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My dear Confreres,

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. (Luke and Acts)

Soon we are going to celebrate the two great events of Ascension and Pentecost. The first reminds us of Jesus going back to His Father and the second, the sending of the Holy Spirit upon them. Undoubtedly, the event of ascension was an extremely significant moment in the life of his disciples. For, first, because this event set the tone for their personal transformation and second, it is before this event that Jesus revealed to the disciples the important task of his disciples that is the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world. Surely, the ascension left a deep impression on the disciples. We know that up to the moment of Jesus ascension to heaven, the disciples were puzzled and full of obscurity. But, after seeing Jesus ascending into heaven, their doubts were dispelled. Hence, they traveled back to Jerusalem with great joy.

Jesus had just gone back to His Father. And yet they were full of joy. How? The ascension of Jesus produced joy since the disciples realized the wonderful benefits that would come to them when Jesus returned to the Father. With Jesus ascending, all the promises regarding the Holy Spirit's ministry to the disciples were about to be fulfilled. That's why; the disciples could accept His ascension into heaven with joy. For, they had accepted Jesus' word about the promised One to come – the Paraclete and the Counselor. There is no more place for any sort of doubts or fears. They were totally convinced of who Jesus was. They knew that His death had a purpose i.e. to redeem the humankind from sin and death.

In fact, **Joy and hope are the fruits of the ascension event.** We too must go forward with unwavering hope and immense joy because Jesus Christ, the King of the universe promises that He will never desert or forsake us. **If we really want to experience much greater transformation and the joy of following Jesus on mission, we must build our confidence in Jesus Christ and grow day by day in zeal for the salvation of souls.**

May I conclude with the wonderful words of St. John Paul II: *And indeed Christ, when he rose up from the earth, drew all to himself, rising from the dead* (cf. Rom 6:9). **He instilled in the Apostles his animating Spirit, and through his Spirit built his Body which is the Church**! May we be filled with the same Holy Spirit and live and share the love and mercy of God.

Happy Feast of the Ascension of the Lord !

Education Forum Meeting 2016

The Education Forum Meeting of the Vizag Province will be held on 6th June 2016 at Lourduvivas, Shantinagar from 9 a.m to 6 p.m. All the Principals and Correspondents of the Educational Institutes are expected to attend this meeting without fail.

Meeting for the Cause of the Founder

On 9th April 2016, at General Secretariat, MSFS House, Malkajgiri, a meeting of the Vice-Promoters for the Promotion of Devotion and Cause of the Founder, Fr. Peter Mary Mermier was convened by Very Rev. Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy, Asst. Superior General & Chief-Promoter. All the six vice-Promoters, representing their own respective Provinces from India were present for the meeting. The members of the Committee discussed on various steps to be intensified for the Promotion of Devotion and Cause of the Founder in the Provinces in particular and as a Congregation.

Provincial Chapter of the South-West Province

The Provincial Chapter of the South-West Province was held from the 11th to the 15th of April 2016. I congratulate Very Rev. Fr. Benny Kootanal MSFS, Provincial and his team for the success of the Chapter. The following are the newly elected members of the Provincial Administration:

Rev. Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar	- Councilor and Admonitor
Rev. Fr. A. Jerome	- Councilor
Rev. Fr. Roy Plathottathil	- Councilor
Rev. Fr. Joy Vazhappillil	- Councilor
Rev. Fr. Vinod Kanattu	- Provincial Bursar

NEW DIBRUGARH REGION

The Regional Assembly of the newly formed region within the North-East India Province was convened from 13th to 15th April 2016 at

Guwahati. The newly established Region is named as DIBRUGARH REGION and the Regional Curia consist of the following:

- Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil (Regional Superior),
- Fr. Kurian Pattimackel, (Regional Councillor)
- Fr. Augustine Thundathil (Regional Councillor)
- Fr. Philip Mhonchumo (Regional Councillor)
- Fr. Peter Parankimalil (Regional Bursar).

I, on behalf of the Province of Vizag, Congratulate them and wish them every success.

Provincialis Canonical Visit to Communities

I, along with Bursar, visited the communities in the Province from 1st March to 17th April 2016. I am grateful to all the Communities and the confreres in particular for their whole-hearted cooperation and sharing. I am very glad to know that majority of our confreres doing their best for the good of the mission and the development of the centres both in parishes and institutions.

Provincialis Visit to Africa and Appointment of Vicar

I will be going to Africa to attend the Triennial Mandatory Meeting at Arusha, Tanzania from 5th to 26th May 2016. During my absence from the Province, Rev. Fr. Mandagiri Jojaiah will be the Vicar. So, for any urgent matters, please contact him.

