

# MISSIONARIES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

## DIBRUGARH PROVINCE

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**My dear Confreres,**

I wish you all a very Happy and Blessings-filled Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the Heavenly Patron of our Congregation! May he intercede for our beloved Congregation and every one of us, who are entrusted with the mission to LIVE JESUS!

### **Feast of St. Francis de Sales: An invitation to live the Present Moment**



As a Province Community, today we thank God, in a special way for the gift of our Province, on the first anniversary of the establishment of our new Province. Although we had a very hard and challenging time, due to Covid-19 pandemic and ensuing administrative hurdles, we did experience also His powerful accompaniment in the life and ministry of our Province, especially when we gave ourselves to the Will of God and tried to live every moment in His presence. On the Feast of our Patron, St. Francis de Sales, we need to imbibe more and more this particular characteristic of the Salesian Spirituality, to live the present moment.

We only have the present moment, the here and now, in which to respond to God. But focusing on the present can be difficult: it requires a tremendous amount of energy and effort. We may find it much easier to spend our time regretting past actions, or fretting about an uncertain future. Even positive memories, or daydreams about happy times to come, can distract us from what is happening within us and around us, right here, right now. If we are unduly preoccupied with either the past or the future, we may miss how God is calling us to be with Him or one another in a particular moment. Francis de Sales insists that each present moment contains seeds of eternity, and insofar as there is no past or future in God, we can already experience something of divine life in this life by choosing to live in the 'now' of every moment. I wish that our Province Community grow in this art of living - living the present moment - and journeying along with Him, fulfilling His Plan for our Province, doing His Will in our Province!

### **CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS**

#### **Prayer Intention of the Superior General for February and March 2021**

**February:** "For our Congregation that we may be deeply rooted in our CHARISM and foundational apostolate of Parish Mission Preaching for the renewal of Christian faith", we pray: R/ Lord graciously hear us

**March:** “For all the members of the Congregation, through the intercessions of St. Joseph, we may seek ways to promote fairness, justice, the dignity of life, and family spirit”, we pray: R/ Lord graciously hear us

## Evaluation of the Implementation of the Directives of General Chapter 2019

**Our Consecrated Life in Community:** It is important that we evaluate the implementation of the directives and decisions of the General Chapter 2019 in our Province. At this time I would like to propose ‘The Call of the General Chapter 2019, Our Consecrated Life in Community, Art. 1’ for our reflection and evaluation: “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”. This invites us to examine ourselves and see how we live our Consecrated Life in the Community. Do we really, under the leadership of our Local Community Superiors, participate in the activities, such as, community prayer, common Eucharistic Celebration, daily Eucharistic Adoration, common meal, conducting of monthly recollections and involving in annual retreats that contribute to the Communion in our Community, which is the springboard of our life and ministry.

Our hallowed Constitutions, chapter three and four, are very emphatic on the matter that our Consecrated Life, lived in a community of fraternal love, is for the growth of the Mission of the Lord. Reflecting on our community living, we need to understand that there is a difference between community life and communion. We come together and live in community for a double purpose: to help each other to get closer to God and to fulfil the common mission. A community helps us to reach both these goals. The community is the place where we release our tensions and are energized for our mission. Celebrations and lighter moments reduce our tension and break the monotony. A religious who lives in a loving community has far more zest and joy in mission. But from our practical experience we may know that community life itself can become a source of tension, if there is no communion among the members. Many communities could appear as patched up unrelated parts. In some communities, there could be sadly only a business-oriented, merely functional, relationship. There could be apparent cordiality, which rarely includes a deep, sincere, trusting and warm relationship among the members. Over-involvement in work, forces the members to avoid sharing in community responsibilities and being accountable to others in the community. We keep ourselves simply busy. Ministry becomes an excuse for not meeting others meaningfully. One of the important means to build up communion in communities is *communication*. Nasty judgments, unjust criticism, calculated coldness and subtle manoeuvres would disappear, if there is genuine, humble and positive communication. The spirituality of communion implies the ability to see what is positive in others, to welcome it and to value it as a gift from God and to know how to share each other’s burdens. Let us strive harder to strengthen our community living for our greater effectiveness in the mission of the Lord.

