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*My dear Confreres,*

## **BE WHAT YOU ARE AND BE THAT WELL**

To begin something new is always amazing. The beginning of the New Year, be it financial or academic or beginning of the year, triggers a new lease of life and offers us an opportunity to begin anew and again to get to work. As the Summer holidays are over, it's time to re-focus on our mission, our responsibilities and tasks ahead of us. It is good to set goals and march forward with new vigour and enthusiasm. It is also an opportunity to pool once again all our energies and make some good resolutions to staying true to yourself, to work hard and live with a purpose. It doesn't matter how big or small our job is. The only thing that matters is that we give our maximum for the mission we are entrusted with. Remember what our heavenly Patron, St. Francis de Sales says: ***Be what you are and be that well in order to glorify the master craftsman who made you.***

Unfortunately, many of us take many things for granted, especially our vocation to religious life and spiritual obligations attached to it. Our beloved founder Fr. Peter Mary Mermier says: ***Prayer at any price.*** I would like to make one thing very clear that even when we are busy with our mission work, our plans and projects, constructions and beautifications, let us not neglect our spiritual life and the most important aspect of our life – prayer. The best and the most important part of the prayer is thanksgiving. We are so much indebted to God in many respects both congregationally and personally. Therefore, my dear confreres, let us thank God for the many blessings we have received in the last one year, for the numerous achievements, great success in many respects, wonderful results and above all for the fatherly care and protection we enjoyed. Let us try to experience God's presence around us, in our mission, in the people we serve and especially in our personal life.

Secondly, as religious we must remember that the mission is entrusted to the community. Therefore, one mission is carried through different persons under different titles. But all work for the same cause. Success or failure it belongs to the community. Hence, it is highly recommended to work in collaboration with the community. We should put to good use the talents and abilities of each confrere for the good of the mission. We give better witness to the society when we work together as brothers of the same family. The need of the hour definitely is the unity in diversity. I exhort you, my brothers, first to give your best and to extend your wholehearted cooperation to the other confreres in the community.

Thirdly, let us open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this year offers. Be ever enthusiastic to accept these new opportunities and be attentive to the immense possibilities at our disposal to take our mission to the greater heights with our sincere efforts and commitment for the work entrusted to our care. Renew your commitment as you begin this new year of your ministry.

I pray that God bless us as we start this yet another new academic year and help us to love one another. May He help us to learn, to work together, to listen when we should and to be patient with ourselves and with others. May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us and help us to follow Christ in her own footsteps!

***Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. - Anonymous***

## **1. Thanks to our Confreres in USA, Trinidad and Canada**

My visit to our confreres in USA, Trinidad and Canada was quite fruitful. I am profusely grateful to all our Priests in these countries who made all necessary arrangements for the success of my first visitation. It is largely due to their wholehearted cooperation and availability that I could complete my visitation successfully. In this context, I would like to place on record the commitment of the Delegate Superiors of these countries namely Fr. Bonela Antony, Fr. Sesetty Mariadas, Fr. A. Bhaskar Jayasheelan and Pothula Guna Sekhar, who meticulously planned my travel, took appointment of the Bishops, community meetings and made all the required arrangements to avoid any confusion and inconvenience. I am also profusely grateful to Rev. Fr. Tomy Puliyanampattayil MSFS, USA Vice-Provincial, for his valuable time spent to introduce to me different parishes and apostolates in USA Vice-Province. In brief, I had a very pleasant and happy visitation. My special thanks to Rev. Fr. Mandagiri Jojaiah, Admonitor, who was the Provincial Vicar during my visitation to USA, Trinidad and Canada. I am grateful to him for his services as Vicar from 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017. I also thank our confreres of the whole Province for your prayerful support and wishes.

## **2. Congratulatrions to New Provincials**

Rev. Fr. Thomson Michael Arethadathu MSFS is re-apponited as the new Provincial Superior of Brazil Province for the second term.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel MSFS as the new Provincial Superior of East Africa Province.

Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan Selvaraj MSFS as the new Provincial Superior of Pune Province.

### **3. New Provincial Curia of North East India Province :**

Fr. Philip Thomas Kizhakumpurath (Provincial Councillor and Admonitor - Councillor Incharge of Mission),

Fr George Vettukattil (Councillor Incharge of Formation)

Fr George Poovathunkal (Councillor Incharge of Education)

Fr Saji Puthiyakulangara (Councillor Incharge of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries)

Fr Santhosh Chavaranal as the Provincial Bursar.

We wish the newly elected Provincial Curia all the best and God's abundant blessings.

