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My dear Confreres,

I wish you all a happy Feast of the Pentecost!
 May the Spirit of God continue to guide us as we bear witness to Christ in our daily lives.

PENTECOST: THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS WITH US

We live in the midst of chaotic times as we witness in many countries wars, terrorism, nuclear threats, corruption, the agony of migrants and the escalating effects of global warming. As crises continue to build up, we may find ourselves confused or fearful. We may want to gather in the upper room of our lives with our closest friends and close the door on a troubled world. Yet chaos always calls for creative response, it always beckons us to open to holy surprise.

The coming Sunday is the feast of Pentecost, that glorious final day of the season of Easter. The start of Lent probably feels like long ago. We began that journey marked with ashes, reminded of our earthiness and our limitations. Hopefully we laid aside some of what weighs us down so that as we moved from the cross into resurrection, we could be more spacious and open to new possibilities. Pentecost immerses us in the brilliance of fire and the power of wind, calling us to trust in something bigger than we are, to remember that our imagining is always smaller than the divine reality.

At Pentecost, it is good to remember the transforming effect of the Holy Spirit. When our world looks bleak, when we walk in sadness and anxiety, when nothing seems right, the Spirit of God stirs the energy of joy within us. When restlessness or boredom or disappointment takes hold of us, the Spirit deepens in us the energy of peace. As we struggle to believe in our own gifts and blessings, the Spirit strengthens in us, the energy of goodness. When a look of love is all someone needs, the Spirit creates in us the energy of kindness. When our moods are dominated by harshness and our words by disrespect, the Spirit blesses us with the energy of gentleness.



Pope Francis tells us that the world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. The world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers. The world needs the fruits and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Paul lists them: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace. Strengthened by the Spirit – who guides us into the truth, who renews us and the whole earth, and who gives us his fruits – strengthened in the Spirit and by these many gifts, may we be able to battle uncompromisingly against sin, to battle uncompromisingly against corruption, which continues to spread in the world day after day, by devoting ourselves with patient perseverance to the works of justice and peace (Homily of Pope Francis on Pentecost Sunday 2015).

If we allow the Word of God to shape our lives, our choices, values, words, relationships and actions then Jesus and his message will be living realities in our lives and our world. We do not do this on our own. It is the action of the Spirit who lives in us. We are called to make space for that Spirit in our lives.

Spirit of Light, let the fire of your wisdom burn brightly within us.
Spirit of Silence, in the still moments may we be open to God's presence.
Spirit of Courage, dispel the fear that lingers in our hearts.
Spirit of Fire, engulf us with the passion of Christ's love.
Spirit of Peace, help us to be attentive to God's Word in the world.
Spirit of Joy, enthuse us to proclaim aloud the Good News.
Spirit of Love, compel us to open ourselves to the needs of others.
Spirit of Power, bestow the gifts of your strength upon us.
Spirit of Truth, guide us to walk in the way of Christ.

(Taken from Prayer for Parish Groups by D. Harrington and J. Kavanagh)

GENERAL CHAPTER XX

We have completed two reflection papers and in the month of May and June, we are expected to study the third reflection paper and the suggestions from the individual confreres. Please reflect upon it as individuals, study it as a community and then as an apostolic community. Please send the report to the Provincial secretary before 25th of June, 2018.

MISSION FORUM MEETING

A meeting of the Mission Forum of the Province of East Africa was held on 09.03.2018 at LCI, Arusha. The meeting began at 8.30 am with a word of welcome to the participants from Fr. Thomas Kochuparampil, the Councillor in charge of Mission and was followed by the opening prayer by Fr. Sebastian Nirappel, the Parish Priest of Bukene. In all, 14 confreres participated in the Sessions. The Forum elected Fr. Joseph Poikunnel as the Secretary of the Mission Forum. Fr. Provincial appreciated the confreres for their hard work and dedication in the parishes. However, he

