



My dear Confreres:

Fraternal greetings to you! Let our prayer be: **Lord Jesus, give me your heart!**

I am pleased to share with you the highlights of TMM 2016 held in Lumen Christi Institute Arusha, Tanzania from May 14 – 18, 2016. Triennial Mandatory Meeting was a midterm evaluation of Governance and life in the Congregation as a follow up on the directives and decisions of General Chapter 2013.

1. PARTICIPANTS

The seven members of the General Curia and all the Major Superiors in our Congregation (representing TEN Provinces and ONE Vice Province) met together as one family of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, with our roots in Annecy close to the tomb and relics of St. Francis de Sales.



The five-day meeting demonstrated our united and determined efforts to continue the mission of Christ in the charism bequeathed to us by Father Peter Mermier and in the spirit of General Chapter 2013.

2. THE THEME: 'MISSIONARY RESPONSE TO HUMAN CRY FOR COMPASSION AND MERCY'

Through this chosen theme of TMM, we revisited the theme of General Chapter 2013 "I want Missions: MSFS Mystics of God's Love for Prophetic Ministries Today". We focused on MSFS- response to the call of Pope Francis to wake up the world through our ministry in the periphery of the society.



3. THRUST OF TMM 2016

During the past three years, the General Administration put measures and initiatives in place to define our MSFS identity in the four areas of thrust proposed by General Chapter. The four thrusts are:

1. MISSION, 2. THRUST ON CONSECRATED LIFE LIVED THROUGH LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH A LOCAL SUPERIOR, 3. MSFS-NESS, and 4. SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY.



4. ACHIEVEMENTS OF EXPECTED OUTCOME AT CONGREGATIONAL LEVEL

A. MISSION THRUST

- Declared the Year 2015 as Year of Consecrated Life for Mission with congregational renewal programs to recapture the missionary spirit and charism of Founder
- Provinces made efforts to open new rural missions
- Certain Provinces made efforts to stabilize African units of their mission with new thrust on frontier missions
- Formation houses started mission oriented conferences, special mission bulletin boards, and sharing of experiences by missionaries which stimulated a few scholastics to opt for missions in Africa
- Mission Development Office has been set up to support our missions through student sponsorship programs, digging-well projects, and submitting projects to funding agencies
- Animation Programs by General Secretary of Mission in the Provinces
- Constant reminders and encouragements given to confreres to move into peripheries of the society in response to the directive of Pope Francis
- Introduced appointment of the newly ordained priests in the missions (non – institutionalized ministries) for a period of three years.



B. CONSECRATED LIFE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Constituting Local Communities and Delegations in GAH with a coordinator and Local Superiors to facilitate community life
- Establishing Delegations and a Region for better community life and animation
- Local Communities are established in almost all the Provinces ensuring that every confrere belongs to a Local Community with a Local Superior (still in progress in some sectors)
- Animation of Local communities by the Local Superior with monthly community meetings and submitting the minutes of the meeting to the Provincial's office. This is reviewed and insisted during visitation and during General Curia and Provincial Curia Meeting
- Assistant General visits Provinces with the agenda of animating, monitoring, and reviewing religious life
- General Secretaries and General Bursar provide leadership and animation to the Forums wherever needed
- Animation Programs for Local Superiors were offered in different Provinces
- Introduced FAST (Financial Accountability System for Transparency) in communities for accountability and transparency
- Mission *Sangamam* (gathering) and symposium in different Provinces
- Seminars and workshops conducted in different Provinces on Consecrated Life
- Developed guidelines and directives on **MSFS Retreat Culture** to help confreres use retreat time with spiritual discipline in the light of feedback from the last Congregational retreat
- Prepared the code of conduct for confreres to ensure safety for children, employees, and vulnerable people in our institutions and facilities.



C. MSFS-NESS

- Congregational Retreat was prepared and presented to all our confreres in various groups with the call of the General Chapter to re-capture the spirit of the Founder
- Preparing a module for parish mission preaching and training a team of committed preachers for parish mission in different Provinces (in process)
- Spiritual Directory of St. Francis de Sales is being prepared for today's context for the use of all confreres (in progress)
- Publication on Father Mermier to provide materials on the spirit of the Founder
- Publishing the MSFS Profiles: the Core Identity of a Fransalian in Ministry Essay contest on Fr. Mermier in our schools
- Essay competition for seminarians (Congregational level) on Fr. Mermier and missionary charism of the Congregation
- Intensified efforts toward the cause of Servant of God, Fr. Mermier.

D. SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

- De Sales & Mermier Resource & Research Center to being set up in Hyderabad (in progress)
- Friends/Associates of Fransalians are being formed in all the Provinces to disseminate salesian spirituality
- Statutes/Guidelines for the Friends/Associates of Fransalians are being prepared for better dissemination of salesian spirituality among the laity (in progress)
- Salesian Spirituality Programs in Annecy is envisaged at the Congregational level to provide salesian on-going formation (in progress)
- Introducing Bible Diary 'The Joy of the Gospel' with focus on disseminating salesian spirituality
- Introducing salesian themes for monthly recollection
- Developing a follow up retreat after TMM with salesian themes (in process)
- Inviting different Provinces to translate 'Introduction to the Devout Life' into local languages
- Salesian input introduced and insisted in different stages of formation
- Salesian Corner in all local communities.

5. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 'TO DO LIST' FROM PROVINCES

On the last day of TMM 2016, every Administrative unit, Secretariat, and General Administration of the Congregation presented their accomplishments in five areas of thrusts (during the past 3 years) and a three- point program with commitment (to do list) for the next three years. The presented accomplishments and 'to do list' are:

VISAKHAPATNAM PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- **Renewed mission thrust** by way of taking up new missions, appointing new priests in the missions, spiritual animation for the laity by Lenten preaching in parishes or organized retreats at the center.
- **Reinforced MSFS Thrust** through constituting and activating special preaching team for parish mission
- **Re-orientation of education through** financial stream lining, Making more team work, Training confreres for a few years in teaching school administration before entrusting them with educational responsibilities.
- **More training and equipping confreres for effective ministry** through sending them for secular and ecclesiastical studies.
- **More clarity in strengthening the mission units** through working with a clear vision plan for them.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Ongoing formation of the confreres to foster more unity and community spirit.
- ✓ Launching of Mission Africa to assist LCI and to explore the possibility of opening new mission in Africa
- ✓ More mission drive to restore original missionary fervour.



USA VICE PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- Achieved greater unity as MSFS and greater display of MSFSness by the members through common gatherings of all the MSFS in USA, like Annual Retreat, Assembly, visit of all the confreres by the Vice Provincial etc.
- Better visibility of Salesian Spirituality in the Pastoral Apostolate in Parish Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Spiritual Animation Ministry etc.
- Taken up the running of two parishes (1 in the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, and 1 in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Texas). Signed written contracts with the Bishops concerned
- Formed 12 Local Communities, consisting of 13 Permanent Members of the Vice Province and 41 Members belonging to other Provinces
- Expanded the infrastructure and the programs at the Fransaliam Spirituality Center (Wellspring), Texas, and purchased 6.86 acres of land with a small house in it in Atlanta to establish the new Vice Provincial House and for other projects there.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Strengthening of the Vice Province by increasing the number of permanent members and more collaboration with Indian Provinces/Other Provinces
- ✓ Strengthening Community Life in the Local Communities, and Vocation Promotion
- ✓ Developing the Atlanta Project (Vice Provincial House, SFS Resource Centre/Animation Center, Retirement Home of the MSFS) and taking up more parishes from Dioceses to be MSFS Parishes.

SOUTH WEST INDIA PROVINCE

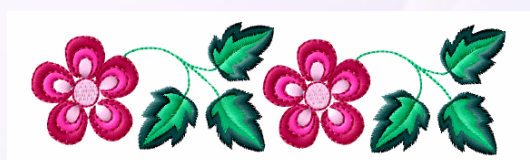
Accomplishments:

- Successful organization of a regular viability of Personnel and Finance in Chad-Cameroon and in the Philippines.
- Co-Ordination and Financial Clarity and Transparency of all the educational institutions.

- Gave a vital emphasis to religious and community life in the province through the regular visitation of the provincial and gave a sense of confidence in the confreres, especially the younger generation.
- More emphasis to Frontier missions in India itself by entering into commitments with the mission-dioceses of Karnataka, such as, Gulbarga, Shimoga and Chikmagalur.
- Shown great interest in supporting the needy provinces of Franco-Swiss and England with more personnel.

To do list for next Three Years:

- ✓ More animation for personal formation, prayer life and community life. Emphasize the Formation as "Accompaniment". Provincial will visit the Formation houses regularly and stay with the community. He will also animate the Formators.
- ✓ Strengthen the Mission of Chad-Cameroon and the Philippines until they are self-dependent
- ✓ To give the mission thrust of the Province greater importance by involving in more missionary commitments.



