



Year of St. Francis de Sales

2022-2023

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OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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400th Death Anniversary Celebrations

(Province/Region/Delegation/Mission Level
or Apostolic Community/ Local Community level)

Objectives:

1. *To be united as One Global Family of the MSFS – and offer prayers for the well-being of the world - as we commemorate and celebrate the life of St Francis de Sales, our Heavenly Patron.*
2. *To disseminate the spirit and spirituality of SFS and the mission of the Congregation*

How shall we celebrate?

1. Solemn Mass officiated by the Provincial or Local Ordinary. (SFS Liturgy Leaflet is to be used). Invite Representatives from all our parishes and centers
2. As a united MSFS Family, at 7 pm (local time) or any convenient time, *we light a candle and recite the Prayer of SFS. This can be followed by the Rosary (with a special intention for the Faithful Departed; and the recitation of the Litany of SFS)*

It is also encouraged to do this spiritual exercise with the community of confreres and people from outside. A prayer service/adoration can be organized, with the community of confreres and people from outside (parishioners/associates/lay faithful)

In case, it's not possible to organize with people from outside, the Community can gather together in the Chapel. In case, one is not in the community, the Act can be done individually.

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3. Any Release (publications, literature, hand out, brochures, prayer cards, etc)
Distribution of SFS Awards and Scholarships (Province/Region/Delegation/Mission Level or Apostolic Community Level), and Distribution of SFS Calendar
5. Distribution of SFS Calendar

December 28, 2022



SUPERIOR GENERAL

TO THE MISSIONARIES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

My dear Confreres,

Fraternal Greetings, Merry Christmas, and a Joyful New Year!

“To us, a child is born, to us, a son is given” (Is 9:6). May I invite us, the Fransalians across the globe, to the stable of Bethlehem, to adore the Son of God. We have every reason to be joyful. The reason for our joy is that we are loved without any merit of our own and we are always loved first by God. We are loved with a love so concrete that God took human flesh so that we could fall in love with a human God with a human face, body, and limbs. He came to live in our midst in the Baby we see in the nativity scene. God’s love for us has a name and face. Jesus is the name and face of God’s love.

A couple of profound thoughts from our Patron for our meditation:

1. SFS: INCARNATION AS THE GOAL FOR CREATION

We are perhaps trained to think that incarnation took place at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem or Mary’s pregnancy in Nazareth some 2000 years ago. Our Patron, St. Francis de Sales, does not separate incarnation from the process of creation and salvation of the universe. The divine community of love chose that the incarnation of Christ would start with the creation of the universe, The incarnation was eternally willed by God. For God, it is a singular event of outpouring God’s ecstatic love and compassion.

Francis uses several scriptural passages to express adequately how incarnation is the goal of creation by showing

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MERRY Christmas

the primacy of Christ. He is “the firstborn of all creation” (Col. 1:15), “He is before all and all things hold together in him” (Col. 1: 17). “All things were made through him and without him nothing came to be (John 1: 3).” For SFS, the incarnation has a priority over creation. This means that love, and not sin, can only explain God’s free decision to become one with us. Even without original sin, God would have become incarnate in Jesus. The original sin only modifies how God comes to us in Jesus. He comes into the world not as a man of glory, but as a sufferer, a man of sorrows, and becomes a redeeming God.

II. SFS: PRIMARY REASON FOR INCARNATION

We will probably never know the ‘how’ or even the ‘when’ of creation. But we can try mostly to answer the ‘why’. Francis used simple parable to explain that Creation was always for Christ: Why do we plant a vine? The reason for planting a vine is the fruit it produces. In the same way, the vine is the creation and the fruit of the vine is Jesus Christ. Hence, Christ is first in God’s intention and eternal plan. The reason for creation is Christ himself. In his last Christmas sermon (1622), he preached:

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For Francis, the primary reason for the incarnation was not the redemption of a fallen man from sin. God willed incarnation first and foremost to “communicate Himself” to a creature in a most perfect way so that “the creature

might be engrafted and implanted in the divinity and become one single person with it’.

III. AN INCARNATIONAL WORLDVIEW

Francis advises us to stop dividing creation, incarnation, and salvation. He understands them as one movement of divine grace and love originating from the first thought in the mind of God. In our hymns, we sing praise to Emmanuel, God with us. We celebrate creation, Christ’s incarnation, and salvation altogether. God with us has been always here in and with creation. In Jesus, the light came into the world. Jesus is the “light that shines in the dark: light that darkness could not overcome” (John 1: 5).

