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Dear Confreres,



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

By promulgating the Bull, *Munificentissimus Deus*, on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* that “the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things (LG 59).”

Regarding the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death, nothing certain is known. The Catholic faith, however, has always derived our knowledge of the mystery from Apostolic Tradition. The dates assigned for it vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Two cities claim to be the place of her departure: Jerusalem and Ephesus. Common consent favours Jerusalem, where her tomb is shown; but some argue in favour of Ephesus. The first six centuries did not know of the tomb of Mary at Jerusalem.

The belief in the corporeal assumption of Mary is founded on the apocryphal treatise *De Obitu S. Dominae*, bearing the name of St John, which belongs however to the fourth or fifth century. If we consult genuine writings in the East, it is mentioned in the sermons of St Andrew of Crete, St John Damascene, St Modestus of Jerusalem and others. In the West, St. Gregory of Tours (*De gloria mart.*, I, iv) mentions it first. St John of Damascus (P.G., I, 96) thus formulates the tradition of the Church of Jerusalem:

“St Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.”

The scripture-readings of August 15, in fact, allude to the Assumption in a derivative and fuller sense. The images in the passage actually refer to the Church. The woman in the passage symbolises the Church community, struggling against God's Old Adversary. If we've come to apply these images to Our Lady, it's because of her role as the mother of the Church and the representative of all believers in Christ, who place their faith in him and follow him. She's the symbol of all those who say 'yes' to God, and who therefore resist sinful attitudes or attitudes opposed to what God stands for.

At the time when the Book of Revelation was written, the dragon, of which we hear in the first reading, represented the power of the anti-Christian Roman Emperors, from Nero to Domitian. This power seemed boundless. The military, political and propagandist power of the Roman Empire was such that before it the Church appeared as a defenceless woman with no chance of survival and even less of victory. Yet, we know that in the end it was the defenceless woman who won and not egoism or hatred. The love of God triumphed and the Roman Empire was opened to the Christian faith.

‘Today too, the dragon exists’, in the teachings of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, ‘in new and different ways. It exists in the form of materialistic ideologies that tell us it is absurd to think of God; it is absurd to observe God's commandments: they are a leftover from a time past. Life is only worth living for its own sake. Even now, this dragon appears invincible, but it is still true today that God is stronger than the dragon, that it is love which conquers rather than selfishness.’

Let us now look at the other image: “the woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, surrounded by 12 stars.” Without any doubt, a first meaning is that it is Our Lady, Mary, clothed with the sun, that is, with God, totally; Mary who lives totally in God, surrounded and penetrated by God's light. Surrounded by the 12 stars, that is, by the 12 tribes of Israel, by the whole People of God, by the whole Communion of Saints; and at her feet, the moon, the image of death and mortality. Mary has left death behind her; she is totally clothed in life, she is taken up body and soul into God's glory and thus, placed in glory after overcoming death. Today she says to us: Take heart, it is love that wins in the end! The message of my life was: I am the handmaid of God, my life has been a gift of myself to God and my neighbour. And this life of service now arrives in real life. May you too have trust and have the courage to live like this, countering all the threats of the dragon. The “woman clothed with the sun” is the great sign of the victory of love, of the victory of goodness, of the victory of God over slavery to sin, of the victory of life and freedom for which the founding fathers of independent India selflessly and lovingly fought, freeing the nation from foreign yoke on August 15, 1947.

Like Mary who served Elizabeth selflessly, let us on India's Independence Day, together with the Founding Fathers of the nation, dedicate ourselves fully and selflessly to the service of the people of our nation without counting the cost. It is to love everyone without any condition and measure.

For St Francis de Sales, selfless love is love without measure. One should not put any limit to this love, but allow it to grow. Love God above everything; love our neighbours with maximum generosity. We need to love our brothers and sisters more than we love ourselves “The measure of our love for God is to love him without measure. We should not put any limit to our love rather we ought to allow its branches to spread as far as they can. What is said here of God can similarly be said of our love for our neighbour, provided that God's love always floats above and holds the first place in our heart. After that, we should love our brothers and sisters with all the expanse of our heart. We are not to rest satisfied with merely loving them as we love ourselves to which God's commandments bind us. We are to love them more than ourselves to keep the rules of the evangelical perfection which demand this of us” (St Francis de Sales, *Spiritual Conferences*, Translated by Ivo Carneiro, Vol.I, Bangalore: SFS Publications, 1995, p. 62).

