Congratulations & Best Wishes to

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Very Rev. Fr. Yves Carron, Asst. Superior General
Very Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, General Councilor for Mission
Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhy, General Councilor for Education
Very Rev. Fr. Suresh Babu Baviri, General Councilor for Formation
Very Rev. Fr. J. Stephen, General Councilor for SAIM
Very Rev. Fr. Jose Cheriantharayil, General Bursar
Introduction:

My dear Confreres,

As we know, The 20th Ordinary General Chapter took place at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati, NE province, from 01 to 13 February 2019, with the theme, “Wake up to the Basics”. 40 were capitulants along with 13 special invitees who were present for sessions during 5 days. I thank you all sincerely for all your prayers since two years, and specially during the Chapter days. Clearly the hand of God, and the working of the Spirit was seen. The Chapter was clearly an Event of special and abundant grace. First of all, it was a beautiful experience of fraternal and spiritual communion, where we were praying together and working together, in mutual belonging, respect, listening and sharing and discussing.

The discussions and orientations were qualitative, with clarity, focus and love for the congregation. All through, what was evident was the deep concern for the basics, and the focus was on these four basics, namely, Consecrated community life, Mission, MSFSness and SFS Spirituality, which reflect our fidelity to Charism. The Chapter days were days of learning, enlightenment, enrichment, strength and re-commitment. In all humility we can say that much was accomplished, as we all applied our minds and hearts to give new direction to our beloved congregation, with renewed loyalty and dedication. The hospitality and the care of the NE provincial and the provincial community was praiseworthy. The efficiency and dedication of the Steering committee, the secretaries and various other committees, were so remarkable.

Let us thank God for making our General Chapter a success. Now the Chapter has ended. But the chapters of our life, both personally and collectively, have to be re-written, with renewed enthusiasm and commitment.

Let us continue to live intensely our charism in the four basics.

May God accompany and sustain all our efforts!

Word of Gratitude

We the members of Visakhapatnam Province express our gratitude and thanks to Very Rev. Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy, Very Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, Very Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello, Very Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil, Very Rev. Fr Augustine Mangatt for their dedicated services in leading and guiding the Congregation.
CALL OF GENERAL CHAPTER 2019

We, the members of the 20th Ordinary General Chapter of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS), assembled at MSFS Provincialate in Guwahati, Assam, India from February 1-13, 2019, greet all our confreres with fraternal love and affection.

The theme of our General Chapter, “MSFS, WAKE UP TO THE BASICS,” invited us to a deep soul-searching, a renewed fidelity to Jesus Christ, an attentive listening to the voice of the Spirit, and a zealous living of the Charism of our Congregation and the spirit of our Founder, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. The General Chapter, the supreme legislative and teaching authority in the Congregation, reiterates the collective conviction of the confreres that it is a joy to be an MSFS, and firmly resolves to strengthen our community life and existing ministries.

Heeding the call of the Church, especially, the Second Vatican Council and the Exhortations of Pope Francis, we also resolve to continue to read the signs of the times and respond to the needs of the Universal Church in new ways. To commit ourselves to these resolutions, we hereby present the following Statement, Directives, Decisions, and Implementation Mechanisms.

STATEMENT

Gathered as one family by the Triune God with our unique identity as Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, we firmly believe that we are called to grow in communion with God and with one another through a life of prayer, participation in the mission of the Church, living the Salesian virtues, and through fraternal love and sharing.

Our Charism calls us to live the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in our community and mission as envisioned by our Founder, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. The four basics of our Charism: Community Life, Mission, MSFS-ness, and Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales, are to characterize our daily lives and apostolates. In living these basics, we follow the Holy Trinity as our model and reference point, and strive to live as brothers united in love, valuing the uniqueness of each member and remaining united as one family. The General Chapter upholds this family spirit and emphatically affirms the need for strengthening our communion with the Lord and with one another.

Jesus Christ being the source and summit of our mission, we re-affirm our commitment to Him by being effectively available for the apostolic
activities of the Universal Church through our three foundational Apostolates of the Renewal of Christian Life, Overseas and Pioneering Evangelization, and Education and Formation, especially of the Young. Imbibing the vision and missionary spirit of our Founder and all other confreres who have gone before us, we resolve to continue the rich legacy of our Congregation in being missionaries who Live Jesus and thus make a difference in the life of the Church and the world.

DIRECTIVES, DECISIONS, 
AND IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

OUR CONSECRATED LIFE IN COMMUNITY

1. Our Community being our family and support, we will continue to strengthen our community life by participation in daily community prayer, Eucharistic celebration, Eucharistic adoration, common meal, monthly recollections, and annual retreats. Implementation: Local Superior & Provincial.

2. All communities will form themselves into disciplined and healthy communities with Local Superiors and the members remaining accountable to each other regarding their duties and responsibilities to the community. Provincials will ensure providing orientation and training regarding the same to the Local Superiors and members. Implementation: Local Superior & Provincial.

3. Confreres in multi-cultural communities in the Congregation will use a common language for communication. Implementation: Local Superior.

4. Without being extravagant, Local Superiors will organize and facilitate programs and events for the members to promote recreation, personal development, fraternal bonding, manual labor, sports and games, and family spirit. Implementation: Local Superior.

5. Provincials will ensure the establishment of more Local Communities in view of gradually reducing of “Neighborhood Local Communities.” Implementation: Provincial.

6. Provincial Secretaries will ensure that all documents coming from the General and Provincial Administrations reach all confreres either electronically or by regular mail. Implementation: Provincial.

