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From the Office of the Provincial



Dear Confreres,

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

As the season of joy and warmth envelops us, I extend joyful Christmas greetings to each one of you. This cherished occasion holds a special place in our hearts, and as we come together to celebrate, let us reflect on the profound significance of Christmas. Christmas is not merely a date on the calendar; it is a radiant celebration of hope, love, and the transformative power of faith. It is a time when we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's love and grace. His arrival serves as a beacon of light, guiding us through the darkest of times and inspiring us to embrace compassion, kindness, and unity.

In our bustling lives, Christmas serves as a poignant reminder to pause, reflect, and express gratitude for the blessings we have received. It is an opportunity to extend the hand of friendship, to share the abundance of our hearts, and to find solace in the company of loved ones and our spiritual community. As members of Nagpur Province, our shared commitment to the charism and values of our Congregation binds us together in a unique and profound way. Christmas is an occasion to strengthen these bonds, to renew our dedication to our collective mission, and to draw inspiration from the teachings of our faith.

In the midst of festive decorations, joyful carols, and exchange of gifts, let us not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time to radiate love, joy, and goodwill to all, reflecting the divine love that was born in Bethlehem centuries ago. May this Christmas fill your hearts with love, your homes with warmth, and your lives with a renewed sense of purpose. May the coming year be a beacon of hope, growth, and fulfilment for each member of our Province.

May your lives and those dear to you be filled with the blessings of peace and joy. May the spirit of Christmas illuminate our lives and guide us on the path of love and service.

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Priestly Ordinations



Deacon Abin (Jacob) Eruliyil was born on 21/12/1995 at Kannur, Kerala to Mr. Baby Eruliyil and Mrs. Betty Baby. After completion of primary schooling, he joined the MSFS Minor Seminary at Mannarkad in 2012 and completed the Intermediate studies. He made his First Profession on 31st May 2016 at Dhayanashram, Varanasi. He did his studies in Philosophy in Suvidya College from 2016-19. He did his Regency at Vinay Sadan, New Delhi. He did his studies in Theology at Oriens Theological Institute, Shillong.

He made his Perpetual Profession on 30th September 2022 at MSFS Study House, Shillong. He was ordained a Deacon on 24th June 2023. He did his Diaconate ministry at St. Joseph's Church, Ambapani. He will be ordained a Priest on the **6th January 2024** at Merciful Jesus Church, Anappanthy, by Most Rev. George Njaralakatt, the Emiritus Archbishop of Tellicherry.

Deacon Biraj Minz, son of Mr. Habil Minz and Mrs. Lily Grace Minz was born on 3/4/1994 at Beherinbasa, Simdega District, Jharkhand. He did his schooling at Gaibira and joined the MSFS Minor Seminary at Latapara in 2011. After completing his Intermediate studies at Prakash Bhavan, Kerala he made his First Profession at Dhayanashram, Varanasi on 31st May 2016. He did his studies in Philosophy at Suvidya College and holds a degree from the Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu. He did his Regency at Fransalian Community,



Darkona, Chhattisgarh. Thereafter he studied Theology at Oriens Theological College, Shillong, Meghalaya. He was ordained a Deacon on 24th June 2023 and did his Diaconate ministry in Baradurgapur, Jharkhand. He will be ordained a Priest on **21st January 2024** by Rt. Rev. Dr. Vincent Barwa, the Bishop of Simdega Diocese, at St. Joseph's Church, Behrinbasa.

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Deacon Aneesh Devassykutty was born on 26.03.1993 at Kanjoor, Kerala, to Mr. V.P. Devassykutty and Mrs. Alphonsa Devassykutty. He did his propaedeutic studies at Mannarkkad, Kerala. He made his First Profession in 2012 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He completed his studies in Philosophy in Suvidya College, Bangalore. He did his Regency in S.F.S. School, Jhajjar, Haryana. He did his studies in Theology at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He will be ordained a Priest. on **14th January 2024** at Infant

Jesus Church, Kizhakumbagam, by Rt. Rev. Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary Bishop Delhi-Faridabad.

Deacon Jagadish Tete was born on 14.07.1993 at Kukuridihi, to Mr. Igenesh Tete and Mrs. Tarsila Tete. He is from St. Peter's Church, Raidhi. After completing his Primary studies at Kukuridihi and Karlaghati, he did his Junior college in Anchalik Sahayog College, Subdega. He joined the Minor Seminary at Latapara in 2013. He made his First Profession on 31st May 2016 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He did his studies in Philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore. He did his regency in SFS Church, Panderpali. He did his studies in Theology at J.D, Pune. He made his Perpetual Profession on 15th November 2022, at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. He was ordained a Deacon on 27th December 2022 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Shawnwadi, Pune. He did his Deaconate ministry at SFS Church, Kandor, Jharkhand. He will be ordained a Priest on **10th February 2024** at St. Peter's Church, Raidihi, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Kishore Kumar Kujur DD, the Bishop of Rourkela Diocese.