emphasized our basic call and identity as Pastors of the Catholic Church and advised us to live with an identity as MSFS Pastor wherever we are. As a MSFS Pastor, we need to give fully to the mission, live as Pastor of the people and for the people. We are leaders with deep faith and should live an exemplary life based on the word of God. As Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, we should have the qualities of gentleness and compassion for the sick. Introduce Fransalian Associates in all our Parishes. The following are some of the deliberations arrived at the meeting: 1. Introduce Mission Preaching Team according to the Mermerian Model. 2. Introduce Common Yearly Pastoral Plan taking into consideration the Pastoral Plan of the respective Dioceses. 3. Intensify the Family Apostolate, Promote devotion to St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Mermier and look for vocations in our Parishes for our Congregation. 4. Draft of the Pastoral Statutes to be completed without delay. 5. Disseminate Salesian Literature through translation of the Introduction to Devout Life and other booklets to Kiswahili. 6. The participants were also of the opinion that whenever new missions are taken up a proper study has to be undertaken so that our missionary involvement will be successful and it will benefit the Church.

(Reported by Fr. Thomas Kochuparampil, PCICM)

FORMATION FORUM MEETING

Formation Forum meeting of the East Africa Province was held on 10th March, 2018 at LCI, Arusha. The meeting started with a word of welcome and prayer by the councillor in-charge of formation at 9.00 am. In his opening message, Provincial, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel, emphasized following points of importance in the formation programmes: the need to differentiate between religious and diocesan way of life, especially practicing of the evangelical councils without compromise; missionary thrust must be given importance throughout the formation; the human and psychological formation must be given due importance and the formators should be examples for the formees, particularly with regard to prayer, punctuality, community life, etc. The forum deliberated a number of important matters pertaining to formation such as intensifying vocation promotion in East Africa and preparing a common calendar. Minor seminary formation is to last two years from the academic year 2018-2019, and graded formation syllabus has to be followed. It was also decided to publish a Journal by the Msfs Scholastics from LCI and Kola study house as a joint venture, to organize more seminars on Salesian Spirituality, to initiate the preaching ministry team (theology students) focusing on the guidelines given by the general administration and to organize more seminars giving importance to human formation, pastoral guidance etc.

(Reported by Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvattil, PCICF)

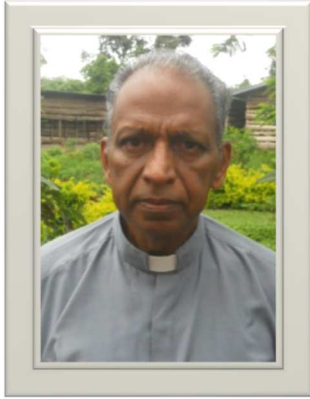
STEWARDSHIP FORUM

A meeting of Stewardship Forum was held on 14th and 15th of May 2018. Fr. Augustine Mangat, the General Bursar guided the meeting with an orientation paper, in which he explained about the management and mobilization of resources. He pointed out the necessity of managing the finances properly with greater accountability and transparency. He also introduced FAST (Financial Accountability System of Transparency) to the members. The Forum also discussed the draft of the Provincial Statutes. The Forum suggested to the Provincial administration to establish a Province Stewardship Committee and Province Land Commission. It also suggested to start internal auditing

and immediate implementation of Quick Book accounting system in all communities. Fr. Provincial in his message reminded that we are all stewards who are to be transparent, diligent and prudent in the management of finances and other temporal goods entrusted to our care.

(Fr. Jose Eriyanickal, Provincial Bursar)

FR. ABRAHAM MULLENKUZHY TURNS 80



Fr. Abraham Mullenkuzhy, who was born on 13th July 1938 is in his eightieth year. He has been a priest for fifty five years. He began his ministry as a teacher at our Philosophate at Nilambur. After this he worked in St. Aloysius school Visakhapatnam and then in SFS School Nizamabad and also LRG School Anantapur. While in school he has received an award for the best teacher. There after he became the first Regional Superior and first Vice Provincial of the North East India Region and Vice Province respectively. He also served as the Professor and Rector at Suvidya College, Bangalore and Rector of Minor Seminary at Thamaraserry, Kerala. He was the Provincial of North East India Province from 2002 to

2008. He is in LCI since 2010 and is a gift of God for LCI. He is a full time teacher in all the departments of LCI, and serves also as Vice Rector and Spiritual Director at LCI.

