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CIRCULAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

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My Dear Confreres

“ If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in Yourself”

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

I began writing this Circular on the eve of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ which celebrates the feast of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. All of us are ordained and raised to the order of



Priesthood to administer this sacrament of Holy Eucharist which by faith my dear Confreres is the source and summit of our life. We have no divergent view on it as this faith has defined our identify and reached us so far in the present state of religious life which we believe is the grace and gift from God and we embraced it willingly. The Church urges us to receive communion frequently as it brings us into the fullness of our life in Christ. The reception of Communion is the proof of intimate union and faith in Lord Jesus Christ. This act is expected to have a transforming effect in our living and should give us our distinct Christian identity. This act of reception of communion cannot be devoid of proper preparations of purifying and reforming efforts. St Paul the apostle educates us through his first letter to Corinthians (1 Cor11-27.29) “It follows that if one of you eats the Lord’s bread or drinks from his cup in a way that dishonours him,

you are guilty of sin against Lord’s body and blood. So then you should each examine yourself first then eat the bread and drink from the cup” By this teaching of the apostle it is highlighted that the sacrament of communion and the sacrament of confession are associated. My dear Confreres this teaching we need to take to our faithful that they may treat the body and blood of our Lord with great sacredness. They have not leant dogmas and documents of the Church so teach them it is a sacrilege to disrespect the body and blood of Christ in any form. I wish this feast day help transform us into Eucharistic Persons and help us deepen our faith in the Eucharistic Presence of the Lord.

Annual Result and Transfers.

Number of Confreres were on transfer this year. I thank each one of them for the service they have rendered for the needs of the province and that which they are going to take up in the new places. To live up to our collective religious identity each one of us need to contribute. Any lapses or attempt to erode our values by any single person shall be a blow to our distinct religious living collectively. Let us liberally give our service to the people whom we hold close to our hearts. Let the self giving love overtake us in whatever ministry we are engaged. I am happy to present the annual result of our schools. My hearty Congratulations to all the respective communities for such good results. Very special congratulations to Fr Shijumon and Community of Sini-Seraikela to our collaborating DSFS Sisters, the staff and students of SFS School, Seraikela, which sent their students to Board Exam for the first time. The good performance of our schools highlights the academic culture of the schools, their emphasis on achievement of excellence. It is advisable to dedicate a staff meeting for a subject wise result evaluation in comparison to past and present result, a study of the high performers and low performers, the internal assessment standard in comparison to the Board result and the schools standing at the state level performance. Such exercise will assist us to appreciate our staff and caution them to take remedial step for the future, presenting before them the result in facts and figures.

Our School Results.

(It is all promotion for Class 10 CBSE Schools)

Serial No.	Name of the School	10th and/or 12th	Appeared	Passed	Passed %age	Above 60%	Above 80%	Highest %age in School
1	SFS School, Seraikela	10th ICSE	9	9	100	4	3	86%
2	SFS School, Janakpuri - Higher Secondary - Secondary (Morning) - Secondary (Afternoon)	12th CBSE	175	174	99.42 %	51	113	95.80%
		10th CBSE	188	188	100%	32	143	N.A.
		10th CBSE	47	47	100%	15	27	N.A.
3	GMVV, Nanded	10th CBSE	162	162	100%	62	89	95.40%
4	St. John's, Nagpur - English Medium - Hindi Medium	10th BOARD	225	216	96%	85	79	97.70%
		10th BOARD	60	48	80%	15	3	-
5	St. Mary's, Jalna	10th BOARD	130	129	99.23 %	74	38	98.36%

Ordination of Deacon Christhu Raja



On 2nd of May 2012 at 5.30 p.m. Deacon Christhu Raja was ordained by Archbishop Dr. Anthony Anandarayar of Cuddalore-Pondicherry Diocese. He was ordained in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and along with him three more deacons were ordained, one from MSFS belonging to South-East Province (Z.Philomin Raj) and two from Pondicherry Diocese. There were also five diaconate ordinations for the same diocese. Fr. Vincent Chettiar was the Provincial-delegate representing the whole province. Fr. Dharma Raj, the Provincial of South-East Province also was present. There were 250 priests who concelebrated for the ordination, and there were many MSFS confreres from different provinces, many deacons, religious brothers, sisters and well-wishers present for the celebration. About 1200 faithful came to attend this ordination. The whole program was well organised by the parishioners and the local people. On 3rd of May 2012 at 8

a.m., Fr Christu Raja celebrated his first thanksgiving mass in his native place Marur Mettur, in St. Thomas Church. The celebration began with a long procession from the entrance of the village. There were 20 priests present for the Mass and 600 faithful to thank God along with the new priest. After the mass there was a felicitation function and the new priest thanked everyone. - Bro Ashok Antony