7. All our communities and places of ministry will display in their respective places the articulation of our Charism with its Four Basics, our three foundational Apostolates, our Vision, and our Mission. Implementation: Provincial & Local Superior.
MSFSNESS & SPIRITUALITY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

1. Experiencing a sense of joy and pride in being MSFS, we will continue to strive to be true Fransalians in our presence and conduct wherever we are, and intensify the effort to disseminate our Congregational values and spirit through our writing, preaching, and animation of groups.

2. All confreres will promote the Cause of our Founder, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier, share in his spirit for missions, and pray for his beatification and canonization. Implementation: Local Superior & Members.

3. While the contributions of confreres need to be duly acknowledged, no living confrere will receive or demand undue prominence in terms of exhibiting their photos, naming projects and institutions in their names, or any other. Implementation: Provincial.

4. Every confrere has a right to privacy and protection of his good name. Therefore, all confreres will honor and promote the good reputation of other confreres. Any violation of it will be subject to the remedial measures laid down in the Code of Ethics. Implementation: Provincial.

5. Provincials will identify and send confreres who can do research and pursue higher education in theology, philosophy, and other disciplines, with a special focus on St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier, our Constitutions, and the History of our Congregation. Implementation: Provincial.

6. All communities will make effort to promote the establishment of Fransalian Associates. Implementation: Provincial.

7. Provincials will ensure the promotion of Congregational undertakings such as Salesian Program Annecy (SPA), De Sales and Mermier Resource and Animation Center (DSM), Bible Diary (Joy of the Gospel), Congregational Retreat, Salesian Retreat, Salesian Seminar, and the Spiritual Directory. Implementation: Provincial.

8. The next revision of the General Directory will include a mention of the Cause of our Founder, Fransalian Associates, DSM, MDO, and JPIC. Implementation: General Administration.

9. Seven Dolours Rosaries and Wooden crosses for Perpetual Profession will be made at the Congregational level and distributed. Implementation: General Administration.

MISSION

1. Remaining ever committed to the mission of Christ, we will continue to be zealous missionaries through our lifestyle and apostolates.
2. All formees, at all stages of formation, will be helped to cultivate a missionary spirit and love for the missions by listening to the testimony of missionaries, reading the history of the Congregation, and exposure to our missions and ministries. Implementation: Rectors.

3. All newly ordained priests will serve in our missions as part of their pastoral formation for a minimum of 2 years, and they will be placed under the guidance of a senior confrere. The mission units to which they are assigned could be across Provinces. Implementation: Provincial & PCIC.

4. All the existing and new missionary endeavors of the Congregation are to be treated and envisioned as community-based endeavors rather than as individual concerns, and Provincials will ensure establishing Local Communities where they are non-existent. Implementation: Provincial.

5. Adequate planning, preparation, and formation of personnel will be ensured before launching into any pioneering or overseas mission. Implementation: The General and the Provincial Administrations.

6. Heeding the exhortation of Pope Francis, all Provinces and mission units will initiate more ministries directed to families, and those on the periphery, rural areas, and economically poor. Implementation: Provincial & PCIC.

7. All Provinces will promote and take advantage of the services of the Parish Mission Preaching (PMP) team. Implementation: Provincial.

8. The General and the Provincial administrations will continue to strengthen our Provinces and communities in Africa, North America, Europe, and Oceania, and will open new missions in Latin America and South-East Asia in view of implanting the Congregation, with community- based apostolates, and promoting local vocations. Implementation: The General and the Provincial Administrations.

**FORMATION**

1. Formation being the responsibility of the whole Congregation, we, under the direction of the Provincials, will continue to provide encouragement and support to our formators and formees. Implementation: Provincial.

2. Recognizing the importance of having quality candidates, we will intensify our efforts in identifying and assisting our Vocation Promoters in promoting good Vocations to our Congregation. Implementation: Provincial & Vocation Promoter.

3. All Provinces will implement the newly introduced Graded Integral Formation program, giving special focus to the study of the Word of
God, Teachings of the Church, Sacred Liturgy, Life and Works of St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Peter Mary Mermier, the History of the Congregation, and the Constitutions and the General Directory. Implementation: Rector & PCIC.

4. All formees, at all stages of formation, will be provided with opportunities for mission awareness and exposure to the missions and ministries of the Congregation. During Philosophical or Theological formation, this mission exposure could be conceived as a 2-credit course that the formees are required to complete. Implementation: PCIC & Rector.

5. The formation program will specifically focus on inculcating moral consciousness, loyalty to the Congregation, missionary zeal, and accountability. Implementation: PCIC & Rector.

6. A pool of confreres from various ministries will be constituted at the Province level to function as non-resident formation team. Every month, Rectors of seminaries will ensure a presentation or sharing by one of them on their specific ministry. Implementation: PCIC & Rector.

7. All formees, during their Philosophical and Theological formation, will gain proficiency in one mission language of their respective Provinces and a basic knowledge of French and Latin. Implementation: Provincial & Rector.

8. All formators will complete a Formators’ training program, including some basic training in Psychology and Counseling prior to their appointment. Implementation: Provincial.

9. A background check of the formators will be completed before their appointment to ensure that confreres with integrity become formators. Implementation: Provincial.


11. Provincials will organize ongoing formation programs for all confreres at least once a year. Implementation: Provincial.

12. Provincials will encourage all confreres to use the Spiritual Directory as part of their ongoing formation. Implementation: Provincial.

