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Dear Confreres,

As we have very recently concluded the two grace-filled annual retreats held in two groups from 7th to 12th October 2024 and from 30th October to 4th November 2024, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your openness to the Holy Spirit to renew and empower yourselves to be effective in the service of God and His people. These retreats have offered us the opportunity to reflect on two powerful themes that can guide our journey forward: **"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus"** and **"With the Holy Spirit, Let's Rebuild the Ruins."**

1. Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus: Following Jesus is the essence of our vocation. As St. Paul urges us, **"Imitate me, as I imitate Christ"** (1 Cor. 11:1). Walking in Jesus' footsteps means embracing His love, humility, and unwavering dedication to God's will. Let us allow His life to inspire us to greater compassion and self-giving as we serve those who have been entrusted to our care. St. Francis de Sales encourages us to live simply and joyfully in Christ, reminding us, **"There is nothing small in the service of God."** May we emulate Jesus by embodying this spirit of humility, patience, and love in all we do.

2. With the Holy Spirit, Let's Rebuild the Ruins: Today, we are called to restore and renew the spiritual, moral, and religious foundations of our ministry. The Prophet Isaiah's words are an invitation for us: **"They will rebuild the ancient ruins... they will renew the ruined cities"** (Is. 61:4). With the Holy Spirit as our guide, let us recommit ourselves to a life of renewal, strengthening both our inner lives and our ministry for the good of God's people. Fr. Peter Mermier, whose zeal for the mission is our inheritance, inspires us with his words: **"We are called to be a light for those who have lost their way."** Let us, therefore, become instruments of hope and healing, channelling the Holy Spirit's power to rebuild lives and communities around us.

Living a Renewed Religious Life: As we go forth, let us carry these reflections from our retreat into our daily lives. May our service be a true reflection of God's love, as we renew our dedication to our vocation and ministry. As St. Paul says, **"Let us not grow weary in doing good"** (Gal. 6:9), for our work is sacred, and our mission essential.

Let us continue to pray for one another and walk in unity and commitment, ready to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

Annual Retreat: Group One "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus"



The Annual Retreat for the first group took place from 7th to 12th October at Anukampa Nivas, Baba Farid Nagar, Nagpur. It is the Provincialate of Good Shepherd sisters. The animator was Fr. David CSsR. The Provincial Fr. Manoj Tirkey welcomed the animator and the retreatants. He also gave some guidelines in order to make a good retreat. The forty-five participants were divided into five groups to animate and conduct the prayers, Salesian devotion and Eucharistic celebration.

The theme of the retreat was "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus." Each day featured two talks by the preacher, focusing on different aspects of Christian life and spirituality.

Summary of Talks:

Day 1: The preacher highlighted the complexities of modern life and the call for unity among priests. He encouraged self-reflection on personal imprisonments and emphasized the importance of following Christ despite the challenges.

Day 2: Discussing the essence of true discipleship, the preacher urged participants to prioritize Jesus in their lives and reflect on their commitment to their vocation. He shared insights on the varying levels of priestly dedication.



Day 3: The focus was on recognizing Jesus in everyday life and the necessity of faith to see Him in all situations. The importance of direct encounters with God was also discussed.

Day 4: The preacher emphasized the need for continual spiritual growth, urging participants to deepen their prayer life and embrace humility, repentance and generosity.

Day 5: The discussions centred on sin and reconciliation. He used Biblical examples to illustrate our attitudes towards sin. The significance of community life and collective prayer was also highlighted.



Day 6: The retreat concluded with a reflection on Mother Mary, emphasizing her role as the Mother of Jesus and the Church, and her model of servitude and love.

The retreat provided a profound opportunity for spiritual reflection, growth and community bonding. All participants were encouraged to deepen their commitment to their faith and to live their vocation with renewed vigour.

