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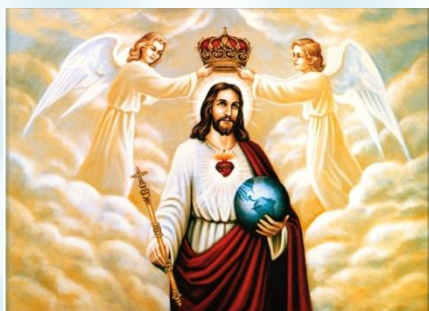
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CIRCULAR FROM THE PROVINCIAL

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

My Dearest Confreres,

Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat!



On the solemnity of Christ the King, I wish you all a very happy Feast and the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ, the universal King. The solemnity of this Feast is not just the conclusion of the Liturgical year, but most importantly, it heralds the advent of the Messiah into this world, who is Christ our Lord, the King of the Universe.

Through the celebration of the solemnity of the Christ the King, our Holy Mother Church offers us another opportunity to prepare ourselves individually and collectively, spiritually and liturgically to receive the Messiah into our hearts, our lives and families and thus once again begin ourselves the journey towards the Kingdom of God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal King had no army, no palace and no servants and yet He was the King and the King of all kings who continues to reign and rule over the world with His law of Love and Service. Jesus earned his kingship not by force or fear but by first becoming a servant of all. "If you want to become great," he taught his disciples, "you must first become a servant." Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of Lords, washed the feet of his disciples, fed the hungry, took pity on those who suffered, ate with sinners, forgave sins, spoke out against injustice, challenged the status quo, welcomed the social outcasts, and took on the mantle of poverty and obscurity. Although he existed in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but became human and lived among those deemed unworthy and marginalized by society.

Exactly a month back, we concluded our 8th Provincial Congress 2017 committing ourselves to live the Gospel and to bear witness to our Lord and King Jesus Christ through our fraternal living and loving one another and thus become another Jesus Christ in love and service. May our eternal King continue to rule our hearts, lives and our Province.

PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL CHAPTER 2019

We are already in the process of seriously preparing ourselves for the forthcoming 20th General Chapter 2019. We are invited to prepare ourselves individually and collectively through a serious study, reflection and evaluation of our life and mission, in the light of our religious commitments and apostolates. For our adequate preparation, three Reflection Papers have already been sent to you for study and reflection at Personal level, Local Community level, and Apostolic Community level. All the superiors of the communities shall ensure that the three papers are read out and reflected in all our community programmes. You are requested to follow the guidelines of the three preparatory study papers and send your responses as per the directives.

CONGREGATION RETREAT

The year 2018 has been set apart for the Congregation Retreats animated by a team of MSFS confreres throughout the Congregation. It's an obligation for all of us to participate in this Congregation Retreat and renew ourselves individually and collectively as part of our ongoing formation. For our Province, the first Retreat will be held at Harmony, Belgaum from **25-30 June 2018**. May I request especially all those who did not attend the last Retreat to participate in this Retreat. The second Congregation Retreat will be animated from **13-17 November 2018**. *(Kindly note that the envisaged Province Retreat in February 2018 has been postponed to 25-30 June 2018 due to the different Forum Meetings to be held in our Province on those days).*

GUIDELINES ON FRANSALIAN ASSOCIATES

Fransalian Associates are men and women who commit themselves to embrace the vision and spirituality of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. They, in a special way, share in our vision of living the Gospel, live and radiate the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and collaborate in our mission. The Guidelines of the Fransalian Associates of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales have been printed in the form of a booklet which provides a base and directives for both the Missionaries and the Associates to clarify and strengthen their bond. Every confrere is requested to have a copy of the booklet and encourage committed men and women to be a part of the Fransalian Associates. The coordinating team of the Province consists of Fr Mario d'sousa msfs (coordinator), Fr Johnson Gonsalves msfs, Fr Valerian Carvalho msfs, Fr Adaikalarajan msfs and Fr John Kennedy msfs.

MSFS SPIRITUAL DIRECTORY

It is a practical guide to help us “Live Jesus” in the midst of daily life. It is a simple, practical and down-to-earth programme to help a person to live in the world without being of the world. It is also a powerful tool to guide us to grow in holiness by doing God’s will in the present moment promptly, carefully and frequently. Kindly procure a copy of the directory from the Provincial Secretary.

BOOKLET ON CONGRESS OUTCOMES

As follow up of the 8th Provincial Congress 2017, the Congress outcome booklet is already in the process of printing. It will be a resource material for our constant reference, direction and follow up for the coming three years. The copies of the booklet will be sent to you at the earliest.

FORTHCOMING FORUM MEETINGS OF THE PROVINCE

The Forum meetings are organized to discern, discover and promote creative and innovative channels of apostolate. The forthcoming Forum meetings in February 2018 will be animated by the respective General Secretaries. The Province Councillor in Charges are requested to contact at the earliest their respective General Secretaries and the forum members for the effective planning and follow up of the meetings. All the confreres are requested to keep aside all the other programmes during those days and effectively participate in the forthcoming Forum Meetings. For the updated forums, kindly go through the attachment. The dates are as follow:

- **17th and 18th February 2018:** Social and innovative Ministries Forum Meeting with General Secretary
- **19th and 20th February 2018:** Formation Forum Meeting with General Secretary, Formation
- **21st and 22nd February 2018:** Mission Forum Meeting with General Secretary, Mission
- **10th and 11th March 2018:** Education Forum with General Secretary, Education
- Regional (India) Social and Innovative Forum Meeting will be held on **20th and 21st March 2018** at Stella Maris in Visakhapatnam.

