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Editorial...

It was June 1995. I was studying at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. We, a few Indian priests, had the joy of meeting Mother Teresa at the Holy Spirit College, Leuven. Addressing the Indian priests, Mother said: "My dear Fathers, after completing your studies, please do come back to India, we need you!" After having said this, she blessed us and gave a small medal of Our Lady to each one of us. For me it was a very moving experience as I was longing to meet her since my childhood. Now I am delighted to know that she has been declared as St Teresa of Kolkata on 4th September 2016. The church only endorsed her sainthood as she was already known as a living saint when she was serving the poorest of the poor. Her canonization is the most fitting event in this Year of Mercy as she is called the icon of mercy and compassion. Pope Francis in his homily of the Holy Mass and Rite of Canonization stated: "For Mother Teresa, mercy was the "salt" which gave flavour to her work; it was the "light" which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering. Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor (...). May she be your model of holiness!" May St Mother Teresa continue to inspire us to re-dedicate and re-commit ourselves to the cause of the least, the lost and the last in the society.



Dr. K. Henry Jose, MSFS
Chief Editor

Saint Francis de Sales A Saint So human

Insight: Interior Peace

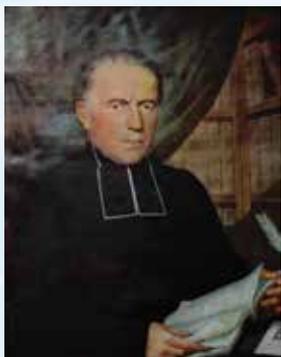


Peace is the most beautiful experience: Peace in all the senses - peace in the mind and heart. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit. The whole person is tranquil and is at peace. On the contrary, it is a terrible experience not to have peace. The whole being of a person is disturbed. It is as if struggling against the storm in the sea. I have met persons who lost peace and have spent

hours with them to help them to regain peace. We must always remember Saint Francis de Sales' advice: "Never be traitor to your peace." One may say, "what if I fall into sin?" Our repentance must be in peace. God does not want a worried anxious repentance but a sorrow for sin in peace, calm and gentleness. The first greeting of Jesus after His resurrection was "peace be with you". May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts in all the changing circumstances of our life. Peace, Peace, Peace.

-Fr Antony Mookenthottam, msfs

Mermier Bytes



2016 is being observed as the MSFS Year of Formation for the Mission of Mercy and Compassion. Hence, it is appropriate that we draw from the inspiration offered by Fr Mermier to the pioneering missionaries Frs. Francis Decampoix, and Jean-Marie Sermet on their Ministry of Missionary Formation.

The directives he offers are clear, practical and personal: "Begin with oneself; Make yourself perfect in your Missionary vocation; Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

designs without us ! How can one be useful for others if one is good for nothing - as a languid mother offering her milkless breast to her famished child.

Focus on Devotion : Evangelical ministry is the work of God. He descends to us in our fidelity to prayer and recollection, in the daily practice of meditation, Spiritual reading, practice of the presence of God, renewed purity of intention through mid-day review, in the reception of the sacraments regularly and devoutly [...]. The religious Missionary is called to a joyful observance and loyal allegiance to the Rule of Life as directed by the Constitutions of the Congregation to which he belongs. We must pray to God to send us more vocations; for our part, we must cooperate, help Divine Providence.

Focus on Study: Begin with Self-Awareness - Study of Self. On this depends the success or failure of Mission. Knowledge of self is so necessary, that

Many forget their own sanctification under the pretext of performing zealous deeds! What a folly! As if the Almighty was not able to accomplish His

without this first quality, there will neither be fear of God, nor humility, nor obedience, nor chastity, nor vocation; on the contrary, there will be only self-love, human respect, obedience - a real slavishness, mortification - a kind of hell.

Study of languages, knowledge of the world, of the human heart, the training in preaching - all these play a great role in the life of a Missionary. Of capital importance are the study of Holy Scripture and Sacred Theology: studied, meditated on, analyzed and applied with practical sciences (to present-day realities). These are the means offered to form oneself for Christ's Mission.