Annual Retreat: Group Two **“With the Holy Spirit** **Let’s Rebuild the Ruins.”**



The Annual Retreat for the second group was held from October 30 to November 4, 2024. The retreat commenced with an opening prayer led by Fr. Agnelo Fernandes. It was followed by warm words of welcome by the Provincial, Rev. Fr. Manoj Tirkey. He also shared some guidelines in order to make a fruitful retreat. Fr. Amit Baa introduced the retreat preacher, Fr. Xavier Dass CSsR; he was welcomed with a bouquet.

Daily Highlights:

October 30: The night points centered on the Word of God and the life of St. Francis of Assisi, emphasizing personal reconstruction and the importance of combating internal evils.

October 31: The first talk addressed the dangers of lukewarmness in faith, while the second focused on pride, using biblical examples to highlight the humility of Jesus. The homily explored discipleship and encouraged a deeper relationship with God.

November 1 (All Saints Day): The first talk reflected on the spirit of despair, encouraging hope through scriptural examples. The homily inspired perseverance with reference to St. Teresa of Avila. The second talk emphasized forgiveness, providing practical steps for overcoming grudges.



November 2: The first talk examined addictions in various forms, proposing strategies to overcoming them. The homily underscored the necessity of spiritual preparation for the Eucharist, and the second talk discussed the different ways God's presence is manifested in our lives.

November 3: The first talk focused on purification and God's love for priests, while the second discussed the

importance of holiness and personal integrity. Many priests were available for the retreatants to make their confession.

November 4: The first talk centered on the Holy Spirit and His role in the present era. Provincial matters were addressed by the Provincial Superior, Fr. Manoj. The retreat was evaluated and updates on various missions were given. Participants then gathered for a group photo which was followed by a Thanksgiving Mass, emphasizing Mary as the Mother of all priests. The retreat concluded with expressions of gratitude to the Preacher, the Provincial Community and the Support Staff. All then enjoyed a well-prepared meal.

The retreat fostered spiritual growth, reflection, and community engagement among participants, highlighting themes of personal renewal, the importance of faith, and the power of prayer. We look forward to carrying these insights into our ministry and daily lives.



Felicitation of the New Priests

On 7th October 2024, a special ceremony was held to felicitate the newly ordained priests, marking the beginning of their priestly ministry. The event took place just before the annual retreat at Anukampa Nivas, Baba Farid Nagar, Nagpur. The celebration began in the chapel with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by the newly ordained priests, together with the other confreres who were present for the annual retreat. Then the confreres assembled in the hall for the felicitation program.



Fr. Joseph Gollapudi read the biographies of the newly ordained priests. He highlighted their journey to the priesthood, their achievements, and the significance of their ordination.



Then the former Provincial Superiors of our Province presented each new priest with tokens of appreciation symbolizing the support and encouragement of the Province, as they embark on their ministerial journey. All then enjoyed a fellowship meal, providing an opportunity to celebrate together, share in each other's joy, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.

We extend our Heartiest Congratulations to the newly ordained priests and wish them God's abundant blessings as they begin their priestly service to the Church and the community.

Jubilee Celebrations



On 7th October 2024, **Bro. John Parkhe** and **Bro. Ambrose Minj** celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their First Religious Profession. This significant milestone was commemorated by a joyful ceremony by all the confreres who attended the first retreat.

The event commenced with the reading of a short biography of the jubilarians, which highlighted their dedication, service, and the impact they have made over the past 25 years. Their journey of faith and commitment to their religious vocation was celebrated, inspiring all the confreres who were present.

The silver jubilarians were then felicitated by the Provincial Superior, Fr. Manoj Tirkey, for their unwavering service and contributions to our Province.

Fr. Manoj Tirkey presented them with tokens of appreciation and love. Following the felicitation, Bro. John Parkhe and Bro. Ambrose Minj delivered the vote of thanks. They expressed their gratitude to all the confreres and members of the community for the warm wishes and the support they have received throughout their journey. Their words resonated with appreciation for the collective efforts that have nurtured their spiritual growth. The celebration was a beautiful reminder of the importance of community, faith and the enduring commitment of religious life. We extend our Heartiest Congratulations to Bro. John Parkhe and Bro. Ambrose Minj on this remarkable achievement and wish them continued blessings in their ministry.



