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Dear Confreres,



WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

As we celebrate the solemnity of Mary's Assumption, we are reminded, in the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Cf. *From his homily preached on August 15, 2005*), that we have a Mother in heaven, the Mother of the Son of God. He himself has said so. He made her our Mother when he said to the disciple and to all of us: "Behold, your Mother!" In the Gospel we hear the Magnificat, that great poem inspired by the Holy Spirit that came from Mary's lips, indeed, from Mary's heart. This marvelous canticle mirrors the entire personality of Mary. It is a portrait of Mary, a true icon in which we can see her exactly as she is. It begins with the word "Magnificat" which "proclaims the greatness" of the Lord. Mary wanted God to be great in the world, great in her life and present among us all. She knew that if God is great, we too are great.

The fact that our first parents thought the contrary was the core of original sin. They feared that if God were too great, he would take something away from their life. This is also the great temptation of the present age, also of the past three or four centuries. More and more people have thought and said: "But this God does not give us our freedom; with all his commandments, he restricts the space in our lives. So God has to disappear; we want to be autonomous and independent. Without this God we ourselves would be gods and do as we pleased."

This was also the view of the Prodigal Son, who did not realize that he was free precisely because he was in his father's house. He left for distant lands and squandered his estate. In the end, he realized that because he had gone so far away from his father, he had become a slave, losing his freedom. He realized that only by returning to his father's house would he be truly free. By setting God aside and being autonomous, following only our own ideas and inclinations, we would truly be free to do whatever we liked. But when God is set aside, humans do not become greater; indeed, they lose the divine dignity, their faces lose God's splendour. In the end, they turn out to be merely products of a materialistic society and culture and, as such, can be used and abused.

Mary is taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, and with God and in God she is Queen of heaven and earth. Precisely because she is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is close to us, actually, "within" all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God. Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness and has been given to us, as the Lord said, precisely as a "mother" to whom we can turn at every moment.

70th Anniversary of India's Independence

On August 15, we can entrust India to our Blessed Mother, who will help us in bringing Jesus and his values closer to our fellow-citizens as we celebrate on this day the 70th anniversary of India's independence. At the stroke of midnight hour, on August 15, 1947, India achieved freedom from more than two centuries of colonial rule after a multi-faceted struggle for independence.

From Mahatma Gandhi's marches, from the sessions of Indian National Congress, the long struggle for freedom culminated in 1947, albeit with the unfortunate partition of the country into India and Pakistan, which saw the largest cross-border migration ever in the world.

Every year after 1930, congress-minded Indians celebrated 26 January as Independence Day. However, when the British finally left the subcontinent, they chose to hand over power on 15 August 1947. This date was selected by the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, as it was the second anniversary of the Japanese surrender to the Allied Forces in the Second World War. It was decided to begin the celebrations on August 14, with a special session of the Constituent Assembly, the body of representative Indians working towards a new constitution. Proceedings began at 11 p.m. with the singing of 'Vande Matram' and a two-minute silence in memory of those who had died in the struggle for freedom. The ceremonies ended with the presentation of the national flag on behalf of the women of India. Between the hymn and the flag presentation came the speeches of Chaudhry Khaliqzaman, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of free India (Cf. Ramachandra Guha, *India After Gandhi*, London: Picador, 2008, Pp.4-5) . The star turn, however, was that of Nehru. His speech was rich in emotion and inspiration, and has been widely quoted since: "Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity...."

However, today, we, as proud citizens of a nostalgic tryst with destiny, are concerned at the steady shift we see in our country from a pluralist, secular democracy to a systematic design to undermine the Constitution by irresponsible and misguided elements. Street lynching, victims charged as accused, stage-managed trials and steered mob-inspired killers appear to be a regular menace. However, we can be prayerfully confident that the mature leadership of this country will preserve and defend the rights of all, without any discrimination.

Holy Father's Letter to G-20 Leaders

On this solemn occasion of the diamond jubilee of India's independence, and in our particular context of anguish, it is worth reflecting on Pope Francis' exhortation to G-20 Leaders, who gathered at Hamburg in Germany. Prior to the summit, he had written a letter to Her Excellency Mrs Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor (dated June 29, 2017). In the letter, Holy Father proposed four principles of action for the building up of fraternal, just and peaceful societies, almost repeating the teaching of his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*: time is greater than space; unity prevails over conflict; realities are more important than ideas; and the whole is greater than the part. He appealed to the world leaders "to shape a new era of development that is innovative, interconnected, sustainable, environmentally respectful and inclusive of all peoples and all individuals." The following is a summary of the letter:

Time is greater than space: (*Pope Francis defines space as mad attempt to keep everything together in the present [in a selfish manner], trying to possess all spaces of power and self-assertion. It is the attempt to hold back processes and limit them. Time, on the contrary, means being concerned about initiating and allowing processes to their full development, especially through our commitment to the poor [in an unselfish manner] rather than possessing spaces [> Evangelii Gaudium, 222-225]).* There is a need to give absolute priority to the poor, refugees, the suffering, evacuees and the excluded, without distinction of nation, race, religion or culture, and to reject armed conflicts. He has made a heartfelt appeal for a solution to the tragic situation in South Sudan, the Lake Chad basin, the Horn of Africa and Yemen, where thirty million people are lacking the

food and water needed to survive. **Unity prevails over conflict:** The history of humanity presents us with a vast panorama of current and potential conflicts. “War, however, is never a solution.” The world should put an end to all “useless slaughters” by committing itself to substantially reducing levels of conflict, halting the present arms race and renouncing direct or indirect involvement in conflicts, as well as agreeing to discuss sincerely and transparently all their differences. **Realities are more important than ideas:** The fateful ideologies of the first half of the twentieth century have been replaced by new ideologies of absolute market economy, which bring exclusion, waste and even death. However, the significant political and economic achievements of the past century were always marked by a sound and prudent pragmatism, guided by the primacy of the human being and the attempt to integrate and coordinate diverse and at times opposed realities, on the basis of respect for each other. Similarly, the Hamburg Summit could also be illumined by the example of those European and world leaders who consistently gave pride of place to dialogue and the quest of common solutions. **The whole is greater than the part:** Lasting solutions to problems cannot neglect a broader vision. Those states and individuals whose voice is weakest on the world political scene are precisely the ones who suffer most from the harmful effects of economic crises for which they bear little or no responsibility. This great majority, which in economic terms counts for only 10% of the whole, has the greatest potential to contribute to the progress of all. Consequently, there is need to respect and honour international treaties, and to continue promoting a multilateral approach, so that solutions can be truly universal and lasting, for the benefit of all. Finally, the Holy Father expressed the prayerful hope that Hamburg Summit and every effort of the international community to shape a new era of development be innovative, interconnected, sustainable, environmentally respectful and inclusive of all peoples.

A Fransalian Response

An ideal set before us by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that “we have to build the noble mansion of free India where all her children may dwell”; or the hope of Pope Francis that Hamburg Summit and every effort of the international community to shape a new era of development be innovative, interconnected, sustainable, environmentally respectful and inclusive of all peoples may appear to be impossible to achieve. To such a thinking St Francis de Sales has the following response: ‘One must undertake greater tasks than one would know how to accomplish and as if one had a long time to live, but one must not worry about doing more than if one were supposed to die tomorrow’ (Cf. Antony Mookenthottam, *St Francis de Sales: A Formative Biography*, Bangalore: SFS Publications, p.257). Or, one has to hope, with Fr Peter Mermier, our beloved Founder, that things would improve with time, patience and with complete attention to things. “You wish that they [Sisters] possessed more virtues, above all solid virtues; more humility, abnegation, charity, cordiality, resignation. I also. But let us be reasonable: Unless God gives them extraordinary graces, without being a sort of miracle, which is rare, we are asking for the impossible.... We must hope that they will become better with time, with patience and with all the attentions we give them” (Cf. Srs Maria Goretti and Berchmans, *Family Annals*, From the Letter of Fr Mermier to Mother Claudine Echernier, dated December 28, 1853, Trichy: The Printing House, p.187).

Reminder of Important Events

1. **Second Annual Retreat:** May I remind you of the forthcoming annual retreat in the Province as announced to you earlier. The second obligatory annual retreat of the Province is from September 25 evening to 30, 2017, till 12.30 p.m. at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati. Please register for this retreat at the earliest, if you have not yet done so. May I request your participation in the annual retreat without fail, and kindly do not organize any personal or community programme that prevents you from full participation in the retreat. You may avoid coming late and leaving the venue early before the conclusion of the retreat. Please bring with you the Mass-Register, the Bible, the Breviary, the Constitutions, the Province Statutes and the Action Plan of the Provincial Chapter 2017. 2. **Celebration of SFS Birth with Triduum:** August 21, 2017: We celebrate the 450th birth anniversary of St Francis de Sales. Every community in the Province is expected to celebrate the Jubilee on August 21 with Triduum. 3. **Year of Education and Innovative Ministries:** This year (2017) is year dedicated to Education Apostolate and Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries. Kindly respond positively to the programmes already worked out by the Forums. 4. **Gathering of Fransalian Associates:** We

will have a Province level gathering of Fransalian Associates, representative from each unit coming together as part of celebration of Birth anniversary of St Francis de Sales at some time before January 31, 2018.

Transfers and Appointments:

- Fr Philip Thomas Kizhakumpurath, Provincial Councillor Incharge of Mission and Provincial Admonitor, is appointed to MSFS Provincialate Community, Narengi, with effect from June 05, 2017.

Studies

- Fr Nellissery Chethalan Joe is designated to study MBA in Leadership and Management at Christ University, Bangalore, with effect from June 05, 2017.
- Fr Alois Borogaon is designated for studies in Spirituality at Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore, with effect from June 28, 2017.

Delegated Responsibilities of Councillors

Fr Philip Thomas Kizhakumpurath, Admonitor and Councillor Incharge of Mission

1.Frequent visits and Animation of confreres, especially in interior missions; 2.Ensuring the Ongoing Animation of Confreres through short refresher courses; 3.Monitoring of the Compiling of Parish-Directory; 4.Regular and Prompt contact with General Secretary for Mission; 5.Coordinator of retreat-preachers and retreat-centres; 6.Organizing of Counselling and Therapeutical aid to confreres in crisis; and 7.Frequent Interaction with confreres abroad.