Focus on Service: Continue to form yourself with a great purity of intention and diligence for the exercise of holy ministry which is a vast field: Proclamation of the Word, Catechesis, administration of the Sacraments,

meaningful celebration of the Eucharist, regular recitation of the Prayer of the Church and loyal conduct of the ministry assigned by the Congregation - attentively, entirely and devotedly. Remember, even men of moderate talent can succeed since the Grace of God is always at hand.

"What happiness and what boon to send forth Missionaries in the flower of youth, provided they are true Missionaries, men worthy of their sublime vocation, new Apostles, other Christs full of grace and truth, men who are totally detached from this world and from all its false goods. Such men are an immense blessing from the Divine Mercy, an infinitely precious resource for our little Mission. Do not fail in any manner whatsoever to come up to these expectations".

-Fr Noel Rebello, msfs

Launching Out To Yet Another African Nation

The MSFS has extended their presence to yet another country in Africa by opening a mission in Swaziland, adding more feathers to the congregation's missionary character.

The pioneering team of Fr Augustine Parampuzha and Fr Francis Huwn, members of the Northeast India Province, arrived in Swaziland on March 7, 2016, accompanied by Fr Thomas Vanderkunnel, one of the councillors of Southern African Region. Currently, the pioneers are busy with learning SiSwati - the local language.

As the country belongs to Southern African Region of the world so also it is entrusted with the Southern African Region of the Northeast India Province of the MSFS for mission work. Fr Parampuzha takes up the challenging task of pioneering to Swaziland with an enormous experience of having worked in Southern Africa for over 10 years. Fr Huwn joins him fresh from Northeast India with two years of experience as a priest in Amlarem, Meghalaya.

The kingdom of Swaziland is one of the world's last remaining absolute monarchies. The king rules by decree over his million subjects, most of whom live in the countryside and follow traditional ways of life.

Currently, the diocese of Manzini which covers the whole country has 23 priests, of which 9 are religious and 14 diocesan. The proposed parish to be undertaken - St Philips Catholic Church - is 89 years old. It has numerous institutions and structures that cater for various community needs. There are six Catholic schools within the parish boundary.

Regional Superior of the New Region of Dibrugarh Installed



Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil was appointed Regional Superior of the Dibrugarh Region by Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, the Superior General, on Nov 28, 2015. The installation of the Regional Superior of the newly erected region under Northeast India province took place on Jan 20, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati.

The installation ceremony took place during the Eucharistic celebration. Fr George Panthanmackel, the Provincial, read out the Regional Superior's letter of appointment. Fr Mappilaparambil assumed the office by pronouncing the oath of the office and signing the document after having made the profession of faith.

Triennial Mandatory Meeting (TMM) 2016



The Triennial Mandatory Meeting (TMM) 2016 of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales was held at Lumen Christi Institute (LCI) Arusha, Tanzania from May 14 - 18, 2016

and the theme for this grace-filled event is 'Missionary Response to Human Cry for Mercy and Compassion'. Fr Dave Sullivan of the Society of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) inspired the participants through his keynote address that as Missionaries we are called to be like the Good Samaritan in the Gospel.

At the very outset of the meeting, our Superior General Rev Fr Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS wholeheartedly invited the members of TMM and introduced the member with the goal of the TMM that is the Mid-Term Evaluation of the governance and animation in the Congregation after the 19th Ordinary

General Chapter 2013 and also to assess realistically the processes and outcome of implementing the Orientation, Directives, and Decisions during the last three years (February 2013 - May 2016). The evaluation also aimed at ascertaining whether the implementation of Directives is on track and if it will achieve its planned results by 2019.

