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My Dear Confreres,



We have celebrated two important festivities on 15.08.2018 – the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary our Mother and the 72nd Independence Day of our country.

The fest of the Assumption of our Mother Mary is a significant event and has a unique message for us. Mary our Mother accepted God's call and lived a life worthy of her calling. The feast of the Assumption is an assurance that all those who believe will be rewarded with eternal life. It is also a sign that if we live a life worthy of our calling, we are also assured of some elevated status and glorified life. The feast calls us to live an exemplary life.

We have also celebrated the 72nd Independence Day of our country. Independence means liberty, freedom from foreign rule. This day is very important for us citizens, as it is an occasion to salute all those freedom fighters. Freedom did not come by chance. It is the result of a long period of struggles. It is the result of sacrifice of so many freedom fighters. We should not just

stop with only celebrating the day. We must work for the progress of the country and preserve the multi-dimensional nature of our country.

As MSFS confreres, we are preparing for the great event of 20th General Chapter, 2019. As South-east India province, we have also elected our Delegates to the Chapter. Let us continually reflect on the theme of the Chapter “**MSFS, Wake up to the Basics**” and with firm belief in and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, live by those principles, values and charism of our venerable founder, under the guidance our heavenly Patron St. Francis De Sales and Patroness, Mother of Compassion.

Congregation Matters

The 20th General Chapter 2019

All of us know that the 20th General Chapter 2019 is to be held from the 1st of February, 2019 to the 13th of February, 2019 at Msfs Provincial house, Guwahati, Assam, India. All the preparations are underway. Let us continue to pray for the success of the 20th General Chapter 2019.

Superior General's Circular

In his circular dated 01.08.2018 in SG-AB-22, Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, MSFS, our Superior General brings out the significance of General Chapter in our congregation. Citing our Constitutions and the message of Pope Paul VI, he says “*General Chapter of a Religious Congregation is one of the principal means of RENEWAL*”. He emphasizes that this renewal “*depends on our fidelity to the spiritual heritage of our Congregation, fidelity to our Founder and his vision, and fidelity to our CHARISM*”. This charism according to him is “*the SOUL OF THE CONGREGATION*” and “*is the source of its vitality, inspiration, and motivation*”.

Citing the call of the Vatican Council II document ‘*Perfectae Caritatis*’ for the renewal of each religious institute, he states that our upcoming 20th General Chapter has the theme “**MSFS, Wake up to the Basics**”,

In his circular, he also observes that there is “*an imbalance between our primordial apostolate and our present apostolates ...There is an imbalance between the number of confreres engaged in Parish Mission Preaching, Pioneering Overseas Evangelization, and the number of confreres engaged in Education and other apostolates*”. He further states that “*We cannot hold on to institutionalized apostolates, without a serious regard for fidelity to the charism of the Founder, while all the time declaring that we want something new to happen in our consecrated life or renewal to take place*”

In conclusion, he states that our General Chapter is a time of discerning and various factors “*compel us to discern how to renew our apostolates and our life in fidelity to our charism*”.

(Superior General's Circular dated 01.08.2018 in SG-AB-22 is already circulated to all of you. Kindly read and reflect)

Province Matters

Delegates to the 20th General Chapter 2019 – Election Results

In accordance with the Constitutions and the General Directory of our Congregation, we are entitled to send three Delegates to the General Chapter, 2019. Accordingly we had two rounds of election. In the first round, no one secured absolute majority as required. Therefore we had the second round of voting. The following is result:

1. Fr. A. Arul Francis	-	50
2. Fr. J. Stephen	-	47
3. Fr. D. Kanikkai Nathan	-	47
4. Fr. S. Joseph Henry	-	45
5. Fr. A. Luckas	-	37
6. Fr. M. Rayappan	-	35
7. Fr. A. Santhiyagu	-	16
8. Fr. A. Patrick	-	06

The elected Delegates

1. Fr. A. Arul Francis
2. Fr. J. Stephen
3. Fr. D. Kanikkai Nathan

The Substitute Delegates

1. Fr. S. Joseph Henry
2. Fr. A. Luckas
3. Fr. M. Rayappan

Congratulations for the elected Delegates

Congregational Retreat – 2018

Congregational Retreat is going to be held from 19th evening to 24th afternoon of August, 2018 at Vidivelli Retreat Centre, Sundampatty Krishnagiri. It is animated by Rev. Fr. Edathumparambil Binu, Msfs: & Fr. Austin Joy, Msfs. The following are the participants:

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| 1. Fr. S. Alexander | 9. Fr. P. Johnson Jeyabal |
| 2. Fr. A. Lawrence | 10. Fr. X. Vincent |
| 3. Fr. C. Sebastin Raj | 11. Fr. Jerry Louis |
| 4. Fr. D. Robert | 12. Fr. A. Michael |
| 5. Fr. S. Antony (Tony) | 13. Fr. J. Stephen |
| 6. Fr. A. Arockiam | 14. Fr. S. Amirthanathan |
| 7. Fr. A. Santhiyagu | 15. Fr. A. Christu Raj |
| 8. Fr. K. Ignaci Muthu | 16. Fr. S. Antony (Jr) |

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| 17. Fr. A. Jeya Kumar | 39. Fr. S. Prem Kumar |
| 18. Fr. I. S. Jesu Raj | 40. Fr. V. Yesuraja |
| 19. Fr. S. A. Christu Raj | 41. Fr. P. Anantha Raj |
| 20. Fr. A. Jeyaseelan | 42. Fr. A. Edmand |
| 21. Fr. P. Felix | 43. Fr. M. Simon Prabhu |
| 22. Fr. S. Sahaya Wilson | 44. Fr. X. George Navin |
| 23. Fr. A. Selvaraj | 45. Fr. I. Jone Gragori |
| 24. Fr. K. Joseph Xavier | 46. Fr. A. Nayaga Seelan |
| 25. Fr. D. Tharcus | 47. Fr. S. Santhanam |
| 26. Fr. A. Innaci Muthu | 48. Fr. A. William Joe Xavier |
| 27. Fr. A. Maria Selvan | 49. Fr. M. Joseph Anish Kumar |
| 28. Fr. D. Johnson | 50. Fr. A. Jerome |
| 29. Fr. H. Ebin Christopher | 51. Fr. D. Jaya Kumar |
| 30. Fr. J. Savarimuthu | 52. Fr. L. John Peter |
| 31. Fr. S. Britto | 53. Fr. S. Ashir Johnson |
| 32. Fr. D. Amirtha Rajan | 54. Fr. M. John Fernandez |
| 33. Fr. A. Christopher | 55. Fr. J. Packia Sathish Kumar |
| 34. Fr. S. Stephen Xavier | 56. Fr. C. Berin |
| 35. Fr. S. Antony Raj | 57. Fr. D. Nelson |
| 36. Fr. A. Charles | 58. Fr. S. Arockia Doss |
| 37. Fr. D. Sheen | 59. Fr. D. Francis |
| 38. Fr. M. Benjamin | |

The Forums for 2018 – 2019

Since there were transfers & appointments, there was a need to re-constitute the Forums. As such, the re-constituted Forums for 2018 – 2019 are as follows:

Mission Forum

Fr. D. Kanikkai Nathan
(Councillor in charge)

Fr. S. Tony
Fr. D. Robert
Fr. C. John Britto
Fr. A. Michael
Fr. A. Arockiam
Fr. P. Johnson Jeyabal
Fr. J. Stephen
Fr. M. Sahaya Raj
Fr. M. John De Britto
Fr. X. Vincent
Fr. I. S. Jesu Raj
Fr. P. Felix
Fr. S. Sahaya Wilson
Fr. D. Tharcus
Fr. A. Christopher

Fr. A. Innacimuthu
Fr. S. Stephen Xavier
Fr. M. Francis Britto
Fr. Antony Raj (Sr)
Fr. V. Yesu Raja
Fr. C. Martin Kumar
Fr. A. William
Fr. S. Arockiam
Fr. S. Ashir Johnson
Fr. L. John Peter
Fr. A. Jerome
Fr. M. Anish Kumar
Fr. M. John Fernandez

Education Forum

Fr. J.B. John Thadews
(Councillor in charge)
Fr. George Kootinal

Fr. A. Lawrence
Fr. S. Jerry Louis
Fr. A. Michael
Fr. J. Stephen
Fr. A. Arul Francis
Fr. M. Nicholas
Fr. J. Savarimuthu
Fr. P. Johnson Jeyabal
Fr. D. Johnson
Fr. D. Amirtharajan
Fr. C. John Britto
Fr. S. Britto
Fr. S. Jerald Sahaya Abin
Fr. M. Simon Prabhu
Fr. X. George Navin

