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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

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My Dear Confreres



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

We are at the threshold of celebrating the Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection which is the Mother of all Christian Feasts because it simply vindicated our faith in Christ. It made truth to triumph over falsehood and justice over injustice. It goes without saying if we come across any innocent person who was abused assaulted, kidnapped and tortured by unruly and wicked people, and then he suddenly triumphs over his persecutors by becoming the rallying point in terms of honour and reverence for the multitude, what a great feeling it would be for those who had great love and faith for that person. This was the feeling experienced by those who loved Jesus after his resurrection. People whom he loved crucified him and got a thief called Barnabas released. All what happened on that sad Friday was a tragic incident of betrayal, lies, dishonesty, and ruthless violence against a helpless victim who desired

nothing bad, plotted against none, and yet faced the death of a hard core criminal. If that was the end of the story it would have been a sad ending with no consequences of serious nature. The chapter that followed brought life to his followers to live and die for his mission. In that chapter we saw him rise in glory and majesty. This resurrection of Christ gave the needed impetus to the missionary activities of apostles. They asked the faithful to rise like Christ into newness of life from nakedness and peril to life everlasting. Jesus' victory over death is the basis of our hope in our own resurrection. Our attendance at Easter vigil service should give us the redemptive experience of Christ passing from death to life and the saving power of the risen lord. If we have strayed by sinfulness, hatred or anything antithetical to God's ways, it is time that through faith in the risen lord we find new life and meaning of love and express it concretely.

I wish all of you dear confreres a happy Easter. May the resurrected lord be the source of our own resurrection, from the sinful state of life, from decadence of indifference, lovelessness, apathy and unconcern?



Archbishop Abraham exhorts to promote Human Dignity and Justice at the Jubilee Year.

As part of the Jubilee Year of 125 years, the Archdiocese of Nagpur is planning celebrations in different levels. Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara has taken this occasion to instil the spirit promoting human dignity, justice and equality by constructing 125 houses for the homeless. An appeal to enlist the participation of one and all by the Archbishop was circulated for providing dwellings for the homeless. He wrote in the Appeal "through this exhortation I would like to raise your sensibilities to understand the needs of the less privileged so as to enable you to transcend to the realm of the divine." MSFS Fathers having

closely associated historically with the Archdiocese of Nagpur are, indeed, delighted to participate in

the Jubilee Celebrations. We offer our hearty felicitations to the Archbishop and the Diocesan Clergy on this occasion of celebrating one hundred and twenty-five years of the jubilee of the foundation of the Diocese. God bless the Archdiocese of Nagpur.

Fr. Thomas Thoomkuzhy MSFS is laid to rest in Switzerland

Fr. Thomas Thoomkuzhy (known as Fr. T.T. Thomas) died in the old age home Gerbe in Einsiedeln on 6th March. The funeral took place on 12th March as per his desire in the parish of Rueschlikon where he worked from 1990 to 2007. The funeral service in the Syro-Malabar rite began in the cemetery in Rueschlikon near Zürich, presided by the brother priest of Fr. Thomas who came all the way from USA to join the funeral and two other Indian priests working here and the present parish priest of Rueschlikon. The service was attended by many Indians, specially from Kerala, in Switzerland and a number of parishioners of Rueschlikon. The Bishop emeritus of Chur Amedee Grab was also present at the cemetery. Fr. Vincent Lourdusamy spoke in the cemetery in the presence of Fr. General Agnelo Fernandes and a number of MSFS confreres from Switzerland and Germany. The service in the Cemetery was followed by the Eucharistic celebration in the latin rite in German in the parish church presided by the Bishop Emeritus Amedee Grab and concelebrated by Fr. General Agnelo Fernandes, Fr. Provincial Vincent Lourdusamy and in all 30 Priests both MSFS and other Indian priests and a number of local priests.