The participants of the TMM were the seven members of the General Curia and all the Major Superiors in our Congregation (representing TEN Provinces and ONE Vice Province). All of them were united in prayer, reflections and deliberations as one Salesian family. It was also a moment of being together and reliving Jesus our Lord and Master in the spirit of St Francis de Sales and Fr Peter Mermier. Every participant presented the realistic picture of the province with its major achievements and challenges. TMM Evaluation was based primarily on the four essential THRUSTS of MSFS life highlighted by General Chapter 2013. They are: Thrust on Mission, thrust on Local Community Life, Thrust on MSFS ness, and Thrust on Salesian Spirituality.

The TMM came to its conclusion with the promptings of the Holy Spirit

that every Administrative Unit, Secretariat, and General Administration of the Congregation presenting their accomplishments in five areas during the past three years with a three-point programme (to do list) with a commitment for the next three years.

The five day Triennial Mandatory Meeting was certainly a memorable and grace-filled event for the entire MSFS family as the members resolved in

one voice to live and relive the Foundational Charism of our Congregation and the Fransalian Legacy. Live Jesus and Long Live MSFS in serving the humanity in the Spirit of St Francis de Sales and Fr Peter Mermier under the Holy Patronage of our Beloved Mother of Compassion.

Live Jesus
Fr Jayaseelan Selvaraj msfs
General Councillor

Felicitating the Pioneers



MSFS Novitiate, Chabua, felicitated the pioneer fathers to Northeast through various programmes on Jan 22, 2016 - a day set apart in honouring them. The veteran MSFS missionaries to Northeast India, Rev Frs George Parampukattil, Joseph Kizhakkeveed, Kurian Pattimackal and Jose Mundoly nourished the young budding religious through their presence, interaction and testimony. Fr Parampukattil, General Secretary for Education, presided over the solemn Eucharist and preached the homily. In the evening, an hour of adoration was conducted thanking God for the gift of them, which was followed by cultural get-together, during which all the pioneers shared their experiences with the young novices.

St. Francis De Sales Institute, Bastora, Goa



The community at Bastora has the joy of having a twin Jubilee celebration this year - the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Fr Felix Mendes and the Platinum Jubilee of the house itself. Fr Felix was a student of this institution from his school days onwards and

now that a golden feather is about to be placed on him it is going to be a special day for him. With regard to the Institute, it has been instrumental in educating thousands of young minds as a School, boarding, College and now as a Minor Seminary.

Church at Thorko Blessed

The newly constructed village church at Lower Thorko, under St Paul's Church Panishali, belonging to Guwahati Archdiocese, had a solemn opening on Jan 14, 2016, during the annual convention of the parish. The Church was blessed by Most Rev John Moolachira, the archbishop of Guwahati, and inaugurated by Rev Fr George Panthanmackal, the provincial of the Northeast India Province.



First Ever Regional Assembly Held

The First Ever Regional Assembly of Dibrugarh Region under Northeast India Province of the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales, with the theme: 'Frontier Fransalians in Northeast India: Formed in Compassion, United in Mission', took place from 13-15 April, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati.

Around 33 members of the Region, six ex-officio members and 11 special invitees participated in the historic spiritual event of the newly formed Region.

Frs Oving Philip Mhonchumo, Augustine Thundathil and Kurian Pattimackel were elected as the Regional Councillors and Fr Peter Parankimalil as the Regional Bursar during the Assembly.

Commemorating Historic Events



Linking the past with future through momentous events in the present is always a matter of jubilation and celebration. Celebrating four significant events in the history of the Northeast province, the confreres organized a meaningful get-together on January 20, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Narengi, Guwahati.

The celebration marked the conclusion of the Year of Consecrated Life for Missions, commemorated the 40th anniversary of the arrival of the MSFS in Northeast India (1975-2015), silver jubilee of the establishment of the province (1990-2015), and witnessed the installation of Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil as the first Regional Superior of the new region under Northeast India Province.