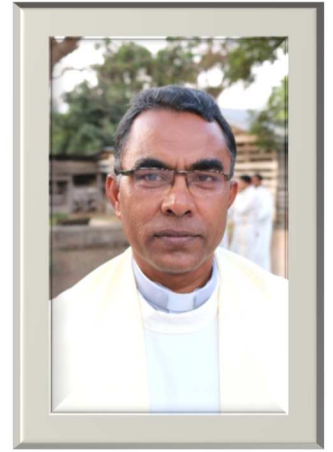
The community, ever grateful for his joyful presence, celebrated his 80th Birthday on 16th April. The Community prayerfully wishes him ***ad multos annos!***

SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILARIANS

Fr. Jose Eriyanickal, Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, Fr. Jacob Thekkekara and Fr. Tomichen Perumanoor have begun their Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee year. They were ordained priests in 1994. We thank God for our confreres who had been serving the Church in East Africa for the last 25 years. They have contributed immensely for the growth and development of our Missions in East Africa. They were instrumental in establishing several Mission centres/schools/institutions in our Province. Despite various challenges, they remained ever faithful to their call as missionaries in East Africa. My dear Jubilarians, we thank you for your commitment and love for our missions in East Africa. We assure you our prayers as you begin the Silver Jubilee year. May the good Lord continue to bless you all abundantly in your priestly ministry at the service of the people of God in Africa.

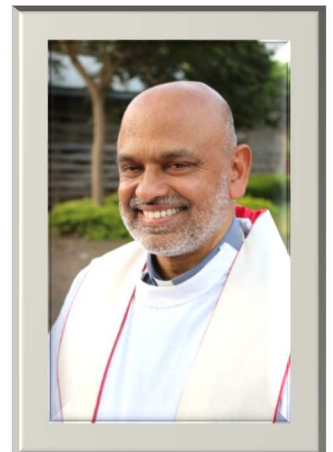
HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS DEAR FATHERS!

Fr. Joseph Eriyanickal was born on 12th September, 1965 at Mutholy, Kerala, India. His parents are Mr. Abraham Mathew and Mrs. Elikutty. He joined SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor in 1981. He did his Novitiate in Salesianum, Visakapatnam and made his First Vows on 15th December 1985. He pursued his Philosophical Studies in Suvidya College from 1986-1989. He did his Theological studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute for Philosophy and Theology, Bangalore, and made his Final Vows in the year 1992. He was ordained a priest on 18th April 1994. After his ordination he came to Tanzania on 29th June 1994.



Upon completion of the language course in Lutheran Language Center, he was appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Itaga. In 1997 he was appointed as the Parish Priest of Mbulu Catholic Parish in Kahama Diocese. He was designated to open St. Francis de Sales Vocational Training Centre, Mwakata in 2000 and served as its founding Director until 2005, when he was elected as the Provincial Bursar of the MSFS East Africa Province. After the completion of his service as Provincial Bursar for two terms, he was appointed as the Superior of Angamaly Community in India. He was appointed as the Priest-in-Charge of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and manager of St. Joseph's Vocational training Centre and St. Francis de Sales Secondary School, Mlolongo in Machakos Diocese, Kenya in 2015. In the year 2017 he was once again elected as Provincial Bursar of MSFS East Africa Province.

Fr. Johnson Michael Kallidukil was born on 18th April, 1966 at Venappara, Kerala, India. He is the son of Mr. Micheal Kallidukil and Mrs. Annakutty. He finished his Primary education at Little Flower Primary School, Venappara from 1971 to 1978, and Secondary School at Sacred Heart High School, Thiruvampady from 1978 to 1981. Upon completion of his secondary schooling he joined SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor in 1981. He did his canonical year of Novitiate in 1985 and made his First Vows on 15th December 1985 in Salesianum, Visakapatnam. He pursued his Philosophical Studies in Suvidya College, Bangalore from 1986-1989. He did his regency 1990 in SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor and Theological studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute for Philosophy and Theology, Bangalore, and made his Final Vows in the year 1992. He was ordained a priest on 21st April 1994 and came to Tanzania on 29th June 1994.