## New Provincial Curia of Nagpur Province

Nagpur Province has successfully conducted their Provincial Chapter and elected a new Provincial Curia:

- Fr Benedict De Souza (PCIC for Formation and Admonitor)
- Fr Lajarus Soreng (PCIC for SAIM)
- Fr Domy Vallomkunnel (PCIC for Mission)
- Fr Ignathi Kshirsagar (PCIC for Education)
- Fr Selbestar Xalxo (Provincial Bursar)

We, the members of MSFS Dibrugarh Province, congratulate them and invoke God’s abundant blessings on them in their ministry of leadership in the Province!



## PROVINCE MATTERS

### Transfers and Appointments

After a strenuous process of dialogue with the persons and communities concerned, and looking into the need of every centre, we have made a personnel plan for our Province. Some of these transfers and appointments are already being implemented. The rest we hope to carry out during the month of March-April, 2021. I look forward to the generous cooperation of all the persons concerned. May God bless you all!

1. Fr. Varghese Chettupuzhakaren, Local Community Superior and Director, SFS Technical School, Imphal
2. Fr. Corbinus Soreng: Associate Director, SFS Technical School, Imphal
3. Fr. Tomy Anakallil: Relieved to be appointed in his Mother Province (April)
4. Fr. Joseph Bamhingbe: Associate Priest, SFS Parish and Principal, SFS School at SFS Parish, Pasighat
5. Fr. Kurian Ovelil: Local Community Superior, Parish Priest and Principal at Holy Rosary Parish, Purul
6. Fr. Roy Muthedathu: Local Community Superior, Parish Priest, Principal at SFS Parish, Kangpokpi
7. Fr. Joseph Chackalackal: Local Community Superior, Parish Priest and Local Administrator at SFS Parish, Silapathar
8. Fr. Augustine Thundathil: Associate Priest, SFS Parish and Principal, Don Bosco School at SFS Parish, Silapathar
9. Fr. Jobins Vengathadathil: Principal, SFS School at MSFS Provincial House, Silapathar
10. Fr. Thomas Arackal: Principal, SFS School (Marjum Memorial School) at SFS College Campus, Aalo
11. Fr. Thomas Kochuparathanathu: Local Community Superior, Parish Priest and Principal at St. Paul's Parish, Peren
12. Fr. Joe Varghese Chethalan: Relieved to be appointed in his Mother Province (April)
13. Fr. Thomas Kollathuvayalil: Local Community Superior and Parish Priest at SFS Parish, Jonai
14. Fr. Tomy Thekkel: Local Community Superior and Parish Priest at SFS Parish, Medziphema
15. Fr. Panii Paul: Associate Priest, SFS Parish, Medziphema
16. Fr. Jiji Konthananicakl: Local Community Superior, Parish Priest and Principal at Christ King Parish, Gogamukh
17. Fr. Sudhir Hasda: Associate Priest, Christ King Parish, Gogamukh
18. Fr. Solomon Tirkey: Local Community Superior and Parish Priest at SFS Parish, Tato
19. Fr. Jojan Plathottathil: Local Community Superior, Parish-In charge and Principal at St. Andrew's Centre, Mangkolemba
20. Fr. Rijesh Thomas Thalayinakandathil: Relieved to be appointed in his Mother Province (April)
21. Fr. Antony Eattikattil: Local Community Superior, Parish Priest, Principal at SFS Parish, Tening
22. Fr. Luke Tanti: Associate Priest, St. Mary's Parish, Aalo and Asst. Director, Fransalian Youth Mission, Dibrugarh Province
23. Fr. Andrea Syngkli: Associate Priest, Holy Rosary Parish, Purul
24. Fr. Gaichungdai Anthony Kameih: Associate Priest, St. Andrew's Centre, Mangkolemba
25. Fr. Jimal Johny Painapally: Associate Priest, Sacred Heart Parish, Likabali
26. Fr. Standfort Stephen Souba: Associate Priest, St. Paul's Parish, Peren

