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Dear Confreres,

MSFS are in India! 175 years? Hardly believable! The year 2020 marks the 175th year of the arrival of the first group of MSFS in India. Veni, vidi, vici - I came; I saw; I conquered! This dictum is literally fulfilled by our pioneers. One could plagiarize it to suit our context of evangelization; I came with faith, I saw the hope and I conquered in love. The birth of every province in India can find its origin more or less in this dictum. As of now, there are seven provinces in India. Statistically speaking every 25 years a province is born in India. Normally a cluster of 20 to 25 years is considered as a generation. That means, to every generation a MSFS Province was added in India. The province, vice-province, region and delegations abroad that are carved out of the Indian provinces add a feather or two to the crown of the Missionaries. How great! How grateful we have to be! What kind of a patrimony we inherit! Let us pray with the psalmist "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds" (Psalm 9:1).

It is the acceptable time to thank the Lord for "He is good; his love endures forever." A Jubilee year like 175 years of arrival is an invitation to begin all over again. It is a call to start anew. It is an opportunity to go back to the basics. It is a challenge to bury what was not right and to continue doing what is good. It is a learning process. **LEARN!** Learning is a never-ending process. The more you learn, the more you are informed, how less you know, what you know! For the Fransalians, as true disciples of St. Francis de Sales formed by Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, the Learning is to become competent and confident and to become caring and compassionate.

Listen: Knowledge, the 8th sacrament, begins with Listening. Listening is seeing and observing, understanding and comprehending, reading and meditating. It is our duty to listen to our pioneers. Learn from the past. Read them and imitate their virtues.

Experience: Experience is fundamental to learning. It does not matter if one gets inspired from one's own experience or from others' experience. What is important, is the fact that experience should lead to action. The English poet John Maxwell Edmonds' evocative epitaph is inscribed on the war memorial at Kohima, Nagaland: "When you go home, tell them of us, for your tomorrow, we gave our today." This is the pioneering spirit, which we also have to leave behind as our legacy for the generations to come.

Action: Action comes from the decision "what you want to do". To know what one wants, is the pressing question of the hour. What you apply and how you apply yourself to get the best result is action-oriented endeavour. The mission work today is result-, outcome- and success-oriented. One's creativity is the most demanded quality to translate an idea, a cause or an experience into Action.

Reflection: In Christian terms we call reflection as examination of conscience. An un-reflected life is not worth living. The plan, the process and the execution have to be regularly under evaluation. Evaluating the outcome, both positive and negative, are essential to the organization. What is next? How to go about in the future? What are the goals to be achieved? Once you set the goals for the future, everything starts from the beginning. The process of LEARNING is never ending. Evaluation→decision→action.

Noble: In Salesian terms it is called gentleness. Nobility of heart, simplicity of mind and purity of spirit in all what you do makes you gentle. It is in the very nature of our vocation and it can be also nurtured. Our Founder

Fr. Peter Mermier has one of the most beautiful saying about the source of our vocation. He says “I owe my vocation to the holiness of my mother.” We are a product of our family. The first formators are our parents. The seeds of gentleness and nobility were sowed in us by our parents. As we celebrate the 175 year of the arrival of our congregation in India, let us also go back to the source of our own vocation. Let us be very thankful to our parents. Let us express our thankfulness to them. Whom do I owe my vocation? Who is my role model?

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

During the mass on Foundation Day, Oct 24th, after the Liturgy of the Word and homily, we will consecrate our Congregation and ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with the following prayer:

Hail Mary, Mother of God, most blessed among women,
Glorious and Immaculate Virgin, you are the most favored of God,
Ever faithful, humble, obedient and righteous.
You always glorified God Almighty in all you said and did.
You are truly a great Mother and Model for all
THOSE Who consecrate themselves to your divine Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Mary, full of grace, as we, your beloved children,
The Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart,
implore your maternal care and protection,
Guide us in the most holy way that you walked;
Strengthen us to firmly follow the footsteps of Jesus,
Living faithfully the religious commitment we made to him.

Most gracious Virgin Mary, compassionate Mother,
You are the pearl protected, Immaculate in every sense.
We firmly believe in your so powerful intercession.
Help us always to keep our hearts pure and holy from all sinful attachments
In our thoughts, words and deeds
And to be ever pleasing to God Almighty always and everywhere, Amen
O Immaculate heart of Mary!
Pray for us!