Jubilarians



Congratulations!

Bro. John Parkhe

Bro. John Parkhe celebrates his Silver Jubilee this year. Let us reflect on his life journey which is marked by unwavering faith, dedication, and service to the community. He was born on 18th September 1969 in Wahegaon, Maharashtra. He is affectionately known as Avinash. His parents are Mr. Rauba Shankar and Mrs. Malanbai. He was baptised on 6th December 1989, and was confirmed in 1983 at Christ The King Church, Malighogargaon. He completed his primary and secondary education at St. Mary School, Wahegaon. He did his B.A. at Mukthanand



Mahavidyalaya. He joined the Minor Seminary at S.F.S Institute, Prakash Bhavan, Kerala. On 31st May 2000 Bro. John made his First Profession at Dhyanshashram, Varanasi. Thus began his journey in religious life. He made his Perpetual Profession on 25th June 2006, at St. John's High School, Nagpur.

During his twenty-five years of service, Bro. John held various significant posts in many parishes and institutions. He rendered his service in Nagpur, Panderpalli, Neemuch, Buldana, Jalna, Kinwat and Nanded. He has contributed his service as an educator, an administrator and a pastoral leader. Bro. John's commitment to his vocation is a testament to his strong faith and love for the communities he served. As we reflect on twenty-five years of his religious life, we celebrate not only his achievements but also the countless lives he has touched through his ministry. His journey continues to inspire many and reminds us of the profound impact it has on the service rendered to others.

Let us honour Bro. John Parkhe on this happy occasion as he celebrates his Silver Jubilee. It is a milestone that signifies not just years of service, but a legacy of faith, hope and love in action.

Bro. Ambrose Minj

Bro. Ambrose Minj has completed twenty-five years as a religious and we join him in thanking God for his life of service to the Church. He was born on 22nd May 1976 in Bhabhri, Jaspur, Chhattisgarh. He was baptized on 13th June 1976 at St. Paul's Church, Jaria, and received the sacrament of confirmation on 25th April 1985. He completed his primary and secondary education at St. Paul's School. In 1999 he joined the minor seminary at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara, Odisha. He made his First Profession on 31st May 2000 at Dhyanshashram, Varanasi.



He did his graduation at St. Francis de Sales College, Nagpur. He also studied Philosophy at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur. He made his Perpetual Profession on 25th June 2006 at St. John's High School, Nagpur.

Throughout his twenty-five years of service, Bro. Ambrose played various significant roles. He was in charge of the boarding at Jalna, and the hostel at Hartmanpur, U.P. He was a supervisor at SFS School, Janakpuri, Delhi, and SFS School, Jhajjar, Haryana. He has made a profound impact on the lives of many wherever he served. As we honour Bro. Ambrose Minj on this joyful occasion, we celebrate not only his achievements but also the enduring legacy of love and inspiration he brings to the communities he serves. May his journey as a religious continue to inspire many others in their life of faith and loving service.

Priestly Ordinations

Deacon Amrit Lakra

Deacon Amrit Lakra was born on 16th October 1997 to Mr. Basil Lakra and Mrs. Ashrita Lakra. He hails from Pindapathar (Beratoli), Sundargarh, Odisha. He has two sisters. He was baptised at St. Joseph's Church, Ambapani. He completed his schooling at Mission School, Ambapani, and Don Bosco School, Kuarmunda.

He did his minor seminary at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara from 2013-2014. He did his novitiate at Dhyanaashram, Varanasi from 2016-2017 and made his First Profession on 31st May 2017. He did his studies in Philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore from 2017-2020 and completed his graduation from Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu.



He did his studies in Theology at Oriens Theological Institute, Shillong, Meghalaya. He made his Final Profession on 30th September 2023 and was ordained a deacon on 24th June 2024, at MSFS Study House, Shillong, Meghalaya. He is currently serving as a deacon at Panderpali, Odisha.