Fr. General Fr. Agnelo Fernandes MSFS gave a message which was translated by Fr. Francis Venmenikattayil. Fr. Cyriac spoke of the significant events and aspects in the life of Fr. Thomas. Fr. Sunny gave the vote of thanks to all those who helped in the organisation of the funeral. Special mention was made of the present parish priest of Rueschlikon Fr Josip who spared no efforts to organise the funeral of his predecessor. Bishop Emeritus preached the homily highlighting the role of priests as good shepherd. He became so sentimental that he wept during the homily.

After the Eucharistic celebration there was an agape for all those present and a lunch for the guests from outside. A worthy funeral was celebrated for our departed confrere who wished that he be buried in the parish where he served for so many years. A large number of people who came for the funeral were sign of recognition for his services in this parish. I mention with gratitude the hard work put in by Fr. Sunny and Fr. Cyriac for the funeral service. **By Fr Francis Venmenikattayil MSFS**

SFS School, Janakpuri, remembers its Founder Director Fr TT Thomas.



On 7th March when I entered the reception area there was a lamp lit and on closer look I realized that Rev Fr. Thomas Thoomkuzhy was no more. The first thought that struck me was, that in this same place, 35 years ago Rev Fr. Thomas, Rev Fr. Agnelo, myself and a few others were witness to the first lamp of the school being lit on its inauguration. I can never forget the joy, the contentment on Father's face on the accomplishment of such a mammoth task he had undertaken, to make this wonderful institution called SFS School. Every brick that has gone into making this institution was placed under his supervision and with utmost love and care. He was a great visionary, a man who lived ahead of his time. He had visualized that in years to come information technology would be a part of education and he had a T.V set installed in every class room and also set up the close circuit T.V system unknown to anyone at that time. The non-formal section in SFS was his creation and SFS proudly called itself a formal and non-formal institution -- a concept not known then. Fr. Thomas was a man firm and strong--willed yet at

the same time loving, caring and benevolent. We were all very young -- just beginning our new lives with so many struggles and problems. But we had a fatherly hand on us, who was so concerned, and caring. His personal touch was seen in everything--be it the flowers in the garden, the corridors, the desks, the benches the teachers and or the students. Even today one cannot forget that tall, confident

man with a regal gait, with the most pleasant smile and an encouraging word to make you move ahead. Knowingly and unknowingly, we imbibed a lot from his qualities and we are grateful to the Lord Almighty for sending Fr. Thomas amidst us. People like him leave foot-prints on the sands of time for us to follow. Let us continue to be inspired by this great person who is no more with us. May his soul rest in peace..

Ms. Asha Bali, TGTScience, SFS

News from Himayatnagar



Here in Himayatnagar after few years gap once again we began to get the services of Charity sisters once in a month to distribute the medicines to the poor local people in our dispensary. Last month we served nearly 120 people. And on 7th of this month we could render our services to the localities around 200. We are extremely grateful to Missionaries of Charity sisters for accepting our invitation to come here and help our poor people every month.

Fr. Amalraju msfs



Charismatic Retreat in Panderpalli:

St. Francis De Sales Church Panderpalli had organized three days of Charismatic Retreat from 06th March to 08th March 2012 which was conducted by Rev. Fr. Premprasad IMS Ranchi, Rev.Fr. Kumar Xaxa, Simdega and Mr. Rajen Samuel, Jabalpur. There were more than thousand people participated in this renewal programme. People came from far and wide and experienced the inner healing. It was in preparation for the lenten season and Easter. People were happy and appreciated the retreat **Fr. Bijay Kerketta MSFS**