### **4. De Sales and Mermier Animation and Resource Centre (DSM Centre), Malkajgiri, Hyderabad**



On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017, the De Sales and Mermier Resource and Animation Centre at Malkajgir, the brain child of our beloved Superior General, was formally blessed and inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS, Superior General with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. On that occasion, Fr. Joseph Thazhathukunnel and Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu, the newly appointed Director and the Co-director respectively were also installed and given the charge of the centre formally in the presence of Rev. Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy, the Assistant Superior General and Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, Rev. Fr. George Parampukattil, Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello and Rev. Fr. Jayasheelan, the General Councilors. Rev. Fr. Noel Rebello is the General Councilor-in charge of the Resource Centre. Therefore, the Directors will have to work under his direction and guidance. We wish them all the success in all their undertakings.

## 5. Congregation Retreat

Dear Confreres, please note that the First Congregational Retreat will be held from **23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017** and the **Second will be from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. The superiors of the Communities are requested to inform the Provincial secretary the names of those who are attending the first retreat before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

## 6. Important Reminders to the Community Superiors :

1. Local Superior must conduct every month formal community meeting in order to discuss and animate the life of the community and various apostolates of the community.
2. In all community meetings, you are expected to have some time allotted to the evaluation of the religious and community life.
3. In all community meetings, all members who are involved in various ministries have to present a brief report of their activities besides tabling the financial accounts under their care (Parish, School, Boarding, Non-Formal Institutes etc.)
4. In all the communities of the Province, make sure to have 30 minutes (half an hour) adoration before the Blessed Sacrament everyday.
5. After the community meeting, superior should send the minutes to the Provincial's personal e-mail ([frchinnapareddymfs@gmail.com](mailto:frchinnapareddymfs@gmail.com)) and maintain a file for the same.
6. It is good to continue the tradition of writing chronicles.

Dear Fathers and Brothers, I exhort you to implement the above mentioned points without fail.

## 7. New Missions of Visakhapatnam Province

### 1. ANAJIPURAM (Nalgonda Diocese)



It was a day of joy to the people of ANAJIPURAM. A long awaited as many as 115 precious years to make their dream a reality to have a parish of their own. On 2nd May 2017, in the presence of 30 Priests of

Msfs and local religious and clergy as well, Anajipuram was declared a new Parish in the diocese of Nalgonda. His Excellency, Most Rev. Govindu Joji, Bishop of Nalgonda, Rev. Fr. Mandagiri. Jojaiah MSFS, Provincial Admonitor, and Rev. Fr. G. Sandeep Reddy MSFS, Provincial Councilor graced the occasion. The Holy Mass was preceded by a melodious procession. To mark the occasion, trees were planted by the Bishop and the Admonitor. Then followed the declaration of the new Parish of Anajipuram along with Kampadu, K.T. Agraharam and Penpadu as substations. The keys of the House of God were handed over to Rev. Fr. Jojaiah, Provincial Admonitor, who gave them to the new Parish Priest of the new Parish, Fr. Ganji Bala Joji Reddy. I am grateful to Rev. Fr. Boyapati Joji Reddy, Parish Priest of Suryapet and Rev. Fr. Lourdu Kiran, Secretary to the Bishop of Khammam. I am also extremely thankful to our dear Provincial and his team for their zeal and interest in the new missions.

Prepared by **Fr. G. Bala Joji Reddy MSFS**

## 2. PULKURTHY (Warangal Diocese)



The Mission Parish of Pulkurthy was established in 2011. It is located around 27 K.M. away from the Diocesan Head quarters, Warangal. This year (2017), it was bifurcated from Reddipuram Parish and entrusted to MSFS Congregation on May 1<sup>st</sup> by Chancellor Rev. FR. K. Joseph. The main station has 55 families and the substation 19 families. All the Catholics of this mission are poor. A majority of them are landless and do not have any assets to make their living. A majority of the people work as daily labourers. Mostly these families have hand to mouth existence and they are recent converts. People are mostly uneducated, unskilled and simple labourers. The economical plight of the Catholics is very pitiable and they get very little income which is not at all sufficient to run the family and meet other expenses that occur in their day to day life. We pray that God blesses them with peace and prosperity.