His first appointment was at Lububu Mission as Assistant Parish Priest and formator from 1994 to 1998. He was sent to Germany for his doctoral studies at Maximilian University of Wurzburg in 1998. After completing his studies in flying colours, he returned to Tanzania in 2002 and was appointed as formator at Fransalianum, MSFS Novitiate in Kibaha. He was appointed as the Rector and superior of Fransalian Study House, Director of Fransalian Communications and Priest-in-Charge of Mkambarani Mission in 2005. In 2010 he was appointed as Director of Lumen Christi Institute and Parish Priest of Maji ya Chai and Ngurdotto parishes. He was appointed as the third Provincial Superior of the Province of East Africa in 2011 and led the province for six years until 2017. Currently he is serving as the formator in Fransalianum MSFS Novitiate at Kibaha.

Fr. Jacob Thekkekara was born on 4th March 1965 at Kodikulam, Kerala, India. His Parents are Chacko Varkey and Anna Chacko. He was baptized on 11th March, 1965 and received Confirmation on 10th May 1976. He finished his Primary and Secondary school studies at St. Mary's School Kodikulam. He joined SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor, Kerala in 1981. After having completed his Novitiate at Salesianum, Visakapatnam, he made his First Profession on 15th December 1985. He completed his Philosophical studies in Suvidya College from 1986-1989. He did regency from 1989-1990 in Thelpara, Kerala. After the regency he opted to join the Tanzanian Mission and came to Tanzania in 1990.



He did his theological studies at St. Paul's Major Seminary at Kipalapala and made his Final Vows on 08th December 1992 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Itaga. A year later he was ordained a deacon by Most Rev. Mario Mgulunde on 8th December 1993 at Lububu. He was ordained a Priest on 2nd July, 1994 at Kodikulam, India by Rt. Rev. George Punnakkottil, the Bishop of Kothamangalam.

His first appointment was as an Assistant Parish Priest of Mbulu Parish in Kahama diocese in 1994. He was the Rector of Aspirant House in Lububu from 1996-1997. From 1998-1999 he served as Vice-Rector and Vice-Principal at St. Francis de Sales Junior Seminary, Kihonda. Later from 2000 to 2005 he served as Rector and Principal of the same institute in Kihonda. In 2005, he was appointed as the Parish Priest of St. Michael Church, Chera, in the diocese of Meru, Kenya. In 2007 he was appointed as the Priest-in-Charge of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and manager of St. Francis de Sales Secondary School and St. Joseph's Vocational Training Centre in Mlolongo. There he undertook the construction of the Secondary School, a Marian Grotto and the extension of the Parish Church. In the year 2015 he was appointed as the parish Priest of Mary, Mother of Compassion Church at Mji Mpya in the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam.

Fr. Tomychan Perumanoor, was born on 7th March, 1966 at Chempilavu, Kerala, India. He is the son of Mr. Chacko and Mrs. Rosamma. He was baptized on 14th March, 1966 and was christened as Thomas. He hails from Palai Diocese. He completed his schooling at Holy Cross UP School, Cheruppunkal, Kerala. He joined SFS Minor Seminary, Ettumanoor in 1981. He underwent Novitiate training at Salesianum, Visakapatnam and made his First Vows on 15-12-1986 and pursued his philosophical studies at Suvidya College from 1987-1990. After completing his philosophical studies he opted to join Tanzanian Mission and reached Tanzania in 1990. He was sent to St. Paul's Major Seminary at Kipalapala for his theology. He made his Final Vows on 08th December 1992 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Itaga. A year later he was ordained a deacon by Most Rev. Mario Mgulunde on 8th December 1993 at Lububu. After completing his theological studies he was ordained a priest on 16th July, 1994 in his home parish by Rt. Rev. Joseph Pallickaprampil, Bishop of Pala.



His first appointment was as the Assistant Parish Priest of Itaga. A year later he was appointed as Local Bursar of St. Francis de Sales Junior Seminary, Kihonda. When the Tanzanian Region became a Province, he was elected as the first Provincial Bursar, an office which he held for six years up to 2002. While being a Provincial Bursar in 2000 he was also entrusted with the responsibility of providing spiritual assistance to Dumila - a substation, which later would become

St, Francis de Sales Parish, Dumila. In the year 2002 he was appointed as the Local Bursar of Fransalian Study House, Kola and continued to be the Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dumila up to 2007. He was appointed as the Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Itaga in 2007 and he served the people of God there up-to 2014. After a short Course on Spirituality in Philippines in 2015, he was appointed as the Administrator of Lumen Christi Institute, Maji ya Chai, Arusha and served St. Stephen, the Martyr Parish, Maji ya Chai as Assistant Parish Priest. In 2016 he was appointed as the Parish Priest of Maji ya Chai and continues to serve both as Administrator of LCI and Parish Priest of Maji ya Chai.