### **Additional Responsibilities**

27. Fr. Rojin Pullattuvaliyaparambil: Local Bursar, Gogamukh
28. Fr. Peter Parankimalil: Manager/Local Bursar, Don Bosco School and SFS School, Silapathar & Local Bursar MSFS Provincial House, Silapathar
29. Fr. Sunny Panthanazhivadakkethil: Local Superior, MSFS Provincial House, Silapathar
30. Fr. Varghese Paul Manickathan, Coordinator, Parish Mission Preaching (PMP), Dibrugarh Province
31. Fr. Carlus Barowa: Vice-Postulator, Dibrugarh Province for the Cause Fr. Peter Mermier, Founder, MSFS
32. Fr. Peter Pehausiding: Associate Coordinator, Fransalian Associates, Dibrugarh Province
33. Fr. Ngade Benjamin Nakho: Coordinator, Vocation Promoters' Team, Dibrugarh Province

### **Province Forum Convenors and Secretaries**

34. Fr. Varghese Paul Manickathan: Convenor and Secretary, Mission Forum, Dibrugarh Province
35. Fr. Jose Karipadathu: Convenor and Secretary, Education Forum, Dibrugarh Province
36. Fr. Jose Chettany: Convenor and Secretary, SAIM Forum, Dibrugarh Province
37. Fr. Francis Poovelil: Convenor and Secretary, Formation Forum, Dibrugarh Province

### **PROVINCE FORUMS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

#### **MISSION FORUM**

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1. Mappilaparambil Emmanuel (Chairman)
2. Bamhingbe Joseph (Vice-Chairman)
3. Manickathan Varghese Paul (Convenor & Secretary)
4. Ovelil Kurian (Core Team Member)
5. Ovüing Philip Mhonchumo (Core Team Member)
6. Thekkel Tomy (Core Team Member)
7. Pou Stephen (Core Team Member)
8. Kollathuvayalil Thomas (Core Team Member)
9. Bashena Adani James (Core Team Member)
10. Belo Francis
11. Chakkalackal Joseph
12. Eattikkattil Antony
13. Hasda Sudhir
14. Jimal Johny Painapally
15. Kameih Gaichungdai Anthony
16. Kharumnuid Wanlambor
17. Kullu Sudhir John
18. Mathirampallil Aji Cherian
19. Mundoly Jose
20. Panii Paul
21. Peuhausuiding Peter
22. Pullattuvaliyaparambil Rojin
23. Standfort Stephen Souba
24. Syngkli Andreas
25. Tigga Alock
26. Tirkey Solomon
27. Toppo Kusumkant

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3. Karipadathu Jose (Convenor & Secretary)
4. Avittapallil Antony (Core Team Member)
5. Edakazhickal Thomas (Core Team Member)
6. Kanicherry Biju (Core Team Member)
7. Muthadathu Roy (Core Team Member)
8. Raising Jacob (Core Team Member)
9. Thundathil Augustine (Core Team Member)
10. Arackal Thomas
11. Daimary Ajit
12. Kavunkal Lukose
13. Kochuparathanath Thomas
14. Konthananickal Jiji
15. Kulangara Joshy
16. Plathottathil Jojan
17. Purayidathil Philip
18. Vattekkattukandam Libin
19. Vengathadathil Jobins

## **FORMATION FORUM**

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4. Parampukattil George (Core Team Member)
5. Kannamangalath Joseph (Core Team Member)
6. Pattarkalayil James (Core Team Member)
7. Kuzhupil Sebastian (Core Team Member)
8. Baruah Antony (Core Team Member)
9. Ngade Nakho Benjamin (Core Team Member)
10. Alock Tigga
11. Avilhou Metha Stephen
12. Chettupuzhakkaran Varghese
13. Kharmanuid Wanlambore
14. Mark Napoleon
15. Mattathil Jacob
16. Milkus Tirkey
17. Olickamalayil Thomas
18. Pattimackal Kurian
19. Patton Samuel
20. Peethuruthel Francis
21. Tanti Luke
22. Thaile Jacob
23. Thazhathukunnel Joseph