‘Light is not so much what you directly see. Light is that by which you see everything else.’ What do we see today amid the current divisions and conflicts in the Church and society? Are we able to look at what we experience with an ‘incarnational worldview’? People with an incarnational worldview are those who can ‘see Christ in the disfigured and broken as much as in the so-called perfect and attractive. People who see everything by the light of Christ can love and forgive themselves and the imperfections in others, because they carry the image of God equally, even if not perfectly.



NEWS – EVENTS – DECISIONS

1. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL CHAPTER 2022

The Extraordinary General Chapter (EGC) of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales took place at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, from November 08 through 14, 2022, in continuation with the theme of the XX Ordinary General Chapter 2019, 'MSFS, Wake up to the Basics'. The focus of EGC 2022, was the final decision on nine juridical proposals, the four research papers (both carried forward from the XX Ordinary General Chapter 2019), and some specific concerns of the General Administration for clarity. A total of 40 members – 14 delegates, 18 ex-officio members, and eight other participants from the previous General Chapter – attended the Chapter that witnessed the guiding presence of God in the form of intense participation, in-depth sharing, synodality, quality discussions, dialogue, intergenerational and intercultural communication, and meaningful deliberations.

MISSIONARIES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES Extraordinary General Chapter 08 - 14 November 2022 FRANSALIAN SEMINARY, PUNE, INDIA



2. OUTCOME OF THE EGC 2022

(i) AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL DIRECTORY

(Kindly note that the amended articles in the General Directory (in RED) are already declared effective from December 01, 2022)

Article 216. Convocation:

i. The Superior General convokes the General Chapter two years before the proposed date of its commencement. He indicates the date and place of the General Chapter and prescribes the prayers to be offered for its success.

ii. He also convokes a mid-term General Assembly with sufficient time for its preparation.

iii. An Extraordinary General Chapter may be convoked at least one year before the date of its opening.

Article 220. Members of the General Chapter

i. *Delegates from Provinces/Vice-Provinces:* The provinces/vice-provinces elect their delegates and their substitutes in proportion to the number of perpetually professed members at the time of the elections as follows:

- 1-20 no delegate
- 21-50 one delegate
- 51-100 two delegates
- 101-200 three delegates
- 201 and above four delegates

ii. *Participants: The Coordinator of the Delegation Superiors (or communities) in Germany & Austria and Delegation Superiors in other territories are invited as participants of the General Chapter without the right to vote.*

Article 221. Method of Election of Delegates

i. The election of delegates and their substitutes takes place within six months after the convocation of the General Chapter to allow them ample time for thorough preparation for the Chapter.

ii. *The cut-off date for determining the eligible candidates will be the date of the notification*

of the election of delegates issued by the Superior General.

iii. The election of one or more delegates is made by the college of electors of the Province/ Vice-Province through a secret ballot, either by paper ballot or E-voting. At the first ballot, an absolute majority is required. After the publication of the results of the first ballot, at a second ballot, only a relative majority suffices.

Article 243. Implications of accepting the office of General Councillor:

i. The administration of the Congregation requires that the General Councillors are relieved from their Provinces/Vice-Provinces/Regions/Delegations to be totally free to carry out their new responsibilities.

ii. During their period of service as General Councillors, their maintenance and other expenses are to be borne by the General Bursar.

iii. They have no special authority whatsoever in their own Provinces/Vice-Provinces/Regions/Delegations by virtue of their role in the General Curia.

iv. They are not representatives of the Province/Vice-Province/Region/Delegation to which they belong since they are at the service of the whole Congregation.

v. *The Superior General and all the members of the General Curia have neither active nor passive voice in their Provinces/Vice-Provinces/Regions/Delegations of origin.*

(nos. vi & vii removed)

Article 250. Implications of Provincial's/ Vice-provincial's duties:

i. As the Congregation's presence in a particular place is in and through the local communities, the thrust of the vice-provincial's role should be the animation of the religious life of the members and review of the apostolate of each community.

ii. The visit of the Provincial/Vice-Provincial should not be carried out in a hurry. He should inform the community much in advance about his visitation so that members of the community can have adequate preparation to meet him. The Provincial/Vice-Provincial should spend as much time as possible with the community so that living with them he can experience the actual religious living of the members individually and as a community.