NEW SCHOOL AT DUMILA



As Missionaries we believe that by providing quality education we can improve the intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our students and thereby ensure the development of our country. Fransalian Dumila Mission Pre & Primary School is such an initiative, begun within the premises of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church on 24th January 2017 with 72 students. Towards the end of 2017 our province together with the support of our benefactor Mr. George

Shinners, Living Water International and Franco-Swiss Province has taken the task of constructing a Pre & Primary school in Dumila. The newly constructed school has nine class rooms, an entrance area, manager's office, staff room, library, toilets for staff and students, store for books, archives, well-built courtyard with stage and roof as assembly area for all the students, and kitchen facilities. The school has a conducive natural atmosphere and a beautiful environment as it is situated a little away from the main town. This newly began school is also blessed with all necessary facilities such as clean water supply, electricity, health care and spiritual care. At present we have 147 students that is 46 students in Baby class, 49 in Pre-primary I and 52 in Pre-primary II. There are also five teachers and five non-teaching staff. The blessing of the school is planned on the 29th of August, 2018.

(Report prepared by Fr. Joseph Poikunnel)

FRANSALIAN HEKIMA SECONDARY SEMINARY & FRANSALIAN HEKIMA EDUCATION CENTRE

Lumen Christi Institute has established a new secondary school and an education centre for Form IV Re-sitting students. In Tanzania, 75% of the students are not completing their Form IV due to various reasons. Fransalian Hekima Education Centre offers them a one year intensive training and to enable them to re-write the National Examination. There are 26 students this year. Fransalian Hekima Seminary Secondary School is envisioned to offer quality education to students across the country.

There are 25 students in the first batch. The school has besides the administration block, thirteen class rooms, three science laboratories, Computer lab, library, reference room and an examination

hall. The school has also boarding facilities for 240 boys. The girls' hostel is run by the Sisters of Sacred Sciences (SSS). The school was blessed by Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS, our beloved Superior General on 8th of January, 2018. The hostel was blessed by Fr. Augustine Mangat MSFS, General Bursar, on 16th of May, 2018. We thank the English Province and the Franco-Swiss Province, Fr. S.L. Paul Foundation, our benefactors, various dioceses and organizations in Europe for helping us to establish the school.



CONVOCATION AT LUMEN CHRISTI INSTITUTE



The eighth convocation of LCI took place on 12th May 2018. Ms. Maria Eusebia Tapua Sulumide, Representative of the High Commissioner of Mozambique was the chief guest. The day's programme began with the solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel, Provincial of East Africa and the delegate of the Superior General. The convocation programme began with a silent and sombre procession of nineteen graduating

students of Formators' Course and eight of our Philosophy students led by Fr. Devasia Manalel and Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvattil, respectively to the podium. Fr. Devasia Manalel while welcoming the gathering highlighted the major activities of the formators training in LCI and Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvattil, while introducing the graduating students stressed importance of Philosophy in our life. Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel, in his concluding remarks stressed the need to be integrated persons in our apostolate.

(Fr. Devasia Manalel)

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

June 6th evening (18hrs) to June 11th evening	Retreat I: (preached by Fr. Mario D'Souza)
July 23rd evening (18 hrs) to July 28th evening	Retreat II: (Preached by Fr. Binu Edathumpampil)
August 6th evening to August 11th evening (For Scholastics)	Retreat III: (Preached by Fr. Binu Edathumpampil)

Please bring breviary, alb and stole for the retreat.