The celebration commenced with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Most Rev. John Moolachira, the Archbishop of Guwahati, and concelebrated by Rt. Rev. Thomas Menamparambil, the Apostolic Administrator of Jowai, Rt. Rev Victor Lyngdoh, the Bishop of Nongstoin, Fr Lazar Kakkassery, the Vicar General of Dibrugarh, Fr George Parampukattil, the General Secretary for Education, Fr Jose Thenganakunnel and Fr Francis Thadathil, former provincial, several Major Superiors, MSFS confreres, priests.

Appreciating the availability of the MSFS at the disposal of the dioceses in the region, Bp Moolachira challenged everyone present to imitate St Francis de Sales in his gentleness, holiness of life, knowledge and kindness, during his homily.

"MSFS are endowed with great pastoral sense, simplicity and adaptability that keep them close to heart of the faithful," said Bp Menamparambil, addressing the gathering during the cultural extravaganza. "The amazing number of local vocations they have gives hope to the Northeast region," he added.

The occasion also witnessed the presentation of a documentary, 'Celebrate life in consecrated way,' prepared by Fr Shaibu Ezhnikattu and the release of the first draft of the History of MSFS in Northeast India by Fr Jose Thenganakunnel.

Over 80 MSFS confreres from missions across Northeast India and around 120 others, consisting of priests, sisters, friends and well-wishers, attended the programme.

It was two score years ago that Frs Kurian Pattimackel, Joseph Kizhakeveed, Jose Mundoly and George Parampukattil brought forth MSFS to Northeast India.

New church at Rumphum



Rt Rev Paul Mattekatt, bishop of Diphu, blessed and Fr Sabu Francis, the delegation superior of GAH, inaugurated the newly constructed village church named after St Mother Teresa at Rumphum, under Hamren Parish, on Jan 16, 2016.

Decennial celebrations at St. Francis de Sales Church, Ekekam



St. Francis de Sales Church, Ekekam III is on a celebrative mode as it completes 10 years of its existence in the diocese of Obala. Demarcated and given to the care of the Fransalians (Fr Richard Martin MSFS as the first Parish Priest), SFS Church has slowly come to carve a niche for itself in and around the diocese. Situated almost 20 outside the city of Yaoundé, Ekekam III has been neglected and cut off from the mainstream; but the presence of the Fransalians is slowly changing the course of the tide. As the parish turns 10, it has ample reasons to celebrate.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Mgr. Athanas Mballa, retired bishop of Bafia Diocese. The celebration was glittered with the presence of two couples, who decided to hold the sacramental marriage on the same day. On the same occasion two children were baptised.

The celebration was attended by fathers & brothers from the La Feuillette community, priests and religious from the neighbourhood and a large number of faithful of the parish. A solemn banquet was organised after the Eucharistic celebration, which was graced by some

of the important persons from the city and neighbourhood. Thus, the jubilee celebration was more of witnessing to Christ's presence amidst the Christian community of Ekekam.

-Fr Sujith John, msfs



All Saints, Peren, turns Gold

All Saints Higher Secondary School, Peren, Nagaland, celebrated Golden Jubilee of its establishment on Nov 21, 2015, amidst pomp and gaiety. Mr T R Zeliang, the chief minister of Nagaland and a past student of the school was the Chief Guest and Dr James Thoppil, the bishop of Kohima, was the Guest of Honour.

Over 1000 people were present on the occasion, cherishing the cultural extravaganza to their heart's delight.

When Mawkhlam exulted in joy

The newly built Mother of Compassion Church at Mawkhlam, was blessed by Rt Rev Victor Lingdoh, the bishop of Nongstoin Diocese, and inaugurated by Fr George Panthanmakel, the provincial, on Dec 17, 2015. This parish Church was declared by the Bishop as one of the three pilgrim centres in Nongstoin Diocese during the Year of Mercy.

Blessing of the Newly Constructed Church at Koppal



St. Francis De Sales Church, Koppal was dedicated and blessed by His Lordship Rev. Dr. Henry D'Souza, the bishop of Ballary on 28th January 2016 at 11.00 am in the presence of Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, the provincial Superior of South west India Province.