First Profession at Dhyanashram, Varanasi



At last the long awaited day for four of us came . It was 31st May 2012 the day on which we Anish Devassykutty, Ajay Lakra, Santosh Kumar, and Santosh Soreng made our First Religious Profession. It was, indeed, a great and a memorable day for us. All the preparations were done well in advance by our Novice Master, Fr Scaria, and Socius, Fr Domy. The Eucharistic Celebration began at 6 o'clock in the evening with a solemn and prayerful procession. We were privileged by the presence of our dear Bishop Rt Rev Raphy Manjaly of Varanasi, Fr Jacob

Karamakuzhyil our Provincial, Fr Subash Anand, IMS Superior General, and twenty-five other priests who concelebrated the Eucharistic Celebration. The specially prepared liturgy invoked spirit-filled moment of God's grace in which we made our first religious profession before the Provincial and about 250 Brothers and Sisters, Novices of other congregations, friends and well-wishers. The occasion also marked the blessings of the newly constructed first floor of the Novitiate by his Lordship Bishop Raphy Manjaly. The profession was followed by felicitations and a sumptuous dinner for all the guest. We are ever grateful to God and the Province for assisting us to take this most important decision in our journey to be religious Priest in the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Freancis de Sales.

- Bro Ajay Lakra

Minor Seminary second stage inaugurated in PSI Malur

Students who completed their +2 from different Minor Seminaries of Indian Provinces reached



Vinyalaya, Bangalore, on 15th June. This special training program was to be conducted in Sudhirvana, Bangalore. However, due to certain inconveniences, it was shifted to PSI Malur for next two months. Students numbering 32 of them were taken by bus to Malur on 15th June. Nagpur Province has four students participating in this one year program.

All the Indian provincials along with the General Councillor-in-charge of Formation, Rev Fr Noel Rebello, reached Malur at 03.00 p.m. The inaugural Mass presided by Fr Noel Rebello began at 05.00p.m. and was concelebrated by all the Indian Provincials and the local Superior, Fr Irudayaraj, and many other Fathers who are working in that part of Karnataka. Fr Sebastian Vellaramkunnel of South-West Province and Fr Clean of North-East Province are presently in-charge of the program before anymore staff join them. This program is expected for better learning and to enhance integration as members of one congregation and better orientation to religious life as Fransalians. On behalf of the province we extend our heart felt gratitude to Rev Fr Noel Rebello, Provincial of India Forum Chairman Fr Simon Picat and Rev Fr Abraham Vettuvellil for the initiatives taken to arrange this new formation program.

Khamgaon remembers Fr PV Joseph on his 4th Death Anniversary

The echoes of “P.V. BABA” were resounding in and around the village of Khamgaon, especially at Fransalian Vidya Niketan (FVNK), as we remembered Fr. P.V on his 4th Death Anniversary on 6th June 2012. How wonderful it was to see the F.V.N.K family joining together in its campus to honour Fr. P.V, who left for his heavenly abode four years ago. The evening was graced with the presence of different religious dignitaries and faithful from near and far. Some of them came from Rajura (60 KM away) a place close to Fr PV’s heart. Fr. Cyriac VC, Chancellor of Amravati Diocese, was the main celebrant. The other co-celebrants were Fr. K.J. Joseph, the former VG, Fr. Philip MSFS, Fr. Mickey MSFS, Fr. Ramsheen and Fr. K.V. Joseph MSFS. The presence of religious sisters from Buldana, Akola and Amravati added to the joy of the celebration. During his homily Fr. K.J. Joseph, described Fr. P.V as the “BEARER OF CHRIST AND HIS MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD.” The celebration was marked by the presence of different Religious Community Leaders. All of them paid rich tributes to Fr PV joseph recalling his works for the poor. Fr. Cyriac said that Fr. P.V lived for God and now he is with God. He saw and experienced God in all those whom he came across, especially the poor. After this memorial service we marched to the tomb of Fr. P.V to pray the Office of the Dead. In expressing the There was a sumptuous dinner prepared for all the people present. **By Bro Melchizedeck.**

The Choir conducted by Br. Melchizedeck was well appreciated by everyone present.