SOUTH EAST INDIA PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- Strict adherence to the policy of Appointing newly ordained priests in missions for the first two years as per our province statutes.
- Launching of Renewal and Spirituality Centre (de-addiction also part of the renewal center).
- Active and effective Parish Mission-Preaching team
- Mission Sangamam, the first of its kind held in our Province, was a bold step taken to evaluate, set right and give proper focus to our mission and activities in the parishes.
- Disseminating of Salesian Spirituality: we have organized in the parishes and schools Fransalian Sunday (January and September), Friends of the Fransalian (Schools and Parishes), prayer for glorification of Fr. Mermier was translated (in Tamil) and was given to all our parishes to be prayed at the Mass, Translation of the Introduction to Devout life.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ That we initiate immediately to implant missions outside Tamil Nadu, (in Africa (or) Latin American countries (or) Sri Lanka), Feasible study be undertaken immediately.
- ✓ Sending one or more confreres to LCI for teaching AND supplying confreres to the needy provinces
- ✓ Efforts to start another Renewal and Spirituality center in our land in Kanyakumari.

PUNE PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- Undertaking of Frontier Mission in Zambia with 3 +1 members.
- Formation of 3 units Friends of Fransalians and Preaching team
- Undertaking of 5 Frontier missions in India, 1.Nippani, Belgaum(pastoral and social), 2. Hindaun City, 3. Ajmer, in Rajasthan (Pastoral, Educational, social and Evangelization) 4. Daman Mission and 5. Bileshwarpur in Gujarat (Tribals, Migrants, Pastoral and social), in India and developing it.

- Focus on building structures and programmes for children 18 and above in social apostolates (for Differently abled in Pune and street children and semi-orphans, destitutes, in Dhanive, Nalla Sopara).
- Pastoral and theological Renewal Centre (Harmony) in Belgaum.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Qualify/Prepare personnel in various fields especially for animation in Harmony programmes, Belgaum.
- ✓ To build up further Mission in Zambia with vocation promotion and one or two more centres.
- ✓ Animation and Strengthening of Community life which includes on-going formation(Group(age)-wise / Forum wise.

NAGPUR PROVINCE

Accomplished:

- The orientation to go into the periphery of the Society given by 19th General Chapter is implemented by starting four parish Missions in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.
- An Apostolic School is established as desired by the Provincial Chapter 2014
- Trained five persons for formation and appointed full time vocation promoters for both the Minor Seminaries.
- The Province strengthened Mozambique Mission in terms of adding human financial resources to the Mission.
- Dilapidated sub centres were built in Panderpalli and Ambapani Parishes in Rourkela Diocese Orissa and introduction to devout life is translated in Hindi for the benefit of Hindi speaking parishioners in the Mission Parishes, though yet to be printed and distributed.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ School assessment by a team headed by Councillor in charge of education on annual or once in two years' basis to instil better academic standard, evaluation of staff quality and implementation of Congregational directives.
- ✓ Starting of a school for the differently abled, the school for the blind and the dumb in Nagpur.

- ✓ Realisation of the **Home for the Homeless Catholics** project of Nagpur Fransaliam Corporation in view of the year of Mercy and to strengthen the proposed parish in St John's Compound Nagpur.

NORTHEAST INDIA PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- Participation by all in Annual Retreat of 2015 (GC-Directives: Religious Life 1)
- Internal Auditing of Province Accounts by Members of Finance Committee in which two members of the Finance Committee audit annually the financial transactions done by Provincial and Provincial Bursar (GC-Directives: Finance 2)
- Holding of Extended Apostolic Community Meeting which is a joint meeting of both Apostolic Community and Provincial Curia (GC -Directives: Administration1)
- Establishment of Dibrugarh Region (GC -Orientations 7)
- Monthly Provincial Council Meeting with wholehearted Cooperation by Councillors (GC-Directives: Administration1).

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Getting Regular Reports of the Monthly Local Community Meetings (GC-Directives: Religious Life 5)
- ✓ Animation towards Witnessing Authenticity and Simplicity in Life-Style (GC-Directives: Religious Life 2)
- ✓ More Effective Ways of Pooling Local Resources for the Province so as to Achieve Self-sufficiency in Financial Management (GC-Directives: Finance 1-2).