13. In the background of declining number of vocations and lack of formation personnel, Provincials will promote inter-province formation houses and pooling of formators. Implementation: Provincials.
14. All Provincials will make effort to strengthen the faculty and staff of Suvidya College and Lumen Christi Institute (LCI) by making available the services of a greater number of competent confreres, especially Spiritual Directors. *Implementation: Provincials.*

**EDUCATION**

1. Education of the young being one of the prime apostolates of our Congregation, and considering it as a sacred call for evangelization, we will continue to provide encouragement and support to our confreres who are involved in the apostolate of education. *Implementation: Provincial.*

2. Recognizing the educational and formational value of our presence as priests and religious, Managers/Correspondents and Principals will make every effort to create a Catholic culture and ambience in our schools and colleges by their conduct and appearance. *Implementation: Principals and Managers/Correspondents.*

3. Principals of schools and colleges will ensure the display of Biblical verses and quotes from St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Mermier in our educational institutions through banners and wall hangings. *Implementation: Principals & PCIC.*

4. Only those who have completed a minimum of two years of teaching experience and a minimum of one year as Vice Principal will be appointed as Principals of High Schools, Higher Secondary Schools, and Institutions of Higher Education. *Implementation: Provincial.*

5. To establish a culture of excellence and competence in our educational institutions, Provincials will ensure that those who have obtained degrees through private studies, correspondence courses, and honorary conferral, and do not have professional degrees obtained through regular College programs are not appointed as Principals. *Implementation: Provincial.*

6. A background check of the confreres working in our educational institutions will be completed prior to their appointment to ensure that confreres with integrity are in our schools and colleges. *Implementation: Provincial.*

7. The office space of Principals and Vice Principals in our educational institutions will be simple, devoid of luxury and extravagance. *Implementation: Provincial Bursar.*

8. Academic programs being the main responsibility of Principals, the Office of Principal will be delinked from the management of temporal goods of our schools and colleges. *Implementation: Provincial & Provincial Bursar.*
9. Managers/Correspondents of schools and colleges will be involved in the functioning of those institutions in a greater way by way of teaching, spending a day during the week with the school community, or any other. Implementation: Provincial & PCIC.

10. Integrating, the Christian, Salesian, and Mermierian values and teachings, the Education Forum at the Congregational level will explore the possibility of preparing a Moral Science Book. Implementation: General Secretary for Education & PCICs.

11. Our school and college buildings and other facilities will be used after the regular working hours for the education and formation of less privileged children and people in the neighborhood. Implementation: Provincial & Principal.

12. Social awareness programs will be part of our school and college curriculums, and Provincials will ensure an increase in the concessions and scholarships given to poor children in our schools and colleges. Implementation: Provincial & PCIC.

13. All our educational institutions will constitute Crisis Management Teams and Redressal Forums as per the Education Policy of the Congregation. Implementation: PCIC.

14. All our educational institutions will strengthen the Alumni Associations as per the Education Policy of the Congregation. Implementation: PCIC.

15. All our educational institutions will establish a student wing of Friends of Fransalians (FoF) as per the Education Policy of the Congregation. Implementation: PCIC & SAIM.

16. The Principals/Head Masters of the established and aided educational institutions are to be given a period of break after a tenure of 9 years for mission service. Implementation: Provincial & PCIC.

SOCIAL AND INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES (SAIM)

1. Reading the signs of the time and responding to the needs of the Church in new and creative ways, we will continue to promote social and innovative ministries in our Provinces and mission units, and adequately train confreres for the same. Implementation: Provincial & SAIM.

2. All Provinces and mission units will give adequate attention to specialized ministries such as Social Work, Media and Communication, and Youth Ministry, and train confreres for the same. Implementation: Provincial & SAIM.
3. The General Administration will establish a Global Media Center under the General Secretariat for SAIM, to assist and enhance the Media and Communication ministries of individual Provinces and mission units. **Implementation: General Secretary for SAIM.**

4. Provinces will establish Province-level units of the Mission Development Office (MDO), and make use of its services to further our social and innovative ministries. **Implementation: Provincial.**

5. Wherever necessary, Provinces and mission units will initiate ministries in the area of health care such as, establishing clinics and hospitals, and train confreres for the same. **Implementation: Provincial.**

6. Provinces and mission units will initiate ministries for the care of the physically and mentally challenged, especially the special-needs-children. Considering the unique nature of such ministries, those confreres who have an aptitude for and are involved in such ministries could be given extended terms of appointment. **Implementation: Provincial.**

7. Provinces and mission units will strengthen the functioning of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission. Confreres will be trained in Law and other related disciplines to enhance its functioning. **Implementation: Provincial.**

8. In collaboration with the SFS Publications, Bangalore, India, Provinces and mission units outside India will explore the possibility of printing and distributing the Bible Diary (Joy of the Gospel) in their own countries. **Implementation: General Administration & SFS Publications, Bangalore, India.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

1. Aware that we are stewards and not owners of what God has entrusted to us, we will continue to foster a sense and culture of stewardship, accountability, transparency, and simplicity in our Provinces and mission units. **Implementation: Provincial.**

2. The formation program in our seminaries will include stage-appropriate training in accounting and finance management, and legal and civil matters of the respective countries. During Philosophical or Theological formation, these programs could be offered as 1 credit course that the formees are required to complete. **Implementation: Provincial Bursar & Rectors.**

3. Every community will prepare an annual budget and get it approved by the Provincial Administration. **Implementation: Provincial, Provincial Bursar, & Local Superior.**
4. All our communities will ensure the implementation of Financial Accountability System for Transparency (FAST) and the presentation of the statement of accounts in monthly community meetings. *Implementation: Provinical, Provincial Bursar, & Local Superior.*

5. Provincials will ensure that all confreres follow the Provincial Statutes with regard to ownership of vehicles, property, and other matters concerning temporal goods. *Implementation: Provinical, Provincial Bursar, & Local Superior.*

6. Every Province and mission unit will constitute a Land and Building Committee with experts in Engineering, Architecture, Accounting, Business Administration, and Law, who will oversee all the major projects of the Province such as purchase and sale of lands, construction of buildings, and concerns regarding Trusts and Registered Societies. *Implementation: Provinical & Provincial Bursar.*

7. Every Province and mission unit will enhance their resource mobilization efforts to identify benefactors and raise local funds. *Implementation: Provinical & Provincial Bursar.*

8. Provinces will explore the possibility of constituting inter-Province internal auditing teams. The internal auditing team will audit accounts, property documents, and other matters concerning temporal goods. *Implementation: Provinical & Provincial Bursar.*

**ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE**

**USA VICE PROVINCE**

1. The General Chapter reaffirms the Congregation’s commitment to strengthen the USA Vice-Province, especially with regard to personnel.

