctorate in Rome has completed his one German course in Pune and secured good percentage of marks. Fr. Domy has been making all enquiries and follow-up on his own without being dependent on any one. He will also do a month of Italian language study in preparation for his Doctorate in Rome. If he completes all these preliminary courses in India, it becomes all the easier and less expensive to begin his studies in Rome.

Fr. Sylbester Xalxo organized a three-day retreat for Baradurgapur Parishioners. It is first of its kind ever since it is erected into a Quasi-Parish. A well-known Jesuit priest was arranged for conducting this special program to prepare them for the Lenten season.

Fr. Sandeep Tirkey is in the first year of Priestly life preached a day's recollection for the diocesan clergy of Ambikapur Diocese. Fr. Sandeep also conducted half day orientation program for the diocesan religious clergy prior to Christ Mass.

Fr. Henry Peter priest in charge for St John's Mass centre prepared a documentary on **Mother Marie Gertrude**, co-founder of SMMI Sisters. The documentary was released on 18th March 2016 on their Founder's Day 111th Death Anniversary. Fr. Henry was publically felicitated. Bro. Sujit Minj who is the regent in Mermier Sadan also assisted him for the preparation of the same.

Fr. Arun P, the editor of Province Magazine Tarang has been instrumental in bringing out all the issues as per the prescribed dates and month. The next issue is going to be dedicated to our Mozambique Mission. All parishes, communities and institutions should cooperate with him as the Magazine will give lots of information and shall enhance our bond as a Province.

Fr. Joseph Plathottam, the Superior of Provincial House Community, is a very exemplary person in many areas of life. Hard manual labor and all the house maintenance works, he does personally and very joyfully without making any publicity. A vegetable garden is being developed on the terrace of the Provincial House. He is an example of regularity, hard work and commitment to vowed life. He works along with the gardeners, his transfer will definitely affect the Provincial House; however, we need to make sacrifice for the common formation house at Bangalore. We will really miss him for next year.

Fr. Bijay Kerketta, the Parish Priest of Ambapani is coordinating with the Bishop of Simdega for starting our Mission Centre in the diocese. He is monitoring the renovation of a school building for the accommodation of our two members in Pabura. He will visit from time to time to get this place ready for our Confreres before June 2016.

Fr. John Britto Muthuswamy who had processed the paper work as Principal of St. John's School for change of the medium of instruction for the Hindi Section. It has borne fruits as now this section is granted Semi-English status which would mean that mathematics and science will be taught in English. This would minimize the fall of admissions in Hindi section. He had also challenged the order of the education department to appoint a staff from the minority community to St. John's School. This would

have infringed our right to establish and administer the educational institutions. The judgment is in our favor. There was another case against not giving information under Right to Information Act which was also adjudged in our favor.

Appointment

Fr. Benedict De Souza is appointed Vicar of the Province during my absence in view of my visitation to USA from 02nd April to 24th April 2016 and then again when I leave for Africa on 04th May and return on 02nd June 2016.

Let us pray for:

Fr. Kurian Chmpalakunnel aged 78, passed away on 17th March 2016
Fr. William John D’Silva (Provincial Councilor) aged 62 died on 21st March 2016, due to massive heart attack.
 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 their souls Rest in Peace.
Dn. Melky’s father Mr. Selvaraj aged 57, died on 27th Feb 2016.
Fr. Saiju’s grandmother Elikutty Sbastian aged 83, died on 05th March 2016
Fr. Arun P’s uncle Mr. Varghese aged 67, died on 05th March 2016.

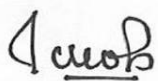
Provincial’s Itinerary

April 2016			
03.04.2016	USA	06.06.2016	Delhi
15.04.2016	England	08.06.2016	Nagpur
24.04.2016	India	11.06.2016	Bangalore
27.04.2016	Provincial Curia meets ASG.	14.06.2016	Home Visit
		26.06.2016	Nagpur
		29.06.2016	PCM
		30.06.2016	PCM
May 2016			
05.05.2016	Arusha		
24.05.2016	Mozambique		
June 2016		July 2016	
01.06.2016	Nagpur	09.07.2016	Nimkheda
04.06.2016	10 th Death Anniversary of Bro. ET Joseph	10.07.2016	Nimkheda
		11.07.2016	St. John’s Community
			August 2016
		12.07.2016	St. John’s Community
		13.07.2016	Mermier Sadan
		14.07.2016	Mermier Sadan
		24.07.2016	Darkona
		25.07.2016	Darkona
		26.07.2016	Pabura
		27.07.2016	Pabura
		30.07.2016	Kandore
		31.07.2016	Kandore
		01.08.2016	Baradurgapur
		02.08.2016	Baradurgapur
		04.08.2016	Nagpur

Salesian Thought

The one who can preserve gentleness in the mist of sorrows and sufferings and peace in the midst of the multiplicity and busyness of affairs – that person is almost perfect. **St. Francis de Sales**

Yours Sincerely in Christ



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 Provincial Superior