PLANTING TREES IN HONOUR OF THE FIRST SIX MSFS PIONEERS TO INDIA

The year 2020 marks the 175th year of arrival of MSFS in India. We honour the first group of MSFS in a special way. They are 1) Fr. Jacques Martin 2) Fr. Joseph Lavorel 3) Fr. Jean Marie Tissot 4) Fr. Jean Thevernet 5) Bro. Pierre Carton 6) Bro. Sulpice Fontanel. Every Local Community is requested to plant six trees on 24th Oct. 2020 in their honour and remembrance. I request the Local Superiors of each community to ensure that planting is done to mark the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the first group of missionaries.

WEBINAR: DE SALES AND MERMIER SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

The next Webinar is on 24th Oct. at 19.00 hrs by former Superior General Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes MSFS on the topic “Reflection on the Foundation of MSFS and its Foundational Charism.” In case you are not able to attend during the broadcasting the link is available for later use. Please make use of it.

BRAZIL CALLS

Our Assistant Superior General, Rev. Fr. Yves Carron, has through his letter dated on 13th Aug. 2020 requested all the provinces in India to make the service of a few priests available for the province of Brazil. Brazil gives

good scope for the Congregation. It has great potential. “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (Lk 10:2). If anyone feels called to work in Brazil, please make yourself available to be a missionary in Brazil.

SECOND PROVINCE RETREAT

The second annual retreat of the province will be conducted from Monday 19th Oct. evening to Friday 23rd Oct evening. All who did not attend the first retreat in July, it is mandatory to attend the retreat in Oct. I urge you for a faithful and ardent attendance of the retreat. I also encourage all those who participated in the first retreat also to be part of this second retreat if time permits you. I suggest the following timetable for the retreat but you may make a suitable timetable for you. The link is available 15 minutes before the talk and up to 24 hrs after the talk.

Monday, 19th October

18.30: Introductory talk

19.00: Holy Hour

20.00: Dinner

Night Prayers: Private

Tuesday morning to Friday Evening

06.00: Rising

06.30: Morning Prayer

07.15: Holy Mass

08.00: Breakfast

10.00: Talk

12.00: Rosary

12.30: Lunch

16.00: Tea

18.00: Talk

19.00: Holy Hour

20.00: Dinner

Night Prayers: Private

Friday 23rd October

18.30 Talk (For all the confreres as spiritual preparation for the Foundation Day)

RECOLLECTION OCTOBER 2020

The online recollection for the month of October 2020 remains cancelled in view of the upcoming second province retreat from October 19-23. The last talk of the retreat on Friday 23rd will be the recollection talk. All those who are not participating in the retreat are invited to attend this talk as an immediate preparation for the Foundation Day celebrations on 24th Oct. The link will be made available to you in the evening.

FORUM MEETINGS

We already had the Education Forum, Mission Forum and SAIM Forum Meetings. The meetings were held virtually. I was encouraged by the fabulous participation. I thank Fr. Shibu Thomas, Fr. Philip Thomas and Fr. Saji George for taking the initiatives to organise the meetings. The Formation Forum meeting will be conducted in the coming month.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MASSIVE HACKING

Modern technology gives us UNLIMITEDNESS. One has to be laser focused in social media. A wrong “CLICK” can end in irreversibly forlorn situation. Cheating and hacking of Email, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, WhatsApp etc. has become easier than opening an account in any of these online platforms. Any offer that come in Social-Media is NOT to be entertained. In the times of Multinational-Companies and Super-Rich people nobody gives an offer without the intention of high revenue returns. More often than not the moment you answer any of those offers or queries you are hacked. So, I request you to have

“double check policy” for all the social-media communications. A technological problem can be solved only by more technology. Luckily, we have it! Make use of it! For example, WhatsApp offers a “Two-Step Security Verification. WhatsApp/setting/account/two-step security verification/give the 6-digit no. Please write down the six-digit number before you type in so that you will not forget it.