2. The USA Vice-Provincial will ensure to establish Local Communities’ both among the permanent members and temporary members.

3. The request of the USA Vice Province will specify to the Assistant Superior General certain essential components such as:

   i. Number of confreres required
   ii. The type of the ministry for which the personnel are required
   iii. The type of competence/experience needed
   iv. The suitable age group
   v. The type of the training required
   vi. The duration of the training
   vii. The expenditure for the training etc.
4. Upon the request of the Vice-provincial concerning the needs of the vice-province, the concerned provincial will identify confreres to be designated, whether they are from outside USA or from those who are already in ministry in USA.

5. A confrere who is designated for USA Vice Province will go with an initial mandate for a term of 3 years, and he enjoys both active and passive voice in USA Vice Province from the beginning.

6. Following due procedures, within 3 years, the Vice Provincial and the concerned Provincial will complete the process of the designated confrere’s full integration into the Vice Province.

7. Regarding the salary of the designated members who join afresh, it will be equally divided (50-50) between the Vice Province and the Province of Origin for the first three years. After that, the Vice Province will pay 10% of the confrere’s salary for another five years.

8. The temporary members in USA Vice-Province enjoy both the active and passive voice in their respective Provinces of origin. The “10-year policy” is applicable for the temporary members.

9. The Vice-Provincial curia comprises of confreres only from the permanent members.

10. Two representatives from the short-term members will be elected from amongst them, whom the Vice-Provincial will consult at least twice a year on matters concerning them.

GERMANY, AUSTRIA, & HOLLAND (GAH)

1. General Chapter 2013 mandated the General Administration to constitute Delegations (Neighborhood Local Communities in case of Provinces with insufficient number of confreres for a Delegation) under the Provinces in view of establishing Local Communities.

2. General Chapter 2019 mandates each province to ensure the establishment of Local Communities consisting of at least 2 confreres through its respective Delegation as early as possible and latest by the next General Chapter.

3. For those who are integrated into these communities, the 10-year policy will not apply. The Provincials are authorized to give a period of three years to those confreres who have completed eight years or more of ministry in view of integrating them into a Local Community.

4. The Local Communities are to function as per the norms of the Constitutions and according to the specific modalities provided by Provincials’ Forum with the approval of the General Administration.

5. Until the Local Communities are established, the existing Neighborhood Local Communities are to be strengthened with measures that foster fraternal communion.
6. Any new confrere sent to GAH is sent in view of integrating into Local Communities.
7. It is mandatory for a confrere who is sent a second time for ministry in GAH to be part of a Local Community.

* The term “Local Community” refers to physical Local Community constitutionally established by a Major Superior.

PROVINCE OF ENGLAND
1. Considering the historical significance and contribution of the English Province, as well as the present crisis that the Province faces, the General Chapter affirms the urgent need to strengthen the Province of England.
2. The General Chapter is convinced that the immediate concern of the English Province is to establish strong leadership and appropriate structure at the earliest possible opportunity.
3. Towards the realization of this end, the Chapter authorizes the General Administration to propose to the members of the Province a list of 4 names, which may be from within and outside the province, for the consultation and appointment of the Provincial.
4. Therefore, with good leadership, backed up effectively by the General Administration, provinces are asked to send confreres to help. These confreres should be initially vetted to ensure that they have the aptitude to thrive in the context of English Province.

DIVISION OF PROVINCES
1. The General Chapter recognizes and affirms the legitimate right of the Provinces to seek division of the Province in accordance with the norms of the MSFS Constitutions for administrative feasibility and missionary effectiveness.
2. The General Chapter approves the request of the North East India Province for the division of North-East India Province into two Provinces.
   i. The General Chapter authorizes the General Administration to initiate the process as prescribed by the Constitutions and the General Directory.
   ii. The General Chapter also authorizes the General Administration to implement the decision as early as possible.

OTHER JURIDICAL MATTERS
1. General Chapter 2019 authorizes the General Administration to appoint an expert commission to study and present the following matters at the Congregational level and bring clear proposals and
possibilities to be voted for in the next General Chapter and for eventual amendments in the MSFS Constitutions and/or the General Directory:

i. Election of Provincial  
ii. Election of Provincial Councilors  
iii. Age & Eligibility for all the above offices  
iv. The need for the office of Provincial Vicar  
v. Election of Provincial Bursar  
vi. Provincial’s term of office  
vii. All Regional Superiors as Ex-Officio members of the General Chapter  
viii. The choice between Provincial Congress and Chapter based on the number of confreres in the Province.  
ix. The active and passive voice of General Councilors.  
x. Any other matter pertaining to the Constitutions and the General Directory.

2. General Chapter 2019 authorizes the General Administration to appoint an expert commission to study the following matters:  
i. The MSFS Constitutions and the General Directory  
ii. The Spirit of our Founder  
iii. Our Charism  
iv. The History of the Congregation

3. Regarding the extension of the term of office of the Provincial, the General Chapter voted to delete GD 236 i & ii, and retain only GD 236 iii.