iii. The Provincial/Vice-Provincial makes canonical visitation of every community at least **thrice** during the term of his office. However, he should visit formation houses every year. The acts of the visitation should be recorded and maintained in the archives of the Province/Vice-Province.

iv. Ordinarily, the Provincial/Vice-Provincial Bursar should accompany the Provincial/Vice-Provincial during his visitation in order to review, correct if need be, and to assist the community in streamlining the management and administration of its temporal goods and to ensure that the community adheres to the relevant civil laws and regulations in the administration.

v. The Provincial/Vice-Provincial should take special care of the members who are aged, ill, and are in need of medical care.

vi. The Provincial/Vice-Provincial plans the expansion and consolidation of the Congregation in consultation with his council and submits the same to the superior general for his approval.

Article 251. Appointment of the Provincial-Vice-Provincial:

On instructions from the Superior General, the Provincial/Vice-Provincial organizes a consultation for the appointment of the Provincial/Vice-Provincial in the Province/Vice-Province by secret ballot **six weeks prior to the expiry of his mandate.**

The ballot paper should have on it the following:

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Third Choice:

The ballot paper is sent to all electors of the Province/Vice-Province. These papers are to be duly filled in and returned to the Provincial/Vice-provincial in a sealed envelope. The Provincial/Vice-provincial sends them to the Superior General. The Superior General with his council appoints the Provincial / Vice-Provincial with due consideration to the consultation. (*See Part 2: Chapter 3, esp. 3.3*)

Article 253.

i. The Provincial/Vice-Provincial is assisted by a team of four councillors except in the case of Provinces/Vice-Provinces with less than forty perpetually professed active members. These Provinces, however, should have at least two councillors.

ii. The election of the councillors takes place in the following manner:

a. Consultation at the Province/Vice-Province level: All eligible members suggest their preferences of as many names as the required number of councilors to the General Administration. It may be done either through E-voting or paper ballot.

b. General administration counts the votes, assesses the formal eligibility and religious suitability of the candidates, and prepares a panel of names double the number of the **required**



number of councilors. An additional panel of names is also prepared by the General Administration, to meet any unforeseen situation.

c. The Delegate of the Superior General to the Chapter/Congress opens the envelope containing the panel of names at the time of the election.

d. The captulants elect the required number of councilors only from the panel of names provided.

e. The election results have to be ratified by the Superior General before they come into effect.

iii. The permanent delegate of the Provincial/Vice-Provincial will act only in the absence or incapacity of the Provincial/Vice-Provincial in terms of those delegated functions specified by the Provincial/Vice-Provincial and made known to the province.

iv. Admonitor to the Provincial/Vice-Provincial has only an internal function of admonishing the Provincial/Vice-Provincial for grave reasons and informing the Superior General with the prior information to the Provincial/Vice-Provincial if a need arises.

Article 270.

i. The Provincial/Vice-Provincial Chapter/Congress elects the Provincial/Vice-provincial Bursar as per the method stipulated in Constitution § 243.

ii. The Bursar's election is to be given sufficient time after the election of the councillors. The time is not to exceed a day.

iii. It is highly recommended that the Provincial/Vice-Provincial Bursar is not one of the elected councillors since the provincial bursar does not form part of the Provincial/ Vice-Provincial administration.





Article 273. Election of Delegates:

In the election of delegates to the Provincial/Vice-Provincial Chapter the ex-officio members of the chapter are not allowed to vote.

Ex-officio members as per Constitution § 238: Directors/Rectors of houses of formation here would imply directors of formation, rectors of all minor seminaries and pre-novitiate house, director of novices, rectors of philosophate/s and theologate/s or study houses of major seminarians **and superiors of Formed Local Communities.**

The Rector of inter-provincial formation houses: He **is** an *ex-officio* member of the Chapter of his own Province and an invitee to the Chapter of other participating Provinces.

Delegates: For the election of the delegates, the Provincial/Vice-Provincial council should choose any one of the following methods:

First Method: The electors form a single electoral college and elect all delegates.

Second Method: The Provincial/Vice-Provincial and his council establish different electoral colleges on the basis of geographical areas or types of ministry. **Care should be taken to ensure that all age groups are duly represented.** Confreres who are Brothers could be grouped together to form one of these electoral colleges. Each electoral college elects the number of delegates allotted to it.

Third Method: Half the delegates are elected using the first method. The other half is elected using the second method.

