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IN LOVING MEMORY OF REV. FR. PETER PAUL, MSFS

With profound sorrow and heartfelt reverence, we announce the passing of our beloved Rev. Fr. Peter Paul, a dedicated and humble priest of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, who was called to eternal rest on June 4, 2026. Born on July 2, 1959, at Valipalayam, India, to Mr. S. Antoni Muthu and Mrs. M. Soo Sai Mary, he lived a life marked by simplicity, joy, commitment, and generous service to God and His people.



Fr. Peter Paul was baptized on July 6, 1959, and confirmed on May 9, 1970, at St. Peter and Paul's Church. He joined the Minor Seminary at SFS Institute, Bastora, Goa, on July 15, 1977, embarking on a journey that would shape him into a dedicated missionary and priest.

He made his First Religious Profession on June 14, 1983, at Belgaum and professed his Perpetual Vows on December 11, 1988, in Bombay. Having completed his philosophical and theological studies at JDV, Pune, he was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on October 21, 1989. From that day onward, he faithfully dedicated his life to the service of God, the Church, and the Congregation.

Throughout his priestly ministry, Fr. Peter Paul faithfully served in various capacities across the Pune & Nagpur Province:

1. St. Joseph's, Kurla – Member (1989–1990)
2. SFS Parish, Nalla Sopara – Member (1990–1991)
3. Formation Course, Bangalore (1991–1992)
4. Catholic Church, Nanded – Member (1992–1999)
5. Catholic Church, Buldana – Superior and Parish Priest (1999–2000)
6. St. Mary's Church, Jalna – Assistant Parish Priest (2000–2001)
7. Sacred Heart Church, Bhusawal – Assistant Parish Priest and Youth In-charge (2001–03)
8. St. Theresa's Mission Centre, Dharangaon – Priest In-charge (2003–2005)
9. Vidya Sadan, Nagpur – Assistant to the Rector (2005–2006)
10. St. John the Evangelist Church, CIDCO – Parish Priest and Superior (2007–2012)
11. MSFS Provincial House, Nagpur – Local Bursar and In-charge of SJTI Computer Department (2012–2013)

12. Bhusawal Community – Local Bursar and Priest In-charge of Karanji Farm (2013–16)
13. Provincialate Community, Nagpur – Member (2017–2018)
14. Holy Family Church and SFS School, Nimkheda – Parish Priest and School Administrator (2019–2025)
15. Nimkheda Community – Local Bursar (2024–2026)

Throughout his priestly life, Fr. Peter Paul was known for his joyful spirit, simplicity, and warm personality. He easily connected with people and was loved by parishioners, students, and fellow confreres alike. He had a special love for singing hymns and praising God through music, bringing enthusiasm and joy to liturgical and community celebrations.

In 1981, he stood for the poor Tamil migrants in Mapusa and elsewhere, helping them secure shelter and a place to live with dignity. He tirelessly ran from the Chief Minister's office to the Police Department and sat on morchas with the people, accompanying them in their struggles. He was a true lover of the marginalized, always standing with the poor and the neglected, and advocating for their rights and welfare.

Fr. Peter Paul was also known for his hospitality and love for cooking, often expressing his care and generosity by preparing meals for the community and guests. Whether as Parish Priest, Superior, Administrator, or Bursar, he carried out every responsibility with dedication, humility, and missionary zeal.

His cheerful presence, prayerful witness, pastoral charity, and compassionate concern for the poor and marginalized have left a lasting impact on all who knew him. His life remains an inspiration of joyful service, fraternity, and faithful commitment to God and His people.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Yours Fraternally in Christ



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