4. With regard to cases of low turnout in voting, the General Chapter decided to leave the matter to the General Administration. The General Chapter exhorts the Local Superiors to enlighten the members to vote.

5. With regard to the reasons for the removal of Provincial, the General Chapter affirms that there is no need to specify the reasons for the removal of the Provincial.

6. With regard to the appointment of Local Superiors, the General Chapter directs that the appointment needs to be done according to the Norms in the Constitutions.

7. With regard to the substitutes for General Councilors in case of vacancy of office, the General Chapter decided to add a clause in the General Directory regarding the election of two substitutes.

8. With regard to E-Voting, the General Chapter approves it in principle, and authorizes the General Administration to work out its modalities.
DIRECTIVES CONCERNING CONFERENCE WORKING OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE TERRITORY SEEKING EXCLAUSTRATION IN VIEW OF INCARIDNATION

1. There is no automatic, direct, or immediate approval of application for Exclaustion or Incardination. Confreres are to respect their personnel plans.

2. Anyone, who wants to leave the Congregation and join a diocese, must return to his Provincialate for an appointment for the discernment process for one year.

3. It is the direction and the mind of the Congregation that any process of discernment be done within the Province or any other territory or situation that is allocated by the Major Superior.

4. The immediacy of the presence and animation of his Major Superior, fraternal communion with the confreres in the province, and being situated within the domain of the ministries of the province can provide better opportunities to discern his vocation or reinforce his religious and apostolic commitment.

5. It is the policy of the Congregation as reconfirmed by General Chapter 2019 that a non-compliance to this directive from the part of an individual confrere concerned amounts to:
   i. Failing and defeating the very purpose of the mission outside the Province territory.
   ii. Disloyalty to the policies of the Congregation in the context of its life and ministry.
   iii. A breach of the Consecrated Vow of Obedience - Disobedience to the legitimate mandate of the Major Superior who urges him to discern his religious vocation in close vicinity with the confreres and the ministry in his Province.

6. In case of refusal and defiance by the concerned confrere, despite the patient and persistent efforts at persuasion by the Provincial, the Provincial in all good conscience, can initiate the due process as prescribed in Canon 6961, Const. 284, 3.

7. The Superior General will write a letter to the concerned dioceses regarding these policies of the Congregation.

Live Jesus

N.B. : I request all our apostolic communities to reflect and discuss these directives. The major superiors and the capitlants or conferrers designated by the major superiors will animate the discussion.
St. Francis de Sales High school Shanthinagar celebrated its 42nd Annual Day on 22nd December 2018 under the guidance of our Principal Rev. Fr. G. Sandeep Reddy. The Annual Day Celebration began at 05.30 p.m. The school campus and the entire atmosphere wore a festive look with multi-colored decorations and illumination. The campus was fully packed with a large gathering of parents, ex-students and well wishers.

To create awareness in the minds of the Parents, students, and well-wishers the Annual Day was based on the theme “Think Future, Save Nature”. Man being the supreme creation of God must protect Nature and should not destroy it. We hope to build a better tomorrow where Man and Nature coexist harmoniously. The stage setting was also based on the theme. The newly Constituted School band was inaugurated on this Day. The Band performed a spell bound performance.

The function was presided over by our chief guest Very Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy MSFS, Provincial Superior and General Manager of SFS schools in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Special Guests of Honour Rev. Fr. Agnello Fernandez, former Superior General of MSFS Congregation and Rev. Fr. Mariadas Sesetti, Provincial Councilor and Admonitor of Vishakapatnam Province also graced the occasion. Guests of honour Mrs. Annie John, former Desalite Teacher, Mrs. V. Sreedevi and Mr. Y. Srinivas Alumini were present for the function. A host of Principals, Correspondents and retired teachers were among the dignitaries present and they were felicitated. Parents Committee also felicitated all the Guests and expressed their satisfaction on the functioning of the School. The dignitaries inspired the gathering with their valuable messages and good wishes. The toppers of SSC March 2018 were felicitated along with their parents.
There were varied entertainment Programs Consisting of Colorful dances, Plays, Burra Katha and many other programs that enthralled the audience. The School Report presented by the Cabinet members showcased the achievements of the institution. The program lasted for four hours and came to an end by 09:45 p.m. and the audience dispersed with the memories of a pleasant evening. (REPORTED BY MRS. CAROLINE RICHARD, SENIOR FACULTY)

ANNUAL DAY: SFS SCHOOL, MEDIPALLY

St. Francis de Sales’ High School, Medipally, Uppal, Hyderabad, T.S., Celebrated the annual day on 15-12-2018 from 05:30 p.m. to 08:30 p.m. in our School premises. Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar, I.P.S., I.G. (Secretary, T.S.W.R.E.I Society) graced the occasion as the Chief-Guest. Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy, M.S.F.S., the Provincial and General Manager S.F.S. Schools in A.P and T.S. was the President of the function. Rev. Fr. Sandeep Reddy, M.S.F.S. the Councilor in charge of Education, (Vishakapatnam Province) was the guest of honor. Students got an opportunity to showcase their skills and artistic talents. About 2,000 parents, well wishers and former students came to witness the programme.

Fr. George Alappatt MSFS

Inauguration of the Grotto of Mother Mary at Agripalli:

On 6th January 2019, Rev. Fr. Chinnappa Reddy MSFS, Provincial Superior inaugurated the newly erected Grotto at Agripalli. The whole project was donated by the people of the Parish as an expression of their faith in the intercession of our blessed Mother Mary. The programme was well attended by a number of priests and religious from the neighbourhood and the faithful. I thank all the donors and the parishioners for their
generosity in materializing the project. I thank Fr. Provincial and all the priests and religious for their presence and prayers on this day.