ON-GOING FORMATION PROGRAMME

We successfully conducted two On-going programmes. I thank Sr. Celine Jose UMI for facilitating it and I thank every confrere who participated in them. The third On-going Formation Programme is from July 30th to August 3rd, 2018 at LCI (Day of Arrival: August 29th before 19hrs.) The theme of the programme is **Skills in Pastoral Counselling and it will be animated by Fr. Binu Edathumpampil MSFS. It is arranged for priests ordained from 1977 to 1999 and for confreres who could not attend previous On-going formation programmes.**

OUR FORMATION PROGRAMMES IN JUNE AND JULY 2018

Date	Programme
June 12 th to July 12 th	Pre-Novitiate Programme at LCI
July 13 th	Pre-Novices travel to Novitiate
July 14 th to 19 th	Retreat for Novices and Pre-Novices
July 20 th	Initiation to Novitiate
July 20 th	Arrival of New Aspirants at Ndagani
July 21st	First Profession
22 nd July	Arrival of Newly Professed brothers at LCI

Please note that the First Profession is on 21st of July 2018, at Mkuza Parish.

HEARTY CONGRATS TO FR. ZACHARIAH BUROFERO

Fr. Zachariah Burofero has completed his doctoral studies in flying colours from the Salesian University, Rome. His doctoral thesis was: **Fullness of Life and Youth Ministry: A Pastoral Theological Perspective for the Renewal of Youth Ministry in Tanzania in the light of "African Vitalogy" and "The God-bearing Life"**. His expertise in Catechesis and Youth Ministry will further strengthen our missionary endeavours in East Africa. Hearty Congratulations dear Fr. Zachariah! Hearty welcome back to the Province!

MALAWI MISSION

South East India Province is planning to take up a mission in the diocese of Karonga, Northern Malawi. It is very close to Mbeya. The pioneers Fr. Soosai Sebastian and Bro. Winner are in Tanzania since December 2017. Fr. Soosai is having pastoral exposure in Ngurdoto and Bro. Winner is in Ipuli doing the regency. More priests from the Province are expected and also scholastics to strengthen the Malawi Mission. Hearty congratulations and welcome to our confreres of South East India Province for this new venture in to the African Missions.

HEARTY WELCOME TO REV. FR. BENNY KOOTANAL MSFS

Rev. Fr. Benny Kootanal, the South West India Provincial is visiting the Novices and Scholastics of Tchad-Cameroon Mission in Tanzania. We wish Fr. Benny a pleasant stay with us.

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Fr. Johnson Kallidukil is appointed as the Director of Novices with effect from 12th of July 2018.

Fr. Jose Eriyanickal is appointed as the Superior of the Provincial House Community with effect from 25th of May 2018.

Fr. Charles Ouma is appointed as the Superior and Rector of Fransalian Seminary, Ndagani with effect from July 15th 2018. He will be also the Director of the Pre-Novitiate Programme, which will be held from June 12th to July 12th at LCI.

Fr. Zachariah Burefero is appointed to Fransalian Community at Ngurdoto. He will reside in LCI from July 1st to November 30th to conduct the Catechetical Programmes there.

Fr. Johnson Pathiyil, who is doing his doctoral studies in Rome, will be a member of the new Fransalian Community at Schalnders, Bolzano, Italy.

Regency

Bro. Okoth Moses is appointed for regency at Fransalian Community, Iyolwa.

FORUM FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

The Provincial administration has decided to create a Forum for Youth Ministry in the Province at the recommendation of Mission Forum. The members of the Forum could be invited as resource persons for organizing youth seminars in the parishes. The following are the members of the forum:

Fr. Zachariah Burefero (Convenor)

Fr. Thomas Njue

Fr. Lawrence Sebowa

Fr. Stephen Mutisya

PROMOTION OF SCHOLASTICS

The following scholastics are promoted to various stages of formation and renewal of vows:

Promotion to Priestly Ordination

1. Dn. Francis Kyule

2. Dn. Martin Pendanath

3. Dn. Patrick Musyimi

4. Dn. Simon Nabende

Promotion to Diaconate

1. Bro. Kenneth Maina Mwangi

Promoted to third year theology and renewal of vows

1. Bro. Dennis Dindi
2. Bro. Gregory Mua Mutisya
3. Bro. Leonard Musembi Ngumbi
4. Bro. Michael Mwangi
5. Bro. Ssentamu Ruthital