Innovative Ministry Forum Meeting was held on 28th February 2012, with the participation of Fr Jacob Karamakuzhiyil, the Provincial, Fr. Noel Rebello, General Councillor, Fr Francis Mulackal, the Director of Bal Ashram Navi Mumbai, and Fr Daiy Sebastian, the Rector of Fransalian Seminary, and Sr Sangeetha Pereira SCC (Holy Cross). Fr Francis Mulackal, spoke of his ministry of rag-pickers, the difficulties he faced in his work of caring for the under-privileged. Fr Daiy Sebastian shared how he could transform an entire village of Kadgaon saying that if we are with them and for them we can make them better persons and they would not feel that they are neglected. Sr Sangeetha spoke of emerging challenges in society and stressed the importance of inter-religious dialogue to bring together of all faiths especially the poor. Fr. Jacob, the Provincial, provided his insight based on Isaac Newton's Law of 'action and reaction' when he said that opportunities are there for us to think and act in our areas of ministries. We need to read the signs of the times and be creative in inventing new approaches and methods of evangelisation and ministry. The meeting ended with Eucharistic Celebration presided by the Provincial.

Fr Joseph Kailamangalam MSFS

Education Forum Meeting was held on 19th and 20th February 2012 at Sini-Seraikela with 17 confreres in attendance together with Rev. Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhiyil, the Provincial, and Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil, the General Councilor. The Provincial made pertinent observation with regard to constant up-dating of one's knowledge of rules and regulation, the Principal being a Head Teacher and actively taking classes, the Principal being a planner of curricular and co-curricular activities, in

effect, the Principal being an animator. The inputs given by the Provincial were matters of discussion. In the following day after the Eucharistic Celebration and breakfast in Seraikela the members of the forum gathered for the input sessions. Fr George Parampukattil gave the key note address followed by the input sessions on personal leadership, Academic Leadership, and organisational leadership was conducted by the Group from Calcutta. Forum members raised questions like the criteria of sending students for Bed studies, It was the collective feeling that it should be done on merit and not on any other consideration. The schools accepted the proposals of Fr Jacob to give free ship to Catholic Students if the catholic children in the school are below 10%. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Fr Manoj Tirkey.

Priests' Residence cum Pre-Primary Building in Jhajjar was inaugurated on 9th March



2012 by Rev. Fr. Jacob Karamkuzhiyil MSFS, Provincial of Nagpur and blessed by Rt. Rev. Franco Mullakkal, Auxiliary Bishop of Delhi Archdiocese in the presence of MSFS Fathers, Sisters, well-wishers, teachers and students. Bishop Franco said that everything is for the glory of God. Once, this place was the land of cultivation and now it is the cultivation of education. Many children from this area will receive good education. It is the vision, mission and dream of Fr. Jacob Karamkuzhiyil. His hard work and challenging tasks are yielding fruits.

Bro Vinayanand MSFS

Transfers and Appointments

My dear confreres, as the result of our collective discernment with the Provincial Administration, some of you are on transfer. Religious life do not make us to cling to any particular place, job or assignment permanently. We are called to make our services available joyfully wherever it is required. On behalf of our Province, I express my gratitude to each one of you for the service you rendered to the place from where now you move to another place. Your dedication and whole-hearted commitment to the new task entrusted to you is imperative for effective ministry and mission in the best interest of the Church and people. Remember, there are no full stops in our ministry and mission but only commas. We do not approach our work by likes, dislikes, aversion but to love for God and his mission. I want to share with you a poem that I came across in the recent past.

All that is gold does not glitter,
 Not all those who wander are lost;
 The old that is strong does not wither,
 Deep roots are not reached by the frost.

From the ashes a fire shall be woken,
 A light from the shadows shall spring;
 Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
 The crownless again shall be king.