Fr George Vettukattil, Councillor Incharge of Formation

1.Visits to Formation Houses and Formees; 2.Regular and Prompt contact with General Secretary for Formation; 3.Councillor Incharge of Vocation Promotion and Special Programmes of Scholastics; 4.Promoter of Salesian Studies and dissemination of Salesian Reflections among confreres; and 5.Drafting of Contracts with Religious Sisters and Dioceses.

Fr George Thomas Poovathunkal, Councillor Incharge of Education

1.Visits to all Educational Institutions; 2.Regular and Prompt contact with General Secretary for Education; 3.Updating and Animating Confreres on Governmental and Ecclesiastical Policies of Education; 4.Monitoring of effective implementation of Province policy on education; 5.Organizing ways and means of establishing a College in Narengi Campus; 6.PRO of the Province; and 7.Councillor Incharge of Units of Fransalian Associates / Alumni Associations

Fr Saji George Puthiyakulangara, Councillor Incharge of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries

1.Visits to all Innovative and Social Work Institutions/Centres; 2.Regular and Prompt contact with General Secretary for IM & SA; 3.Councillor Incharge of Youth Ministry, Technical Schools, Media Ministry and Legal Aid to confreres in crisis-management; 4.Councillor Incharge of Mermier's Cause; and 5.Coordinator of financial Project-preparations and raising of funds for Province projects.

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CHETALAN Joe (Member)
CHETTUPUZHA Varghese (Member)
KATTATHARA Antony (Member)
KOLLATHUVAYALIL Thomas (Member)
LALMUENZELA Daniel (Member)
MAIONG Nicholas (Member)
MARAK Peter (Member)
NARZARY Ronesh (Member)
THAIKHO Simon (Member)
VAZHEPARAMBIL Mathew (Member)

Hearty Congrats to New Provincial of Nagpur Province and Thanks to Fr Jacob Karamakuzhy

On behalf of all confreres of Northeast India Province, may I congratulate Rev. Fr John Britto Muthuswamy, the newly appointed Provincial of Nagpur Province. He can be assured of the prayerful support of all Northeast confreres in his ministry of leadership as Provincial. The members of the Province remain ever grateful to Rev.Fr Jacob Karamakuzhy, the outgoing Provincial, for his timely support, encouragement and active collaboration with Northeast India Province.

Hearty Congrats to New Provincial Administration of the Congregation of the Sisters of Cross of Chavanod (SCC), Guwahati Province

Congratulations to Rev. Sr Gracia Antony, the newly appointed Provincial Superior of SCC, Guwahati, and the following members of her Administration: Sr Alice Mathew (Councillor and Provincial Bursar), Sr Sabrina Lakra (Councillor), Sr Thriveni Narzary (Councillor), Sr Laisa Peter (Councillor), Sr Sherly Varghese (Provincial Secretary). Sincere thanks to Rev. Sr Sherly Chacko, the former Provincial, and her Councillors, for leading the Province after the example of Fr Peter Marie Mermier, the Founder, and Mother Claudine Echernier, the Foundress.

Information of / Thanks / Congrats / Appreciation To:

- The academic year 2017-18 of Suvidya College, Bangalore, was inaugurated on June 14, 2017. Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, the Provincial of South West Province, the Major Superior of Suvidya College and Chairperson of Suvidya College Governing Body, presided over the Mass of the Holy Spirit. In his homily he thanked the dedicated staff of Suvidya for the academic excellence the institute has achieved and invited the students to grow in wisdom and knowledge. The Holy Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Fr Noel Rebello, General Secretary for Formation, all Provincials of India, Rector and staff of Suvidya, the Rectors of Study Houses (presently there are 6 Congregations other than MSFS sending their students to Suvidya), many MSFS confreres, priests, religious, well-wishers and friends. The Holy Mass was followed by inaugural programme in the auditorium. Rev. Fr Joy Mampally, President and Rector, welcomed the guests, Rev. Fr James Pattarakalayil, Dean of Studies, introduced Rev. Dr Joseph Nalpathilchirackal (Professor at Pontifical Institute, Mangalapuzha, Aluva), who delivered an inspiring *Lectio Brevis*. Rev. Fr Lawrence Jayaraj, the Registrar of Suvidya College, proposed vote of thanks.
- Fr Uppamthadathil Emmanuel (Rector), Fr Mavelly John (Vice Rector), Fr Kudakkachirakunnel Babu (Dean), Fr Metha Avilhou Stephen (Registrar) and Fr Peethuruthel Francis (Spiritual Director and Finance Officer) for organizing the inauguration and blessing of the new academic block of St Clement College of Philosophy, Nagaon, on July 10, 2017. It was inaugurated by Mr Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, former Chief Minister of Assam, and blessed by Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, in the presence of a large number of invitees. Fr Philip Thomas Kizhakumpurath delivered an impressionable and relevant *Lectio Brevis*. There is almost threefold increase in the number of students at St Clement College in the current academic year, an increase from 15 students in 2016-17 to 42 in 2017-18. The College is making an all-round progress under the guidance of the Archbishop, Rector and the staff, who are fully committed to the task of formation.
- Fr Edakazhickal Thomas, Fr Vettukattil George and Fr Thundathil Augustine for their service to SFS College, Aalo, which is declared as one of the leading degree colleges under RGU. SFS College secured 11 ranks in the final semester result announced by RGU on July 8, 2017 (English -5, Sociology -2, Geography-2, Political Science-2).
- Fr Veliyathu Benoy, Fr Barman John and all Regional/Zonal Vocation Promoters, Parish Priests and several confreres who made sincere effort to promote vocations to the MSFS Congregation. As a result, presently we have 36 candidates this year at Vinaya Bhavan, Thamarassery, undergoing Minor Seminary formation.
- Fr Kurikilamkattu Joby, Fr Shangpliang Genes and Fr Muriyankariyil Mathew for organizing training programme for teachers and catechists on July 14-16, 2017, at Mother of Compassion Parish, Mawkhlam. Fr Kevin and Dr Alphonse animated the programme.
- Fr Kaippallil Saji and Fr Kurisummoottil Philip for conducting a one-day programme for Don Bosco Hostellers, Tura, on July 17, 2017 and a one-day Spiritual animation programme at St John Mary Vianney Parish, Rajabala, on July 29, 2017.
- Fr Muriyankariyil Mathew and Fr Shangpliang Genes for furnishing a Computer lab at Don Bosco Secondary School, Mawkhlam. The same was inaugurated by Shri Marbiang Nongsiej and Blessed by Fr Kurikilamkattu Joby on July 18, 2017.