Fr Peter Mary Mermier, our beloved Founder, in his letter to Fr Petitjean, written on December 5, 1844, illustrates further the way of practising this love. “It is above all the spirit of the Rule: renunciation of self, the sacrifice of one's comforts and conveniences, to make oneself all things to all, everywhere, always even in the least things: to be like the grain of wheat thrown on the earth. Charity and gentleness towards neighbour are daughters of the love of God” (*Selected Letters and Writings of Fr Peter Marie Mermier 1790-1862*, Edited by Adrian Duval and Translated by Antony Mookenthottam, Bangalore: SFS Publications, 2007, p.31).



REV. FR JOSE THENGANAKUNNEL: MAY HE REST IN PEACE!

Father Jose Thenganakunnel, aged 66 and a priest for 40 years in the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, died of cardiac respiratory failure on Saturday July 16, 2016, at 8. 30 a.m, at St John's Hospital, Guwahati, Assam. He had been suffering from chronic parkinsonism for the last 20 years. He was admitted to St John's Hospital due to pulmonary oedema with respiratory tract infection on July 11, 2016, after his 66th birthday celebration.

Father Jose Thenganakunnel was born on July 11, 1950, at Amparanirappel, Palai, Kerala to Varkey and Alykutti. He completed his schooling and joined Minor Seminary at S.F.S. Seminary, Ettumanoor, Kottayam, Kerala, in 1967. He, then, joined Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, in the year 1971 and made his first religious profession on May 04, 1972. He did his philosophy at Fatima Giri Philosophate, Nilambur, and theological studies at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune, from 1973 to 1976.

Fr Jose Thenganakunnel's assignments were at Catholic Church, Tetenbari, as Assistant Parish Priest from 1976 to 1981; Frasaliam Vidyajyothi, Nidadavole, Andhra Pradesh, as Staff from 1982 to 1983; SFS Bhavan, Kharghuly, Guwahati, as Rector of the new Minor Seminary and Councillor for the Region of North-East India from 1983 to 1984 and as Vice Province Councillor from 1984 to 1987; Christ King Church, Gogamukh, Assam, as Parish Priest from 1984 to 1987; SFS Church, Silapathar, Assam, as Parish Priest from 1987 to 1990; SFS Bhavan, Guwahati, as Provincial from 1990 to 1996; SFS Seminary, Medziphema, Nagaland, as Rector from 1996 to 1998; SFS Church, Medziphema, Nagaland, as Parish Priest from 1998 to 2000; He also served the Province as Provincial Councillor and Admonitor from 1999 to 2002; SFS Technical Institute, Imphal, Manipur, as Director from 2000 to 2002; MSFS Novitiate, Chabua, Dibrugarh, Assam, as Novice Master from 2002 to 2004; Vinaya Bhavan Seminary, Thamarassery, as Spiritual Director from 2004 to 2012; Christ the Bearer of Good News Cathedral, Dispur, as Associate Priest from 2012 to 2015; at MSFS Provincial House, Narengi, for rest since January 19, 2015, until his last journey.

Fr Jose Thenganakunnel was laid to rest on July 19, 2016, by Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, the Provincial of Northeast India Province, at the end of a solemn funeral service commenced with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, concelebrated by Most Rev. Paul Mattekatt, Bishop of Diphu, in the presence of Rev. Fr George Parampukattil, General Councillor of the MSFS Congregation, Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, Regional Superior of Dibrugarh Region, confreres, relatives of Fr Jose Thenganakunnel (Fr Varkey Thenganakunnel, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Jammu and Kashmir, Fr Jacob SDB, Fr Subin, Sr Betsy SMI, Sr Tomsy SMI, Mr Kuttappan and Mrs. Kuttiyamma, Mr Kuttiyachan and Mrs. Annie, Mr Johny and Mrs. Joyce, Nitin, Suchita, Kunjoonj, William, Sunny Thomas), and of many confreres, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, well-wishers and friends.

There was also a requiem mass on July 18 presided over by Rev. Fr George Parampukattil, General Councillor of the MSFS Congregation, concelebrated by a number of priests in the presence of a large number of confreres, brothers, Sisters, well-wishers and friends at Christ the Bearer of Good News Cathedral, Dispur, Guwahati.

The funeral programme was well-organized by the organizing committee under the leadership of Fr Emmanuel Uppamthadathil and Fr Benoy Veliyathu supported by members of Provincial House Community, members of MSFS Study House, Shillong, confreres and friends from near and far.