Formation Forum

Fr. A. Santhiyagu
(Councillor in charge)

Fr. D. Kanikkai
Fr. Maria Selvam
Fr. Ebin
Fr. D. Sheen
Fr. Prem Kumar
Fr. A. Nayaga Seelan
Fr. A. Yesu Raj
Fr. D. Jaya Kumar
Fr. S. Antony Raj(Jr)

Innovative M. Forum

Fr. D. Amirtharajan
(Councillor in charge)

Fr. C. Sebastin Raj
Fr. S. Alexander
Fr. A. Christu Raj
Fr. A. Santhiyagu
Fr. A. Jeyaseelan
Fr. A. Jeya Kumar
Fr. S. A. Christu Raj
Fr. A. Selvaraj
Fr. M. Benjamin
Fr. S. David Vincent
Fr. X. George Navin
Fr. S. Santhanam
Fr. K. Dominic Savio
Fr. K. Joseph Xavier

Fr. A. Doss
Fr. A. Jeganathan
Fr. P. Rex
Fr. I. Jone Gragori

Stewardship Forum

Fr. M. Nicholas (Convener)

Fr. S. Amirthanathan
Fr. A. Jeyaseelan
Fr. P. Johnson Jeyabal
Fr. S. Antony (Jr)
Fr. A. Maria Selvan
Fr. A. Charles M Raj
Fr. M. Benjamin
Fr. X. George Navin
Fr. K. Martin Anand
Fr. A. Franklin
Fr. A. Nayaga Seelan
Fr. S. Santhanam
Fr. L. Jaya Raj
Fr. K. Dominic Savio

Superiors Forum

Fr. C. Sebastin Raj (Convener)

Fr. A. Lawrence
Fr. S. Jerry Louis
Fr. S. Tony
Fr. D. Robert
Fr. J. Stephen
Fr. M. Nicholas
Fr. A. Arul Francis
Fr. J.B. John Thadews
Fr. D. John De Britto
Fr. D. Amirtha Rajan
Fr. A. Jeya Kumar
Fr. A. Selvaraj
Fr. K. Dominic Savio

Justice & Peace Forum

Fr. C. Sebastin Raj (Convener)

Fr. K. George
Fr. A. Arul Francis
Fr. A. Jeyakumar
Fr. J.B. John Thadews
Fr. S. Abin

Superiors' Forum Meeting



The meeting of superior's forum began with invoking of God's blessings by Fr. A. Arockiam at 9:15 am in MSFS Provincialate at Kunnathur, Trichy. At the outset, Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu the provincial requested the forum to elect a convener and a secretary. Fr. C. Sebastin Raj was elected as convener and Fr. K. Dominic Savio was elected as secretary. The main theme of the discussion was about community life. It was decided that 24th October 2018 is to be celebrated as Community day.

It is to be celebrated in all the local communities of our province. All the fathers who attended the meeting shared about the situations of their own communities and put forward many Suggestions to revitalize and to re-energize the local communities.

The Superiors' forum unanimously resolved to do the following with utmost sincerity and dedication:

- To set a time table for the community and to follow it strictly without fail
- To being faithful to all the spiritual activities of the community
- To pray every day for all the conferrers
- To have monthly recollection without fail
- To visit the family members of every conferrer in the community
- To read from the life of our Patron and Founder before the meals
- To pray for the conferrers, who celebrate birthday, ordination day and feast day
- To read the obituary everyday and pray for the departed confreres without fail
- To maintain visitors book
- To maintain Chronicles
- To have monthly community meeting without fail and send a copy of the minutes to the provincial

Since some confreres are living alone in parishes, it is decided to group them with nearby communities to meaningfully celebrate the community day. The following are the groups:

- a. Kadayal, Nalattinputhur and Othaiyal
- b. Virudhunagar community and Fr. S. Arockiam, Fr. M. Anish and Fr. A. Jerome
- c. Ammapatty and Sendurai communities.
- d. SFS Minor seminary and Thirukogarnam Parish
- e. SFS School Pudukkottai, Kankanpatty and Ravoosapatty parishes
- f. SFS ITI, Nachiarcoil and Mayoraz children's Home
- g. Provincialate and Fr. M. Fernandez
- h. SFS School, Alangayam, Friendly Home, Vaniyambadi SFS School and Vaniyambadi Parish
- i. Kolli Hills, Dharmapuri, Mariapuram and Fr. C. Martin Kumar
- j. Perumbakkam, Kodungal, Adanur, and Kanankadu

- k. Kelambakkam, Perungozhi and R.S. Nagar
- l. St.Thomas Mount and Fr. A. William

The forum has decided to set apart a full day to celebrate the community day either on 24th October, 2018 or any other day that is convenient. The meeting was very fruitful and encouraging. The meeting came to an end with a prayer.

Fr. K. Dominic Savio

The Core Committees' Meeting



The core committees' members of the respective forum were gathered at 11:30 am on 28th July 2018 for the meeting at MSFS Provincialate at Kunnathur, Trichy. The meeting began with the prayer of invocation of God's blessings and graces. At the beginning of the meeting, Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu, the Provincial addressed the gathering, initiated the discussion and highlighted the purpose of the gathering. The main purpose of the gathering was to discuss the bifurcation of the existing society.

The following were the points that were discussed:

- Why is the division?
- Is there a possibility for the division?
- What are the pros and cons of the division?
- If at all we decide for the division of the society, how many more societies are we going to create?
- What are the modes of the operating system?

After having spent sufficient time for the discussion and reflection, the gathering recommended for the division of the existing society. The meeting came to an end with the prayer of thanksgiving.

Canonical Visitation – SFS School and the Community, Nalattinputhur



On 9th August, 2018, Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu the provincial made his canonical visitation in Nalattinuthur community. He arrived here about 8 'O' clock in the morning. After spending some time with the community, he came to S.F.S school, and there he was given a warm welcome by the fathers, school staff and students. Fr. Provincial addressed the students and staff with his valuable message. He also gave a few tips to have and grow in the quality of life as students and as teachers. He spent some time in the school visiting and interacting with conferrers. Later Fr. Provincial met the fathers and had a community meeting at the presbytery. In the meeting, all shared their experiences, thoughts, views and suggestions. The provincial emphasized the importance of having a time table, regular common spiritual activities, common meals and community living. We had lunch together. After spending some time, we had tea at 4 pm. Fr. D. Amirtharajan the superior of the house thanked Fr. Provincial for his visit.

Fr. A. Maria John Franklin

Canonical Visitation of Community at Virudhunagar



On 09.08.2018 evening Fr. Provincial came to Virudhunagar for the canonical visit. We welcomed him with immense joy. As one Fransalian family, we sat together for the community meeting and talked about growth and development of our ministry over here. On the following day for about an hour, we had adoration in the church. Around 9.30 am, our SFS School welcomed Fr. Provincial with a parade and traditional dance. During the assembly, Fr. Provincial encouraged the children and insisted upon four valuable things: 1. Prayer. 2. Discipline 3. Respect for the elders and 4. Study. And thereafter, he also met teaching faculty and in the meeting teachers shared their experiences and in return Fr. Provincial encouraged the teachers. It was a great experience.

Fr. L. Jaya Raj

Flood in Kerala

All of us are well aware of the devastating flood in Kerala. It has resulted in the loss of hundreds of lives. It has also destroyed livestock and inundated properties. Houses are destroyed. Roads are washed away. Landslide is adding to the misery. Lakhs of people are affected. The situation is a catastrophic and continues to remain worsened.

We cannot remain as a mute spectator. Along with our prayers, we need to come to aid of the flood victims – brothers and sisters. I appeal to all our institutions and centres to help the flood

victims in Kerala. Kindly contact South-West India province and our fathers working in Kerala for details.