- Fr Mundoly Jose and Fr Hriinii Mark for organizing the meaningful celebration of the First Religious Profession of eleven novices on May 31, 2017. Fr Puthiyakulangara Saji George prepared the novices through a week-long retreat prior to their Profession.
- Fr Manickathan Varghese Paul and Fr Plathottathil Jojan for conducting the fourth Annual General Convention at St Joseph's Church, Niglok, a village under SFS Parish, Pasighat, from May 28 to June 1, 2017.
- Fr Edacherryapuvath John and Fr Poovelil Francis who audited the Province Account in July 2017.
- Fr Plathottathil Jojan and Fr Manickathan Varghese Paul for conducting one-day training programme for the teachers on June 30, 2017 and for the celebration of the Van Mahotsav on July 6, 2017, at SFS School, Pasighat.
- Fr Roy Parayaniyil and Fr War Riawed Marcelinus for organizing the celebration of the Parish Day on June 25, 2017, and, together with the Catholic Youth Association (CYA) of St Paul's Church, Peren, for organizing a two-day summer camp for the catholic students on July 1 and 2, 2017.
- Fr Vettukattil George and Fr Veliyathu Benoy for organizing the Salesian Retreat for the scholastics of MSFS Study House at Holy Redeemer Renewal Centre, Umroi, from July 10 to 30, 2017. Thanks to Fr Valakodiyil Philip and Fr Suresh Babu for animating the Salesian Retreat.
- Fr Kerketta Athnas and Fr Hasda Sudhir for facilitating the first Annual Province Retreat at MSFS Study House, Shillong, from July 10 to 15, 2017. Sincere thanks to Mr Thomas Paul and team, whose excellent preaching was highly appreciated by all the participants of the first annual retreat of the Province.
- Fr Kaduthanathu Lijeesh and Fr Thadathil Jaimon for securing a fund from the Block Development officer for the New school building retention wall at Sateek.
- Fr Panii Paul and Fr Vattekkattukandam Libin for organizing a three-day summer camp for the children from June 23 to 25, 2017, at SFS Parish, Tening. The camp was aimed at strengthening the faith of the young ones in the parish.
- Fr Puthiyakulangara Saji George, Fr Nongbak Areng Clean and the staff of FAsCE India, in collaboration with Prison Ministry of Northeast India, for conducting a free medical camp at Guwahati Central Jail on June 29, 2017, in view of providing healthcare service to the inmates.
- Fr Kannamangalath Joseph, Fr Kallakulam Jobin and Fr Pallichankudiyil Mathew who organized the 80th Birthday celebration of Fr Mullenkuzhy Abraham at Vinaya Bhavan Seminary, Thamaraserry, on July 13, 2017.
- Bros Baruah Antony, Pallattutharayil Libin, Parambukattil Melvin and Thakadiyel Lijo Scaria, who were ordained Deacons on June 18, 2017, at St Dominic Savio Church, Mawlai, by Most Rev. Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong.
- Rev. Fr Mappilaparambil Emmanuel, the Regional Superior of Dibrugarh Region, who inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Year of MSFS Novitiate, Chabua, Assam, during a solemn Eucharistic Celebration on June 29, 2017, in the presence of MSFS confreres, neighboring communities and novices.
- Fr Mullenkuzhy Abraham, Fr Moonanapallil Tomy, Fr Kunnumpurath Johnson, Fr Mathirampuzha Jimmy, Fr Marayikulam Stephen (Jr), Fr Shiju Poomarathingal and Fr Puliyilakat Joseph who were in India for holiday and visited some of the mission centres in Northeast India.
- Fr Reji Kizhakethalackal, who participated in the golden jubilee celebrations of Catholic Charismatic Movement in Rome from May 30 to June 5, 2017, organized by International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service.
- Fr Uppamthadathil Emmanuel is appointed one of the Archdiocesan consultors by Archbishop of Guwahati with effect from July 1, 2017.
- Fr Pattimackel Kurian and Fr Thalayinakandathil Rijesh who organized the blessing of temporary Presbytery on May 30, 2017, by Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, Provincial, and inaugurated by Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, Regional Superior of Dibrugarh Region, after a solemn Eucharistic celebration, in the presence of many fathers, sisters, well-wishers, Catholic community of Mangkolemba, and friends.
- Fr Kaniyanmattel Joy and Fr Maiong Nicholas for obtaining recognition for Secondary Education from Tripura Education Board for the SFS School, Sindukpathar.