In Fr Jose, we have lost a veteran missionary who lived a committed religious life. He was a true missionary with a great heart and spirit. Nothing can fill the vacuum but only the love of the crucified Christ. His death is a great loss to the Congregation and to the Church. He was a genuine MSFS and a noble priest, a person of integrity. His contribution to our Congregation and Northeast India Province will always be remembered in the annals of its history. His services are counted beyond the boundaries of the North East Province. He had a lot to suffer during the past twenty years. But, by keeping a cheerful and humorous spirit and surrendering himself to the plan of God he has brought those agonizing moments to higher levels of divine depth and interpersonal width.

As we pray for the repose of his soul, we shall thank God for the gift of Fr Jose to all of us in different ways. He was a religious priest who selflessly worked for the glory of God, and God has blessed our Province and the people of God through him. He had no personal agenda except that of Jesus Christ, that of his Church, of the Congregation and of the Province.

Fr Jose's **death is not the end**. The Preface of the Eucharistic Liturgy states, "Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended." Fr Jose's life is changed, but not ended. We can be close to Fr Jose by praying

for him and he will be close to us by praying for us. The church is in three states really, the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory being purified before entering heaven, and we the living here on earth, forming one **communion of saints** that we profess in the Apostles creed. The living and the dead are united with each other by praying for one another. Believing in the communion of saints, believing that life is changed not ended, we pray for Fr Jose. May his soul rest in peace!

Second Annual Retreat

The next obligatory second annual retreat of the Province will be **from October 01st 2016 morning at 9.00 am to 05th till 3 pm (Please note this date in your programme calendar if you have not attended the first retreat) at MSFS Provincial House, Guwahati.** May I request your participation in this 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 with a Vision.

Communication from Fr Emmanuel Uppamthadathil, Admonitor and the Councillor Incharge of Education

The next joint meeting of the Education Forum of the Province and Education Forum of Dibrugarh Region is scheduled to be held **on October 23, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati.** Hence, all members of the Forum as well as all Principals / Headmasters are requested to attend the meeting without fail. We shall begin the meeting at 9 in the morning and it will be over by 4pm.

Communication from Fr Athnas Kerketta, the Councillor Incharge of Mission

The next meeting of the Mission Forum of the Province is scheduled to be held **on August 31, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati.** Rev. Fr Agnelo Fernandes, General Secretary for Mission and the former Superior General, has agreed to animate the meeting. Hence, all members of the Mission Forum as well as all the parish priests of the Province are requested to attend the meeting without fail. We shall begin the meeting at 9 in the morning and it will be over by 4pm.

Communication from Fr Benoy Veliyathu, the Councillor Incharge of Formation

The Regional Formation Forum that met at MSFS House, Hyderabad, from June 25 to 26, 2016, decided to have an update programme for all the formators of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales. In order that every formator gets a chance to update himself, the programmes are phased out at three different places on different dates. The first of the update program is to be held at Belgaum: **from September 27 to 29, 2016, arriving on 26th.** The second is at Medziphema, Nagaland, North East: **from April 3 to 5, 2017, arriving on 2nd and there will be a sight-seeing trip on April 6th.** The third one is at Vinayalaya, Bangalore: **from April 20 to 22, 2017, arriving on 19th. Each time, around 5 to 6 Formators from each of the Provinces could be attending these update programmes in these 3 places.** The programmes will be animated by Dr. Philip Thomas and his team.

The next meeting of the Formation Forum of the Province is scheduled to be held **on October 24, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati.** Hence, all members of the Forum are requested to attend the meeting without fail. We shall begin the meeting at 9 in the morning and it will be over by 4pm.

Communication from Fr Reji Kizhakethalackal, the Councillor Incharge of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries (SA&IM Forum)

The next joint meeting of the SA&IM Forum of the Province and SA&IM Forum of Dibrugarh Region is scheduled to be held **on October 25, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati.** Hence, all members of the Forum are requested to attend the meeting without fail. We shall begin the meeting at 9 in the morning and it will be over by 4pm.

Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes is organizing the training programme for the mission preaching team **from November 15 to 19, 2016, Visakhapatnam**. All the members of Mission Preaching Team are expected to attend this training programme

Communication from Fr Joseph Kannamangalath, the Provincial Bursar and the Vice Chairman of the Stewardship Forum

The next joint meeting of the Stewardship Forum of the Province and Stewardship Forum of Dibrugarh Region is scheduled to be held **on October 28, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati**. Hence, all members of the Forum are requested to attend the meeting without fail. We shall begin the meeting at 9 in the morning and it will be over by 4pm.