## **SOCIAL APOSTOLATE AND INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES (SAIM) FORUM**

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1. Mappilaparambil Emmanuel (Chairman)
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3. Chettaniyil Jose (Convenor & Secretary)
4. Panthanazhivadakethil Sunny (Core Team Member)
5. Chettupuzhakaren Varghese (Core Team Member)
6. Thaikho Simon (Core Team Member)
7. Barowa Carlus (Core Team Member)
8. Ambiyil Shaju
9. Chennala Daniel
10. Edacherrypauvath John
11. Hrinii Mark
12. Karakkattu Dominic
13. Kunnel George
14. Marottickathadathil Cherian
15. Poonthurithel Shiji
16. Puthumana Mathew
17. Soreng Corbinus
18. Tanti Luke
19. Thadathil Francis
20. Thadathil Jaimon

## **STEWARDSHIP FORUM**

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1. Mappilaparambil Emmanuel (Chairman)
2. Parankimalil Peter (Vice-Chairman & Convener)
3. Baruah Antony
4. Bashena Adani James
5. Chettaniyil Jose
6. Chettupuzhakaren Varghese
7. Eattikkattil Antony
8. Edacherrypauvath John
9. Kanicherry Biju
10. Kavunkal Lukose
11. Kochuparathanath Thomas
12. Kollathuvayalil Thomas
13. Kuzhupil Sebastian
14. Manickathan Varghese Paul
15. Ovelil Kurian
16. Ovüing Philip Mhonchumo
17. Pattimackal Kurian
18. Pazheveetil Jojo Thomas
19. Peuhausuiding Peter
20. Plathottathil Jojan
21. Pullattuvaliyaparambil Rojin
22. Tirkey Solomon
23. Toppo Kusumkant
24. Velicakathu Joy

## **JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION (JPC-P)**

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1. Mappilaparambil Emmanuel (Chairman)
2. Panthanazhivadakkethil Sunny (Convener & Secretary)
3. Tirkey Milkus
4. Kannamangalath Joseph
5. Thundathil Augustine
6. Thekkel Tomy
7. Thaikho Simon
8. Muthedathu Roy

## **PROVINCE COMMITTEES & TEAMS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Parankimalil Peter (Convenor & Secretary)
2. Vadakkeperincheimannil George
3. Edacherrypauvath John
4. Kanicherry Biju
5. Thaikho Simon
6. Avittapally Vintu Augustine

### **ETHICS COMMITTEE (PROVINCIAL COMMISSION FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS – PCPS)**

1. Velickakath Joy (Convenor & Secretary)
2. Mundoly Jose
3. Thaikho Simon

### **INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR PROVINCE ACCOUNT**

1. Edacherrypauvath John
2. Kanicherry Biju

### **PARISH MISSION PREACHING TEAM**

1. Manickathan Varghese Paul (Convenor & Secretary)
2. Belo Francis
3. Daimary Ajit
4. Kharmanuid Wanlambore
5. Mathirampallil Aji Cherian
6. Souba Standfort Stephen
7. Soreng Corbinus
8. Tanti Luke

