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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS!



VERY REV. FR. K. Ignacimuthu, MSFS

OUR NEW PROVINCIAL

My dear confreres

Cordial and fraternal greeting to one and all!!!

Our beloved Very Reverend Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, our Superior General has appointed Very Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu, MSFS to be the new provincial of South East India Province. He will assume his responsibilities on 24th January 2017. In the name of all, I extend our Hearty Congratulation to him. While we thank the Lord for the gift of REV. FR. K. Ignacimuthu to be our leader and guide, we assure him of our wholehearted support and prayers.

Very Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu, MSFS was born in Kottaikadu, a small village in the District and Diocese of Thanjavur, Tamilnadu on 20th September 1968. His Parents are Mr. Kulandaisamy and Mrs. Madalaiamal. He had an elder brother who passed away in the year 1995. He is the second child in his loving family. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Church, Kottaikadu on 28th September, 1968. He received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 3rd July, 1977. He had his initial education at St. Joseph Middle School, Kottaikadu and high school at St. Arockia Annai Hr. Sec. School, Punalvasal. And he had his higher secondary education in T.E.L.C. Hr. Sec. School, Pudukkottai.

Responding to the divine call, he joined S.F.S. Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu. After his Minor Seminary studies he was sent to Philipnagar, Andhra for his Pre-Novitiate and the Novitiate at Salesianum, Vizag, Andhra in 1987. He made his First Religious Profession on 16th July, 1988. He pursued his Philosophical Studies in Suvidya College, Bangalore, Karnataka from 1988 to 1991. He did his Regency at St. Mary, Help of Christian church, Tamilnadu in 1991-1992. For his theological studies, he was sent to Fransalian Seminary, Pune, Maharashtra in 1992. He made his Perpetual Profession in the year 1994. He was ordained a Deacon in January 1995. He was ordained a Priest on 10th December, 1995.

After his ordination, his first appointment was as the principal of SFS School, Alangayam in the year 1996. In 1997, he was appointed as the correspondent of SFS School, Alangayam. He was appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Mary, Help of Christian church in 1997. He was appointed as principal and correspondent of SFS School, Vaniyambadi in the year 2001. Taking his personal interest into consideration, he was sent to study law in the year 2005. On

completing his LLB studies in 2008 he was appointed as the convenor, the secretary and the vice chairman of the justice and peace commission forum. In 2010, he was appointed as the superior of St. Thomas mount, Chennai. In 2011, he was appointed as the member of the board for the code of ethics. After having been relieved of the responsibility as the superior St. Thomas mount community he moved his legal ministry to Madurai in 2016.

➤ **Appointments and Responsibilities held in the local and national Church**

1. Advocate in the Legal Cell madras high court
2. Legal Advisor for education for Arch-diocese of Pondicherry – Cuddalore
3. Legal consultant to various dioceses and congregations in Tamil Nadu

➤ **Special Administrative posts held**

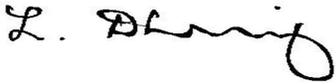
1. Councilor of composite Vizag Province
2. Councilor of South-East India Province from 2011 to 2014

Fr. K. Ignacimuthu is a man of commitment and hard work who tirelessly engaged himself in advancing the growth of our province. His hard work and commitment are well spoken off even now wherever he had rendered his services. He is a person with a lot of experience in the apostolate of mission and education. He has done a lot for the development of the province and for the good of the congregation in various capacities. As a man of vision and mission he has contributed much in the field of civil law. I am confident that under his able and efficient leadership, our province will progress and develop in the best way possible.

As Fr. K. Ignacimuthu is going to shoulder the serious responsibility of leading and guiding our province, let us stand together and support him in every way and in particular through our prayer and co-operation. May our patroness, the mother of sorrows intercede for him and for the entire Province. May the gentleness and the inspiring spirit of St. Francis de sales and

the missionary zeal of Ven. Fr. Peter Mary Mermier guide him and enable him to lead our province. Once again I congratulate him and wish him all the best.

Yours Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Dharmaraj". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rev. Fr. Anthony Dharmaraj Msfs

Provincial Superior