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 CHACKALACKAL Joseph (Member)
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 KOLLATHUVAYALIL Thomas (Member)
 VAZHEPARAMBIL Mathew (Member)
 MAIONG Nicholas (Member)
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 NARZARY Ronesh (Member)
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15. PEHASUIDING Peter
16. SHANGPLIANG Genes
17. THALAYINAKANDATHIL Rijesh

18. TOPPO Kusumkant

19. VATTEKATTUKANDAM Libin

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9. MATTATHIL Jacob
10. MUTHEDATHU Roy
11. PANII Paul
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13. PURAYIDATHIL Philip
14. RAISING Jacob
15. THAIKHO Simon
16. TIRKEY Solomon
17. VETTUKATTIL George

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1. MAPPILAPARAMBIL Emmanuel (Chairman)
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3. AVITTAPALLIL Antony (Convenor and Secretary)
4. PANTHANMACKEL George (Ex Officio Member)
5. KIZHAKKETHALACKAL Reji (Ex Officio Member)
6. ANAKALLIL Tomy
7. CORNELIUS Bara
8. KANJIRATHINKAL Roshan K.L
9. KONTHANANICKAL Jiji
10. KULLU Sudhir John
11. KUNNEL Sijo
12. SANGMA Bernard
13. THEKKEL Tomy
14. VARAPADAVIL Thomas
15. ZOTHANSANGA Alwyn

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5. KANNAMANGALATH Joseph (Ex Officio Member)
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8. TOPPO Kusumkant (Core Team Member)
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10. BASHENE Adani James
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20. MATTATHIL Jacob
21. PANII Paul
22. PATTIMACKEL Kurian
23. THAIKHO Simon
24. THEKKEL Tomy
25. THUNDATHIL Augustine

Transfers and Appointments

- Fr Joseph Pazheveetil is appointed Parish Priest of St Augustinus, Hameln, and St Elisabeth, Hameln, with effect from July 30, 2016.
- Fr Varghese Prakuzhy is appointed Manager of SFS School, Local Bursar of MSFS Community, Galsi, and Incharge of Panagarh sub-station with effect from August 5, 2016.
- Fr Mathew Vazheparambil is appointed Local Superior and Local Bursar of St Francis de Sales Community, and to pioneer the process of establishing SFS School at Amarpur with effect from August 25, 2016.

Scholastics in Regency 2016-2017

- Aloysius Lalduhawma – St Peter’s Church, Chandrapur
- Andreas Syngkli – Holy Rosary Church, Purul
- Dondor Myllemngap – St Francis de Sales Tech. School, Imphal
- Iknasius Kharsati – Marjum Memorial Piblic School, Aalo
- Esau M Sangma – Mary Mother of Compassion Church, Somonpara
- Elvis Kharkongor – St Joseph’s Church, Kaying
- Gaichungdai Anthony Kameih – St Francis de Sales Church, Nongalbibra
- James K. Kachiipomai – SFS Seminary, Gaspani
- Jimal Johny Painapally – St Francis de Sales Church, Tening
- Edrington Lawai – Mary Mother of Compassion Parish, Panbari
- Standfort Stephen S – St Francis de Sales Church, Kangpokpi
- Thomas R Marak – St Paul’s Church, Panishali
- David Lalthanmawia Khiangte – Vinaya Bhavan Seminary, Thamarassery
- Godwin Nuwamanya - MSFS Community, Dumila.
- Fabian Wasonga - MSFS Community Provincial House with assistance in Junior Seminary, Morogoro.

Establishment of Local Community

With the approval of Superior General and with the consent of Provincial Council the MSFS confreres at St Clement College is established into a Local Community with Fr Emmanuel Uppamthadathil as the Local Superior, with effect from July 06, 2016. This Local Community is a member of the Guwahati-Hamren Apostolic Community.