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien

Appointments & Transfers 2012

S. No	Name of Confreres	Community of Appointment	Responsibilites Assigned	W.E.F.
1	Gonsalves Pius	Fransalian House, CIDCO	Designated to be appointed Asst Parish Priest St John the Evangelist Church, CIDCO. Supervisor - Deep Community Centre and Gymnasium	01.06.2012
2	Pullopillil Joseph	Prakash Bhavan, Mannarkad	Rector, Prakash Bhavan, Mannarkad	01.06.2012
3	Vattamattam Emmanuel	Vinay Sadan, Janakpuri	Superior, Vinay Sadan, Janakpuri. Director, SFS School, Janakpuri	01.06.2012
4	Vadakumpadam Thomas	Fransalian House, Panderpalli	Superior, Fransalian House. Designated to be appointed Parish Priest, SFS Church, Panderpalli.	01.06.2012
5	Denis Joseph	Fransalian House, Nagpur	Infra-structure In-charge, Mermier School, Nagpur	01.06.2012
6	Almeida Melroy	Fransalian Sadan, Nanded	Principal, Gyan Mata Vidya Vihar, Nanded; Vice President of FES Nanded & St. Francis Society, Nanded	01.06.2012
7	Parambukattil Jose	Mermier Sadan, Nagpur	Superior, Mermier Sadan; Manager Mermier School, Nagpur.	01.06.2012
8	Tirkey Emil	Fransalian House, Nimach	Superior, Fransalian House; Manager, SFS School, and designated to be appointed Parish Priest, Holy Redeemer Church, Nimach.	01.06.2012
9	Xalxo Barnabas	Fransalian House, Badnera	Designated to be appointed Parish Priest, St John the Evangelist Church, Badnera.	01.06.2012
10	Tirkey Richard	Fransalian House, Sini	Priest-in-Charge, Sini. Designated to be appointed Parish Priest, Our Lady of Nativity Church, Sini	01.06.2012
11	Cheruvil Sayu	Fransalian House, Badnera	Superior, Fransalian House. Principal, SFS School. Designated to be appointed Asst Parish Priest, St John the Evangelist Church. Secretary, Fransalian Vikas Society, Badnera.	01.06.2012
12	Kujur Oscar	Fransalian House, CIDCO	Superior Fransalian House. Designated to be appointed Parish Priest, St John the Evangelist Church, CIDCO. Secretary, Deep Society. Director, Deep Community Centre.	01.06.2012
13	Muthuswamy John	St John's, Nagpur	Principal, Mermier School, Nagpur	01.06.2012
14	Paul Peter	MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur	Local Bursar; SJTI Computer Department In-charge	01.06.2012
15	Joseph Kailamangalam	Fransalian House, Khamgaon	Designated to be appointed Parish Priest, Buldana	01.06.2012
16	Parkhe John	Fransalian House, Kothari	Staff Member, SFS School Kothari	01.06.2012