Promoted to Second Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Brian Wasswa
2. Bro. Gonzaga Lubega
3. Bro. James Makuli
4. Bro. Joseph Ambogo

Promoted to First Year Theology and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Avil Viegas
2. Bro. Edward Mgagi

Promoted for Regency and Renewal of vows

1. Bro. Okoth Moses

Promoted to Third Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Collins Barasa Simiyu
2. Bro. Cosmos Clement Mungo
3. Bro. Fred Bwoba
4. Bro. Godwin Nanalo
5. Bro. Joseph Mwasu
6. Bro. Ronald Kumali

Promoted to Second Year Philosophy and Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Linto Varghese
2. Bro. Dennis William Minja
3. Bro. Nyamweya Eric Nyabuga
4. Bro. Albert Momanyi Ombati

DEPARTURE FROM THE CONGREGATION

The following scholastics have not been promoted to renew their vows and so will cease to be members of the Congregation.

1. Remijus Danda
2. Victor Mutuka
3. Ssendendo Joseph

We wish them all the best in their future life.

HOLIDAYS

The following confreres are on holiday:

Fr. Auppaden Siljo	: March 15 to May 12
Fr. Muthusamy Antonysamy	: April 13 to July 13
Fr. Vettickal Sunny	: April 15 to June 15
Fr. Sebastian Palakudy	: April 10 to May 22
Fr. L. Yesu Doss	: April 12 to June 12
Fr. Kollappallil Jomat	: May 4 to 5 July
Fr. Chinnappan Arockiasamy	: May 12 to July 25
Fr. Robert Soosai Raj	: May 18 to July 18
Fr. Karottukambadathil Jobin	: May 20 to July 21
Fr. Clement Sudhakar	: May 23 to June 27
Fr. Vijayakumar Nelson	: June 1 to 30
Fr. Japhet Kirimi	: June 13 to July 13

Ministry in Europe/USA

Fr. Kurian Kollapallil	: June 7 to June 21 (Ministry in USA)
Fr. Thomas Kochalu	: June 12 to August 20 (Ministry in USA)
Fr. Sebastian Palakudy	: August 1 to 30 (Family Synod in Ireland and visiting Europe)

OBITUARY

Fr. S. Pilavendran (44), of South East India province died on March 22, 2018.

Fr. Thomas Illikattil (73) of South West India Province died on March 24, 2018.

Bro. Jacob Vattachira, (84) of Vizag Province, died on April 09, 2018.

May they rest in peace!

Please fulfil the suffrages for our deceased confreres as prescribed by MSFS Constitutions.

MY TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Date	Programme
May 19	Renewal of vows at LCI
May 20 - 21	Uganda
May 22 - 23	Nairobi
May 24	LCI
May 26 - 27	Visitation Fransalian Study House, Morogoro
May 28	Visitation to Fransalian Mission School, Mkuza
May 30	Ipuli
May 31	Kashishi, Mwakata
June 1	Lububu, Bukene
June 6 - 11	Congregational Retreat I
June 12	Education Forum Meeting
June 14 – 15	Dar es Salaam: RSAT Meeting
June 16 - 17	TEC Study Session
June 18 - 26	Mozambique: MSAF Meeting
June 26	Nairobi
July 5 - 8	LCI: Visitors from Austria
July 12	Novitiate
July 20	Initiation of Novices
July 21	First Profession
July 23 - 28	Congregational Retreat II
July 30 – August 3	On-going Formation III
August 6 - 11	Congregational Retreat III
August 18	Graduation at Mkuza School
August 29	Blessing of Dumila School

My dear Confreres,

I wish all of you a very happy feast of the Pentecost. May the Spirit of God fill our hearts and minds with joy to serve God and his people.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



Father Mathew Thazhathukunnel MSFS
Provincial - East Africa Province

Salesian Thought

A spring may be overflowing with water. However, its water cannot enter the garden in full flow but according to the narrowness or largeness of the canal through which it flows into it. The Holy Spirit as a spring of living water flows into all the sides of our heart to spread his grace in it. Yet he does not wish to enter in us except through the free consent of our will. He will pour out his grace only in the measure of his good pleasure and our attitude and cooperation. (TLG, Book II, Ch. 11).