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My dear Confreres,

I wish you all a blessings-filled Feast of Mary, Mother of Compassion, the Patroness of our beloved Congregation! In this MSFS Year of Missions, may her intercession help our Province Community to take shelter in her compassionate maternal heart, especially in this trying time of Covid-19 pandemic effects, and thereby inspiring us to be more compassionate to the people around us, as well as entrusted to our pastoral care, with our witnessing unfailing faith and trust in the Lord!

Feast of Mary, Mother of Compassion: A Call to be Compassionate...

The Mother of Sorrows and the Lucan Sword: As Holy Mother the Church as in her official Liturgical Calendar presents the Feast of the Mother of Sorrows (mater dolorosa) and we, the Fransalians, celebrating her as The Mother of Compassion on the 15th of September I consider it relevant to make a Biblical reflection on the prophecy of Simeon (Lk 2: 22-35), the first of the seven sorrows as presented in the Rosary of the Seven Dolores. The most poignant expression of this prophecy "...and a sword will pierce your own soul too." (v. 35b) capture our attention to look forward to an event in the life of Jesus and his mother and most of the time it leads to the event of Mary at the foot of the Cross as presented in the Gospel of John (Jn. 19:25-27). In fact, any maternal soul will be pierced to see her own son suffering a violent and ignominious death like that of Jesus.

It is to be noted that in the Gospel of Luke we do not see the Mother of Jesus standing at the foot of the Cross. But he presents an event, presented only by him among the four Evangelists, i.e., the loss of Jesus in the Temple for 3 days (Lk 2:41-51). Jesus was then just 12 years old (v. 42). The maternal agony of missing the son who is a minor does not need any explanation. It is a stage of life wherein a boy slowly assumes his own autonomy. The maternal admonition (:"Child, why have you treated us like this?" Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." v. 48) point to the sword of "great anxiety" piercing the soul of the Blessed Mother. And the response of Jesus (:"Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Fathers' house?" (v. 49) can be understood well only in the light of Faith. The present text states that "His mother treasured all these things in her heart" (v. 51b). Agonizing pain on account of Love lived in deep Faith generate Compassion. In this sense, the Mother of **Sorrows** is truly **the Mother of Compassion**. Her motherly presence with the Eleven (Judas Iscariot fell from grace and Matthias, yet to be chosen) and other disciples including the women in the post-resurrection setting (Acts 1:14) biblically justify her Universal Spiritual Motherhood. This feast is a universal call to take shelter in her compassionate maternal heart. She is as much a mother to us as she was to Jesus. A Happy Feast to all! (Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu MSFS, Admonitor and Provincial Councillor for Formation)

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

Extraordinary General Chapter 2022

Mandated by the XX General Chapter 2019, Very Reverend Fr. Superior General has convoked the Extraordinary General Chapter to take place in Fransalian Seminary, Pune, India, from February 01-07, 2022.

The Triennial Mandatory Meeting 2022

The venue of the Triennial Mandatory Meeting of all the Major Superiors with the General Curia that was originally scheduled to take place in LCI, Arusha, will take place in Fransalian Seminary, Pune from February 10-12, 2022. All the Provincial Superiors (12) and the General Curia members (7) will participate in the TMM 2022.

Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Saji Puthiyakulangara - GC for Formation



We are indeed very happy that Rev Fr. Saji Puthiyakulangara, a member of our erstwhile Northeast India Province, is newly appointed as the General Councillor and General Secretary of Formation in our Congregation. He has taken charge on 3rd July 2021. As we congratulate Fr. Saji, the newly appointed General Councillor, we, the MSFS Dibrugarh Province, assure him of our prayerful support and collaboration in his ministry of leadership in the Congregation. We also place on record the yeoman service that he has rendered to the erstwhile Northeast India Province and Dibrugarh Province in his capacity as Councillor for SAIM (NEIP) and Director of FAsCE India. Hearty Congratulations dear Fr. Saji!



Congratulations to Rev. Fr. B. Suresh Babu, the New Provincial of VIZAG Province Hearty Congratulations and Felicitations to Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu for his appointment and taking charge as the new Provincial Superior of MSFS Visakhapatnam Province with effect from July 03, 2021! We also thank him for his service to Dibrugarh Province during his term as General Councillor and General Secretary for Formation. We wish him God's abundant blessings in his ministry of leadership in Visakhapatnam Province.