He will be ordained a priest on **12th January 2025** by Rt. Rev. Kishor Kumar Kujur, Bishop of Rourkela, at St. Joseph's Church, Ambapani. The Thanksgiving Mass will be on 13th January 2025.



Deacon Anup Pillai

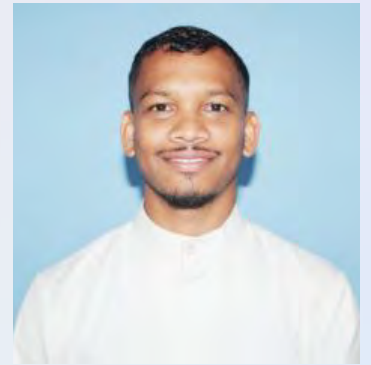
Deacon Anup Kumar Pillai was born on 1st December 1990 to the late Mr. Paul Pillai and Mrs. Stella Pillai, at Nanded, Maharashtra. He has one brother and one sister. He did his primary and high schooling at Nehru English School, Nanded. He completed his 11th and 12th at Yeshwant College, Nanded, and did his graduation from Rajiv Gandhi College, Nanded.

In 2015 he did his minor seminary at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara. His postulancy was at SFS Seminary, Pudukotai from 2016-2017. He did his novitiate at Dhyanashram, Varanasi from 2017-2018 made his First Profession on 31st May 2018. He pursued his studies in Philosophical at Suvidya College, Bangalore from 2018-2021. He did his Regency at Khamgaon, Bamra, and MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur. He did his studies in Theology at Jnana Deepa, Pune. He made his Final Profession on 27th December 2023 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune and was ordained a Deacon on 28th December 2023 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Shanwadi, Pune. Presently he is serving as a deacon at St. John the Evangelist Church, CIDCO, Aurangabad.

He will be ordained a priest **on 1st February 2025** by Rt. Rev. Bernard Lancy Pinto, Bishop of Aurangabad, at Gyan Mata Vidya Vihar, Nanded. The Thanksgiving Mass will be on 2nd February 2025 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Nanded.

Deacon Bimal Tirkey

Deacon Bimal Tirkey was born on the 11th July 1995, to the late Mr. Alois Tirkey and Mrs. Martha Tirkey. He hails from Rajagangpur, Sundargarh, Odisha. He has four brothers and one sister. He was baptized on 24th August 1995 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rajagangpur. He did his primary schooling at R.C. Mission School, Rajgangpur; his upper primary education at St. Joseph School and completed his high school at Gopobandhu High School, Rajgangpur. Having a technical bent of mind he completed his ITI in electrician trade.



Bimal joined the Minor Seminary, at Padrithana, Nagpur, where he had his early years of formation. From 2012-15 he was at Divine Providence Seminary, Kerala. He did his studies in Philosophy at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur from 2015-18. He did his graduation at St. Francis de Sales College, Nagpur. He served at Badadurgapur, Jharkhand from 2018-2019. He did his novitiate at Dhyanashram, Varanasi, and made his First Profession in 2020. For Regency he was at Kandor from 2020-2021. He did his studies in Theology at Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune from 2021-2024. He made his Final Profession at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, on 27th December 2023.

He was ordained a Deacon on 28th December 2023, at St. Francis de Sales Church, Shaanwadi, Pune. He did his diaconate ministry at Ambapani, Odisha. He will be ordained a priest on **19th January 2025** at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rajgangpur, by Rt. Rev. Telesphor Bilung SVD, Bishop of Jamshedpur. The Thanksgiving Mass will be on 20th January 2025. Through his life and ministry, he continues to serve the Lord with devotion and humility.

Deacon Clement Leonard



Deacon Clement Leonard was born on 30 th September 1992 to Mr. Rajesh Leonard and late Mrs. Monica Leonard. He hails from St. Martin Nagar, Jaripatka, Nagpur. He has three brothers. He did his schooling at St. Francis de Sales High School, Nagpur. He then pursued his higher secondary studies at Tidke Vidhyalaya, Nagpur.