- Fr Poonthuruthil Shiji and Fr Ponvelil Abraham for organizing Silver Jubilee of SFS Parish Youth from July 28 to 30, 2017. A three-day programme was animated by Fr Nelson, the Youth Director of Diphu Diocese.
- Fr Ashihe Andrew and Fr Lyngdoh Donsuk for organizing Holy Childhood-Day celebration for the children at Ka Syiem jingsuk Church, Amlarem, on July 22, 2017.
- Fr Bara Nicholas and Fr Soreng Silanand for conducting Teachers Training Programme for all teachers of Catholic Schools under Divine Mercy Parish, Mawrengkneng, on July 29, 2017. Fr Uppamthadathil Emmanuel was the resource person for the programme.

Updates from Southern African Region by Regional Superior

Annual Retreat 2017 and Meeting: We remain grateful to God for the enriching retreat days in Mokopane. It was indeed good that everyone in the Region could be part of the retreat and the annual meeting. The minutes of the general meeting will be circulated sometime soon. A big thank to all who contributed to make the retreat a wonderful experience for all.

Holiday for Confreres in the Region: With the given request from all the members of the Region, after lengthy discussion and discernment, and with the consent of the Provincial I wish to let you know that the members of the Region can take annual holiday from 2018. Please adhere to the following as you plan your holiday from 2018:

- The annual holiday is for one month including the travel.
- The annual holiday allowance will be USD300.00 and if one takes holiday once in two years it will be USD600.00.
- Kindly seek approval from the Regional Bursar for the airfare amount before you purchase your air ticket.
- Confreres have the freedom to accumulate holiday if holidays are taken once in two years.
- If you are going for holiday in 2018 after two years, you are entitled to two-months of holiday.
- Please follow the diocesan/archdiocesan guidelines and the contract in planning your holiday and kindly make sure that the parish activities are not heavily affected by our holiday timing.
- Kindly avoid requesting permission to attend marriages and special functions at home or home parish from now on. It would be important that the family and others arrange such events for those dates when one would be on annual holiday.

Annual Financial Report: I wish to take this opportunity to thank Fr Lukose Perumannikala for gathering annual reports from all the centres and presenting a collated report at the general meeting. I also wish to thank everyone who made effort to prepare the reports early enough.

Pocket Money: The monthly pocket money for the confreres will be NSD/R700.00 from July 2017. May I request the Namibian confreres to raise the contribution from the parish to the Congregation as we decided in our recent general meeting.

Parish Mission Preaching Team: At the recent annual meeting, Frs. Noble Jose Nakathingal, Jijesh Palatty and Kunjaparambil Joseph (KP Joseph) gave us a report back in relation to their preparation for the Parish Mission Preaching (PMP) in the Region. One Parish Mission consists of 10 days preaching and it would be offered in English and Afrikaans. The confreres are now requested to approach them for the mission preaching in parishes.

Workshop for Junior Priests: The first ever workshop in the Region for our seven junior priests will take place from December 12 to 15, 2017 in Cape Town. More details will follow in the coming days. Fr Job Karikkampally has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the workshop.

Fr Alwyn Zothansanga, having spent few weeks in our communities in Ermelo, South Africa and St. Philip's, Swaziland, has begun his language course. We wish him well as he enters into this period of learning a new language and culture. He can be contacted in the following cell number: 0026876460131

Fr Saju Joseph Thalayinakandathil is appointed as the contact person for the MSFS in the Archdiocese of Windhoek. I thank Fr Saju for taking up this responsibility.

Contribution from Fr Alex George Varickamanthottiyil: On behalf of the Region, I wish to acknowledge a major contribution that Fr Alex George recently sent to the Region towards projects in Swaziland and Ongha missions. Thank you Fr Alex for sparing a good portion of your pocket money and raising funds through the benefactors and the parish for the Region. It's much appreciated.

Fr Tomichan Moonnanappillil has taken up responsibility as an Associate Pastor in addition to the services he offers in the seminary where he resides and the commitment to his doctoral studies. We wish him well in his studies and ministry.