IDENTITY CARDS

What changed India in my 20 years of sojourn is that India has become a land of Cards. Aadhar Card/ Pan Card/ Bank Card/ Master Card/ Election Card/ Ration Card/Driving licence/Health Insurance Card etc. are some of the most important identity items. Thanks to these Cards, the life has become a little more comfortable and secure. As ordinary citizens we have to possess these Cards for our identity and safety. If you don't have any of these Cards, may I request you herewith to apply for and get as early as possible; Aadhar Card/ Pan Card/ Bank Card/ Election Id Card/ and Ration Card. Please send a copy to the provincial secretary. Please consider it as urgent and important matter. In this regard may I also request you to help all our parishioners and students (as far as possible) in our schools to procure these Cards. Please take up these themes in the Sunday sermons.

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The underlying principle of every social media is what “you want to tell” and “what people want to hear.” If you succeed in reaching the appropriate measure of ‘telling the people what they want to hear’ then you are a good communicator. A good homepage satisfies both these needs. A good website is less of an advertisement and more of a good address. In our Website we express what we are. On the Foundation Day of our Congregation, 24th Oct. to solemnize the 175th year of MSFS arrival in India we will launch the Website of the Guwahati province. Communication therapists say a good communication is 90% preparation and 10% talking. I sincerely thank Fr. Praveen Kumbattu, Fr. Santhosh Chavaranal and particularly Fr. Roshan Kanjirathinkal for their three months of tireless preparation to make the “Province Website” a reality. Be the first to visit! Be the first to know!

A CALL FOR AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA

The Southern African Region is very important as it is an integral part of Guwahati Province. The Region needs regular support. The opportunities to be a Fransaliam there is massive. Fransaliam way of life is very much appreciated and loved by the people as well as by the hierarchy. There is a constant demand for more priests. We cannot afford to let their work suffer because of lack of personnel. May I request you dear confreres to make yourself available to work in Southern African Region.

GUWAHATI CATHEDRAL

As the contract is over, at the request of the Archbishop of Guwahati, Most Rev. John Moolachira, we have decided to hand over the administration of the Guwahati Cathedral Parish to the archdiocese on 31st October 2020. I consider it as an honour to serve the local church through the ministry in the Cathedral Parish. I thank personally all the MSFS fathers who were part of the Cathedral parish for their dedicated service for the last 15 years (2005-2020). Particularly I would like to thank Fr. Stephan Marayikulam for his yeoman service to the parish community. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7). You did well. We are proud of you all. May God bless the Cathedral Parish Community!

TRANSFER AND APPOINTMENTS

- Fr. Xavier Daimari is appointed Principal of SFS School, Local Superior and Local Bursar of MSFS Local Community and Parish Priest of Mary, Mother of Compassion Parish, Panbari, with effect from September 01, 2020.
- Fr. Stephan Marayikulam is designated to be appointed Parish Priest of St Jude's Parish, Bahalpur, with effect from November 7, 2020.
- Fr. Albert Sahayaraj is appointed Administrator at Holy Redeemer Renewal Centre, Umroi, with effect from November 15, 2020.

- Fr. Ventino Mutume is designated to be appointed assistant parish priest of Grassy Park Parish in the Archdiocese of Cape Town with effect from October 13, 2020.
- Fr. Jijesh Palatty is appointed PMS Diocesan Director of the Archdiocese of Windhoek and Deanery Youth Chaplain of the Windhoek Deanery by the Archbishop of Windhoek.
- Fr. Noble Jose Nakathingal is designated to pursue his higher studies at Angelicum University, Rome, with effect from October 31, 2020.
- Fr. Lijeesh Kaduthanathu is designated for B. Ed. studies at University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya. During his study he will reside at MSFS Provincial House, Narengi, Guwahati.
- Fr. Daniel Lalmuanzela is designated for B. Ed. studies at Daying Ering College of Teacher Education, Pasighat. During his study he will reside at MSFS Community, Pasighat.

DEACONS FOR DIACONATE MINISTRY

- Dn. Elvis Kharkongor is appointed at St Francis de Sales Parish, Umwahlang, with effect from October 10, 2020.
- Dn. Thomas R Marak is appointed at St. Jude's Parish, Bahalpur, with effect from October 10, 2020.
- Dn. Aloysius Laduhawma is appointed at MSFS Community, Lengpui, with effect from October 10, 2020.
- Dn. Andreas Syngkli (Dibrugarh Province) is appointed at Ka Syiem Jingsuk Parish, Amlarem, with effect from October 10, 2020.