He did his minor seminary at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara, from 2013-2014. He was at S.F.S School, Jhajjar, Haryana, from 2014-2015, where he was

engaged in pastoral activities. He joined the novitiate at Dhyanashram, Varanasi, in 2015 and made his First Profession on 31 st May 2016. He did his studies in Philosophy at Lumen Christi, Arusha, Tanzania, from 2016-2019. He did his regency at Ponta Do Ouro, Mozambique from 2019-2021. He did his studies in Theology at Tejas Vidya Peeta, Bangalore, Karnataka, and made his Final Profession on 28th May 2023. He was ordained a deacon on 3rd February 2024, at Tejas Vidya Peeta, Bangalore. At present he is now doing his diaconate ministry at St. Peter's Church in Raidhi, Odisha.

Deacon Lambert Ekka

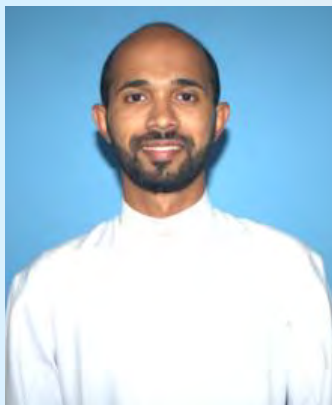
Deacon Lambert Ekka was born on 14th April 1996 to Mr. Telesphor Ekka and Mrs. Esther Murmu in Jhokraon, Udalguri District, Assam. He has one brother and two sisters. His parish is St. Teresa's Church, Ambagaon. He did his schooling at St. Teresa's High School, Ambagaon. He was in the minor seminary at Mannarkkad, Kerala, from 2013 to 2016. He did his novitiate at Dhyanashram, Varanasi and made his First Profession on 31st May 2017. He



did his graduation at Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, and his studies in Philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore from 2017 to 2020. For regency he was at Baradurgapur, Jharkhand from 2020-2021.

He did his studies in Theology at Tajes Vidya Pitha, Kengeri, Bangalore, Karnataka. He made his Final Profession on 28th September 2023 and was ordained a deacon on 3rd February 2024 at Tajes Vidya Pitha, Kengeri, Bangalore. Presently he is doing his diaconate ministry at Kandor, Jharkhand. He will be ordained a priest on **12th January 2025** at St. Teresa's Church, Ambagaon, Assam by Rt. Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur. The Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on 14th January 2025.

Dn. Sainjin Benny



Deacon Sainjin Benny was born on 14th May 1998 to the late Mr. Benny Sebastian and Mrs. Loosi Benny, in Thamarassery, Kozhikode, Kerala. He has two sisters and one brother. He was baptised in Lourdes Matha Church, Koodathai. He did his primary, upper primary, and high school at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Koodathai. He is a skilled martial artist and has earned a Black Belt 2nd Dan in Shotokan Karate.

From 2013-16 he did his minor seminary at Prakash Bhavan, Mannarkkad, Kerala. He did his novitiate at Dhyanaashram, Varanasi, and made his First Profession on 31st May 2017. He did his graduation at Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu from 2017 to 2020, and did his studies in Philosophy at Suvidya College, Bangalore. He did his regency at the MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur in 2020-21. He did his studies in Theology at Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune. He made his Final Profession on 27th December 2023 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune. He was ordained a deacon on 28th December 2024, at St. Francis de Sales Church, Shaanwadi, Pune. Presently he is doing his diaconate ministry at Divya Jyoti Ashram, Latapara, Odisha. He will be ordained a priest **on 12th January 2025** at St. Joseph's Church, Ambapani, Odisha, by Rt. Rev. Kishor Kumar Kujur, Bishop of Rourkela. The Thanksgiving Mass will be on 18th January 2025 at Lourdes Matha Church, Koodathai, Kerala.