Information of / Thanks / Congrats /Appreciation To:

- Inauguration of the New Academic year 2016-17 of Suvidya College was on June 13, 2016. The day’s program started with the Mass of the Holy Spirit at 8:30 am presided over by Rev. Fr Dharmaraj, the Governing Body Chairman and Major Superior of Suvidya. Rev. Fr Jacob Karamakuzhiyil, the Provincial of Nagpur Province, preached the homily. During the inaugural ceremony, Fr Joy Mampally, the Rector, welcomed the guests, while Fr A. Dharmaraj declared the New Academic Year open. Rev. Dr Paul Parathazham, the Director of St John’s Medical College, gave the *Lectio Brevis* on “Some of the Significant Trends in the Church in India”.
- St Clement College of Philosophy, entrusted to the MSFS by the Archdiocese of Guwahati, was inaugurated by His Grace Most Rev. Salvatore Pennacchio, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal, and blessed by Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, in the presence of Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, Provincial of Northeast India Province, many bishops, priests, religious and lay-faithful on June 15, 2016, at Tokobari, Nagaon. Fr Emmanuel Uppamthadathil was installed as the Rector during the Holy Mass. At present the College has four staff and sixteen students from the dioceses of

Bongaigaon, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Guwahati, Miao, Tura, Tezpur and from the religious Congregation of the Heralds of Good News. St Clement College aims at providing holistic formation to students of priesthood, enabling them to be effective witnesses of the Word in the Region of Northeast.

- Fr Joseph Thazhathukunnel and Fr James Pattarkalayil were in Germany for pastoral work in summer months of 2016.
- Fr Francis Poovellil pursues his doctoral studies on Fr Peter Mary Mermier at Indian Institute of Spirituality (IIS), Dr Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Ist Block, Bangalore-560010, Karnataka, India.
- Fr Mathew Vazheparambil, who secured First Rank in LLM Course from JSS Law College under Karnataka State Law University. He has also completed Masters in Business Law in first class with Distinction.
- Fr Thomas Arackal for organizing a day of Teacher's Training Programme on "Effective Teaching with Digital Contents" at SFS School, Silapathar, on July 14, 2016. Mr Simant Borthakar (M. Ca) animated the programme for the teachers.
- Fr George Kunnel who has celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his ordination.
- Fr Benoy Veliyathu, Councilor in-charge of Formation, for organizing a three-day Psycho-Spirituality workshop as part of ongoing formation programme for priests ordained between 2006-2016. The programme was animated by Fr M.C. Abraham, the Director of Moreau Institute of Integral Training (MIIT), Shillong, on June 3-5, 2016.
- Fr Reji Kizhakethalackel, Councilor In-charge of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries Forum, and Fr Saji George Puthiyakulangara, the Executive Director of FAsCE India, for organizing one-day seminar on "Religious as Development Agents: A One-day Seminar on Social Work," in collaboration with FAsCE India, at Holy Redeemer Renewal Center, Umroi, on June 6, 2016. The programme was animated by Frs. Jose Karipadathu, Tomy Thekkel, George Pekkadankuzhiyil.
- Fr Benoy Veliyathu, Councilor in-charge of Formation, for Organizing a two-day Orientation Course for the Regents. The course was animated by Fr George Panthanmackel, Fr Philip Kurisummoottil and Sr Jancy MSMHC, on July 11-10, 2016, at MSFS Provincialate, Narengi.
- Fr Nicholas Bara and Fr Silanand Soreng for organizing a retreat for the members of Mothers' Association at Divine Mercy Parish, Mawryngkneng, on July 17, 2016. Fr Edward Stein, in-charge of Faith Commission in the Archdiocese of Shillong, preached the retreat.
- Fr Lijeesh and Fr Daniel for organizing a teachers training programme to update the teaching staff with the Creative Teaching Methods for Active Learning, animated by Fr George Poovathunkal on July 4, 2016, and the Fransalian Educational Updating programme was animated by Fr George Parampukattil on July 15, 2016, at SFS School, Sateek.
- Fr Panii Paul and Fr Libin Augustine for organizing a two-day seminar on basic hygiene and communication on June 15-16 and a two-day Bible camp for the children on June 18-19 at St Francis de Sales Church, Tening. Sr Florence CMC and Sr Anna DSP animated the programme.
- Fr Antony Eattikattil for organizing a four-day Annual Youth Camp at St Francis Xavier's Parish, Bashbari, on July 7-10, 2016. Fr Bosco Kujur, Fr Clean Areng and Mr Antony Atho animated the programme.
- Hearty welcome and congratulations to sisters belonging to the Congregation of the Assisi Sisters of Mary Immaculate (ASMI), Nirmal Matha Province, Bhopal, for their commencing to collaborate with the MSFS at Mother of Compassion Parish, Somonpara, from July 6, 2016.
- Fr George Vettukattil, Fr Thomas Edakazhickal, Fr Augustine Thundathil, staff and students of SFS College, Aalo, for the spectacular result of the students, especially for the five ranks secured by the students of SFS College.

- Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, blessed the site of the construction of SFS Church, Narengi, and Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, Provincial, laid the foundation stone for the Church in the presence of Fr Shaibu Ezhanikat, Parish Priest, Fr Joseph Kannamangalath, Provincial Bursar and construction Incharge, Fr Varghese Chettupuzhakaran, Superior of Provincialate Community, Fr George Poovathunkal, the Principal of SFS School, Narengi, members of Provincialate Community, Sisters of Venerini Convent and the faithful of the Parish on July 21, 2016.
- Sincere thanks to Fr Joseph Pamplaniyil, whose excellent preaching was highly appreciated by all the participants of the first annual retreat of the Province from July 24 to 29, 2016 (The same preacher will be animating the second annual retreat from October 01 to 05 at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati). I also thank all the participants of the retreat and the organizers of the retreat (Fr John Kuttikottayil, the Rector of the MSFS Study House, Fr Sudhir Hasda, the Administrator of the House, and deacons) who facilitated the praying-together by the members of the Province.
- Fr Mathew Pallichankudiyil, Fr Lukose Kavunkal, Fr Thomas Nirappel and Fr Thomas Kollathuvayalil are in the silver jubilee year of their ordination. As a sign of gratitude to God for the gift of these confreres to the Province, a simple ceremony of felicitation was held on July 29, 2016, at MSFS Study House, Shillong, after the first annual retreat at which all the jubilarians (except Fr Mathew who could not be present) were felicitated. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration followed by a short programme. The Province is really proud of their selfless commitment to the Province, the Congregation and the Church.
- Fr John Barman, the Director of Youth Programme, was away in Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day (WYD) from July 25 to 31, 2016.

New Vice Provincial of USA Vice Province

Fr Tomy Joseph Puliyanampattayil, msfs, the new Vice Provincial of USA Vice Province of the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales, was installed Vice Provincial on July 03, 2016. On behalf of the entire Province I congratulate Tomy Joseph Puliyanampattayil and wish him God's abundant blessings in guiding the Vice Province.

Please note the new mobile numbers and email Ids of the following confreres:

- Fr Francis Poovelil: 9538823989
- Fr Solomon Tirkey: 8731060086
- Fr Lijeesh Kaduthanathu: 8794708112, 9615837112
- Fr Babu Kudakkachirakunnel: 8281467971
- Fr Metha Avilhou Stephen: 9127541978, avimetha@gmail.com

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Change of Post Box Number

The General Post Box Number of MSFS Provincialate is changed and the new GPO Box Number is 43.

Updates from Southern African Region

New Mission in Swaziland: The Southern African Region will open its first mission in Swaziland, on September 25, 2016.

The Kingdom of Swaziland is a sovereign state, part of Southern Africa. It is neighbored by Mozambique to its east and by South Africa to its north, west and south. The country and its people take their names from Mswati II, the 19th-century king under whose rule Swazi territory was expanded and unified. Swaziland is one of the smallest countries in Africa. The population is primarily ethnic Swazis whose language is siSwati. The country is an absolute monarchy, it's a small economy with lower-middle income.

Swaziland has a population of 1, 130,000. And 83% of the total population adheres to Christianity, making it the most common religion in Swaziland. Anglican, Protestant and indigenous African churches, including African Zionist, constitute the majority of the Christians and Catholics are about 5.2 % of the total population, ie. 58,600. The Swaziland Mission was confided to the Order of Servants of Mary by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith on 4 April, 1913.

Currently the diocese of Manzini, which covers the whole country, has only 23 priests, of which 9 are religious and 14 diocesan. Due to the dire need for priests, Bishop José Luis IMC formally invited the MSFS to work in his diocese. The parish of St Philip's, which is 90 years old, with 6 substations under its jurisdiction, are entrusted to the MSFS. The main church campus has numerous institutions, though dilapidated; they cater to the very urgent needs of the communities in the vicinity. There are six Catholic schools within the parish boundary. The main role of the priests will be to animate the Catholics, render spiritual support to schools and to facilitate social outreach to alleviate poverty and hunger in the area.