FRANCO-SWISS PROVINCE TMM ACTION PLAN

Accomplishments:

- Establishing **local communities** and empowering local superiors (Congregational booklet, meeting LS-Provincial council)
- Publishing the **Provincial Statutes**
- Initiating a **salesian formation** (in connection with other salesian families and diocese of Annecy : salesian guided retreats, salesian prayer school, formation to spiritual guidance)
- Celebrating the **Founder's Day** and increasing **interest in Fr. Mermier** (pilgrimage)
- Province **gathering days** (Jubilee days and others).

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Constitute a **team of preachers** and train them
- ✓ Vocation promotion : get the **Vocation forum active** from now on
- ✓ Instil a **salesian spirit in both our schools**, at different levels (teachers, parents, staff) in connection with the local community living inside the school.

ENGLISH PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- Buying a property and setting it up as the Provincial House in Northampton diocese
where is already a dynamic group of MSFS and the Bishop is welcoming.
- Establishing the province archives in Kettering by employing an archivist.
- Maintained a pattern of communications, letters and regular meetings for 4 years like SFS,
- Founder's Day, Retreat, and also the setting up of local communities (3).

- The former bursar of SW Province to manage our finances, property and accounts and to work in conjunction with the Accountants, to streamline accounting and accountability.
- Attempted to engage each member's sense of responsibility and personal authority by recognising the work, generosity, and role in his ministry and life of the Province.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Define a shared sense of purpose in sharing our Fransalian Spirituality and fostering a willingness to co-operate in fulfilling it, through constant personal conversion.
- ✓ Set up a new infrastructure of governance and a more cohesive administration through the gift of people and expertise from Indian Provinces.
- ✓ Name the specific works that we wish to focus on to fulfil No1 - our shared purpose - a property for a Centre of Fransalian Spirituality, two Fathers from India able to staff it; welcoming Indian Fathers ready to work in parishes; a Father from India committed to vocation and formation work

BRAZIL PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- Taking over of two parishes in the diocese of Cacador
- Qualifying a confrere in Salesian Spirituality and giving a Salesian touch in our life and mission
- Initiation of the Friends of Fransalians
- Promotion and formation of local vocation
- Insistence on community based apostolate.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Expansion of our mission in Brazil
- ✓ Request the provinces of India to give personnel who have the qualities to give leadership to the province
- ✓ Publication of the new translation of Introduction to Devout life in Portuguese.

EAST AFRICA PROVINCE

Accomplishments:

- Bringing every confrere under established Local Communities and stabilizing the existing communities and institutions.
- Renewal and rejuvenation of the confreres by personal accompaniment, update / renewal programs.
- Intensified the vocation promotion activities and ensuring the quality of formation personnel.
- Taking up two remote outstations and developing them into parishes named after our patron St. Francis de Sales.
- Pro -poor activities and works of mercy are carried out under Foster Programs.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Finalizing the Provincial statutes in 2017 Provincial Congress
- ✓ More efforts to popularise the devotion to our holy founder Fr. Peter Marie Mermier and to spread Salesian Spirituality.
- ✓ Starting a formation house in Uganda.

SECRETARIATS IN THE CONGREGATION

I. FORMATION

Accomplishments:

- The re-edited “Fransalian Formation Policies and Guidelines”, 2013 are in the possession of each of the Formators and Formees, and are being Studied (in groups?) in each of the formation houses
- The attendance at the Forum Meetings is generally good (absences are due to some legitimate obligation)
- Preparation of reports and participation at the meetings are praiseworthy. A new mindset is being imbibed, in keeping with the New Governance
- The PCICs have begun, in some areas, and in consultation with their respective Provincials, worked out a schedule of visits to the respective formation houses, for meeting with the students and staff, monitoring the

implementation of provisions in the Province Statutes, etc. The meeting of individual students, as provided in the Statutes, could help in the discernment of the Provincial, for identifying and nurturing the talent / interest of the confrere for specific areas in the Apostolates of the Province

- In some cases, their reports are shared in the Provincial Council Meetings, for a better coordination of the Apostolates.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Submission of the Minutes with the proposals and Decisions taken at the Meeting will be documented as prescribed, and dispatched with the Minutes, to the members of the Forum as mandated (within two weeks), with copies to the General Secretary, to ensure effective implementation and monitoring, as required, at the respective levels of formation.
- ✓ The Provincials will be requested to include the reports of the PCIC formation, as a regular item on the Agenda of every Provincial Council Meeting, to offer the required information, and, for the needed integration into the overall Action Programme of the Provincial Administration..
- ✓ The proposed **Preparatory Committee for Graded Formation**, set up at the present TMM, Arusha, 2016, will work on preparing a draft of the content and methodology of the Syllabus and Programme for Vocation Promotion, and the successive stages of Formation, and submit the same for consideration and study of the PIF-PEA and GC, before their next meeting scheduled for the beginning of the last quarter of 2016.