Fr. Nagothu Bala Joji MSFS

Regent’s Meet – 2019

Regents Meeting 2018 – 2019 was conducted on 13th – 14th January 2019 at SFS School, Shantinagar, Secunderabad. The two days programme was well planned and arranged by Fr. Manoj, the Councilor in-charge of formation. We were altogether six brothers and we all gathered at SFS School, Shantinagar. On 13th morning we were given chance to spend some time to relax at wonderla, the amusement park. We all had good time on that day and returned in the evening. Then we had mass celebrated by Fr. Sandeep. The following day we had the programme for the regents’ meeting which was animated by Fr. Noel Rebello, the General Councilor of formation. It was a day of recollection. We had 1st talk at 9 a.m. by Fr. Noel and then group sharing among the brothers on the document called “Prospects of Fransalian Formation” – Regency. In which it was highlighted about the intellectual formation, spiritual formation, human formation, social formation. Then around 11 a.m. we had confessions and followed by Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Noel Rebello. Then we had personal sharing with Fr. Manoj, individually and spoke about our life in the communities. We all met Fr. Manoj and had a group sharing. Fr. Manoj encouraged our work and wished all of us to do well and continue in the same spirit and learn from our experience. On behalf of all the regents, I sincerely thank Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, the Provincial for arranging such a wonderful gathering and wishing us all the best. I also express my gratitude to Fr. Manoj, for spending his time with us and planning the two days programme. I sincerely thank Shantinagar community specially Fr. Sandeep Reddy, the Superior, Fr. John Vedanayagam, the Parish Priest and Fr. M. Francis Reddy for their welcome and hospitality.

Bro. P. Bala Antony, Regent

Blessing of the Throne of Mother of Sorrows:

On 20th January 2019, after the Sunday Mass, Very Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy, our Provincial, in the presence of Rev. Frs. Bonela Antony, Dominic Savio, S. Ignatius and Y. Vijay Bhaskar, the FCC sisters of Nagulapalem, and the parish community, blessed and dedicated the Throne of Mother of Sorrows and the Pieta Statue. It is in front of the Church, facing and beside the road to help not only the parish community but also all the travelers to recognize the accomplishment of Jesus’
mission here on earth, by being obedient to the Father, as well as the climax of Mary’s submission to God’s will, which resulted in the crowning of both as Universal King and Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The Karamchedu parish is entrusted to the care of the MSFS, as such this holy statue of our patroness will be a monument of MSFS presence in Karamchedu.

Rev. Fr. Simon Paicatt MSFS

EDUCATION FORUM MEETING

The Province’s Education Forum Meeting was held on 27th January, 2019 at SFS School, Tanuku. All the Correspondents, Principals and the Members of the Forum were present for the meeting. The Forum during the meeting mainly focused on the implementation of the Action Plan of the Provincial Congress 2018. There were elaborate discussions on various aspects of our Apostolate of Education. A few decisions were made regarding; Catechism classes in our Schools, Appointment of Counselors in our Schools, Gratuity, Introduction of Math Labs and English Language
Labs, Robotics, Concession Policy, Fee Structure and Salary Scale, Revision of FEF Hand book etc. The forum also had an evaluation of Sports meets which were held at Nizamabad and Seethammadhara and proposed to have an organizing committee for the smooth conduct of events from next time. A serious discernment is also made regarding SFS School, Pithapuram. Rev. Fr. Provincial was also present for the meeting. It was a fruitful and meaningful meeting which helped all the participants get enriched by each other’s sharing. Thanks to all the Participants.

Fr. Sandeep, PCIC-Education

10th INTER M.S.F.S. SCHOOLS SPORTS, GAMES AND CULTURAL MEET

The 10th INTER M.S.F.S. SCHOOLS SPORTS &, GAMES AND CULTURAL MEET OF A.P. “SPORTUNITY”, was held in S.F.S. School, Seethammadhara from 27th December to 29th December 2018, with the motto “TO INSPIRE A FRANSALIAN STUDENT.” “Learn, Lead and Live” The Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was Sri Medapati Krishna Reddy, Chairman of Swathi Promoters Pvt. Ltd. Rev. Fr. S. Maridas and Rev. Fr. Sandeep Reddy were the Guests of honour.

The students of S.F.S. School performed an enthralling display of drills like the Clapping Drill, the Lumba Dance, Parachut Drill, the Scarf and the hoop drill. The Meet was declared open with the release of pigeons and balloons by the dignitaries on stage. Rev. Fr. Inna Reddy, the Principal welcomed one and all to the meet.
Nearly 850 students competed in 3 categories both boys & girls. There were all together 60 events where in students competed from 11 different schools of Coastal Andhra. The teachers and the students of the participating schools put their earnest efforts and potential to leave the audience awe-struck.

The Valedictory function was on the 29th December 2018, at 10.a.m. Rev.Fr. Chinappa Reddy, Provincial Superior, Vizag Province honoured the prize winners of the Meet. The runners-up of the Overall Championship Trophy was bagged by S.F.S. School Seethammadhara and the Winners of the Overall Championship was S.F.S., School, Gajuwaka. The Individual Boys & Girls (Sr. and Jr.) Championship was awarded to the students.

M.S.F.S. Congregation has always been and will always be investors of children and their future. In and through these Meet and activities, they focus on a holistic approach in tapping the potentials of every Desalite thereby inspiring a new generation of tomorrow.

A special thanks to Rev. Fr. Reddy Joseph, Rev. Fr. Inna Reddy, Rev. Fr. Anand Prakash and Rev. Fr. Ch. Vijay Kumar and Staff for their untiring efforts in making this Meet a success and thus instilling in every child a spirit of true sportsmanship.