The pioneering MSFS team, Frs Augustine Parampuzha and Francis Huwn, arrived in Swaziland on March 7, 2016. The parish of St Philip's will be officially entrusted to the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales on September 25, 2016. We congratulate our pioneering team for their indomitable spirit and courage. May our patron be the strength and our founder the model as we embark our missionary endeavours in this new, different and difficult terrain.

1. MSFS Local Communities in Southern Africa and their Superiors:

- MSFS Community, Ongha – Fr Sanish Plakootathil
- MSFS Community, Windhoek – Fr Jose Mamalassery
- MSFS Community, Keetmanshoop – Fr Joseph Kunjaparambil
- MSFS Community, Luderitz – Fr Jijesh Palatty
- MSFS Community, Vredendal – Fr Salu Mathew
- MSFS Community, Cape Town – Fr Baiju Mundackal
- MSFS Community, Ermelo – Fr Thomas Vanderkunnel
- MSFS Community, St. Philips Swaziland – Fr Augustine Parampuzha

2. New Apostolic Community – Sacred Heart Ermelo and St Philip's Swaziland

3. Appointments:

- Fr Augustine Parampuzha is designated to be appointed as the parish priest of St. Philip's Catholic Church, St. Philip's, Manzini, Swaziland with effect from September 25, 2016.
- Fr Francis Huwn is designated to be appointed as the associate priest of St. Philip's Catholic Church, St. Philip's, Manzini, Swaziland with effect from September 25, 2016.

SSLC Result 2016

No	Name	App	Pass	%	Dist	Star	1st	2 nd	3rd	Rank
1	Along	40	40	100	04	03	24	11	00	00
2	Amalarem	30	30	100	00	00	21	09	00	00
3	Bahalpur	12	12	100	00	00	09	03	00	00
4	Bashbari	21	21	100	01	00	12	08	00	00
5	Chandrapur	22	20	91	00	04	12	05	03	00
6	Dhemaji	79	79	100	20	20	36	03	00	00
7	Gogamukh	84			11	19	04	07	00	00
8	Guwahati	121	121	100	48	49	24	00	00	00
9	Hamren	45	45	100	00	02	13	30	02	00
10	Jonai	78	73	94	07	16	45	3	00	01 (18 th)
11	Kangpokpi	83	75	90	00	00	13	56	06	00
12	Kaying	40	40	100	01	13	20	14	00	00
13	Manikbond	12	12	100	00	00	07	05	00	00
14	Mawkhlam	19	18	95	00	00	04	07	07	00
15	Mawryngkeng	26	21	81	00	00	05	03	13	00
16	Medziphema	82	82	100	07	00	54	20	01	00
17	Nongalbibra	48	36	75	00	00	04	20	12	00
18	Narengi	121	121	100	21	00	100	00	00	00
19	Panishali	15	12	80	00	00	04	06	02	00
20	Pasighat	59	59	100	29	00	30	00	00	00
21	Peren	68	55	81	00	00	17	38	00	00
22	Purul	43	40	93	00	10	19	21	00	00
23	Silapathar	93	92	99	19	24	47	02	00	00
24	Tato	08	8	100	00	00	08	00	00	00
25	Telam	22	21	95	00	03	10	08	00	00
26	Tening	19	19	100	00	01	02	05	02	00
27	Umwahlang	07	07	100	00	00	02	03	03	00

HSLC Result 2016

		App	Pass	%	Dis	Star	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1	Guwahati								
	Art	20	20	100	06	06	07	01	00
	Science	37	37	100	06	05	24	02	00
	Commerce	32	32	100	05	01	20	06	00
2	Peren	27	26	96	00	00	07	13	06
3	Medziphema(Art)	82	76	93	00	00	13	39	24
	Commerce	25	24	96	00	01	11	11	01

SFS College, Aalo, Result 2016

Course	Appeared	Passed	Percentage	Rank
II Sem	156	135	86%	00
IV Sem	104	100	96%	00
BA III Year Honours	44	41	94%	05
BA III Year Pass course	60	51	85%	00

Let us pray for the Departed

- Fr G. Dominic Savio (48), belonging to Southeast Province, passed away on July 01, 2016.
- Fr Melchiades Dalgado (87), belonging to Nagpur Province, passed away on July 24, 2016.
- Two months old nephew of Fr James Madapally passed away on July 02, 2016.
- Mr M.V. Sebastian (82), father of Fr Jimmy Mathirampuzha, passed away on July 02, 2016.
- Mr Chacko (84), maternal uncle of Fr Augustine Kulangara, passed away on July 13, 2016.
- Mr Thankachan (60), the paternal uncle of Fr Lijeesh Kaduthanathu, passed away on July 23, 2016.
- Mrs Annamma (94), the maternal grandmother of Fr Tomy Anakallil, passed away on July 25, 2016.