Forum Meetings

- 1. Formation Forum:** 7th and 8th December 2024.
Arrival by evening of December 6th 2024.
- 2. Mission Forum:** 11th and 12th December 2024.
Arrival by evening of December 10th 2024.
- 3. Education Forum:** 5th and 6th January 2025.
Arrival by evening of January 4th 2025.
- 4. SAIM:** 8th and 9th January 2025.
Arrival by evening of January 7th 2025.

Forum Groups

Mission Forum

- 01 **Agnelo Fernandes: Convenor**
- 02 **Melroy Almeida: Secretary**
- 03 Peter Dominic
- 04 Domy Thomas
- 05 Anto Varghese
- 06 Bijay Kerketta
- 07 Gijo Francis
- 08 Jose Mudavankunnel
- 09 Philip Malaparambil
- 10 Kamil Tete
- 11 Emil Tirkey
- 12 Benedict De Souza
- 13 Paul Xavier V.
- 14 Lajarus Soreng
- 15 Kulandai Raj
- 16 Manu Joseph
- 17 Marcus Ruptake
- 18 Mathew John
- 19 Oscar Kujur
- 20 Sanjay Lakra
- 21 Richard Tirkey
- 22 Sujith Minj
- 23 Petrus Kullu
- 24 Jinoy Koply
- 25 John Ruptake
- 26 Vincent Minz
- 27 Amit Baa
- 28 Marianus Kujur
- 29 Biraj Minj
- 30 Jagadish Tete
- 31 Nevin Tete
- 32 Roshan Minj
- 33 Sameer Minj
- 34 Aajo Therully
- 35 Ashok Minj
- 36 Georgekutty
- 37 Henry Nedumkallel
- 38 Jijo Punchayil
- 39 Kailash Hiwale
- 40 Raju Minj
- 41 Ranjith Tirkey
- 42 Anish George
- 43 Ashok Antony

- 44 Marianus Kerketta
- 45 Michael Raj
- 47 Robin Parapuram
- 48 Vincent Chettiar
- 49 Linus Joseph
- 50 Moises Goma
- 51 Rajesh Jayaseelan
- 52 Daniel Bara
- 53 Ruben Gilbert

Education Forum

- 01 **Allan Gonsalves: Convenor**
- 02 **Albin Joseph: Secretary**
- 03 Anthony Amaladoss
- 04 Nobit Kombanathottathil
- 05 Arun. P
- 06 Amal R. Bandanadam
- 07 Ambrose Minj
- 08 Anil George
- 09 Ignati Kshirsagar
- 10 Bosco. P
- 11 Christhu Raja
- 12 Deepak Kindo
- 13 John Parkhe
- 14 John Britto Muthuswamy
- 15 Peter Kujur
- 16 Shijumon Mangalath
- 17 Simplicio Rocha
- 18 Vishwas Torne
- 19 Jnanamani Simon
- 20 Anson Kaliyath
- 21 Cyprian Dungdung
- 22 Patras Tirkey
- 23 Saiju Vettukallel
- 24 Hilarious Tirkey
- 25 John Peter
- 26 Michael Toppo
- 27 Silbester Kullu
- 28 Vinayanand Katru