New Church in the Zambia Mission



A new Church was inaugurated in Nalufi, a Bush centre in the Zambia Mission. Bishop Clement SDB was present and conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to many people. The Church was built with the hard work of the people and great support from the Priests. Besides this, two other Chapels also were built in different centres. There is also the scope of getting another parish in the Archdiocese of Lusaka.

State award to SFS College for best NSS unit

SFS College, Aalo, was conferred the best NSS (National Social Service) Unit award by the government of Arunachal Pradesh on March 23, 2016. The college received the prestigious award during the 16th Conference of Higher and Technical Education held at Itanagar.

Dr Tamo Mibang, the vice chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University handed over the award to Sr Belsy Jose, the vice principal and Mr Reyom Ete, the programme officer of SFS college NSS unit, in the presence of Mr JP Rajkhowa, the governor of Arunachal Pradesh.

Mawpon has a Church



Fifty years after embracing Catholic faith, Mawpon village under Mother of compassion parish, Mawkhlam, received a church named after St Alphonsa to pray and worship. The village has 28 families with almost 195 Catholics.

Garro Hills Talent Hunt at Nongalbibra



SFS School, Nongalbibra, in collaboration with St Thomas School, Jadigittim, organised the Garo Hills Talent Hunt – a reality show – from Aug-Dec, 2015, for the first time ever in the history of Garo Hills.

Aimed at finding the best talent of three Garo Hills' districts, the competition witnessed a massive participation of around 1000 students from 40 schools.



The event was inaugurated on Aug 22, 2015 and it ran through two stages. Eighty participants took part in the grand finale held on Dec 11, 2015, performing to the hearts' delight of audience through group dance, single dance and solo singing. The grand finale was an audio-visual feast to the 13000 people gathered to witness the mega-event.

Silver Jubilee Year of St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, Santerxet, Aldona, Goa.



St.Thomas Higher Secondary School in Aldona, Goa, will begin its Silver Jubilee Year on 13th July, 2016 and end the year on 13th July, 2017. The Jubilee year will be celebrated through various events and competitions that have been planned at various levels involving different schools and different communities of people.

- Fr Jerard, msfs

Pearl Jubilee (30th year) Celebration of S.F.S. School, Nagulapalem



S.F.S. School, Nagulapalem held its 30th year of inception - the Pearl Jubilee - on January 28th, 2016.

A formal cultural programme was conducted marking the occasion which was well attended by Priests, sisters, parents, well wishers and students. Most Rev. Dr. M. D. Prakasam, the Bishop of Nellore Presided over the function and Rev. Fr P. Chinnappa Reddy, the Provincial, was the main Guest of Honour.

A Jubilee Calendar was released by His Excellency and a small story book, "A Tribute to SFS"-written by Kumari Janaki X class -was released by the Provincial.

CBSE School Building inaugurated



The SFS CBSE School building, Silapathar, was blessed by Rt. Rev. Michael Akasius and inaugurated by Rev Fr George Panthamackel in the presence of Mr Victor Carpenter, the Deputy Commissioner of Dhemaji, as Chief Guest on March 19, 2016.

Silver Jubilee Celebration of PSI, Malur



While it was inducing the feeling of pride for the staff and community members of Pastoral Sociology Institute (PSI) Malur and for many others, the day of Silver Jubilee

Celebration of PSI dated 26.04.2016, offered immense joy for having part of the history of PSI for its many services that it rendered to the people of Karnataka. PSI in Karnataka for 25 years at the service of rural people began with Kolar district and later spread over many districts in Karnataka. The blessing of the SFS auditorium added beauty to the day. We began the day with holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, Provincial of south-west India Province together with loving Participation of around 50 Priests and other religious from far and wide, mainly from our missions.