17	Tirkey Manoj	Fransalian Home, Jhajjar	Superior, Fransalian Home; Principal, SFS School, Jhajjar; Priest-in-Charge DFS Project, Jhajjar. Chaplain of Catholic Community, Jhajjar	01.06.2012
18	Mangalath Shijumon	Fransalian House, Seraikela	Superior, Sini-Seraikella Mission	01.06.2012
19	Kerketta Bijay	Fransalian House, Ambapani	Superior. Designated to be appointed Parish Priest, St Joseph Church, Ambapani. Social Work Coordinator, Ambapani	01.06.2012
20	Kulandai Raj	Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara	Superior & Rector, Divyajyoti Ashram. Coordinator Social Work Activities. Secretary of proposed Odisha Society	01.06.2012
21	Ozhakanakuzhiyil Anil	Vinay Sadan, Janakpuri	Principal, SFS School. Vice-President, FES. Secretary, DFS.	01.06.2012
22	Tirkey Pradeep	Fransalian House, Panderpalli	Designated to be appointed Asst Parish Priest, SFS Church, Panderpalli; Chief Co-ordinator Odisha Educational and Social Developmental Program; and Director of Boarding.	01.06.2012
23	Tirkey Patras	Fransalian Home, Jalna	Vice Principal, St. Mary' School; Local Bursar; Designated to be appointed Asst Parish Priest, St Mary's Church, Jalna	01.06.2012
24	Anthony Amaldoss	Vinay Sadan, Janakpuri	Vice Principal, SFS School, Janakpuri	01.06.2012
25	P. Bosco	Dhyanashram, Varanasi	Socius & Minister, Dhyanasharam, Varanasi.	01.06.2012
26	Soreng Lajarus	Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara	Completion of LLB final year. Staff, Divya Jyoti Ashram. Chief Coordinator, Odisha Vocation Promotion. Chief Coordinator SFS Youth Odisha.	01.06.2012
27	Kindo Deepak	Fransalian House, Kothari	Vice-Principal, St. Mary's School, Kothari; Local Bursar, Kothari; Designated to be appointed Asst. Priest-in-charge.	01.06.2012
28	Kujur Peter	Fransalian Sadan, Nanded	Vice Principal, Gyan Mata Vidya Vihar, Nanded; Local Bursar; Asst Parish Priest of St. Francis Church, Nanded.	01.06.2012
29	Kullu Silbester	Fransalian House, Mahima	Staff Member, SFS School, Janakpuri	01.06.2012
30	Kshirsagar Ignathi	Fransalian House, Jhajjar	Project-in-charge, Home for the Homeless, Jhajjar	01.06.2012
31	Bandanadam Amalraju	Fransalian House, Himayatnagar	Secretary, Fransalian Seva Kendra, Kinwat	01.06.2012
32	Kullu Anand	Fransalian House, Raidhi	Children's Educational Projects, Odisha.	01.06.2012
33	Christhu Raj	Fransalian Ashram, Khamgaon	Designated to be appointed Asst. Parish Priest, Buldana	01.06.2012
34	Kiro Kuldeep	Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara	Minister, Divyajyoti Ashram Latapara. Diaconate Ministry, SFS Church Panderpalli. Teaching Staff, Divyajyoti Ashram Latapara	01.06.2012
35	Chettiar Vincent	Mermier Sadan Nagpur	Office In Charge, Mermier School, Nagpur	01.06.2012

NOTE. The appointment letters shall be sent shortly along with handing over forms. 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. All principals and the society heads will be given separate appointment letters meant for government departments besides the ecclesiastical one.

The Provincial Council approved the following Scholastics for renewal of vows for the Year 2012-2013:

3rd Year Theology: Aajo Therully (Moz), Arun Ekka, Anuj Barwa, Daniel Bara, Jijo Punchayil(Moz), Jins Karakadayil (Moz) Joseph Arulraj, Telesfor Lakra,

2nd Year Theology: Anson Kaliath, Cyprian Dunggung, Ramesh Damala, Peter Henry, Peter Thomas, Sandeep Tirkey and Vineesh Chempakaserry

1st Year Theology: Albin Joseph, Anto Varghese, Ashok Minj (Moz), Gijo Francis, I Yesudas, Jinoy Kopy (Moz), John Peter, Jomon Mathew, L Yesudas, Lalji Pattathil, Lijohn Kachappilly, Ranjit Lakra (Moz)

Regents: Anil Pandit, Anto Thomas, Dilip Majhi, Jimmy Jacob, Yobu Melkie, Jnanamani Simon, Raju Dunggung

3rd Year Philosophy – Suvidya College, Bangalore
Ejius Dunggung, Jineesh Anthony, Ranjit Soreng, Vinayanand Babu.

2nd Year Philosophy – Suvidya College, Bangalore
Anish Praveen, Anto Deepak, Manu Joseph, Rajendra Toppo (Moz), Roshan Tigga

1st Year Philosophy – Suvidya College, Bangalore
Ajai Lakra, Amit Baa, Aneesh Devassy, Ashok Tigga, Deepak Baa, Dony Parakkal, Santosh Kumar, Linus Joseph (Moz), Poomagan S (Moz), Raju Kosanam, Santosh Soreng, Sujith Minz,

Approved for 1st Profession
Ajai Lakra, Aneesh Devassy, Ashok Tigga, Santosh Kumar

Approved to join Dhyanaashram, Varanasi
Amit Tirkey, Bikash Bhengra, Bibek Lakra, Debashish Barla, Robin Augustine, Sanjay Lakra, Shinto Joseph, Udit Kujur, Vicky Pillai, Vishal Barse.

