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## SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION



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NEWSLETTER

JULY

My dear Confreres,

Greetings of peace and joy of Christ! Wishing you all a very happy feast St. Thomas, the Apostle.

**MSAF MEETING:** We had a wonderful and meaningful MSAF meeting at Matola, in Maputo, Mozambique. Thank you very much for your prayerful accompaniment. Superiors of various Mission Units in Africa, Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel (Provincial of East Africa Province), Fr. Petrus Kullu (Delegation Superior of Mozambique), Fr. Manoj Arackal (Delegation Superior of Chad- Camaron) and Fr. Jude Thadeus (Superior of Zambia Mission) extend their best wishes and prayers to all. Fr. Petrus Kullu and Fr. Ranjit Tirkey were so welcoming and amazed us with their hospitality and gentle availability. Thank you dear fathers.



**CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT:** Our confreres in Europe, Frs. Salu Thattaparambil, Alex Varickamanthottiyil, D.R. Paul and James Madappallil made their Congregational retreat in Fulda Frankfurt. Thank you dear fathers for taking the time to be part of the retreat.

**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Keetmanshoop, Namibia celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their parish priest Fr. Joseph Kunjaparambil on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It was well organized and a great show of love, appreciation and support to Fr. Joseph. Congratulations to the parish, Fr. Libin Chiraparambil and the organizing team. Thanks to all our Namibian confreres who made special efforts to join Fr.



Joseph. We thank bishop Willem Christiaans, who was the main celebrant on the joyful occasion.

**HOLIDAYS:** The following confreres will be on holidays. We wish them a wonderful time with family and friends.

1. **Fr. Alex Varickamanthottiyil:** is on his holidays from 26<sup>th</sup> June to the end of July.
2. **Fr. Joseph Puliylakat:** will be on his holidays from 21<sup>st</sup> August to 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
3. **Fr. Jose Mamalasseril:** will be on holidays from 2<sup>nd</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August. We wish him well as he will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee in his home parish on 14<sup>th</sup> July with his brother, Fr. Joy Thomas, who is celebrating his Ruby Jubilee. Congratulations! All the best for a wonderful Jubilee celebration dear Fr. Jose.

**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2018:** This year the Steering Committee informs that the Regional Assembly will be “**paperless**”. Very little printed hand outs will be given at the Assembly. Hence, they prefer all of us to come with our laptops or tabs to the Assembly. Exciting times ahead!!!

We look forward to welcoming Fr. George Panthanmackel, our Provincial and Fr. Philip Thomas, one of the Councillors to the Region. Hope that you have received their travel and visitation plans to the Region.

- Kindly confirm your attendance for the Regional Assembly to the Steering Committee.
- If anyone has dietary needs, kindly let Fr. Thomas Vanderkunnel know.

**NEWS from Fr. Tomichan Moonnanappillil:**

*He sends his greetings and the following information:* “I am transferred from the Seminary to the Cathedral as Parochial Vicar. It is going to be pretty busy life with study and work. Besides I have to learn Spanish too as most of the Masses are in Spanish. I will give my best and see how it goes in this semester”.

We wish you all the best dear Fr. Tomichan.

**His new address: Fr. Tomichan Moonnanappillil, Msfs**

**St. Fernando Cathedral**

**231 W.Commerce St.**

**San Antonio, TX 78205, USA**

**Fr. Augustine Parampuzhayil’s** new cell phone number in South Africa: **(+27) 610928415**

**Bro. Ventino Mutume:** Fr. George Panthanmackel, our Provincial, has promoted him to his diaconate. His diaconate Ordination will be on 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. We wish Bro. Ventino all the best and offer him our prayerful support. He will be joining us for the Regional Assembly and will do his holiday ministry for a month in the Region. His WhatsApp number: + **255688304507**.

**Bible Diary, “Joy of the Gospel 2019”:** Thanks to everyone who has placed orders for the Joy of the Gospel 2019. We hope to get the copies by mid-November.