### **VOCATION PROMOTERS TEAM**

Province Coordinator of Vocation Promoters: Ngade Nakho Benjamin

#### **Arunachal Pradesh**

1. Tanti Luke
2. Kharmanuid Wanlambore

#### **Nagaland**

3. Mark Napoleon

4. Pattimackel Kurian

#### **Manipur**

5. Ngade Nakho Benjamin
6. Pou Stephen

#### **Upper Assam**

7. Tirkey Milkus
8. Daimary Ajit

#### **Chattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkand**

9. Alock Tigga

## Congratulations to our Newly Ordained Priests!



**Dn. Gaichungdai Anthony Kameih** was ordained on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 by Most Reverend Dominic Lumon DD, the Archbishop of Imphal, in the presence of Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province, and some of the MSFS confreres. He was ordained with six other deacons at St. Joseph Cathedral Imphal, Manipur. After the ordination, there was a short felicitation programme, followed by a festive lunch. The Thanksgiving mass was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in his home Parish at Nungba. It was attended by five priests, a few sisters and a large gathering of 1500 people of different denominations from Nungba Village. Congratulations dear Fr Anthony Kameih and wish you the best of everything and God's blessings for your future ministry!



**Dn. Standfort Stephen Souba** was one among the seven deacons ordained priest on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Imphal. He was ordained by Most Rev. Dominic Lumon DD, the Archbishop of Imphal. Due to the prevailing situation of Covid-19, the diocesan administration had taken all the necessary precautions in accordance with SOP issued by the government. Only ten family members were permitted to attend from a deacon's family. On 30<sup>th</sup> December Fr. Standfort celebrated his First Mass at Good Shepherd Church, Purul Atongba, under Holy Rosary Parish, Purul. After the Holy Mass there was a short felicitation program. Congratulations dear Fr Standfort Stephen and wish you the best of everything and God's blessings for your future ministry!



**Dn. Jimal Johny Painapally** was ordained a priest on 06<sup>th</sup> January 2021, by Most Reverend Remigiose Inchananiyil, the Bishop of Thamarasserry, at Christ the King Church, Muthukad, Kerala. The Ordination ceremony in Syro-Malabar Rite officiated by Bp. Remigiose was assisted by Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil MSFS, the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province, as Archdeacon and Fr. George Vadakkeperincherimannil, Provincial Councillor, as concelebrant. Around twenty priests, an equal number of religious nuns and over 150 faithful, mainly family members and close relatives, attended the ordination and the First Mass of Fr. Jimal Johny Painapally. The ceremony was conducted strictly adhering to the then prevailing Covid-19 protocols.

Congratulations dear Fr Jimal Johny and wish you the best of everything and God's blessings for your future ministry!

**Dn. Andreas Syngkli:** Eight deacons were ordained priests on 16<sup>th</sup> January by Most Reverend Victor Lyngdoh, DD, designated Archbishop of Shillong, at Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, Laitumkhrah.



Among the newly ordained Priests, two of them belonged to MSFS Congregation, namely, Fr. Andreas Syngkli (Dibrugarh Province) and Fr. Elvis Kharkongor (Guwahati Province). Due to restrictions on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ordination mass was conducted inside the Cathedral and restricted to the family members of the newly ordained priest and clergy. On 17<sup>th</sup> January Fr Andreas Syngkli celebrated his First Holy Eucharist at his village Nongkhrah, which is under the Assumption Parish Church Nongpoh. There were 23 priests and a good number of religious nuns and brothers along with many faithful who participated in the First Mass. Congratulations dear Fr Andreas Syngkli and wish you the best of everything and God's blessings for your future ministry!



## Congratulations to the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilarians of 2021!

### Fr. Corbinus Soreng MSFS

**Date of Birth:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 1962

**Place of Birth:** Goramarapather, Tezpur, Assam

**Name of Father:** Mr. Julius Soreng

**Name of Mother:** Juliana Kerketta

**Parish:** Mary Help of Christians Church, Dhekiajuli

**Diocese:** Tezpur

**Minor Seminary:** Nidadavole 1985-1987

**First Profession:** on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1988 at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam

**Philosophy:** Suvidya College, Bangalore 1988-1991

**Theology:** Oriens Theological College 1992-1996

**Perpetual Profession:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 1994 at MSFS Study House Shillong

**Diaconate:** 08<sup>th</sup> July 1996 at Oriens Theological College, Shillong

**Ordination:** 09<sup>th</sup> February 1997 at Mary Help of Christians Church, Dhekiajuli



### Appointments:

Year	Place of Appointment
1991-1992	Regent at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dhemaji
1996	Deacon at St. Francis de Sales Technical School Imphal
1997-2000	Asst. Parish Priest at Christ the King Parish, Gogamukh
2000-2009	Provincial Secretary at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati
2009-2010	Office Secretary to various Forums at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati
2010	Local Bursar at Holy Redeemer Retreat Centre Umroi
2011- 2011	Associate Priest at St Joseph Church Kaying
2013-2020	Staff and Administrator at Holy Redeemer Retreat Centre Umroi

### Fr. James George Pattarakalayil MSFS

**Date of Birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> August 1966

**Place of Birth:** Ayamkudy, Kottayam Dt., Kerala

**Name of Father:** Mr. George Thomas

**Name of Mother:** Elykutty George

**Parish:** St. Marys Church, Marangoly

**Diocese:** Palai

**Minor Seminary:** SFS Seminary Ettumanoor from 1982-85

**First Profession:** on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1986 at Salesianum Visakhapatnam

**Philosophy:** Suvidya College, Bangalore 1987-1990

**Masters in Philosophy:** Jnana Deepa Vidya Peeth, Pune 1991-1993

**Theology:** Jnana Deepa Vidya Peeth, Pune 1993-1996

**Perpetual Profession:** 27<sup>th</sup> November 1992 at Fransalian Seminary Pune

**Diaconate:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 1996 at Fransalian Seminary Pune

**Ordination:** 07<sup>th</sup> January 1997 at St. Marys Church, Marangoly (Diocese of Palai)



## Appointments:

Year	Place of Appointments
1990-1991	Regency at Vinaya Bhavan Minor Seminary Thamarassery
1996-1997	Diaconate Ministry at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dhemaji
1997-1998	Asst. Parish Priest at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dhemaji
1998- 2000	Principal & Asst. Parish Priest at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Jonai
1999-2001	MA. Philosophy & Religion studies at Madurai Kamaraj University.
2000-2002	Rector & Administrator at Lum Mermier MSFS Minor Seminary & Holy Redeemer Retreat Center, Umroi
2002-2003	Language Studies at Max Müller Bhavan, Pune
2003-2004	Assistant Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Parish Pegnitz, Germany (Archdiocese of Bamberg)
2004-2007	Assistant P.P at St. Michael and Augustin Neunkirchen, Germany (Archdiocese of Bamberg)
2007-2011	Parish Priest at St Peter and Paul, Langensendelbach (Archdiocese of Bamberg)
2012-2014	Chaplain of AMERICAN ARMY USAC ANSBACH, Germany (Archdiocese of Military Services USA)
2011-2015	Doctoral Studies at Academy for Philosophy, Munich
2015 -	Dean of Studies at Suvidya College Electornics City Bangalore

## Congratulations to...

- ✓ To Rev.Fr Milkus Tirkey and SFS Parish Community Chabua for celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Sudhir John Kullu on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021. Most Rev. Albert Hemrom, the Coadjutor Bishop of Dibrugarh was the main celebrant for the Silver Jubilee Mass. A felicitation programme was arranged in honour of the Silver Jubilarian which was followed by a fellowship meal. The programme was attended by around 450 people.
- ✓ To Rev. Fr Jose Chettaniyil and SFS Community at Pasighat for initiating the construction of Presbytery. The building site was blessed and the foundation stone was laid for the same by Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the Provincial of Dibrugarh Province on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## Reception of new members to Catholic Community at Mangkolemba



It was a memorable day for St. Andrew's Centre Mangkolemba on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021, as the Centre welcomed the new community at Khakuthato, who belong to Sümi community of Nagaland. This new flock of Faithful consists of sixteen families, comprising of 57 members. The occasion was solemnised by Most Reverend James Thoppil, the Bishop of Kohima Diocese. Congratulations and Thanks to the missionary efforts of the Pioneers, Rev. Fr. Kurian Pattimackel and Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas Thalayinakandathill, the present In

charge of the Mission at Mangkolemba and to the support of the Diocesan Authorities! (Report by Provincial Secretary)