HEARTY CONGRATS

Newly Elected Provincial Curia of our Pune Province: We wholeheartedly congratulate our newly elected Provincial Curia Members:



- Fr Johnson Gonsalves msfs - Councillor in Charge for Social Apostolates and Innovative Ministries and Admonitor
- Fr Santosh Salve msfs - Councillor in Charge for Mission
- Fr Valerian Carvalho msfs - Councillor in Charge for Education
- Fr Tony Prem Anand msfs - Councillor in Charge for Formation
- Fr A. Nelson - Provincial Bursar

Congrats to the Newly Elected Provincial Curia of the East Africa Province: Fr. Jacob Thekkekara, Fr. Thomas Kochuparampil, Fr. Kurian Kollapallil, Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvatttil and Fr. Jose Eriyanickal (Bursar).

Congrats to the Newly Elected Provincial Curia of the Nagpur Province: Fr. George Kurickal, Fr Patras Tirkey, Fr. Anthony Amaladoss, Fr. Lalit Tigga and William Anthony (Bursar).

Newly Ordained Deacons of Pune Province: On 19th October 2017, four of our



scholastics from Fransalian Seminary, Pune, namely Bro. Sudhira Korada, Maria Anand P., Bro. Bro. Charles S., and Bro. Justin S. were ordained as Deacons. We congratulate them and assure them of our support as they enter into the ecclesiastical family.

Pastoral Course at Harmony, Belgaum: On behalf of the Province we wholeheartedly thank Dr. Charles Gravenstine from Washington, USA, for animating an intensive pastoral course on Pastoral care, Leadership and Counseling

from 6-24 November 2017. We also owe our gratitude and appreciation to our Confreres at Harmony for organizing one of the most relevant and apt course of the time.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Fr Vincent Lourdusamy has been appointed by the Superior General to LCI, Arusha, Tanzania. We wish him 'Buon Viaggio' on 30th November 2017.
2. Fr James Mascrenhas has been appointed to the SFS Parish Community at Koperkhairane.
3. Fr Mathew Rodrigues has been appointed to Taloja, Mumbai.
4. Fr Sushant Mantri has been appointed to the Parish Community at Uchgaon.
5. Fr Ravi Gali has been appointed to the Community at Silvasa, Daman.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMMES

- 01-02 December 2017: Meetings at Bangalore
- 06-12 December 2017: Visitation - Mumbai
- 17-22 December 2017: Visitation - Gauthan, Kadgaon and Kalambist

SALESIAN THOUGHT

Our fraternal communion lived meaningfully in our community is the sign and the symbol of the Trinitarian communion as well as of the Kingdom of God proclaimed by our Lord and Master. (Const. 80)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jayaseelan msfs

Fr Jayaseelan Selvaraj msfs

Provincial Superior



FORUMS IN THE PROVINCE IN INDIA

Mission Forum	Social Apostolates and Innovative Ministries Forum	Education Forum
PCIC: Santosh Salve	PCIC: Johnson Gonsalves	PCIC: Valerian Carvalho
1. Agnelo Lourenco	1. Albert Fernandes	1. Anthony D'Souza Sr.
2. Alex Peter S	2. Alphonse Irudayaraj	2. Diago Fernandes
3. Anthony D'Souza Jr.	3. Anthonysamy A Jr.	3. DilipTete
4. Arulanandam A	4. Antony Paul Raj S	4. Edal Kumar
5. Austin K. S.	5. Anthonyswamy A Sr.	5. Jacob S
6. Daniel I. Alfonso	6. Christopher R.M	6. Jerard Sahayaraj P
7. Gregory Butelo	7. Elvis Rodrigues	7. Jesudass L
8. Jaison Puthussery	8. Francis Mulackal	8. Jesuraja A
9. Jayaraj P	9. Thomas Kappili	9. Leo James T
10. Joagrish Fernandes	10. Jerome Jayaraj	10. Marcos D'Souza
11. John Kennedy A	11. Jerry Misquith	11. Michael Prem A
12. Joseph Fernandes	12. John Paul G	12. Paul Sagayam A
13. Lourduswamy A	13. Joseph Rebello	13. Placido Pereira
14. Martin Manuel	14. Winston Barboza L	14. Rawson Fernandes
15. Mathew Rodrigues	15. Mario D'Souza	15. Robert Fernandes
16. Denis Lemos	16. Daiy Sebastian	16. Romeo Louis
17. Melky Fernandes	17. Peppy Jayaraj V	17. Rosario S
18. Nazareth D'Silva	18. Rajkishore Kindo	18. Santow Kodamullil
19. Prabhakar	19. Raveendra Prasad	
20. Pradeep Kumar T	20. George Fernandos	
21. James Mascarenhas	21. Santan Gama	
22. Santosh Salve	22. Subodh Barla	
23. Simon Bhutello	23. Sunny Kulangarath	
24. Terrie Pinto	24. Andrew P	
25. Veda Manickam	25. Sushant Mantri	
26. Vicky Mendes	26. Silvian Benedict K	
FORMATION FORUM		
PCIC : Tony Prem Anand		
1. AdaikalaRajan A	7. Jijo John	13. Lawrence Jayaraj J
2. Armind Nazareth	8. John Robert M	14. Naveen Nirmal
3. David Ranjith A	9. Juze Fernandes	15. Prince Arokiaraj
4. Felix Mendes	10. Jerson D'Souza	16. Robert Armstrong
5. G. Ramesh	11. Daniel Pareste	17. Roxy Fernandes
6. George Peter S	12. Xavier M	