Appointment of Regents to:
Anil Pandit–Ambapani, Anto Thomas–Panderpalli; Jimmy Jacob–Himayatnagar; Dilip Majhi–Kinwat; Yobu Melkie–Seraikele; Jnanamani Simon– Nimkheda.

Our Sincere Appreciation to Fr Oscar Kujur.

I acknowledge the great pioneering work done by Fr Oscar Kujur in Neemuch. In the year 2000 when he was appointed, the land on Manasa Neemuch road was barren with no compound wall. Today it has a compound wall and a beautiful school building. It is Fr Oscar Kujur who took the initiatives and convinced the then provincial and started the school with the financial support from Delh Fransalian Society. He executed this project with great sincerity and dedication. He also succeeded in buying a 3.8 acre land in Ambikapur recently. I place on record his contribution and pioneering work in Neemuch and thank him on behalf of all the confreres of the Province.

Our Sincere Gratitude to Fr Thumma Mariadas Reddy.

Fr Thumma's visitation to all the Apostolic Communities in preparation for evolving the Vision Mission plan for all communities gave added impetus to work for the same. His presence and the input talks activated the communities. The Province is grateful to him for this assistance in spite to his not so good health and strict Lenten diet. It was a great honour for the confreres and communities to

have got a chance to interact with a General Councillor from outside our province. Now the Communities should take maximum mileage out of his visitation and prepare the Vision Mission Statement. I have asked Fr Manoj Tirkey to prepare a format to be sent to all communities to get the Vision Mission plan prepared by them.. The Format will be finalised by all the councillors.

Ordination of Deacon Christu Raj

Deacon Christu Raj will be ordained on 2nd May 2012 at 5.00 pm by Most Rev. Dr A Anandharayar, Arch Bishop of Pudhuval Cudalour Diocese at Immaculate conception Cathedral Pondicherry. Fr Vincent Chettiar will be the provincial delegate for the Ordination. On behalf of the Province I wish Deacon Christu Raj Hearty Congratulations.

Studies

Fr. Domy Vallomkunnel will be doing his Masters in Canon Law from St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, from June 2012.

Annual Retreat

To be held from 12th November to 16th November 2012 at the Provincialate Nagpur.

Vicar of the Province Appointed.

In my absence from India 14th April to 16th May on account of my visitation to Africa, Fr John Brito Muthuswamy the Provincial Admonitor is appointed as the Vicar of the Province. Confreres are requested to contact him for any needs.

Warm Welcome for Home Holidays to Frs. Prabhudas Kujur, Lalit Tigga and Willie D'Silva.

Pray for

- ❖ **Sr. Shalini**, Sister of Fr. Mathew Kozhuppakalam, died in a road accident in Ranchi on 11th March 2012

Provincial's Itinerary

15 th April Sunday	Departure to Dar es Salaam
16 th April Monday	Morning at Morogoro
17 th April Tuesday	Morogoro – a day for rest and visits
18 th April Wednesday	Kibaha Novitiate
19 th April Thursday	To Arusha in the morning by Bus
20 th April Friday	At Arusha – a day for rest and visits
21 st April Saturday	Mlolongo, Nairobi
22 nd April Sunday	Visit Communities in Kenya
23 rd April to 29 th April	Visit to South Africa and Namibia
29 th April to 12 th May	Visitation of Mozambique
13 th May 2012	To India from Maputo via Johannesburg, Addis Ababa to Delhi
29.05.2012	Dhyanashram, Varanasi
10.06 to 15.06.2012	Suvidya College, Bangalore

Salesian Thought: Nothing is so strong as gentleness – nothing so loving and gentle as strength.

Wishing you God's blessings

Yours devotedly in Christ,



Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhiyil, msfs
Provincial Superior