Gratitude to Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy, the Former Provincial of VIZAG Province

As a Province Family, we express our sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, the former Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province, for his dedicated and committed service in the ministry of leadership in the Province as well as in the Congregation. We are grateful to him for his collaboration with our erstwhile Northeast India Province by sending confreres to work in the Northeastern part of India, and for his help and support towards the newly established Dibrugarh Province! We wish him all the best and God's blessing for his future ministry!

Rev. Fr Sabu Francis, the New Major Superior & GB Chairman of Suvidya College

Our heartiest Congratulations and Prayer Support to **Rev. Fr Sabu Francis**, the Provincial of Guwahati Province, who is appointed by the Superior General as the Governing Body Chairman and Major Superior of Suvidya College with effect from July 03, 2021!

Seven Minutes with the Servant of God

Thanks to the Mission Secretariat, together with DeSIFMA, DSM, MSFS, and Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, we are having, through the month of September, a new online Program 'Seven Minutes with the Servant of God', an initiative which would help each of us to explore, expose and experience more and more from the missionary

dynamism of our Holy Founder Father Mermier who was imbued with the Salesian spirituality. I exhort every confrere of the Province to continue to take advantage of this programme to learn more about our Founder and Charism, which would serve as an appropriate preparation for our Founder's Day on the 30th of September as well as a worthy celebration of the MSFS Year of Missions 2021-2022.

PROVINCE MATTERS

Annual Retreat 2021

As I have already informed you our second Annual Retreat 2021 will be held physical from October 04 (04.00 p.m.) to 09 (04.00 p.m.), 2021 in *Christashram* (Pastoral Centre of the Diocese of Dibrugarh), Mancotta, Dibrugarh, animated by Rev. Fr. Devasia Vazhayil SDB (Siloam, Umbir, Shillong). Please bring your Bible and necessary stationery as well as toiletry items required for your personal use. This will be also an opportunity for us to felicitate Rev. Fr. James Pattarakalayil and Rev. Fr. Korbinus Soreng, who are celebrating their Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee this year. The participation in the annual retreat is obligatory (GD Art. 80). Therefore, those who have not attended the online retreat in July, those representatives from every community (at least one) and those who would like to attend a physical retreat, are requested to register your name with the provincial secretary as soon as possible, latest by the 17th of September, so that we can make the necessary arrangements in *Christashram*. Please make your travel arrangements such a way that you are at the venue on time (i.e., by 4.00 p.m. on the 4th of October 2021).

Action Plan of DP for the MSFS Year of Missions 2021-2022

We are happy that at the proposal of the various Province Forums and with the consent of the Provincial Council we have finalised the Action Plan of Dibrugarh Province for the celebration of the MSFS Year of Missions and published it in the special circular (EMT 11) on 12th of July 2021. Now I would like to remind every Confrere and Local Community to follow up the Action Plan that we have resolved to implement as a Province Community, at various levels that is applicable to you, and the Provincial Curia Members to monitor the implementation of the same from their respective Forums. I would also exhort every member of the Province to continue attending the monthly animation talks on Mission themes organised under the auspice of Mission Forum and as a part of the Ongoing Formation Programme as well as the celebration of MSFS Year of Missions. Thank you, dear Confreres,!

Province Website launched!

The official website of the MSFS Dibrugarh Province was launched on 28th August 2021 by Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the Provincial at the beginning of the 2nd Mission Webinar as a part of the Ongoing Formation Programme as well as the celebration of MSFS Year of Missions. Before the launch, Fr Provincial expressed his gratefulness and congratulations to Fr Jaimon Thadathil for the tremendous hard work he put in to collect the data and design the website, which would serve as a medium of communication of the Province news and which would also give visibility to our Province in the public domain. The website was introduced to the confreres by Fr Jaimon Thadathil and he also thanked those who collaborated with him for the realisation of this project: Fr Provincial, Fr Provincial Bursar, Fr Tomson Aerathedathu, Fr George Vadakkeperincherimannil, and especially Fr Roshan K. (Guwahati Province). The website is accessible at www.msfsdibrugarh.com. For the data updates of the centres or the personnel, kindly contact the Provincial Secretary, Fr. Jaimon!