II. SOCIAL APOSTOLATES AND INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES

Accomplishments:

- In the light of the 19th General Chapter, the animation with action plan of the Social apostolates and Innovative Ministries forums of seven Indian and East Africa Provinces and the Regional Forum-India have been completed.
- Animation visits and preaching Retreat to the Chad-Cameroon Mission and also visits to a few centres each in seven Provinces of the Social Apostolates and Innovative Ministries have been undertaken.
- To inspire and reorient ourselves a profile of the MSFS Social and Innovative Minister has been evolved and made available.
- Four annual Inter-Secretariat News Letters, the booklet on the 'MSFS Profiles: Core Identity of a Fransalian in Ministry' and the Congregation Status 2016 have been Printed.

- Inter Province collaboration in MSFS Social Media and Communication has been initiated and coordinated by an inter province 'Web Managers Team' under a coordinator.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Constituting and coordinating the 'MSFS International Forum for Social and Innovative Initiatives to strengthen the Justice and peace and Legal Commission, to give greater visibility to our MSFS social thrust and to empower confreres in social ministries with necessary skills, exchange of innovative ideas, sharing of relevant information, project coordination and resource sharing.
- ✓ Developing a Congregation desktop software and mobile apps for facilitating a detailed data of the confreres and to avail various statistics and status of the Congregation with online update facility.
- ✓ Preparing a Directory on the Social Apostolates and Innovative Ministries to spell out the social and innovative thrust of our Congregation and to avail as a source book for our confreres involved in the social apostolates and innovative Ministries.

III. MISSION

Accomplishments:

- **Animation** on the basis of the Action Plan for Mission of 19th General Chapter and Provincial Congress/Chapter given to 7 Provinces Forums of India and East Africa; to the Southern Africa Region, Mozambique Delegation, Chad-Cameroon Mission and WUG. **Visit and animation** to the "periphery" mission centres of some Provinces and also visit to the young mission units of the Congregation in Southern Africa Region, Mozambique, Chad-Cameroon, Zambia .
- Coordination of the works of **Committee for Preparing Congregational Retreat** on "Recapturing the missionary spirit of our Founder" and in facilitating the organization and preaching of the Retreats in the entire Congregation with the help of the Committee and the General Curia members.
- Providing assistance to the Superior General in getting the Apostolic Communities/Provinces/Formation Houses to participate in **the preparation for the Mission Year 2015** and in preparing Profiles of MSFS parish and Pastor
- Animation of the Superiors Forums of Indian

- Provinces of India on **Community Life, Role of Superiors and Salesian Leadership**
- In the Process of getting Mission Forums of each Province to have **Mission Seminar or Mission Sangamam** at least once in two years to re-motivate the members in the missionary zeal of our Founder, Fr Mermier.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ **Second round of meetings of evaluatory nature with each of the Mission Forums** of the Provinces, and Regional Forum (India) and identify the level of commitment of each Province to the Action Plan on Mission of the 19th General Chapter and Provincial Congress/Chapter of the Province and then preparation of a report to the next General Chapter 2019. Completing the **visits to the “periphery” mission centres** of the Provinces and to report to the PCICs , Provincials and Superior General
- ✓ Coordination of the Work of the Committee appointed by the Superior General to prepare a **Parish Mission Preaching** Module and to provide a **training programme for the Parish Mission Preaching Teams** of the Provinces.
- ✓ Continuing to provide study facility in **Salesian thought and Spirituality** to the scholastics at LCI and elsewhere , when and if required. To organize a **three day seminar to the scholastics of East Africa** Province on the Four Thrusts of the 19th General Chapter : Mission Thrust , MSFSness, Community Life and Salesian Spirituality.

IV. EDUCATION

Accomplishments:

- Animation of all the members of FRANSALIAN EDUCATION FORUM is done through seminars every alternative years
- Animation of province Forum of Education was done through my participation and instruction
- To spread Salesian Spirituality various steps were undertaken by FRANSALIAN EDUCATION FORUM REGIONAL (FEF-R), such as (a) year 2015 was declared as the year of Mermier and conducted essay and painting competition on Mermier, among the schools all over India and cash prize and certificates were awarded to the winners (b) quiz ,sports, games, and literary competition were held .
- Vision and mission of Fransalian Education is displayed in prominent places in most of our schools.