REGENTS

- Bro. Tom Joseph Poykayil is appointed at MSFS Community, Sindukpathar, with effect from October 15, 2020.
- Bro. Martin Halam is appointed at Vinaya Bhavan Seminary, Thamarassery, with effect from October 15, 2020.
- Bro. Mathias Khongkhlad is appointed at MSFS Community, Umwahlang, with effect from October 15, 2020.
- Bro. Moses Mukto Murmu is appointed at MSFS Community, Diphu, with effect from October 15, 2020.
- Bro. Rinto Symon is appointed at MSFS Community, East Harina, with effect from October 15, 2020.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION AT SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION



begins his priestly ministry.

Fr. Patropio Mutangili Mungala, son of Mr. Mathias Mulungu and Mrs. Regina Ndinda was born on June 17, 1985. He hails from Kilungu Parish, in the Diocese of Machakos, Kenya. He made his first religious profession on July 10, 2012 at Fransalium, Tanzania. After the completion of philosophy course at Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha, he was sent for Regency to SFS School, Katani, Kenya. He completed his theological studies at Jordan University College, and was ordained a Deacon on August 24, 2019. Having successfully completed his theological formation and diaconate ministry, Fr. Patropio Mutangili Mungala was ordained a priest on October 01, 2020 at Mkuza Parish, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, by Most Rev. Jude Thaddaeus Ruwa'ichi, Archbishop of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. We wish Fr. Patropio Mutangili Mungala all the best and offer him our prayerful support as he

DIACONATE ORDINATION AT SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION

Fabian Wasonga Wawi was ordained a deacon on October 01, 2020 at St Francis de Sales Parish Church, Mkuza, Tanzania, by Most Rev. Jude Thaddaeus Ruwa'ichi, Archbishop of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Congratulations to Dn. Fabian Wasonga Wawi the newly ordained deacon of MSFS Guwahati Province for the Southern African Region.



PERPETUAL PROFESSION



Congratulations to Brothers- Athikho Isaac (Guwahati Province), Joel Chitung Horam, Pakon Narzari (Dibrugarh Province), Anoop Francis, Bettula Kalyan, Santhosh Soreng (Nagpur Province), Anto Pravin, and Michael Raja (South East Province) for making your Perpetual Profession in the congregation of MSFS. They made their final commitment before Rev. Fr. Sabukuttan Francis, Provincial of Guwahati

Province, in a simple ceremony organized at Oriens Theological College, Shillong, on September 30, 2020. Let us congratulate these confreres who have been drawn to a lifelong commitment to the Lord. I also sincerely thank Fr. Athnas Kerketta and Fr Sebastian Kuzhuppil for accompanying and preparing them to take this bold step in their life and also for organizing the whole celebration.

NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA FOR EAST AFRICA PROVINCE

On behalf of all confreres of Guwahati Province, may I congratulate the newly appointed Provincial Curia of East Africa Province. Fr. Sheejan Kallarackal (Councillor and Admonitor), Fr. Zachariah Burefero (Councillor), Fr. Soosai Raj Robert (Councillor), Fr. Japhet Kiriimi (Councillor) and Fr. Reji Pendanath (Provincial Bursar) are the members of the Curia. We wish God's blessings upon them as they begin the ministry of leadership in the province.

CARLO ACUTIS: A BLESSED IN JEANS

With Beatification of Carlo Acutis on 10th Oct. 2020 the church now has the first blessed in Jeans. Carlo Acutis was an expert in computer programming and is now one step short of sainthood; a new-generation saint. He loved Jesus through the Real Presence in the Eucharist. At the age of seven he wrote "To be always united with Jesus, this is my life program." When today's parents find it difficult to control the overuse and misuse of the internet among children blessed Carlo Acutis stands out as someone who loved Jesus through computers and used the internet to spread the message of Jesus' love for mankind in the Eucharist. Let Carlo Acutis intercede for the children and youth, who are entrusted to our care.