Congratulations: We congratulate Bros Ventino, Patropio, Ivan and Abraham for the successful completion of their current scholastic year. Well done.

Holiday: Fr Shiju Poomarathingal has left for India for his holidays and Fr Joseph Puliylakat left for his home leave on 06th July. We wish both of them a relaxing time in India.

Visit to Namibia: Frs Lukose and I visited the Namibian missions and Academia, our Regional House from July 16th till 28th July 2017. Fr Nikseng M Sangma who joined us made his maiden trip to Namibia. Travelling over 5000 km in the space of 13 days, I could recollect the first travel of the pioneering team in Namibia, the second least densely populated country in the world where the desert takes up the bulk of the country. You could drive for hours and not see any human, motor vehicle or a building. Meeting confreres at the end of each journey was indeed a joyous event.

The apostolic community meeting in Luderitz gave me an opportunity for a common meeting with all the 8 confreres working in Namibia. The confreres discussed various issues relevant to the Namibian church and our religious life and mission. The visit to our missions in Luderitz, Keetmanshoop, Ongha and Soweto gave us an overall picture of the commendable work done both in the spiritual and temporal level by our confreres with the support of the parishioners. Our Regional House in Academia is looked after by Fr Jose Mamalassery but still without any candidate for priesthood. Dear confreres, thank you for your commitment to the church in Namibia and your spirit of fellowship as Fransalians. Thank you for taking care of us during our travel and stay in Namibia. It was certainly a rich experience.

A Parish centre in Pretoria: It's been a long dream for the Region to have a parish centre either in Johannesburg, the financial capital of South Africa or Pretoria, the executive capital of South Africa. A centre in either of the above city could connect the rest of the Region easily with Ermelo and Swaziland. It would also facilitate our link with various embassies in Pretoria besides linking us with our African Fransalians who utilize Johannesburg as a common travel route. Currently we are engaging with the Archbishop of Pretoria for a centre of Fransalians in Southern Africa. Kindly keep this intention in your prayer.

Important Dates for 2018: May I request you to mark the following dates and details in advance in your 2018 diary:

Installation of the Regional Superior: 29th May 2018, 11h30 - Windhoek.

Annual Retreat 2018: From the evening of 29th May till the evening of 02nd June 2018 – Windhoek

Jubilee Celebrations: 03rd June 2018 - Soweto Parish Church, Morning Hl. Mass and Lunch

Fr Lukose Perumannikala (Silver Jubilee)
 Fr Joseph Kunjaparambil (Silver Jubilee)
 Fr Jose Mamalassery (Silver Jubilee)
 Fr Philip Mangatt (Ruby Jubilee)

Community Excursion:

04th June 2018

HSLC/HSSLC/College Results of the Schools/College under MSFS in Northeast India

The results of our schools in Northeast have been announced and I congratulate our students who have passed out in flying colours. May I take this opportunity to appreciate and congratulate all our confreres involved in the ministry of education. I specially thank the managers, principals, headmasters, headmistresses, teachers, parents and children for their collaborative efforts in guiding and molding the future of these children. Congratulations to everyone who collaborate with us in our apostolate of education.

HSLC Result 2017.

No	Name	App	Pass	%	Dist	Star	1 st	2 nd	3rd	Rank
1	Aalo	30	30	100	10	00	13	07	00	00
2	Amalarem	44	43	98	00	00	17	23	03	00
3	Bahalpur	33	32	97	01	07	19	05	00	00
5	Chandrapur	24	22	92	01	00	13	10	00	00
6	Dhemaji	91	88	97	16	45	25	02	00	00
7	Gogamukh	73	70	96	20	25	23	02	00	00
8	Hamren	54	53	98	00	02	25	28	00	00
9	Jonai	79	78	99	02	16	53	05	02	00
10	Kangpokpi	80	78	98	00	26	16	56	06	00
11	Kaying	56	56	100	05	00	11	41	00	00
12	Manikbond	11	11	100	00	00	06	05	00	00
13	Mawkhlam	21	19	90	00	00	03	04	12	00
14	Mawryngkeng	16	13	81	00	00	01	05	00	00
15	Medziphema	95	95	100	15	00	53	27	00	17 th
16	Nongalbibra	37	36	97	00	00	08	23	05	00
17	Narengi	188	188	100	23	00	90	05	00	00
18	Panishali	15	6	40	00	00	01	04	01	00
19	Pasighat	87	87	100	42	00	45	00	00	00
20	Peren	42	41	98	00	00	25	16	00	00
21	Purul	39	39	100	02	23	29	10	00	00
22	Silapathar	116	111	96	18	33	51	09	00	00

23	Telam	22	21	95	00	07	09	05	00	00
24	Tening	16	13	81	02	00	02	05	04	00
25	Umwahlang	15	13	87	00	00	04	07	02	00

HSSLC Result 2017

No	Name	App	Pass	%	Dis	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1	Narengi (Art)	34	34	100	04	25	05	00
	Science	24	24	100	05	18	01	00
	Commerce	23	23	100	04	18	01	00
2	Peren	24	22	92	00	08	12	02
3	Medziphema(Art)	105	104	99	00	30	58	16
	Commerce	14	14	100	00	06	07	01