Fr. Inna Reddy MSFS

S.F.S. SCHOOL ALUMNI MEET, SEETHAMMADHARA

Rev. Fr. P. Inna Reddy, the Principal initiated the opportunity where ex-students of S.F.S. School could relive their fond memories, walk down memory lane and share treasured experiences by
coming together and forming an alumni association of students from the inception to till date of this esteemed institution.

The Alumni association was registered on 1st December 2018. The Alumni Association members had nearly 5 to 6 meetings to discuss for the much awaited opportunity to meet their old teachers as well as their yesteryear friends. The maiden S.F.S. Alumni Meet was on 12th Jan 2019 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. followed by lunch in S.F.S. School Grounds. At this meet the fathers, retired teachers and non-teaching staff were honoured and felicitated with a shawl and memento.

The butterfly dance and the folk dance were performed by the present students. Ex-students shared their memories of their school days and were thankful and indebted to their Alma Mater for showing them the path.

The ex-students left the institution elated as they spent the most memorable day as they reminisced their memories, smoothen frayed ties and strengthened their present bonds with their peers and teachers.

Fr. Inna Reddy MSFS

DEO GRATIAS

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF S.F.S STUDY HOUSE, JANAMPET

The silver bells rung for the SFS study House as we began preparations for the celebrations of silver jubilee, with a number of meetings, we have finalized the date to celebrate the silver jubilee on 28/01/2019.

The expected day arrived and the house was very jubilant with the presence of dignitaries and Alumni. Morning at 9:30 am, there was an input session for the Alumni by Rev. Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy, the Assistant General, followed by Alumni sharing. During the sharing many of the alumni expressed their deep sentimental memories of the past. It was a fruitful and delighted session. At the end we have felicitated the people who had toiled in the construction work, 25 years ago.
The main celebration began with the blessings and inauguration of the jubilee memorial. The lively and exciting Pieta statue was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy, the provincial superior of Visakhapatnam province and Rev. Fr. Innacimuthu, the provincial superior of South East India Province. After the inauguration it was blessed by Very. Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvelil, the Superior General of our Congregation in the presence of many Priests, sisters, brothers and well-wishers who had gathered for the celebration.

The Jubilee Mass was presided over by Very.Rev.Fr. Abraham Vettuvelil along with Rev. Frs. Babu George, Thumma Mariadas Reddy, Noel Rebello, Augustine Magnat, and con-celebrated by many priests. After the Eucharistic celebration there was a felicitation of the dignitaries and release of souvenir of the SFS Study House. The celebration was concluded with Agape.

Fr. Joseph Kavungal.

Priestly Ordination

Dn. Pentareddy Joseph Sunder Reddy:
Parents: P. Raja Reddy & P. Samatha Mary
Date of Birth: 19-05-1990
Place of Birth: Velegonda Colony,
Secondary Education: Good Samaritan High School, Hyd.
Minor Seminary: Fransalian Vidyajyothi, Nidadavolu
First Profession: 10-06-2010, Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency: Stella Maris, Visakhapatnam
Theological Studies: SFS Study House, Eluru
Perpetual Profession: 06-06-2017, SFS Study House, Eluru
Diaconate Ordination: 20-01-2017, SFS Study House, Eluru
Priestly Ordination: 23-02-2019, Velegonda Colony

By Most Rev. Govinda Joji, Bishop of Nalgonda

Congratulations, Best Wishes and God’s blessings!
Sacerdotal Diamond Jubilee:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Pulickal

Place of Birth : Muttar, Kerala
Date of Birth : 18- 02-1933
Parents : Joseph & Aleyamma
Primary School : St. George Primary School, Muttar
High School : St. Aloysius’ High School, Edathua
Minor Seminary : St. Joseph’s Mission Home, Kottayam, Mission Home, Pala
Novitiate : Novitiate Home, Bastora, Goa
First Profession : 26-05-1956
Philosophy : Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonnamallee, Chennai
Theology : Fransalian Seminary, Pune
Perpetual Profession: 27-05-1959, Pune
Diaconate : Pune
Priestly Ordination : 01-06-1959, Pune

Appointments:

1960 – 1963  B.Sc. Studies, St. Berchman’s College
1963 – 1964  B Ed. Studies, St. Joseph’s College, Mannanam
1964 – 1965  Teacher, St. Aloysius’ School, Vizag
1965 – 1978  Principal, St. Aloysius’ School, Vizag
1978 – 1980  Principal & Correspondent, SFS, Seethammadhara
1980 -1981  Rector, SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor
1981 – 1986  Principal, SFS School, Seethammadhara
1986 – 1988  Principal, SFS School, Santhinagar, Secunderabad
1988 – 1993  Parish Priest, Waltair
1994 – 1997  Spiritual Director, Professor, Suvidya College
1998 – 2005  Correspondent, SFS, Seethammadhara
2005 – 2006  Rector, St. Aloysius School, Vizag
2006 –  2011  Spiritual Director, Ross Hill, Vizag
2011 – 2012  Parish Priest, Waltair
2012 – 2016  Superior, SFS School, Seethammadhara
2016 -  MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakumcherry, Kerala

Congratulations, Best Wishes and God’s blessings!
Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee:

Rev. Fr. Mandagiri Jojaiah
Place of Birth : Mutlur
Date of Birth : 12-04-1966
Parents : Rayanna & Suseelamma
Primary School : St. Xavier’s, Mutlur
Secondary School : Vinayakumar, Anantapur
Minor Seminary : Fransalian Vidyajyothi, Nidadavolu
Novitiate : Salesianum, Vizag
First Profession : 15-12-1985
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Theology : St. Peter’s, Bangalore
Perpetual Profession: Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Diaconate : Vinayalaya, Bangalore
Priestly Ordination : 14-03-1995

Appointments:
1995 – 1997 Assistant Parish Priest, St. Peter’s Church, Vizag
1997 – 2004 Parish Priest, St. Cecilia’s Church, Hyderabad
2004 – 2006 Parish Priest, St. Francis de Sales Church, Attili
2007 – 2012 Kansas City, Kansas, USA
2012 - Parish Priest, Ibrahimpatnam

Congratulations, Best Wishes and God’s blessings!