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Fr.K.V. Joseph MSFS

Fr. Provincial's Visit to Mozambique.

Our dear Provincial Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhiyil's first visit to Mozambique mission was very enriching. The confreres in Mozambique were very happy and delighted to have him here. Though his visit was short, Fr. Provincial made sure he visited all the communities and some substations. His address to parishioners and his presence made a remarkable impact on the mind and hearts of parishioners. He impressed upon the faithful to involve themselves actively in the affairs of the Parish and show their love for the priest for their service, sacrifice and dedication shown concretely to the people of Mozambique. He reminded them how these priests have left behind all their near and dear ones back home to be genuine Mediators for God. He being a man of vision articulated many programs and projects for self reliance, faith formation and bringing back those who left the faith. In his address Fr Provincial asked the members to be focused in their Missionary venture. A get-together was organized for the Indian Benefactors in Matola at which Fr Provincial expressed his happiness in having got the chance to interact with them and thanked them for the moral support and monetary assistance to the Province Members in Mozambique. In the presence of Religious Sisters and few parishioners Brs. Aajo, Jijo and Jins renewed their vows before Fr. Provincial during the Eucharistic Celebration in Katembe Parish Church.

Bro Henry Nedumkalel MSFS

Pilgrimage to Mother Mary's Shrine

The famous shrine in Mozambique at Namaacha, dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima celebrated its feast on 12th and 13th of May. It is a tradition that from different part of the country people of different faiths come here annually to pray on this particular day. This year an estimated 16,000 people were gathered to pay homage to Mary. Fransalian Fathers gave their service on that particular day by way of hearing confessions, helping in the liturgy, adoration, etc. Almost all the confreres were present in the shrine. Brothers from Lar Mermier made history this year as some of them went on foot and others went by cycle from Maputo. Namaacha is 80 kms away from Maputo. Those who went on foot started their journey on the previous day and others very early in the morning. Each one pasted a poster on his shirt which was read "Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine", and wore a big rosary and devoutly crossed the hills to Namaacha.

Bro Jijo Punchayil

Animation for House Superiors and Heads of Institutions

It is scheduled for 11th October 2012 at the Provincialate. The input sessions will be conducted by our Most Rev Fr Superior General Fr Agnelo Fernandes. All house superiors and heads of institutions are expected to participate in this one day program.

Evaluatory Meeting of the Provincial Curia and the Secretaries of the Forums.

This is scheduled for 12th October 2012 at the Provincialate. It is an evaluation of the Programme prepared jointly by the Provincial Curia and General Curia in its meeting of 4th and 5th November 2009. Members who will take part in the evaluation will be the Provincial Curia, the Secretaries of each of the Forums, the Provincial and the Superior General. There will be five sessions, one session for each of the Forums. All the participants will be present for all the sessions and take part in the evaluation. This would highlight the inter-connectedness of the various apostolates at the service of one Mission of Christ. Each Provincial councillor-in-charge / Provincial Bursar (PCIC) with the assistance of the Secretary of the Forum will give a follow-up report on the Programme. This will be followed by in-depth evaluation of the apostolate and highlighting 2 or 3 urgent concerns that have to be immediately implemented in the apostolate.

The meeting scheduled on 13 th October will be meant for the Evaluation of the Follow-up of the Observations by the Provincial in the Joint Meeting of 4th and 5th November 2009 and the Observations made by the Assistant General after visitation of the Province in 2010. The members who will participate in this meeting will be the members of the Provincial Curia, the Provincial and the Superior General. The secretaries of the forum will not be taking part in this meeting.

Involvement of the communities for the Evaluatory Report.

No Province level Evaluation is possible if the report is not prepared, studying the prevalent level of implementation of the action plan at the community level. Few of the action plans finalised during the joint meeting 2009 were meant to be implemented by the Administration. It is for each one of us to assess and give our feed backs so that the councillor in charge of the particular apostolate will know the mind of everyone while preparing the Evaluation Report. Copies of those action plans worked out in the year 2009 will be sent for your reference study and reporting. Kindly have a community Meeting as and when you get it by(**email only**) and prepare your comments on the implementation of these action plans. Kindly note it is not for Apostolic community Meetings but community meeting. The following communities are combined for this meeting. FTI and CIDCO Aurangabad, Ambapani and Lathapara, Raidihi and Panderpalli, Mahima and Vinay Sadan, Khamgaon and Bhusawal and Himayatnagar and Kinwat.