Forum Groups

SAIM Forum

01 Joseph Kailamangalam: Convenor

02 Anto Thomas: Secretary

03 Anand Kullu

04 Lalji P.

05 David Paul

06 Emmanuel Vattamattam

07 Yobu Melkie Sadhek S

08 John Dive

09 Philip Maleparambil

10 Johnson Parikappally

11 Rajat Kumar Dugal

12 Deepak Baa

13 Kalyan Battula

14 Gollapudi Joseph

15 Lijohn K Jose

16 Santhosh Kumar

17 Amit Trikey

18 Rakhesh Kerketta

19 Peter Paul

20 Shantwan Khutekar

21 Solomon Sahayaraj

22 Telesfor Lakra

23 Arun Kumar Ekka

24 Peter Thomas

25 Anil Pandit

26 Ramesh Damala

27 Anoop Francis

28 Joseph Arulraj

29 Francis Venmenikattayil

30 Issac Mankulathil

31 Anto Deepak

Formation Forum

01 Sandeep Tirkey: Convenor

02 Vinayanand Katru: Secretary

03 Anson Kaliyath

04 Benedict De Souza

05 George Kurickal

06 Lalit Tigga

07 Bijay Kerketta

08 Santosh Soreng

09 Alphonse Arokiaswamy

10 Austin Correia

11 Barnabas Xalxo

12 Joseph Kalekattil

13 Joseph Plathottam

14 Joseph Pulloppillil

15 Wilson Abraham

16 Pius Gonsalves

17 Scaria Kadamkulam

18 Roshan Tigga

19 Ramesh Damala

20 Santhosh Kumar

21 Jnanamani Simon

22 Abin Baby

23 Thomas Kuttiankal

24 Sebastian Annaikandthil

25 Ignatius D'Costa

26 Alex Tigga

27 Vineesh Thomas

28 Charles Porimattathil

29 Henry Nedumkalel

30 Poomagan

31 Jomon Mathew



New Venture for the MSFS in Germany

The MSFS of Nagpur Province is taking up a new ministry in the Diocese of Regensburg in Germany. Fr. Robin Xavier has been appointed as the Director of a Marian Shrine in Vilsbiburg from 1st February 2025. This Shrine is famous as “Maria Hilf”, the Shrine of Mother of Perpetual Help. He is also entrusted with a historical Monastery attached to the Shrine. Fr. Robin Xavier together with Fr. Manu Joseph will constitute the first ever MSFS community in Germany.



The Marian Shrine is situated at the south end of the Regensburg Diocese in a small city called Vilsbiburg. Though it is a part of the city parish, the Shrine functions independently. It has got its separate administration. Fr. Robin has already served for three years as Assistant Parish Priest in the City Parish from 2016 to 2019. During that time he used to help out in the Shrine. The Parish Priest of the city parish is a German and the priests who are presently looking after the Shrine and Monastery belong to the Salesians of Don Bosco,

German Province. At present there are three Salesian priests residing there and catering to the Ministries at the Shrine.

History of the Shrine:

- 1681 - Beginning of the Shrine.
- 1704 - Starting of the Monastery.
- 1704 – 1803 - Capuchin priests.
- 1803 - 1846 - Diocesan priests.
- 1846 - 1873 - Redemptorist priests.
- 1873 - 1886 - Diocesan priests.
- 1886 - 1999 - Capuchin priests.

During this period there lived a holy priest who has already been declared as Servant of God and the process of his Beatification is going on. His tomb is in the Shrine and the room where he stayed is kept intact.

- 15th September 1999 - Diocesan priests.
- 01st September 2005 - Salesian priests.





The Diocese has decided to entrust the Shrine to the MSFS of Nagpur Province. So we too are going to be a part of this history. We will continue the pastoral and spiritual animation at the Shrine. The Shrine, Monastery and the surrounding area belong to the Trust of the Shrine. The Director of the Shrine, i.e. the priest in charge of the Monastery and the Shrine is the President of the Trust. We see the possibility that in the

near future we may be asked to take up the city parish where the Shrine is situated. In that case the community will have more members.

Appointments

1. **Fr. Joseph Gollapudi:** He has been appointed as the Province Youth Director. He will be assisted by Fr Sameer Minj and Fr Amit Turkey.
2. **Fr. Joseph Kailamangalam:** He is appointed as the Superior of the FTI Community, Aurangabad, w.e.f. 01st December 2024.

Approvals

Bro. Febin Tom and **Bro. Abhijit Bhengra** have been approved for Final Vows.

Obituary

Introduction

Fr. Paul Camilo Dominic, a devoted member of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, served the Church with passion and commitment throughout his life. He was a significant figure within the Province of Nagpur, India, and his contributions to both education and pastoral care were impressive and impacted the life of many.