Rev. Fr. Mekala Sebastian Reddy
Place of Birth : Raghunathpalli
Date of Birth : 03-07-1966
Parents : Show Reddy & Mariamma
Primary School : Raghunathpally
Secondary School : Raghunathpally
Minor Seminary : Fransalian Vidyajyothi, Nidadavolu
Novitiate : Salesianum, Vizag
First Profession : 15-12-1986, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Theology : Fransalian Seminary, Pune
Perpetual Profession: 28-11-1992, Pune
Diaconate : Fransalian Seminary, Pune
Priestly Ordination : 02 – 01 – 1995
Appointments:

- 1995 – 1998 Assistant Parish Priest, Thekkalipatnam
- 1998 – 2000 Parish Priest, Chennamanayunikota
- 2002 – 2004 On the Staff, Kotak School, Vizag
- 2004 - 2006 Principal, SFS School, Pithapuram
- 2006 - 2008 Parish Priest, Agiripally
- 2008 – 2014 Parish Priest, Ibrarimpatnam
- 2014 - 2017 Parish Priest, Garla
- 2018 - Parish Priest, Tanuku

**Congratulations, Best Wishes and God’s blessings!**

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**Rev. Fr. S. Ignatius**

- Place of Birth: Mutlur
- Date of Birth: 1-7-1964
- Parents: Abdul Khadar & Jainabi
- Primary School: Government Elementary School, Mutlur
- Secondary School: St. Xavier’s High School, Mutlur
- Minor Seminary: Fransalian Vidyajyothi, Nidadavolu
- Novitiate: Salesianum, Vizag
- First Profession: 15-12-1986, Visakhapatnam
- Philosophy: Suvidya College, Bangalore
- Theology: St. John’s Regional Seminary, Hyderabad
- Perpetual Profession: 06-12-1992, Shantinagar
- Diaconate: Shantinagar, Secunderabad
- Priestly Ordination: 14-03-1995, Mutlur

**Appointments:**

- 1995 – 1996 Assistant Parish Priest, Nunna
- 1996 – 2000 Assistant Parish Priest, Salur
- 2000 – 2002 Assistant Parish Priest, Mandapeta
- 2002 – 2003 Assistant Parish Priest, Guntakal
- 2003 – 2004 Parish Priest, Karemchedu
- 2004 – 2005 Spirituality Course, Bangalore
- 2005 - 2011 Parish Priest, Kothapalli
- 2011 - 2014 Parish Priest, Reddypalem – Melavagu
- 2014 - 2017 Parish Priest, Chennamanayunikota
- 2017 - Parish Priest, Nagulapalem, Parchur

**Congratulations, Best Wishes and God’s blessings!**
Informations:

1. Mission Forum Meeting will be held on 20th February 2019 at MSFS House, Nunna.

2. Formation Forum Meeting will be held on 26th February 2019 at Stella Maris, Visakhapatnam.

3. Gorantla Joachim and G. Nicholas have received dispensation from their Priestly faculties and religious vows. They are no more members of our Congregation. We wish them all the best.

4. Annual Retreat for the year 2019 is scheduled to be held on 30th September (10:30 a.m.) to 4th October (7.30 p.m.) and 6th January 2020 (10:30 a.m.) to 10th January 2020 (7.30 p.m.). Please make the necessary arrangements to participate in it.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME:

February 2019

20th Mission Forum Meeting at Nunna
21st Blessing and Inauguration, SFS College, Nidadavole
22nd Fransalian Vidyajyothi, Nidadavole
23rd Priestly Ordination, Nalgonda
24th Agripalli
26th Formation Forum Meeting, Stella Maris, Vizag
28th Palasa

March 2019

01st SFS School, Seethammadhara & SFS Press
02nd Kotak School, Stella Maris & SFS Parish, Chinna Waltair
03rd I.T.I., Autonagar & N.F.T., St. Aloysius Workshop
05th Ross Hill
06th Salesianum
07th St. Aloysius School & Soldierpet
08th SFS School, Gajuwaka & Waltair R.S.
09th Pithapuram & Jaggampeta
10th Tanuku
11th SFS Study House, Eluru
12th Agripalli, Ibrehimpatnam & Nunna
13th Khammam & Garla
14th Pulakurthi & Anajipuram
15th Medipalli, Bibinagar & Ghatkesar
16th Shantinagar & Dayanandnagar
17th Shabad
18th Nizamabad & Janakampet
19th Korutla
Let us pray for the departed:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kunnappally, aged 74, belonging to East Africa Province passed away on 8th January 2019.


Rev. Fr. Chacko Arayathinal, aged 90, belonging to Visakhapatnam Archdiocese passed away on 16th January 2019.


Mrs. Gade Roja, aged 54, Aunty of Fr. Gade Kishore Reddy passed away on 7th January 2019.

Pudhota Balaraj, aged 20, the brother of Bro. Pudota Bala Chandu passed away on 20th January 2019.

Mr. Showranna, aged 97, father of Fr. Julian passed away on 27th Jan. 2019.

Mr. Nannam Lourdhappa, uncle of Fr. Ratna Swamy passed away on 10th February 2019.


May their souls rest in peace.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy msfs
Provincial Superior

SALESIAN THOUGHT

The longest life is not always the best. The best is that which has been best spent in the service of God - SFS