SFS College, Aalo, Result 2017

Course	Appeared	Passed	Percentage	Rank
II Sem	182	176	96%	00
IV Sem	127	126	99%	00
VI Sem	96	83	86%	English-05 Geography- 02 Sociology-02 Political Science-02

Change of Contact Numbers and Address

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Special Communications

- North East Diocesan Social Service Society, Kharghuli, in collaboration with Regional CRI, is conducting a seminar on “Accounting practices and legal issues affecting the functioning of our Institutions”, from August 14 to 16, 2017.
- **Action Plan for the Year of Education and Innovative Ministries in North East India Province:** This year is the year of Education and Innovative Ministries in the Congregation. During this important occasion, different programmes are proposed to be organized at the Congregational and Province level. Here are some of the programmes proposed by Northeast India Province. Each institution may choose programme from the following and may conduct it at the local level at its own convenience. You may approach Fr George Poovathunkal if you require more clarity on the matter.

June: 1. Art Competition on Environment; 2. 5th June as world environmental day-Planting saplings around school/college and in the neighborhood; 3. Essay writing competition on “Impact of Fransalian Education in the daily lives of young people”; and 4. Conducting a training for the parents on the topic – Challenges and opportunities of effective parenting in the modern times.” **July:** 1. Observance of World Population Day on 11th July – Poster Making competition; 2. Rally and street play against drug abuse by the child rights clubs/students of the schools; and 3. Speech competition – True education is the education of the heart. (Fr Peter Mary Mermier) **August:** 1. Independence Day celebrations; 2. Debate on the topic - Indian constitutions has ensured equality and justice for all; and 3. Quiz on MSFS globally/India/North East India and other general topics. **September:** 1. Discussion on Life & Contribution of Dr Radhakrishnan; 2. Teachers day celebration – Honoring two seniormost teachers of the school (Seniority by service); 3. Seminar on profile of a Fransalian teacher; and 4. Art Competition on St Francis de Sales/Fr Peter Mary Mermier. **October:** 1. Discussion at class level on the life & contribution of Mahatma Gandhi towards struggle for independence and making of a liberal India; 2. Celebrate Gandhi Jayanthi Day – Clean school/village/hospital/market drive etc.; 3. Observance of World Disaster Day on 13th October – Invite a disaster management team to the school and provide an awareness programme and demo for the students; 4. Observance of World Hand wash day on 15th October with a demonstration during the assembly; 5. Extempore speech competition on “Bloom where you are planted.” – SFS. **November:** 1. Observance of National Education Day on 11th Nov.; 2. Children’s day celebration – Profile of a Fransalian Student; 3. Grandparents day celebration. **December:** 1. Celebrate Christmas; and 2. Conduct a health camp in the school/ blood donation campaign/ organ donation campaign/ visiting orphanages/jail/destitute homes etc. **January 2018:** 1. SFS Feast & Republic day celebration– SFS inter school competitions; 2. Felicitating the rank holders of the SFS schools. 3. Alumni Celebrations; 4. Fancy dress on “little Francis”; and 5. Exhibition on “Education and Innovation for the future.” **February:** 1. Book fair for schools; 2. Collecting one book each from the students and donating to the library of a nearby school; 3. Every school will identify the most deserving catholic child and provide free education as a year of education gift over and above the existing ones.

Let Us Pray for the Departed

- Bro. Anthony Chalackal, belonging to Nagpur Province, who passed away on June 03, 2017.
- Fr Sijo Olickal (31), belonging to South West Province, who passed away on July 13, 2017.
- Fr Mathew Njallathuvayalil (89), maternal uncle of Fr Jimmy Mathirampuzha, who passed away on July 14, 2017.
- Mr Joseph Vengathadathil (98), grandfather of Fr Jobins Vengathadathil, who passed away on May 29, 2017.
- Mr Joseph Edattu (82), father of Fr Mathew Edattu, who passed away on June 13, 2017.
- Mr Antony Marayikulam (96), father of Fr Stephen Marayikulam (Jr), who passed away on July 25, 2017.

Let us pray for the Sick

- Herr Franz, one of our benefactors, who is recovering from a recent surgery.
- Mrs Fatima Paochi, mother of Fr Hrinii Mark, who is suffering from sickness

Provincial's Programme

August

Aug. 5-7: Vinayalaya, Bangalore

Aug. 9: Guwahati Apostolic Community Meeting

Aug. 10: CRI Encyclopedia Editorial Board Meeting

Aug. 14: Provincial Council Meeting

Aug. 16-Sept.5: USA (USA Vice Province Retreat from August 28 to Sept.1)

September

Sept. 6-10: CRI cum Pastoral Conference

Sept. 16: Canonical Visitation to Somonpara

Sept. 17: Canonical Visitation to Tura Retreat Centre

Sept. 18: Canonical Visitation to Nongalbibra

Sept. 23: Meeting of Local Bursars

Sept. 24: Provincial Council Meeting

Sept. 25-30: Province Annual Retreat II (MSFS Provincial House, Guwahati)