Deacon Nevin Tete was born on 23/12/1994 at Jawaramunda, Nawatoli. His parents are Mr. Israel Tete and Mrs. Sekunda Kullu. After completing his schooling at Kahupani and Kusumdegi. He joined the MSFS Minor Seminary, Latapara in 2011. He did his P.U. College at Mannarkkad and made his First Profession on 31st May 2016. He did his studies in Philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore. He did his Regency at MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur in 2020. He did his studies in Theology at Tejas Vidya Peetha, Bangalore. He made his Perpetual

Profession on 28th May 2022 at Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore. He was ordained a Deacon on 4th February 2023 at Tejas Vidya Peetha, Bangalore. He did his Diaconate ministry at Seraikela and SFS Church, Bano. He will be ordained a Priest on **28th January 2024** at St. Mary's Parish, Kahupani, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Kishore Kumar Kujur DD, the Bishop of Rourkela Diocese.

Deacon Roshan Minz was born on 05/03/1995 at Badipahar Rengari to Mr. Junas Minz and Mrs. Ashrita Baghwar. He belongs to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Behrinbasa, in the Catholic Diocese of Simdega. After completing his primary schooling in and around Ambapani, he joined the MSFS Minor Seminary at Latapara in the year 2011. Having completed his Intermediate in Prakash Bhavan, Kerala he made his First Profession on 31st May 2016 at Dhyanashram,



Varanasi. He studied Philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore from 2016 – 2019, and Regency in Banjhi Kandor, Dhumka, Jharkhand from 2019-2020. He studied Theology at Janna Deepa, Pune, from 2020-2023. He made his Perpetual Profession on 15th November 2022 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. He was ordained a Deacon on 27th December 2022 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Shaanwadi, Pune. He did his Diaconate ministry in St. Mary's Church, Jalna, Maharashtra. He will be ordained a Priest on **21st January 2024** by Rt. Rev. Vincent Barwa, the Bishop of Simdega Diocese, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Behrinbassa.



Deacon Samir Minj was born on the 5th May 1992 at Kunkuri, Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, to Mr. Ignacia Minj and Mrs. Ignesh Minj. He was baptised on 2nd June 1990, at Assumption Church Ramsama, and was confirmed in the same church on 5th May 2003. After completing the primary studies, he joined the Minor Seminary at Latapara in 2011. He made his First Profession on 31st May 2014 at Dhyanashram, Varanasi. He did his studies in Philosophy at Suvidya College. He did his Regency at Fransalian House, Darkona. He did his Licentiate in

Philosophy at DVK, Bangalore. He did his studies in Theology at J. D, Pune. He made his Perpetual Profession on 15th November 2022 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. He was ordained a Deacon on 27th December 2022, St. Francis de Sales Church, Shaanwadi, Pune. He did his Diaconate ministry at Sacred Heart Church, Bhusawal. He will be ordained a priest on **2nd May 2024** at Assumption Church, Ramsama by Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Kerketta, the Bishop of Jashpur.



The Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

In a historic proclamation, Pope Francis has convoked a Jubilee Year for 2025, under the inspiring theme “Pilgrims of Hope.” This special year calls for a period of reflection, spiritual renewal, and collective journeying towards a future filled with optimism and faith.

The choice of the theme, “Pilgrims of Hope,” underscores the profound spiritual significance of this jubilee. Pope Francis, known for his emphasis on mercy, justice, and the joy of the Gospel, invites believers worldwide to embark on a pilgrimage - a symbolic journey of faith, hope, and renewal. The term “Pilgrims of Hope” captures the essence of the Christian journey, emphasizing the hopeful anticipation of a better future. Pilgrims by nature are seekers of the divine, and this jubilee year encourages believers to approach their faith with a renewed sense of optimism and expectation.

As pilgrims, individuals and communities are called to reflect on their spiritual paths, acknowledging the challenges and uncertainties of life. The Jubilee Year serves as an opportunity for repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation, both with God and with one another.

Hope, in the context of the Jubilee Year 2025, is not wishful thinking but a dynamic force that inspires believers to actively engage with the world’s challenges. It is a hope grounded in the belief that through faith and collective effort, humanity can build a more just, compassionate, and loving world.

The pilgrimage of hope extends beyond personal transformation; it encompasses a shared journey towards global solidarity and social justice. Pope Francis envisions this Jubilee Year as a time for believers to unite in prayer, service, and advocacy for those who are marginalized and oppressed. Additionally, the Pope’s call for a Jubilee Year comes amidst the backdrop of a world grappling with various challenges, including the ongoing pandemic, social inequality, and environmental concerns. “Pilgrims of Hope” signifies a collective response to these challenges, urging believers to be beacons of hope in a world often shadowed by despair.

As Pope Francis convokes the Jubilee Year 2025, “Pilgrims of Hope,” the Church invites all to engage in this transformative journey with open hearts and a commitment to building a world where hope, mercy, and love prevail. May this Jubilee Year be a time of spiritual reawakening, unity, and the realization of a hope that transcends borders and embraces all of God’s creation.

Visitation of Superior General



The Canonical Visitation of our beloved Superior General, Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvelil, to the Mozambique Delegation, is from 20th December 2023 to 15th January 2024. Let us pray for the success of his visitation.

Appointment

Fr. J.B. Muthuswamy is appointed as the Manager of St. Mary's School, Kinwat with effect from 01 January 2024.

Yours Fraternally in Christ

Fr. Manoj Tirkey

Provincial Superior

Salesian Thought

"Love is the Soul of our life. To love is the law of our being. The quality of our life depends on the quality of our love". - St. Francis de Sales