Annual Retreat for the year 2016

The First Annual Retreat for the year 2016-17 began on 25th at 18.00 hrs (6 p.m) and concluded on 30th at 12.00 hrs (noon). The Retreat preacher was Rev. Fr. Regi K. Mani MSFS, North-East India Province. At present, he is the director of the Retreat Centre at Umroi, Shillong.

Promoted to the Novitiate

1. Mendem Divya Balaswamy
2. Bellamkonda Samanth
3. Amalakatta Varaprasad
4. Mendem Lawrance
5. Yeruva Balaraju
6. Tamarakanti Francis
7. Polaki Suresh
8. Kannam Prabhakar

Promoted to the First Profession and First year Philosophy

1. Bogi Balaraju
2. Mendem Anthony Joseph
3. Pudota Bala Chandu
4. Saminani Jose Mangeshker
5. Kaithathara Tony Thomas

Promoted to the Second Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows

1. Banoth Shekhar
2. Kammari Antony Rajesh
3. Madanu Sandeep Kumar
4. Mallavarapu Bala Anvesh
5. Mallela Naveen Reddy
6. Pasala Bala Sudheer
7. Pathiyil Joby Joseph
8. Pothula Bala Antony

Promoted to the Third Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows

1. Madathiparambil Tony Xavier
2. Duggimpudi BalaRanjith
3. Chinthapalli Thambiraj
4. Kommareddy Manohar Reddy
5. Pagelli Thambi Joseph
6. Katru Pradeep Kumar
7. Govada Harish
8. Uppu James Kumar
9. Pilli Balaswamy
10. Marisetti Manoj Kumar
11. Gorremuchu Kiran
12. Naragopu Sandeep
13. Thumma Arogya Rakesh Reddy
14. Bathina Solomon Raj

Promoted to Regency and renewal of temporal vows

1. Gorremuchu Thambi (Vidyasagar)
2. Guvvala Manoj Kumar
3. Konka Sekhar
4. Kunche Sunil Kumar
5. Kurakula Stephen
6. Nagothu Jeevan Kumar
7. Nagothu Sampath Kumar

Promoted to the First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Addepalli Bhanu
2. Kata Ajay Kumar
3. Konapalli Mariadas
4. Puthen B. Nibin
5. Pakki Dileep Kumar
6. Gompa Hrudaya Babu

Promoted to the M.Ph. Studies and Renewal of Vows

1. Kokkigadda Kumar Rao
2. Saketi Sateesh Kumar

Promoted to the Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Pentareddy Joseph Sunder Reddy
2. Putti Anil Kumar
3. Velamarthi Solomon Raju

Promotion to Acolyte and Lector

1. Boilla Ravi
2. Boilla Vijay Kumar
3. Kandi Vijay Kiran
4. Pazhayapurackal Tom Jose
5. Swarna Anil Kumar
6. Thalakala Ratna Raju
7. Thondickal Praveen Mathew

Promoted to the Third Year Theology and Recommended for the perpetual Profession

1. Boilla Ravi
2. Boilla Vijay Kumar
3. Kandi Vijay Kiran
4. Pazhayapurackal Tom Jose
5. Swarna Anil Kumar
6. Thalakala Ratna Raju
7. Thondickal Praveen Mathew

Regentsí Appointments

1. Gorremuchu Thambi (Vidyasagar) ó Korutla
2. Guvvala Manoj Kumar ó St. Aloysius
3. Konka Sekhar ó Autonagar

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| 4. Kunche Sunil Kumar | ó Stella Maris |
| 5. Kurakula Stephen | ó Nidadavole |
| 6. Nagothu Jeevan Kumar | ó Vadakumcherry |
| 7. Nagothu Sampath Kumar | ó Ross Hill |

Transfers and Appointments:

Having discussed the followings in the Provincial Council Meetings held on 19th April 2016, the following transfers and appointments are made. This comes into effect from 1st June 2016, or any day prior to it as per convenience on mutual agreement. I exhort you to have a formal handing over / taking over the charge with the document signed by both in the presence of one of the Provincial Councilors. And a copy must be sent to the Provincial's office at the earliest. This is very much required as it would help both the outgoing and the incoming persons free from undue worry in the future.