The delegates are elected with an absolute majority on the first ballot. If the results are inconclusive, a second ballot is held after the publication of the results of the first ballot. Only a relative majority is needed on the second ballot.

Article 283. Appointment of a Regional Superior

i. Removed

Article 288.

ii. Appointment of Delegation Superior and Advisors:

e) The appointing authority of the Delegation Superior will appoint the Delegation Advisors in consultation with the Delegation Superior. If the numerical strength of the Delegation is ten, two Advisors are to be appointed. If the number is more than ten, three Advisors are to be appointed. The term of office of the advisors is a **co-terminus with the Delegation Superior.**

f) The appointing authority of the Delegation Superior may appoint any one of the Delegation Advisors, or any other member of the Delegation as the Delegation Bursar in consultation with the Delegation Superior. However, the Delegation Superior may act as the Delegation Bursar himself. In case the delegation superior himself is the Delegation Bursar, he has to be given a separate appointment as the latter by the appointing authority. The term of office of the Delegation Bursar **is co-terminus with the Delegation Superior.**

Article 303. Formed Community

Since communities with two or more members having the same residence, or living in proximity, are constituted as local communities under the authority of local superiors, the definition of Formed Community will also apply to those local communities with at least six or more confreres living in proximity, of whom at least three are perpetually professed confreres. The information on such Formed Communities is to be indicated in the Status of the Congregation.

(ii) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Kindly note that amended articles (in red) need approval from the Holy See before they come into effect)

Article 7. Our Founder, Father Peter Mermier, presents to us St. Francis de Sales as our Patron and model. **Our charism is to continue the mission of Christ and His Church by living the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in a religious community as missionaries, lived and envisioned by our Founder.** This is our identity. Our original apostolates (Const. 22) along with any other apostolate discerned by the Congregation embodies our charism.

179. In addition to the above-mentioned norms, to be Superior General or Assistant General, one should have completed **40 years of age and 12 years in the perpetual profession; to be Provincial, Vice-Provincial, Regional Superior, General Councillors, General Bursar, Provincial Councillors, Provincial Bursar, Regional Councillors, Regional Bursar, Rectors of Major Seminaries, or Director of Novices, one should have completed 35 years of age and 10 years in the perpetual profession, and to be Superiors of Delegations and Local Community, Rectors of Minor Seminaries one should have completed 30 years of age and 5 years in the perpetual profession.** No one has a right to any office, and no one should refuse any office unless there are valid reasons against accepting it.

180. **Members holding the offices of Superior General, Assistant General, General Councillors, General Bursar, Provincial/Vice-Provincial Superior, Provincial/Vice-Provincial Councillors, Provincial/Vice-Provincial Bursar, Regional Superior, Regional Councillors and Regional Bursar will hold a single, non-renewable term of office. All other offices will have a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years only. One is eligible to assume the same office only**

after a gap of one term.

181. In the case of Provinces, with less than 40 perpetually professed active members, **although the term of office is the same as prescribed in article 180, the norm of non-renewability need not apply.** However, these Provinces should have at least two Councillors.

193. The Superior General convokes an ordinary General Chapter **every eight years and a mid-term general assembly.** With the consent of his Council or as per the decision of a previous Ordinary General Chapter, he may convoke an Extraordinary General Chapter for serious reasons that pertain to the life, mission, or renewal of the Congregation. An Extraordinary General Chapter, however, can in no way alter the sequence of the Ordinary General Chapters.

197. The following confreres take part in a General Chapter with the right to vote:

i. Ex-officio Members: The Superior General, the Assistant General, the General Councillors, the Bursar General, the Provincials/Vice-Provincials, and the Regional Superiors.

ii. The delegates from the Provinces/Vice-Provinces: These delegates are to be at least equal in number to the above-mentioned ex-officio members and have to be proportionate to the numerical strength of the perpetually professed members of the various Provinces/Vice-Provinces.

198. **The following confreres take part in the General Chapter without the right to vote:**

i. Participants: **The coordinator of the delegation superiors (and communities) in Germany**



& Austria and delegation superiors in any territories.

ii. Special Invitees: The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, may include others as special invitees for a specified duration.

201. The main responsibilities of the Superior General:

xii. He convokes the General Assembly between the General Chapters to address specific needs, issues, and challenges that demand an adequate and urgent response for the effective fulfilment of the mission of the Congregation. Together with his Councillors he can decide on the composition of such General Assemblies.