Let us pray for the Sick

Mr N. V. Jose, the father of Fr Noble Nakathingal, who is suffering from kidney-related illness.

Departure from the Congregation

Scholastic Mark Chingsianpau ceases to be member of the Congregation.

Special Communications

CRI, North-East Region, is organizing a special Seminar on *“Current Legal Issues relating to Minority and Charitable Institutions”* From August 29, 9.00 a.m. to August 31, 2016, 5.00 p.m. at Bethel MSMHC Prayer House, Barapani, Meghalaya.

Provincial's Programme

August

Aug. 9: Ranchi

Aug. 18-19: Canonical Visitation to Umroi

Aug. 20-21: Canonical Visitation to MSFS Study House, Shillong

Aug. 22: Canonical Visitation to Amlarem

Aug. 23: Canonical Visitation to Mawryngkneng

Aug. 24: Canonical Visitation to Mawkhlam
Aug. 25: Canonical Visitation to Umwahlang
Aug. 27-28: Canonical Meeting of the Confreres at Provincial House
Aug. 30: Provincial Council Meeting
Aug. 31: Mission Forum Meeting

September

Sept. 6: Archdiocesan Recollection
Sept. 7: Canonical Visitation to Chandrapur
Sept. 8: Canonical Visitation to Rukminigaon
Sept. 9: Canonical Visitation to Chilarai Nagar Path
Sept. 10-11: Regional CRI Meeting
Sept. 12: Mother Theresa Canonization Celebration, Guwahati
Sept. 12-15: North East Regional Pastoral Conference (NERPC)
Sept. 22-24: CRI-CBCI Meeting, Bangalore
Sept. 28: FAsCE India Meeting
Sept. 29: Provincial Council Meeting

October

Oct. 1-5: Province Retreat II
Oct. 6-8: PIF-PEA and General Curia Meeting in Vizag
Oct. 15: Canonical Visitation to Panbari
Oct. 16: Canonical Visitation to Bashbari
Oct. 17: Canonical Visitation to Bahalpur
Oct. 18: Canonical Visitation to Panishali
Oct. 23: Education Forum Meeting
Oct. 24: Formation Forum Meeting
Oct. 25: Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries Forum Meeting
Oct. 27: Provincial Council Meeting
Oct. 28: Stewardship Forum Meeting
Oct. 30: Canonical Visitation to SFS Seminary, Medziphema

November

Nov. 1-7: Assisting in the Editing of the History of the Province
Nov. 9-10: Aizawl-Sateek
Nov. 12-20: Assisting in the Editing of the History of the Province
Nov. 28: Canonical Visitation to Novitiate

December

Dec. 2: PIF Meeting at Suvidya College
Dec. 3: Suvidya General Body and Governing Body Meetings
Dec. 7: Nongalbibra

A Concluding Thought

The classical spirituality teaches that we can be in union with God in three ways: purgative way, illuminative way and unitive way. In purgative way, one makes effort to purify oneself from all sins, especially mortal sins; in illuminative way, one positively practises virtues and comes closer to God; and in unitive way, one is

in a more perfect communion with God and with others. In all three stages, one is in some sort of union with God and communion with others. This union with God is essential for communion with others. Union with God and communion with others are inseparably related. The clear manifestation of this union and communion are love and mercy. "God is love." When one loves God, the person is already in communion with God. "God is merciful." When one is merciful, the person is in union with God. Some of the concrete expressions of this love and mercy are humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, politeness, simplicity, perseverance, cheerfulness and courage. Thus, we should fight against sin, cultivate virtues and make effort to be in union with God and communion with one another. Then we can be sure that our end will be similar to that of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was assumed into heaven.

Fraternally,
Yours in the Lord,



Fr George Panthanmackel, msfs
Provincial of Northeast India Province

WALKING ON THE PATH OF THE PATRON

Contemplation is generally superior to action. However, if in action one is able to enter into deeper union with God, then the active life supersedes contemplative life, (AE VI, 429, SC II, p.165-166)

WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