Later in the day a public function was organised, which was blessed with the presence of people from social and political arena and from the civil authorities. We were encouraged by the presence of the provincial and Councillors and more than 1200 People from different villages and PSI Centers. On this day we had the opportunity to give

away the Kurian Aranjanil Memorial Scholarships (KAMS) to 120 students from various centers in Kolar deanery. Fr Selvaraj MSFS had taken the lead to motivate KAMS children and their parents through different Motivational sessions. The fund for the yearly scholarship is given through "Distant Adoption Program" supported by Rev Fr Thomas Cherukat MSFS.

On this great occasion of the silver jubilee of PSI, we had the joy of give out the certificate to 16 of the village woman, who were completed the 5 months tailoring training program of PSI. We acknowledge with gratitude the encouragement and support of all the fathers from Kolar denary and other places, especially Fr Saju Jose, Fr Arokiasamy and Fr Jabamalai. We also gratefully acknowledge the loving and encouraging support of our Provincial and his Administration. A number of benefactors

also have helped towards this project. We wish PSI many more years of vital services towards the development of rural Karnataka.

Fr Jijo Chemplany, msfs

Education Seminar cum Update Program

Fransalian Education Forum Regional (FEF-R) organized and conducted a seminar-cum-update programme for the Fathers engaged in the apostolate of education from the 15th to 18th of May 2016 in New Delhi under the direction of Nagpur Province. A total no of 90 confreres from all the six Indian Provinces attended the seminar.

The resource persons were Fr Jose Kumbloickal MSFS and Fr Sunny Jacob SJ, Secretary, Jesuit Educational Association, South Asia. The former dealt with making our education truly Fransalian and Mermerian by following the examples and methods of education of St. Francis de Sales and Fr Peter Mary Mermier. The latter dealt with current and relevant topics like Child protection policy of



the CBCI, Challenges to the minority educational Institutions and minority rights etc. During the seminar 'The Directory Of Fransalian Schools 2016', prepared by the FEF-R was released. This

directory contains a photo of each school with its short history and the latest statistics .

-Fr George Parampukattil MSFS
General Secretary of Education



Indian Institute of Spirituality celebrated its 27th Institute Day on 11th September 2016 with splendour and grandeur. The celebration began with the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Rev. Dr. Benny Koottanal, the provincial of the

South-West India Province. Fr Benny in his homily emphasized the theme "Ever flowing streams of Mercy" and invited everyone to become channels of mercy and love especially in the year of mercy. Over sixty priests concelebrated and large number of religious, benefactors and well-wishers attended the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Dr. Antony Kolencherry the founder of IIS was the chief guest of the cultural evening along with Rev. Dr. A. Rayappan, the president of the pontifical Institute and Rev. Dr.

Benny Koottanal, the Provincial. The dominant attraction of the day was the musical play, led by the Students. The moving acting and the rhythmic steps of the dancers expressed the message "Into the Heart of Divine Mercy". The professional touch given to all the activities of the day vividly expressed the glorious standard of the Institute as it has grown to the top slot of its kind in India. The dinner that followed thereafter provided a platform for everyone to renew friendship with each other and their love towards the Institute.

- Fr Joe Cherolickal MSFS

Institute Day at IIS

From the Chronicles of Suvidya 2016-17

Who can count the grains of sand on the seashore? Numerous are the ways in which God makes sure that Suvidya is always blessed in abundance as it treads through its 33rd year of its existence. Focused on the mission of fostering holistic formation, we began the new academic year on 13th June 2016 with the Inaugural function. Adorned with the presence of all the Indian Provincials who are the members of the Suvidya Governing Body, Professors, MSFS Confreres, Study House Superiors, Sisters, Brothers and friends from neighboring communities, the celebration began with the solemn Eucharist presided over by Rev. A. Dharmaraj, the Chairperson of the Governing Body. It was followed by the Inaugural Ceremony during which Rev. Fr Paul Parathazham, Director of St. John's Medical College and Hospital, gave the Lectio Brevis on 'Some of the Significant Trends in the Present Church in India'.