202. Election of the Superior General: The Superior General is elected by the General Chapter for a single, non-renewable term of eight years.

227. After consulting all the perpetually professed members of a Province/Vice-Province through a secret ballot, the Superior General with the consent of his Council appoints a Provincial/Vice-Provincial for a single, non-renewable term of 5 years.

229. Provincial/Vice-Provincial Councillors:

i. A Provincial/Vice-Provincial is assisted by a team of four Councillors except in cases specified in the Directory.

ii. The election of councillors takes place in the Chapter/Congress from a panel of names prepared by the General Administration based on a consultation of all the eligible members.

iii. As in the case of our General Councillors,

each of the Provincial/Vice-Provincial Councillors has a specific area of responsibility. These are Councillor for the Missions and Pastoral Ministries, Councillor for Formation, Councillor for Education, and Councillor for Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries.

iv. From among the elected Councillors, the Provincial Chapter/ Congress elects an Admonitor to the Provincial/Vice-Provincial. The Admonitor has only an 'internal' function as specified in the General Directory.

v. The term of the Councillors lasts till the next ordinary Provincial/Vice-Provincial Chapter/ Congress.

233. Once the provincial administration is in place, in consultation with his council, the Provincial nominates one of his councillors, other than the Admonitor as his permanent delegate who will act on his behalf, in case of his absence or prolonged incapacity. If such a situation lasts more than three months, he is to refer the matter to the Superior General.

236.

i. In addition to the ordinary provincial chapter/congress, a mandatory mid-term assembly is convoked by the provincial to review the implementations of the orientations and action plans of the preceding ordinary provincial chapter/congress.

ii. In consultation with the Superior General an extraordinary Provincial/Vice-Provincial Chapter/ Congress may be held, if the Provincial/Vice-Provincial and his Council are convinced of its necessity, to attend to serious matters pertaining to the life and mission of the Province/Vice-Province.



238. *The ex-officio members:* the Provincial/ Vice-Provincial as the President, the outgoing Provincial Administration, Regional and Delegation Superiors, Rectors/Directors of all the houses of formation, Director of Scholastics, and Superiors of Formed Local Communities.

255. The Delegation Superior of a delegation under the province is an ex-officio member of the respective Provincial Chapter.

260. The Local Superior should be a priest who has completed 30 years of age and five years in the perpetual profession. After consulting the members of the Local Community, the Provincial appoints him, with the consent of his Council, for a term of three years. He may be appointed for a second consecutive term of three years only. The Superior General can make an exception to this norm for those Provinces where the numerical strength is very limited, or for any other serious reason that calls

for such an exception according to his judgment.

262. A Formed Local Community, consisting of at least six confreres of whom three are perpetually professed, established for greater efficacy of the life in the community and better coordination of ministries, is constitutionally erected as such through a written decree of the Provincial/Vice-Provincial with the approval of the Superior General.

In the Formed Local Communities, the Local Superior is assisted by a House Council of at least two members appointed by the Provincial/Vice-Provincial. But all the major decisions pertaining to the life and ministry of the community are to be taken after due consultation with all the members of the community. However, the final decision rests with the Local Superior.



3. GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE EXPERT COMMISSION

On behalf of the entire Congregation, I am grateful to **Fr. Thomas KALARIPARAMBIL (Convener)**, **Fr. Thomas CHERUKAT**, **Fr. James PANTHALANICKEL**, **Fr. Velangani DOLA**, **Fr. K. Thomas**. And **Fr. Johnson KALLIDUKIL, General Councilor and Secretary for Mission (contact person)** for the commendable job and contribution to the success of EGC 2022. They have made concerted efforts for 2 years to make the documents available for the Chapter.

4. GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE EXPERT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CONSTITUTIONS, THE SPIRIT AND CHARISM OF THE FOUNDER, AND THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE CONGREGATION

On behalf of the entire Congregation, I appreciate **Fr. Agnelo FERNANDES (Convener)**, **Fr. Jean-Paul FOURNIER**, **Fr. Jacob PARAPPALLY**, and **Fr. Mariadas SESETTY**. **Fr. SURESH BABU, former General Councilor and General Secretary for Formation served as the contact person** for their awesome research on the assigned topics. The 4 research papers will remain historical documents and be used for the education of the entire congregation in the coming months and years.