Online Meeting with the DP Confreres in USA

The much-awaited meeting of the Provincial with members of Dibrugarh Province working or studying in the USA took place virtually on July 19th from 9.30 pm to 11.30 pm (USA central time). It was an excellent time of mutual sharing of the life and ministry by the Confreres working/studying in USA and of the matters concerning the Province by the Provincial. It was a good opportunity for the confreres and the Provincial to meet virtually after a difficult and challenging year of pandemic. The meeting provided ample opportunities for Fransalian love, bond and concern for each other. The members found time to listen to, to support and to encourage each other and assured Provincial continued prayers and financial support. Fr. Provincial also thanked the confreres for

their service to the Universal Church and for their financial support to the new Province. The confreres suggested having such online meeting with the Provincial in the future with two weeks of prior notice. (Report: Fr. Joshy Mathew Kulangara)

FORMATION MATTERS

Vocation Promotion & Candidates for the Orientation Programme

Thanks to the hard work of all the vocation promoters of the respective areas and many committed confreres, under the coordination of Fr. Benjamin Nakho Ngade, this year, we have 23 candidates from Northeast promoted for Dibrugarh Province. Ten (10) of them were sent to SFS Seminary Medziphema, Nagaland and the rest thirteen (13) of them had three weeks' preparatory programme in MSFS Provincial House Silapathar before they were sent to Vinaya Bhavan Seminary, Thamarassery, Kerala for their Orientation Programme. We thank the Rectors and the Staff of the respective Minor Seminaries for making all the arrangements and receiving them, (together with the candidates of Guwahati Province) into our Formation Houses. We wish all our candidates an excited, fruitful and discerning time of formation to be an MSFS!

Canonical Entry of the Pre-Novices to Novitiate

We thank God for the 22 of our Pre-Novices (DP - 12 & GP - 10) who were initiated into their canonical year of Novitiate on 30th May 2021. Fr. Tomson Aerathedathu, the Councillor of Formation, Dibrugarh Province and the Delegate of both Dibrugarh and Guwahati Provincials, preached the retreat for them and presided over the Initiation Ceremony during the Holy Eucharist. This was preceded by one month Pre-Novitiate Programme conducted in two phases - in MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati and MSFS Novitiate, Chabua respectively – thanks to the coordination of the Formation Councillors of both Dibrugarh and Guwahati Provinces, with the support and collaboration of many of our confreres.

First Profession of our Novices

The First Religious Profession of eleven of our Novices from MSFS Novitiate Chabua and Sneha Jyothi Ashram Makkiyadu took place on the 15th July 2021 during the Eucharistic Celebration. The ceremony in MSFS Novitiate



was presided over by Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province and in Makkiyadu it was presided over by Fr Joseph Kannamangalath, the Rector of Vinaya Bhavan Seminary, Thamarassery and the Delegate of both Dibrugarh and Guwahati Provincials. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the number of invitees was limited and only a few available confreres were present for the function. After the Eucharistic Celebration there was a short felicitation programs for the newly professed members and it was followed by a fellowship meal. Bros. Revei Abraham and Wilbirth A Marak from Makkiyadu and Bros. Chesrang A Sangma and Michael Tada from Chabua, who made their First Religious Profession belong to Dibrugarh Province. Congratulations dear Brothers, and God bless you abundantly to go forward in the journey of your Religious Life.

Diaconate Ordination at MSFS Study House



Due to the Covid-19 protocols, the seven (7) Fourth Year Theologians of MSFS Study House, Shillong, were ordained Deacons by Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh, the Archbishop of Shillong in a very private function held on the 24th of July 2021 in the Study House. Among the seven Brothers (DP-2, GP-1, SEP-1, NAG P-3), Joel Horam Chithung and Pakon Narzary belong to Dibrugarh Province. Hearty Congratulations dear Deacons and we wish you all a very fruitful Diaconate Ministry!