STELLA MARIS	J. L. Ravi Kumar- Superior & Co-Director of Seva Kendra Kottam George, Joins the Community, Karachira Joseph, Joins the Community
SALESIANUM (Novitiate)	Thomas Perumalil, Novice Master R. Anil Kumar, Socius & Vocation Promoter
S.F.S. PRINTING SCHOOL	N. Bala Raju, Asst. Manager & House Procurator
ST. ALOYSIUS HIGH SCHOOL	Shijo Panthalanickal, <i>Procurator & Warden</i>
ROSS HILL	Dola Velangini Rao, <i>Director & Procurator</i> Manalil Thomas, Joins the Community C. D. Michael, Joins the Community
SEETHAMMADHARA	Reddy Joseph, <i>Superior</i> M. Anand Prakash, Procurator & Correspondent
ST. ALOYSIUS I.T.I .	Mathew Vempala, Superior Jaddu Joseph, Principal and Procurator Bro. Sebastian, Warden & ITI Correspondent
ST. ALOYSIUS N.F. INSTITUTE	KVS Prasad, Superior & Manager & Seva Kendra Director
SFS CHURCH, CHINNAWALTAIR	Gade Bhaskar Reddy, P. P.
S.F.S. SCHOOL, GAJUWAKA	Nusi Konda Reddy, Superior & Procurator Fr. Paul Theneth, Correspondent

PITHAPURAM	Vadakamparabil John, Superior & Correspondent Bonthu Prasad, Principal P. Satish Kumar P. P. & Procurator
JAGGAMPETA	K.T. Thomas, Superior & R.C. Mission In-charge P. Karun Kumar, In-charge
PALASA	Manoj Pathipallil, Superior & Principal K. V. Joseph, P. P. & Procurator Francis Xavier, Correspondent & Asst. P. P.
FRANSALIAN VIDYAJYOTHI	Marneni Shantaiah, Rector & Procurator Kavunkal Sabin, Correspondent
TANUKU	A. Albert, Asst. P.P. & Procurator K. Joshi, Asst. P.P.
JANAMPET	B. Thambiraj, Procurator & Mission In-charge P. Sundar Rao, PCIC – Formation Office
AJITHSINGH NAGAR	Boyapati Vijaya Sandeep, Asst. P.P.
NUNNA	N. Rathna Swamy, P. P. Bonela Prasad, Asst. P. P.
AGIRIPALLY	Y. Bharath Reddy, Superior & Principal N. Bala Joji, P.P. & Procurator Mampally Sunil, Correspondent, Asst. P. P.
KHAMMAM	Kondala Joseph, P.P., & Correspondent Allam Prathap Reddy, Superior & Procurator
MELLAVAGU	Annem Joji Reddy, P. P & Warden Jangam Ravi, Asst. P. P.
MANDADI	Jose Chirayath, P.P.
RAJUPALEM	Savari Rajan, Superior, Procurator & On the staff Panthanmackel Mathew, Principal K. Lourdu Raju, P. P. & Correspondent
PARACHUR	Justin, Superior & Correspondent
TRIPURANTAKAM	Abraham Vettukattil, Parish Priest
KORATLA MISSION	K. P. Mathew, Superior & Correspondent P. Raj Kumar, Principal

Palli Dilip, Procurator
P. Hrudaya Raju, P.P. & On the staff

MALKAJGIRI

D. Benjamin, Parish Priest

SHANTHINAGAR

K. Dhaman Kumar. Superior & Principal
Vedanayagam John, P.P. & Procurator
Lijo Jose. Asst. P. P., Correspondent &
Counseling Ministry in SFS Schools
G. Sandeep Reddy, PCIC-Education Office

MEDIPALLY

M. Anand Prasad, P.P. & Correspondent
K. Devaraju, Asst. P.P. & Procurator

GHATKESAR

N. Ravi Prashanth, Parish Priest

BIBI NAGAR

Antony Antheenatt, Parish Priest

PAMIDI

G. Kishore Reddy, P.P. & Procurator
Mathew Mannukuzhumpil, Correspondent

VADAKUMCHERRY

Joseph Pulickal, Spl. Director & On the Staff

NELLORE DIOCESE

D. Ramesh Babu

VIZAG DIOCESE

Motakatla Praveen

GUNTUR DIOCESE

A. Shouri Kumar & Pasala Praveen & E. Vijay Peter

EXPERIENCE OF SCHOOL ADMN.

Madanu Alphonse, Polamarasetty Vijay Kumar,
Yeramreddy Vijay Kumar Reddy

USA

P. Babu Rao & P. Chandra Sekhar (Dominic Savio)

PNG

Boyapati Vijaya Sandeep Reddy
Jangam Ravi Kumar

GERMANY

Boddu Vijaya Raju, Adari Amarnath & K. Shaibin

M.TH. STUDIES

Ch. Joseph Thambi

Note: Please fix the dates of handing over or taking over the charge in consultation with the Councilors as per the regions allotted to them.