THE ENCYCLICAL "FRATELLI TUTTI"

After "Lumen Fidei" (The light of faith) and "Laudato Si" (Praise be to you) Pope Francis signed the previous day of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi his third Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" (Brothers all). This encyclical speaks about fraternity and social friendship. It tells how humanity must respond to the needs of our time. Fratelli tutti teaches us that everyone is connected. "Our love for others, for who they *are*, moves us to seek the best for their lives. Only by cultivating this way of relating to one another will we make possible a social friendship that excludes no one and a fraternity that is open to all" (Fratelli Tutti 94).

RESULTS OF BOARD EXAMS 2019-20

The result of the Board Exam is out and all our schools have done extremely well. My hearty congratulations to all the principals and hardworking staff for the wonderful result you have produced in the school. May God bless all your efforts.

No	Name of School	10th / 12th	App	Pass	Pass %	Above 60%	Above 80%	Highest %
1.	St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi	CBSE 10 th	123	123	100	55	65	97
2.	St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi	CBSE 12 th	103	103	100	42	61	97
3.	St. Paul School, Panishali	SEBA 10 th	05	03	60	1	00	71
4.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Bahalpur	SEBA 10 th	33	33	100	24	06	95.3
5.	Don Bosco Secondary School, Hamren	SEBA 10 th	62	58	93.5	12	00	80
6.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Mawryngkneng	MBOSE 10 th	26	24	92	7	00	77
7.	Green Hill Higher Secondary School, Sohryngkham	MBOSE 10 th	70	56	80	17	00	71
8.	Green Hill Higher Secondary School, Sohryngkham	MBOSE 12 th	74	74	100	13	00	71
9.	Ka Syiem Jingsuk Higher Secondary School, Amlarem	MBOSE 10 th	53	51	98	13	00	82
10.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Bakur-Dawki	MBOSE 10 th	23	12	51	02	00	77
11.	Don Bosco Secondary School, Mawkhlam	MBOSE 10 th	13	12	92.30	1	00	64.33
12.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Umwahlang	MBOSE 10 th	22	22	100	6	00	69
13.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Nongalbibra	MBOSE 10 th	40	40	100	13	00	73.34
14.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Somonpara	MBOSE 10 th	8	6	75	01	00	60
15.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Sindukpathar	CBSE 10 th	40	40	100	14	12	00
16.	St. Joseph's Secondary School, Manikbond	SEBA 10 th	19	19	100	7	00	00
17.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Sateek	MBSE 10 th	10	10	100	04	02	00
18.	St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Galsi	ICSE 10 th	21	21	100	10	08	93

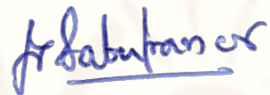
PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

- Fr. Kurian Cheriankalayil MSFS (82), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province, who passed away on July 15, 2020.
- Fr. Martin Griffin MSFS (82), belonging to English Province, who passed away on August 18, 2020.
- Fr. Mathew Chavely MSFS (71), belonging to East Africa Province, who passed away on September 04, 2020.

- Fr. Thomas Vadakumpadam MSFS (74), belonging to Nagpur Province, who passed away on October 6, 2020.
- Fr. Kodigandala Julian MSFS (57), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province, who passed away on October 9, 2020.
- Mrs. Mariamma Joseph (79), maternal-grandmother of Fr. Lijo Scaria Thakadiyel, who passed away on July 15, 2020.
- Mr. Joseph Pattimackel (85), eldest brother of Fr. Kurian Pattimackel, who passed away yesterday on July 23, 2020.
- Sr. Mercy Mannarath SABS (68), first cousin of Fr. Philip Thomas Kizhakumpurath, who passed away on August 7, 2020.
- Mr. Briksius Shangpliang (68), cousin brother of Fr. Genes Shangpliang, who passed away on August 14, 2020.
- Mrs. Annamma Mathew (86), maternal-grandmother of Fr. Nibin James Pulluvayalil, who passed away on September 27, 2020.
- Mr. Stephen Tirkey (57), cousin brother of Fr. Nicholas Bara, who passed away on October 7, 2020.
- Mrs. Chinnamma Mathew (74), mother of Fr. Shaibu Ezhanikkattu, who passed away on October 8, 2020.

I wish all of you a happy foundation day. May St. Francis des Sales bless you and Fr. Peter Marie Mermier intercede for you.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Sabu Francis MSFS

Provincial, Guwahati Province

VIVE JESUS

WALKING ON THE PATH OF THE PATRON

"To live according to the spirit is to love according to the spirit."

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