RESULTS OF SCHOOL BOARD EXAMS 2020-2021

Serial No.	Name of School	10th / 12th	Appeared	Passed	Above 60%	Above 80%	Highest Percentage	Pass Percentage
1	ALL SAINTS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, PEREN	12	11	11	5	1	82.80%	100%
		10	46	45	38	13	94%	92%
2	DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL, SILAPATHAR	10	167	167	115	43	95%	100%
	SFS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, MEDZIPHEMA	10	101	95	66	29	89.5%	94%
3		12(ARTS)	100	74	62	12	86%	74%
		12(COM)	18	11	07	04	85.2%	61%
4	FRANSALIAN HIGH SCHOOL, JONAI	10	88	88	56	32	94%	100%
5	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL, TELAM	10	33	33	22	01	86%	100%
6	ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, KAYING	10	54	54	22	04	92.5%	100%
7	S.F.S. SCHOOL, BASAR	10	46	46	24	4	90.2%	100%
8	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL, KANGPOKPI	10	83	83	63	5	87.5%	100%
9	S.F.S. SCHOOL, TENING	10	14	14	10	02	86%	100%
10	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL, AALO	10	39	39	13	2	89.40%	100%
	ST FRANCIS DE SALES SR SEC SCHOOL, DHEMAJI	10	127	127	94	19	96.17%	100%
11		12(SCI)	14	14	14	10	87%	100%
		12(ARTS)	12	12	12	07	86%	100%
		12(COM)	12	12	12	06	87%	100%
12	ROSARY SCHOOL, PURUL	10	37	37	20		76%	100%
13	CHRIST KING SCHOOL, GOGAMUKH	10	100	100	59	38	96%	100%
14	ST FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL, PASIGHAT	10	95	95	53	12	96%	100%

SFS COLLEGE AALO: BA - VI SEMESTER 2020-2021

Appeared	Passed	Above 60%	Above 80%	Highest Percentage	University Ranks	Pass Percentage
100	100	86	11	85.33 %	14	100

It is a matter of joy and pride to note the excellent results of the academic year 2020 -2021 of our educational institutions, which are serving mainly the rural and semi-urban areas of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, and Upper Assam. I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the entire School/College Fraternity of all our schools/College - Students, Parents, Staff, and Management - for their total commitment to the holistic growth of our students. Hearty Congratulations!

Covid-19: MSFS Dibrugarh Reach Out

The second wave of Covid-19 pandemic hit the Northeast India very badly, reaching even to the most interior villages, making the life of ordinary people very difficult. MSFS Dibrugarh Province, under the leadership of the Social Work Director, Fr. Sunny Thomas Panthanazhivadakkethil responded to this emergency situation with the



project: COVID-19: MSFS DP REACH OUT as a sign of our solidarity with the poorest of the poor in all our parishes and missions by providing them with an immediate

livelihood and sustenance support during these difficult times. The project was launched on 10th July 2021. Most of our centres (15) already executed the project providing relief materials to the poor and needy, who are really affected by Covid-19 pandemic in one way or other. About 1591 families already benefitted through this project. They were provided with food provision kits, sanitary items and other basic

materials needed for their life. We thank our benefactors and confreres abroad, who made it possible by their contribution to the project by their sacrifices and efforts. Thanks to all the confreres, sisters and other volunteers, who executed it locally distributing the relief materials to the worthy people! (Report by Provincial Office with inputs from Fr. Sunny Thomas P)

Apostolic Communities

After having implemented all the foreseen transfers and appointments, we have reconstituted the Apostolic Communities, for the time being, only those in the geographical boundaries of Dibrugarh Province. Therefore, I would like to request all the Interim Convenors mentioned in the list to call for a meeting within one month (latest by the 15th of October 2021) and elect new Convenors and Secretaries and inform the Provincial Office accordingly. I have also mentioned our Germany-Austria Local Community, which would also be treated as one Apostolic Community till some changes could be made with the arrival of new members.

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OMMUNITY	COMMUNITY	COMMUNITY		
		1. Chettupuzhakaren Varghese 2. Corbinus Soreng 3. Edacherrypauvath John 4. Muthadathu Roy 5. Ovelil Kurian (Interim Convenor) 6. Syngkli Andreas 7. Tigga Alock NAGALAND APOSTOLIC COMMUNITY 1. Eattikkattil Antony 2. Gaichungdai Anthony Kameih 3. Kochuparathanath Thomas 4. Mark Napoleon 5. Ngade Nakho Benjamin 6. Panii Paul 7. Parampukattil George (Interim		
1 1 1		Convenor) 8. Pattimackal Kurian 9. Plathottathil Jojan 10. Standfort Stephen S 11. Thekkel Tomy 12. Vadakkeperincherimannil		
1. Ambiyil Shaju Varghese 2. Marottickathadathil Cherian (Convenor) 3. Olickamalayil Thomas (Secretary) 4. Patton Samuel 5. Pazheveettil Jojo Thomas 6. Thaile Jacob		George		

Thanks/Congratulations to...