5. APPRECIATION TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

We are so grateful to the Secretary General of the Chapter, **Fr. Saji GEORGE**, who has been methodically working for many months together with his team **Fr. J. Stephen**, **Fr. Suresh Babu**, **Fr. Manoj TIRKEY**, and the hosting Provincial, **Fr. Jayaseelan SELVARAJ**. We could not have celebrated the Chapter so gracefully without them.

6. APPRECIATION TO THE MINUTE SECRETARIES

A million thanks to **Frs. Tony PREM ANAND, Ramesh GEORGE, and Roxy FERNANDES** for meticulously taking down the minutes of all the sessions so diligently and accurately. Much appreciated.

7. KUDOS TO PUNE PROVINCE AND FRANSLIAN SEMINARY COMMUNITY

Kudos to **Fr. Jayaseelan**, the Provincial of Pune Province, and **Fr. Vincent LOURDUSWAMY**, the Rector of Franslian Seminary for putting the event of EGC 2022 in collobarartion with the Provinciale community and the Seminary community. The personal involvement of the community members and their teamwork were inspirations to others seeking to serve. Your teamwork made our dream work during the Chapter. Million thanks to the Franslian Associates in Pune.





8. MSFS CHARISM

Please note the approved version of MSFS Charism:

Our charism is to continue the mission of Christ and His Church by living the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in a religious community as missionaries, lived and envisioned by our Founder. (Kindly use this version henceforth)

9. Fr. JOHNSON KALLIDUKIL is appointed Assistant Superior General following the Constitutions of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (Art. 212) until the XXI General Chapter - 2025 when the new Assistant General will be elected

10. Fr. SABU FRANCIS is appointed Provincial of Guwahati Province for the second term of three years with effect from January 24, 2023. Congratulations and prayerful wishes!

11. Fr. BENNY VALIYAVEETIL is appointed Provincial of the Province of England for a term of three years with effect from January 24, 2023. Congratulations and prayerful wishes!

12. DIBRUGARH PROVINCE NEW ADMINISTRATION

The new Provincial Curia: **Fathers BAROWA Carlus (Councillor), PATTARKALAYIL James (Admonitor), Varghese MANICKATHAN (Councillor), Philip MONCHUMO (Councillor), and Peter PARANKIMALIL (Bursar)**. Congratulations and prayerful wishes!

13. FORMATION PROGRAM FOR FRANSALIAN ASSOCIATES

All the Provinces and mission units will begin or continue to run the formation program for Fransalian Associates until January 2024. The consecration of the Fransalian Associates is scheduled for January 24, 2024. Kindly contact Fr. Saji GEORGE for any help needed for the formation program.

14. DSM DIGITAL PLATFORM: www.dsmhyderabad.com

I am glad to announce that we have a website – originally designed by Fr. Wilson Abraham, MSFS, named FACTS (Fransalian Anima-tion Center for Technology and Spirituality) – now made available with DSM Hyderabad. The website provides ample resources on the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales, Father Mermier, MSFS, and Spirituality and Religious Life. Kindly make use of the website, www.dsmhyderabad.com, and share the same with those interested in SFS spirituality.

A word of appreciation and gratitude go to **Fr. WILSON ABRAHAM** for his creativity in designing a website and sharing the same with

DSM. Congratulations and Thanks to **FR. JOHNSON GONSALVES** for providing a digital platform for **DSM**.

15. SEPARATION FROM THE CONGREGATION

Fr. Stephen Soares is incardinated to the diocese of Buffalo, New York. We wish him God's blessings and fruitful ministry.

16. PRAYERFUL TRIBUTE TO OUR BELOVED CONFRERES

Fr Ganji Bala Joji Reddy (62), Visakh Province, died on 16/10/2022

Fr Francis Stephen (53), Visakh Province, died on 20/10/2022

Fr Tomy Thekkel (58), Dibrugarh Province, died on 10/11/ 2022

Fr. K.T. Thomas (88), Visakh Province, died on 13/11/2022

Fr. Noel Rebello (79), Pune Province, died on 02/12/2022

Eternal rest grant unto our beloved confreres, O Lord!

Merry Christmas and a graceful New Year 2023! Let us allow ourselves to be evangelized by the humility of the manger and by the poverty and simplicity with which the Son of God entered our world.

Live JESUS!

Fraternally yours in child Jesus,



Father Abraham VETTUVELIL, MSFS
Superior General