Sept. 30: Perpetual Profession, MSFS Study House, Shillong

October

Oct. 5: SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor

Oct. 7-13: Congregational Retreat, Poondi

Oct. 14-16: GC-PIF-PEA Meeting, Trichy

Oct. 24-27: Association of Christian Philosophers of India (ACPI) Meeting at MSFS Provincial House

Oct. 29-30: Superiors Forum Meeting

Oct. 30: Provincial Council Meeting

November

Nov. 2-16: Europe

Nov. 20: Ranchi

Nov. 14-16: PMP Meeting in Guwahati

Nov. 24: Novitiate, Chabua

Nov. 25: Extended Apostolic Community Meeting (EACM) of Upper Assam

Nov. 27: EACM of Arunachal

Nov. 30: Provincial Council Meeting

December

Dec. 1-2: Suvidya College

Dec. 5: EACM of Guwahati

Dec. 6: EACM of Lower Assam

Dec. 8: EACM of Nagaland

Dec. 9: EACM of Manipur

Dec. 12: EACM of Shillong

Dec. 14: EACM of Garo Hills

Dec. 16: EACM of Tripura

Dec. 19: EACM of Mizoram-Manikbond

Dec. 21: Provincial Council Meeting

Dec. 23: Vaikom

Dec. 24: Ranni
Dec. 27: Ordination of Dn Lijo Scaria Thakadiyel
Dec. 28: EACM of Thamaraserry
Dec. 29: Ordination of Dn Melvin P.K.Parampukattil
Dec. 30: Ordination of Dn Libin Varghese Pallattutharayil

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January

Jan. 2: Umwahlang
Jan. 4-31: Editing of “Encyclopedia of Religious in India”
Jan. 16: Bahalpur
Jan. 21: Ordination of Dn Antony Baruah

February

Feb. 1-2: Mission Forum Meeting
Feb. 3-4: Education Forum Meeting
Feb. 5-6: Formation Forum Meeting
Feb. 7-8: Social and Innovative Forum Meeting
Feb. 9: Provincial Council Meeting
Feb. 12-Mar.12: Classes at Nagaon

March

Mar. 15: Canonical Visitation to Manikbond
Mar. 18: Novitiate, Chabua
Mar. 21-23: Provincial Council Meeting (Budget Evaluation)

April

April 8: Canonical Visitation to Gogamukh
April 9: Canonical Visitation to Dhemaji
April 10: Canonical Visitation to Silapathar
April 11: Canonical Visitation to Telam
April 12: Canonical Visitation to Jonai
April 13: Canonical Visitation to Pasighat
April 14-15: Canonical Visitation to Yinkiong
April 16-17: Canonical Visitation to Aalo
April 18: Canonical Visitation to Kaying
April 19: Canonical Visitation to Tato
April 20: Canonical Visitation to Basar
April 22: Canonical Visitation to Medziphema
April 23: Canonical Visitation to Peren
April 24: Canonical Visitation to Tening
April 25: Canonical Visitation to Kangpokpi
April 26-27: Canonical Visitation to Purul
April 28: Canonical Visitation to Imphal
April 30: Provincial Council Meeting

May

May 10: Canonical Visitation to Shillong
May 11: Canonical Visitation to Umroi
May 12: Canonical Visitation to Amlarem
May 13: Canonical Visitation to Mawrynkneng
May 14: Canonical Visitation to Mawkhlam

May 15: Canonical Visitation to Umwahlang
May 20: Provincial Council Meeting
May 23-24: Canonical Visitation to Amarpur, Sindukpathar, Harina
May 30: Canonical Visitation to Mangkolemba
May 31: Novitiate, Chabua

June

June 2-3: Canonical Visitation to Sateek, Lengpui

A Concluding Thought

There is a story about a father and his young son who were walking through the mountains. Suddenly, the son fell, hurting his leg on a rock. He screamed, 'AAhhhh!' To his surprise, he heard a voice repeating, 'AAhhhh!' This made him even more curious. So, he yelled, 'Who are you?' Back came the same answer, 'Who are you?' Feeling a bit perturbed by this response, he yelled out, 'Coward!' Back came the same reply, 'Coward!' He looked at his father and asked: 'What's going on?' His father smiled and said: 'Son, pay attention.' Looking across the valley, his father yelled to the mountain, 'I admire you!' The voice answered: 'I admire you!' Again the man cried out: 'You are a champion!' The voice replied, 'You are a champion!' The boy was amazed, but he was very confused. So, his father explained... 'You are only hearing an echo, the sound of our voices bouncing back from the mountains. However, this really is how life works. It returns to you what you think, say and do!

Our lives are a reflection of our thoughts and actions. If you want more love in our world, create more love in your heart. If you want to be treated with gentleness and humility, treat others with gentleness and humility. If you want more commitment from your MSFS confreres, become more committed yourself.

Fraternally
Yours in the Lord,



Fr George Panthanmackel MSFS
Provincial of Northeast India Province

WALKING ON THE PATH OF THE PATRON

Always speak of God as of God, that is to say, reverently and devoutly, not in a self-sufficient, preaching spirit, but with gentleness, charity, and humility. SFS