- ✓ Thanks to Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis, the Provincial of Guwahati Province and the MSFS Provincialate Community, Guwahati for the fraternal love and care given to Fr Philip Mhonchumo during his hospitalisation in Excel Care Hospitals and rest in MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati
- ✓ Thanks to Fr. George Pekkadenkuzhy and Fr. Sijo Kunnel of Constant Lievens Hospital Community, Mandar, Ranchi for the care and treatment given to Fr. Sudhir John Kullu during his illness.
- ✓ Congratulations to Fr Jobins Vengathadathil for having completed his Masters in Educational Psychology (M.Sc. EDP) from Christ University Bangalore with First Class!
- ✓ Congratulations to Fr Peter Pehausuiding for having completed his B.Ed. Studies from Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar with First Class!
- ✓ Congratulations to Fr Libin Vattekattukandam for having completed his B.Ed. Studies from North Eastern Frontier Technical University Arunachal Pradesh with First Class!

Transfers and Appointments

- ✓ Fr. Vipin George Edakazhickal: Designated for his Ph.D. Studies in USA. During the time of preparation he will be attached to MSFS Community. Dhemaii with effect from 21.10.2021
- ✓ Fr. Jose Karipdathu: Principal, SFS College, Aalo with effect from 01.09.2021

For Diaconate Ministry

- ✓ Dn. Pakon Narzary: at SFS Parish, Chabua
- ✓ Dn. Joel Horam Chithung: at Holy Rosary Parish, Purul

For Regency Period of Formation

- ✓ Bro. Bibin Thekkekutt: SFS Seminary Medziphema
- ✓ Bro. Ateet Minj: SFS College Campus Community (School/Hostel), Aalo
- ✓ Bro. Wanphrangsngi Soshang: SFS Parish (School/Hostel), Pasighat

Change of Address

Fr. Roy Karakattu MSFS	P. Shaju Varghese Ambiyil MSFS
Our Lady's Church	Priesterseminar
Chesham Bois	Dreifaltigkeitsgasse 14
30 Amersham Road	A - 5020 Salzburg
HP6 5PE – UK	Austria
P. Jacob Thaile MSFS	Fr. Joshy Mathew Kulangara MSFS
Oberwallweg 2	Sacred Heart Catholic Church
D - 31675 Bückeburg	200 3rd St NW,
Germany.	East Grand Forks, MN 56721
	USA

- **Fr. Avilhou Stephen Metha** has already reached France on 2nd September 2021 and has begun the SPA Programme with three other companions.
- **Fr. Shaju Varghese Ambiyil** will also begin his Doctoral Studies in Paris-Lodron University, Salzburg from October 2021 as he continues to help out the Archdiocese of Salzburg with Pastoral Ministry.

We wish both of them all the best and God's blessings!

Obituary

- **☆** Mr. Mathai Francis Poovelil (65), the brother of Fr. Francis Poovelil, passed away on 2nd June 2021
- ₩ Mrs. Thresyamma Dominic Mundolyputhenpurayil (83), the sister-in-law of Fr. Jose Mundoly, passed away on 4th June 2021
- Rev. Fr. Thomas Vazhavil MSFS aged (72) belonging to Vizag Province, passed away on 8th June 2021
- **† Rev. Fr. Anish Mundiyanickal MSFS (40)** belonging to Southwest Province, passed away on 9th June 2021
- ♦ Mrs. Mary Kollathuvayalil (69), the sister-in-law of Fr Thomas Kollathuvayalil passed away on 23rd June 2021
- ₱ Mr. Horshon Kharkongor (74), the father of Fr Wanlambor Kharumnuid, passed away on 26th July 2021
- ₩r. Joseph Paily Olickamalayil (86), the father of Fr. Thomas Olickamalayil and elder brother of Fr Sebastian Paredom, passed away on 28th July 2021
- **Rev. Fr Sean Fleury (91)**, belonging to English Province, passed away on August 6, 2021.
- **† Rev. Fr Devasia Ayalukkunnel (70),** belonging to Visakhapatnam Province, passed away on August 30, 2021.





May they rest in peace!

My dear confreres, I wish you all a very Happy Feast of Mary, Mother of Compassion today and Happy Founder's Day on the $30^{\rm th}$ of September 2021!

Live Jesus!

Fraternally yours in Christ Jesus,

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Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil MSFS

(Provincial, MSFS Dibrugarh Province