Early Life and Education

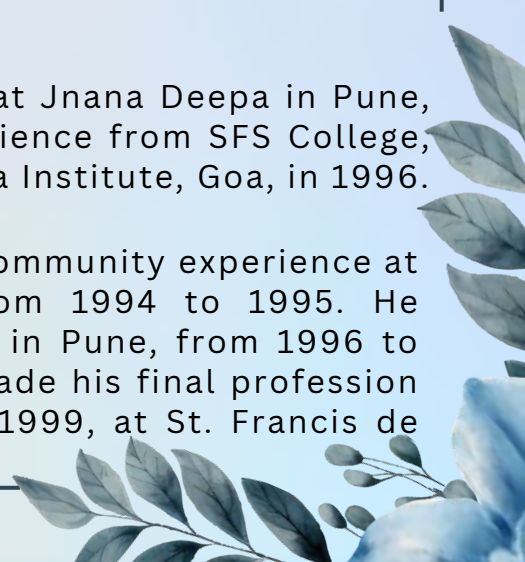
Fr. Paul was born on August 3, 1969, in Tanzania, East Africa. He completed his primary and secondary education at St. Francis Xavier School in Siolim, Goa, before joining the Congregation in 1985 at the SFS Institute, Bastora, Goa. He entered the novitiate in 1990 and made his religious profession in 1991.

Academic Pursuits

From 1991 to 1993, Fr. Paul studied Philosophy at Jnana Deepa in Pune, Maharashtra. He later obtained a Bachelor of Science from SFS College, Nagpur, and a Bachelor of Education from Nirmala Institute, Goa, in 1996.

Pastoral Ministry

Fr. Paul's pastoral journey began with a year of community experience at St. Joseph Parish in Kendal, Maharashtra, from 1994 to 1995. He pursued his theological studies at Jnana Deepa in Pune, from 1996 to 1998, as a student of Fransalian Seminary. He made his final profession in 1998 and was ordained a priest on April 11, 1999, at St. Francis de Sales Church, Shaanwadi, Pune.



Leadership and Service

From 1999 to 2009, Fr. Paul served as the Superior and Rector of Divya Joyti Ashram , Latapara, Odisha. He was also appointed the parish priest of SFS Church in Pandripalli, Odisha, from 2003 to 2006, and served as Provincial Councillor for the Nagpur Province from 2005 to 2008.

Fr. Paul's mission-oriented spirit led him to Mozambique, where he worked as Assistant Parish Priest at Our Lady of Mercy in Katembe from 2009 to 2011. He then became the Mission Superior of the Mozambique Delegation and served as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mercy Parish from 2011 to 2016.

Later Years

In 2017, Fr. Paul joined the English Province, continuing his ministry with dedication and zeal. His contributions as an educator and formator helped shape the lives of many young individuals, instilling in them values of faith and service.

Fr. Paul Camilo Dominic passed away on October 19, 2024. His life was a testament to his unwavering faith and commitment to serving others. He will be remembered as a dedicated religious priest, a great formator, and a mission-oriented man whose active presence enriched the communities he served.

Conclusion

Fr. Paul's legacy of love, education, and spiritual guidance will continue to inspire future generations. His dedication to the Church and our MSFS Congregation has left an indelible mark that will be cherished by all who knew him.

let us Pray for the Departed

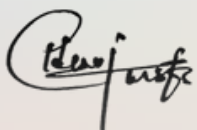
Mr. Marianus Tirkey, the Father of Bro. Raphael Tirkey, who passed away on 04th October 2024.

Mrs Mary Philip, 80 years, the aunt of Fr. Philip Malaparambil who passed away on 28th October 2024.

Mr. Anton Namdev Salve, 54 years, the brother-in-law of Fr. John Ruptake who passed away on 04th November 2024.

Mr. Madanu Showrilu, 75 years, the grandfather of Fr. Amalraju Bandanadam who passed away on 06th November 2024.

Yours Fraternally in Christ



Fr. Manoj Tirkey
Provincial Superior

Salesian Thought

“Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.”

-Saint Francis de Sales