Rev. Fr. J. L. Ravi Kumar - Vizag Archdiocese, Srikakulam and Eluru Dioceses
Rev. Fr. Mandagiri Jojaiah - Vijayawada, Guntur and Nellore Dioceses
Rev. Fr. Sandeep Reddy - Rayalaseema Region
Rev. Fr. P. Sundar Rao - Telangana Region

Procurator in Australia

Rev. Fr. Mani Malana is appointed as the new Procurator of the Local Community, Australia. I thank Rev. Fr. Francis Salas for his services so far as Procurator there.

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Easter Convention with the Merciful Father on 16th April, 2016

SFS School, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam hosted a spiritual gathering with the theme 'Easter Convention with the Merciful Father' on the 16th April, 2016. The convention began with a hymn to the Holy Spirit, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit on the gathering to enable them to have a Pentecostal experience and to spend the precious time in prayer and praises of the merciful Lord. Rev. Fr. Inna Reddy MSFS, the Principal of the SFS School, Seethammadhara gave a talk on 'Jesus, the Merciful Face of the Father'. During the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam, His Grace, most Rev. M. Prakash, preached the homily exhorting the faithful to live in hope and believe that we are Easter people enabled by Christ's Resurrection.

The convention was motivated by a turn of CRI's focus on the laity in order to sustain their interest and faith in participating in the prayer services of this nature. Easter season served as an occasion to bring the laity together and have the celebrations of Easter in the context of the Year of Mercy. As the invitation was extended to all groups of catholic community, the gathering comprised the laity, the religious men and women, and a few diocesan clergy; about 200 people took part in the convention. The presence of our beloved

Archbishop at the convention was indeed encouraging both for the organizers as well as for the laity. A special thanks goes to our archbishop for making it possible to be present for the prayer meeting with the laity. The laity took a leading role in animating the convention with music and singing specially, Mr. Claudius and his family.

The time of convention also served as an occasion to raise an appreciation to the lay Catholics, who have been actively serving their respective parishes with verve and generosity to sustain the life of the parish community and keep up the faith. Our Archbishop missed no chance at this event to honour the couples who are celebrating their silver jubilee of their wedding. The people said that it is the first time that a convention like this has ever been visualized and organized for the laity. The CRI organizers won the appreciation of the people and received a request to have such prayer gatherings time and again.

Our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the SFS School Community, Seethammadhara, for allowing us to organize the convention in the school premises as well as for all their cooperation. Our special thanks to the choir who animated the convention.

- Reported By: Fr. Joseph Kondala, MSFS

Information about Budget Reports

I request all the superiors and procurators of the communities of the Province to send the budgeting papers immediately and auditing reports before 30th May 2016 to the Province Bursar, Fr. Anil Kumar.

Let us pray for the sick and the departed

Fr. William John Dí Silva MSFS, 63 yrs, of Nagpur Province, died on 21st March 2016.

Fr. T. P. Joseph MSFS, 69 yrs, of Nagpur Province, passed away on 3rd April 2016.

[I request you to fulfill the suffrages at the earliest. (Const. No.118; General Directory No.98)]

Mrs. Thresiamma Sebastian, 92 years, sister-in-law of Fr. Alexander Kottam and mother of Fr. Wilson Kottam (South-West Province), died on 29th March 2016 in Kerala.

Fr. Mani Malana's mother, Mrs. Thesia Chacko died 4th April 2016†in Kerala.

Mr. Joseph Payikattu, father of Fr. Lijo Jose, passed away on 24th April 2016.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace!

Tentative Programme

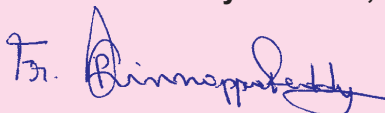
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| 2 | Garla, Church Blessing |
| 5 ñ 26 | TMM Meeting in Africa |
| 31 | First Profession Salesianum |

June 2016

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| 6 | Education Forum Meeting at Shantinagar |
| 7 | Council Meeting, Shantinagar |
| 8 | Perpetual Profession, Janampeta |
| 12 -14 | PIF Meeting, Bangalore |

Yours fraternally in Christ,



Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy msf

Provincial Superior

Salesian Thought

The good friendships of this life will continue eternally in the other. We will love each person with a special love, but these particular friendships will not cause partiality because all our affections will draw their strength from the charity of God which, ordering them all will make us love each of the blessed with that eternal love with which we are loved by the Divine Majesty.

- St. Francis de Sales