Annual Retreat

Annual Retreat is scheduled from 12th November to 16th November at the Provincialate. All the perpetually professed members are expected to make their annual retreat. However, due to various engagements, if anyone has thought of arranging at another time of the year kindly intimate the Office of the Provincial by mail for his information.

Diminishing Numbers in the Formation Houses.

Our formation houses are unoccupied and unused to great extent due to lack of numbers which is a recent phenomenon and matter of concern. Huge investments were made for the construction of these houses. We have just blessed the first floor of the Novitiate building adding three halls and number of guest rooms while we are not able to make use of the existing ground floor. In the Provincials of India forum, a proposal to have common Novitiates was discussed to save resources, confreres and buildings. At the moment, four provinces are already collaborating in this regard. We may have to think of starting some activities/ministry in these buildings otherwise it would be a crime just constructing buildings and not using it.

Visitation of the Bursar to the Communities.

The Bursar will be visiting certain communities to assist them install Tally Program and train the members to do the accounts in Tally. The communities shortlisted are Khamgaon, Himayatnagar, Latapara, Ambapani, Raidihi, Panderpalli, Varanasi and Neemuch. In 2012 we need to implement in all communities this Action Plan of the Provincial Congress. If any community does not have a computer they should buy a good computer or come to the neighbouring community where a computer is available. As per our directive, the Provincial Bursar is expected to be on the move for internal auditing. However, due to various engagements of the Bursar it is not possible immediately. It is expected to have a joint visit of the Bursar and the Provincial to all the major Institutions. As and

when it is planned the Communities will be intimated. All those house superiors are hereby thanked for having made it a point to audit their house accounts quite early.

Constructions and Maintenance Works in the Province sanctioned by the Provincial Council

The following works are deliberated to the Council and have its endorsement for execution. They are Earth-filling in Neemuch School ground; Children's Park, Jhajjar School; Residence Painting, Badnera House; Pending works of St John's Primary Auditorium and class-rooms plastering and related maintenance work of St John's High School, Nagpur; Classroom furnishing and construction of the new toilets for boys and girls for Mermier School, Nagpur; Provincialate Chapel, Nagpur; NFC residential staff quarters; Construction of SFS School, Seraikella; Roofing of SFS School Auditorium, Janakpuri; Additional rooms of SFS Staff Quarters (FMCK Sisters), Janakpuri; Kitchen refurnishing and related maintenance work of Vinay Sadan, Janakpuri; Classrooms for Sr Secondary School, Nanded; Roofing of the Terrace, SFS School, Kinwat; Roofing of the Terrace of Divyajoti Ashram, Latapara; Compound Wall and Hostel on Church Land, Bargaon. These permissions do not mean that NFC is going to give money for the completion of these works. The request came from the respective communities, since the need for these works are very genuine and the Council has approved them. Now the communities are free to plan for the works and mobilize resources for the execution. Some of these works are already undertaken by the respective communities.

We Pray for

Rev. Fr. Jacob Pathupallil MSFS who died on 04th June 2012. He was a priest for 56 years and a religious for 60 years.

Louisa Chettiyar, the niece of Fr Vincent Chettiar died in a tragic car Accident recently.

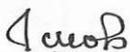
Fr Valerian Gomes who is undergoing peritoneal dialysis at Bangalore St John's Medical Collaage.

Provincial's Itinerary

27 th June to 9 th July	: Home Visit
14 th to 16 th July	: PCM
13 th July	:36 th Episcopal Ordination Day Celebration of Bishop Abraham
23 rd to 31 st July	: Latapara, Ambapani, Raidihi and Pandripalli
1 st to 3 rd August	: Sini and Seraikella
4 th & 5 th August	: Dhyanashram, Varanasi
6 th to 12 th August	: Mahima, Jhajjar and Janakpuri
13 th to 15 th August	: Nimach
16 th August	: Back in Nagpur

Salesian Thought: Be no less brave for being a Christian, and no less Christian for being brave; and for this we must be very good Christians. - S.F.S.

Yours Devotedly in Christ,



Fr Jacob Karamakuzhyil
Provincial Superior