- All Fransalian educationists are informed of and educated about the principles and modalities of FAST.

To do list for the next three years:

- ✓ Stricter implementation of FAST.
- ✓ Better participation in FEF-R by PCIC and secretary from every province
- ✓ Start alumni association in all the schools.

V. STEWARDSHIP

Accomplishments:

- Emergence of a new mind-set of bursarship as Stewardship.
- Sustained animation and monitoring toward a culture of transparency and accountability.
- More financial streamlining, with regularity of annual budgeting and internal auditing.
- The evolution and execution of FAST (Financial accountability system for transparency).
- More competence and efficiency on the part of Bursars.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Improved co-ordination between General bursar and MDO.
- ✓ In line with FAST, monitoring for a clear check and control mechanism, over mishandling, accounting, waste spending and stringent measures against cases of manipulation.
- ✓ Submitting copy of the accounts of Suvidya College, GHA to G.B. for information and ensuring Internal audit of accounts in all the units.



VI. ASSISTANT SUPERIOR GENERAL

Accomplishments:

- Addressing Juridical Cases for exlaustration, dispensation etc. through a process of education, persuasion and collaboration
- Animation of the Provinces / Vice province / Mission Units, through evaluation and re-orientation in apostolic communities visits and meetings
- Animation of new Provincial Curias through sessions of enlightenment and direction
- Animation of Provincial Congress / Chapter, through personal presence, interventions and observations
- Animation of the process of Promotion of the Cause of the Founder through monitoring and collaboration.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Facilitating collaboration toward Mission Africa, especially LCI, and Needy Provinces, with regard to the supply of personnel from other Provinces
- ✓ Animation of the Provinces / Mission Units through assessment and recommendations in Apostolic Communities
- ✓ Exploring the possibilities of Frontier Missions in Spanish- speaking countries.

VII. SUPERIOR GENERAL

Accomplishments:

- Ensured that every confrere has a Local Community with a Local Superior
- Focus on Salesian Spirituality with De Sales & Mermier Resource/Research Center and Salesian Spirituality Center in Annecy
- Publishing the 'PROFILE OF MSFS: Core Identity of a Fransalian in Ministry' for animation of Confreres and Apostolates in the Congregation
- Launching of the Guidelines for Friends/Associates of Fransalians in view of raising it to Diocesan/Pontifical approval
- Organizing Congregational Retreats and Animation.

To do list for next three years:

- ✓ Mission Thrust on Initial Formation and On-Going Formation (Response to Pope Francis)
- ✓ Further Animation of the Congregation through the spirit and Spirituality of Father Mermier and St. Francis de Sales; meeting with the Bishop of Annecy on the cause of Father Mermier (with Fr. Carron)
- ✓ Strengthening the Provinces and Mission Units of Congregation that need support with personnel

7. A WORD OF APPRECIATION

This evaluation concludes that a lot of progress has been made towards the achievement of what General Chapter 2013 set out to achieve.

- What has been achieved so far points to the possible achievement of the expected outcomes by 2019.
- It is also clear that many of the initiatives and achievements so far are contributing to the established thrusts in the Congregation.
- The support given by our confreres to General Administration has enabled us to use strategies, policies, tools, that help us to animate the Congregation differently.
- There is also encouraging evidence that some of the Provinces have taken serious steps in opening up missions and stabilizing them as per the call of the General Chapter.
- They have formally constituted Local Communities and made sure that every member of the Province has a constitutionally established Local Community.
- Forums are meeting regularly and the new governance is producing tangible results
- While the Congregation has many challenges from within and without, these are not insurmountable and cannot completely derail our journey toward the vision of our Founder.

The latest STATUS of the Congregation records that we are 1427 members in the Congregation and toward the end of this year 2016, God willing, we will have almost 1500 professed confreres. MAY GOD BE PRAISED AND GLORIFIED!

("TMM 2016: A FOLLOW UP ON THE GENERAL CHAPTER 2013") will be printed and made available to you in a booklet form shortly)

Let me conclude with the words of wisdom from our Patron:

PERSEVERENCE WILL PROVE WHETHER WE HAVE SINCERELY SACRIFICED OURSELVES TO GOD AND DEDICATED OURSELVES TO A DEDICATED LIFE (St. Francis de Sales)

Live Jesus!



Father Abraham Vettuvellil, MSFS

Superior General

June 03, 2016



**MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
WE TRUST IN YOU**