This year we are blessed with 173 Brothers (including 29 day-scholars from six study houses) admitted for the three year philosophy programme.

Two more staff members namely Frs. Joseph Plathottam and Deiva Sahayaraj have also joined the staff-team of Suvidya. The staff and the students of Suvidya

are grateful to all the members of the Governing Body for their assurance of support and guidance.

Further, the Year of Formation for Mission of Mercy and Compassion inaugurated by our Fr Superior General exhorts us to review the quality of our formation. Keeping this in mind, Suvidya has worked out a course of celebration in the community, implementing a set of proposals from the student and staff-team – one of them includes a one-day Seminar on Formation to be animated by Fr Rayappan, Professor in St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary.

Besides striving to achieve academic excellence in various ways, we have also taken few initiatives towards the maintenance and preservation of the



existing infrastructure to ensure its sustainability. This includes furnishing a seminar hall in the stretch of the old chapel and renovation of the reception area.

It is also to be noted that in last academic year we had inaugurated the Symposium in memory of Fr Gabriel in view of incorporating the trace of intellectual culture which his life exemplified. To continue that tradition, we with the support and consent of the Governing Body members of Suvidya have planned to organize Fr Gabriel Memorial Lecture as an annual event. This year's sessions will be held on 8th December 2016. We extend a hearty welcome to all to participate in it and be enriched.

MSFS in Mattanur, Tellicherry Archdiocese



The Congregation has made its formal presence in the Archdiocese of Tellicherry by inaugurating and blessing the first community house at Mattannur on 30th January, 2016.

After the inauguration of the House, the Archbishop of Tellicherry blessed and consecrated the house for the use of the MSFS during the Holy Mass officiated by him. During the homily, the Archbishop welcomed the MSFS formally into his Archdiocese and assured his support and patronage. He appreciated the presence of the MSFS in this area of his Archdiocese where there is a lot of need for spiritual and pastoral assistance to people.

-Fr Jose Kumbloickal MSFS

North-Eastern Youth Convention



The Holy Redeemer Renewal Centre organized a three-day convention for the youth from across Northeast India from 17-20 Dec, 2015, in collaboration with Fransalian Youth Mission. Over 3000 youth participated in the spirit-filled convention led by Mr Mario Joseph, a well-known preacher from South India. Intended at orienting the hearts of youth toward a spiritual life that they will appreciate and love to live and follow-up, the preacher captured their attention through personal testimony of his conversion to Jesus from Islam.

The youth were motivated intensely through personal experiences which lead them to a reflective mood throughout the retreat. It was a time of deep faith formation and restoration of religious and spiritual values for wholeness of life.

Missionaries of Mercy



On 10th Feb. Ash Wednesday Frs. James Manjackal, Mario Dsouza and Jijo Manjackal were nominated "Missionaries of Mercy" by Pope Francis during his mass at St. Peter's Basilica. They have special faculties to give absolution to those sins that are reserved to Rome only during this jubilee year of mercy. They had the opportunity to meet the Pope personally in his Apostolic Palace during his talk to over

700 of the missionaries. The Pope gave them all special written faculty and a violet stole with the symbol of jubilee. They have the faculty to absolve the following, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy: 1. Profaning of the Eucharistic species by taking them away or keeping them for sacrilegious purpose 2. Use of physical force against the Roman Pontiff 3. Absolution of an accomplice in a sin against the 6th commandment of the Decalogue 4. A direct violation against the sacramental seal by a confessor.

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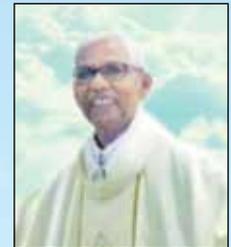
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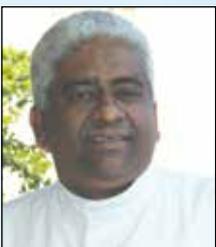
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