## Golden Jubilee Celebration of SFS Mission/Parish, Silapathar

It was a golden day for St Francis de Sales Parish, Silapathar, celebrating its Golden Jubilee year on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021. It is the Mother Parish of many parishes in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. It was a time to thank God and gratefully remember the contribution of many for the past 50 years towards the faith formation and the spiritual growth of the people connected to this parish. The celebration began with welcoming the Bishop, the Provincial and Fr Varghese Kalarickal the first Parish Priest of Silapathar. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Most Rev Michael Akasius Toppo, the Bishop of Tezpur. During the Eucharistic Celebration, 31 children received the First Communion, and 34 adults were Confirmed. The Eucharistic Celebration was followed by a short felicitation programme and fellowship meal. The programme was attended by almost 30 priests, 50 sisters and 300 faithful. May God be praised for all the blessings received throughout the past 50 years of its existence! Congratulations to Fr Roy Muthedathu, the present parish priest and SFS campus community for organising this golden event! (Report by Provincial Secretary)



### New Contact Numbers

- ✓ Fr. Jiji Konthananickal - 9957017079
- ✓ Fr. Tomson Aerethedathu - 9871379382

### Obituary

- ✠ **Mr. Varkey Thomman Pathuppallil** (97), the maternal Uncle of Fr. Joseph Thazhathukunnel, died on 24.12.2020.
- ✠ **Mrs. Cicily Thomas Orill** (71), the eldest Sister of Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, died on 28.12.2020.
- ✠ **Bro. Raphael Xalxo** (85), belonging to MSFS Nagpur Province, died on 04.01.2021
- ✠ **Fr. Joseph Muriamvelil** (81), the maternal Uncle of Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparambil and Fr. Jose Mamalasseril, died on 13.01.2021.
- ✠ **Fr. Alwyn Zothanzanga** (38), belonging to MSFS Guwahati Province, died on 22.01.2021. Fr Alwyn Zothansanga, was a priest for six years in the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, died of pneumonia and tested Covid 19 positive on Friday afternoon, January 22, 2021, at Good Shepherd Catholic Hospital at Siteki, Swaziland. As a new priest, he worked at SFS Church, Kangpokpi, as Associate Priest from 2015-2017 after which he left for Southern African Region where he worked as Associate Priest from 2015-2017, St Philips Church, Manzini, Swaziland as Associate Priest from 2017-2019 and St Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Siphofaneni, Manzini, Swaziland as Parish Priest from 2019-2021. Fr Alwyn was a gifted musician and a cheerful missionary. We miss you dear Fr Alwyn. May the Lord reward you with His Eternal Presence!

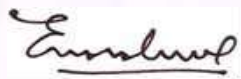


## My Tentative Schedule

Date	Programme
January 24	Feast of St. Francis de Sales/Mass at SFS Parish, Silapathar
January 28	General Curia – Dibrugarh Provincial Curia Online Meeting
January 29-30	Yingkiong
January 31	Annual Sabha of SFS Parish, Chabua
February 04	GB Body Meeting of FHs of DP & GP @ 10.00 a.m. in MSFS Provincialate Guwahati
February 08	Blessing of Village Church at Ruksin under SFS Parish, Pasighat
February 14	Dedication of Village Church at Mayangkhang under SFS Parish, Kangpokpi
February 16	First Mass of the New Priests at MSFS Provincial House, Silapathar
March 08-10	SFS College Aalo - Visit of the NACC Team for Inspection

My dear confreres, once again I wish you all a very Happy Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the Heavenly Patron of our Congregation! LIVE JESUS!

Fraternally yours in Christ Jesus,



**Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil MSFS**  
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*"Everything by love; nothing by force".*