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Month of August

Birthdays of Our Confreres

Fr. Kootinal George	02	Fr. G. Arockia Samy	18
Fr. D. Nelson Arockia Samy	02	Fr. A. Antony Christopher	20
Fr. M. Simon Prabhu	06	Fr. S. Sahaya Wilson	23
Fr. K. Dominic Savio	07	Fr. A. Chinnasamy Yesuraj	24
Fr. A. Jeyakumar	14	Fr. L. Jaya Raj	24
Fr. B. Francis Xavier	14	Fr. S. Joseph Xavier	27
Fr. G. Sebastin	17		

We wish them Happy Birthday and God's Abundant Blessings upon them

Ordination Anniversary of Our Confreres

Fr. A. Lawrence	12	Fr. C. Sebastin Raj	25
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We congratulate and pray for them

Let Us Remember and Pray For the Dead

Msfs Obituary – August

01	Fr. Cecil Cutlack		Bro. Bernard Vaz
	Fr. Alphonse Bosson	17	Fr. Oliver Moix
	Fr. Adrien Duval	18	Fr. Ambroise Allard
	Fr. Patrick Waldron		Fr. Paul Kizhakeparambil
02	Bro. Louis Evraz	20	Fr. Alphonse Menthon
	Fr. Joseph Tissot	21	Fr. John Charles Lord
	Mgr. Ignatius Gopu		Fr. George Vayalil
04	Fr. Henri Mudry	22	Fr. Aime Trosset
05	Fr. Bernard Carron		Fr. Petrus Descombes
	Fr. Marius Vagnat	23	Bro. Joseph Depollier
	Fr. James Gamble	25	Fr. Joseph Bansode
	Fr. Joseph Vulliz		Fr. Henri Rime
07	Fr. Santana Pereira		Fr. Joseph Oravanamthadam
09	Fr. Thomas Marian	26	Mgr. Louis Francis Gayet
10	Fr. Carlo C. Fernandes	27	Bro. Joseph Leduc
11	Fr. Basil Harrison	28	Fr. Pierre Mollier
12	Fr. Chacko Varapadavil	29	Bro. Hubert Guebey
13	Fr. Maurice Monnard	30	Fr. Michel Ticon
15	Bro. Corbinian Neumaier		Fr. Henri Bourquin
16	Bro. Jean Marie Raphoz	31	Bro. Francois Ruffier
	Fr. Laurent Mugnier		

Let Us Continue to Pray for the Deceased Members of Our Congregation

My Programme

August 2018

19 th - 24 th	:	Congregational Retreat, Vidivelli, Krishnagiri.
25 th - 28 th	:	Peace & Justice Training Seminar, Msfs Provincialate, Trichy.
27 th	:	Farewell Mass to all those who are going to Malawi mission.

September 2018

2 nd	:	Canonical visitation, Mary Help of Christians Church, Vaniyambadi
3 rd	:	Canonical visitation, SFS School, Vaniyambadi
4 th	:	Canonical visitation, SFS School, Alangayam
9 th – 14 th	:	PIF, Provincial of East Africa, USA Vice Province & General Curia - Meeting, Hyderabad
15 th	:	Canonical visitation, St. Thomas Mount, Chennai
16 th	:	Canonical visitation, St. Joseph's church, Perungozhi
23 rd	:	Canonical visitation, Our Lady of Fathima Church, Kodungal.
30 th	:	Canonical visitation, Christ the Redeemer Church, Kelambakkam

**Yours Fraternally in Christ,
Rev. Fr. K. Ignacimuthu, Msfs
Provincial Superior**

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

1. Bible Quote

“ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart”.

- Jeremiah 29:11-13

2. Salesian Thought

“Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections”.

-Saint Francis de Sales

3. Straight from the heart of fr. Peter Marie Mermier

“Instead of being awaited and longed for, the newcomers are to be received with a kind of embarrassment and, as we say, for what they are worth.”

-Letter from Monsieur Mermier to Bishop Rendu, 15th August 1854, Notebooks. AMM.

4. A Thought From Great Poet Thiruvalluvar

Thirukkural: தானம் தவமிரண்டும் தங்கா வியனுலகம்

வானம் வழங்கா தெனின்

விளக்கம்: இப்பேருலகில் மழை பொய்த்து விடுமானால் அது, பிறர் பொருட்டுச் செய்யும் தானத்திற்கும், தன்பொருட்டு மேற்கொள்ளும் நோன்புக்கும் தடங்கலாகும்

Couplet: *If heaven its watery treasures ceases to dispense,
Through the wide world cease gifts, and deeds of 'penitence'*

Explanation: *If rain fall not, penance and alms-deeds will not dwell within this spacious world*

Transliteration: *Thaanam Thavamirantum Thangaa Vyanulakam
Vaanam Vazhangaa Thenin*