Prepared by **Fr. N. Ravi Prashanth MSFS**

## 8. News from Salesianum, Novitiate

### a. Initiation into the Novitiate

On 30th May 12 candidates were initiated to the novitiate in Salesianum by Very Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy the Provincial of Vizag province in the presence of some of our confreres from the city and the delegate of the provincial of S.E. provinces and Frs. P. Stephen and Sheen from S.E. province. Prior to the initiation the candidates had their pre-novitiate at Alangayam, T.N. Ten of the new novices are from the South East Province and two from Vizag Province,

### b. First Profession



On 31st May, feast of the Visitation 12 of our novices made their First Religious Profession during the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Very Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa the provincial of Vizag province, concelebrated by many priests. Fr. Chinnappa

Reddy received the vows of five of the novices belonging to the Vizag province while Re. Fr. A. Santhiyagu the delegate of the provincial of the S.E. province received the vows of seven of the novices from the S.E. Province. The homily was preached by Fr. Santhiyagu. Most of our confreres, religious Sisters, diocesan priests and friends and well wishers from the city participated in the function. Most Rev. K. Mariadas joined us for the lunch. The newly professed members left for Suvidya college, Bangalore on the following day.

Prepared by **Fr. Thomas Perumalil MSFS**, Novice Master

## 9. Perpetual Profession

Greetings of joy, to all the confreres of the Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales from SFS Study House, Janampata. On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 three of our young members namely, Pentareddy Joseph Sunder Reddy, Putti Anil Kumar and Velamarthi Solomon Raju, solemnly professed their final



commitment in the presence of Very Rev. Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, Provincial Superior of Visakhapatnam Province. Fr. Provincial celebrated the Holy Eucharist along with confreres and other priests. It was a family gathering of MSFS, OSFS and DSFS in and around Janampet, who prayed for the young members. The members were joyfully welcomed into the congregation to share everything in common. After the Holy Mass, the perpetually professed members were welcomed by Fr. Rector to cut the cake and the grand lunch was served to all. We congratulate our young members who have made their perpetual profession.

Prepared by **Fr. Jolly Chakkalackkal MSFS**, Rector

## 10. Blessing of the New Block and Launching of the CBSE School at Seethammadhara



10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 is the most memorable and joyous occasion in the history of the MSFS Province of Visakhapatnam as it is spreading its wings in the field of education for a better society. A fabulous new block is built at Seethammadhara adjacent to the existing High School wing to bring fullness by accommodating the primary section of state syllabus. A major and dynamic step is taken by the Province of Visakhapatnam by launching the CBSE stream in the same campus. The new school building and the CBSE School are blessed and inaugurated by His Grace, **Most Rev. Dr. Mallavarapu**



**Prakash**, Archbishop of Visakhapatnam in the presence of Very Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy, Provincial Superior, MSFS Confreres, Fathers, Brothers and Religious Sisters, Parents, Teachers and other well wishers. A big thanks to the MSFS Community at Seethammadhara, Fr. Reddy Joseph, Fr. P. Inna Reddy and Fr. Anand Prakash for their commitment and tireless efforts.

– Prepared by **Fr. Chitikila Vijay MSFS**

## 11. Lenten and Easter and Summer Celebrations at Khammam



On the occasion of the Lenten Season, about 100 people from different substations of this parish took Lenten *Deeksha*. The purpose of this *Deeksha* is to grow closer to Christ. All the forty days were observed very strictly with different types of

devotional practices such as the Way of the Cross, fasting and penance, paada yatra etc. There were conventions in the substations of the Parish for fifteen days. On each of these occasions, about 1000 people participated and dinner was served to them. Thanks to the cooperation and contributions from the people of these substations that the conventions could be organized successfully. The Friday before the Good Friday, people went for paada yatra from the Parish Church to Karunagiri Shrine which is about 8 kilometers from the town. On Good Friday, the Parish youth enacted the Stations of the Cross which was very inspiring and heart-touching. The Triduum of the Holy week was observed with utmost devotion in which about 2000 people participated. During the Easter Octave, the house blessings took place. It was a good experience for the families to invite the priest to their house for the blessings.

There was more in store for children and the youth of the Parish in this Summer of 2017. From May 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> there was a Convention in honour of Our Lady of Fatima to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of her apparition in Fathima. And also during these holidays, 40 children were prepared for the first Holy Communion, 70 children attended the spoken English classes, and 7 students from the parish were sent to Kaladarshini at Vijayawada for training in vocal and instrumental music. Two deacons and four Jesuit scholastics conducted the summer camp. I thank our community Fathers for their support and encouragement. Kudos! to the catholic students for securing good results in SSC and Intermediate examinations of the year 2016-2017. A good number of Christian marriages were blessed during this summer. We thank the good Lord for his graces and blessings on us in this parish.

- Reported by **Fr. Joseph Kondala MSFS**

## **12. Ajithsinghnagar Parish handed over to the Diocese**

Dear Confreres, I am extremely sad to inform you that the Ajithsinghnagar Parish in Vijayawada Diocese had been handed over to the Diocese at the request of the Bishop Rt. Rev. T. Joseph Raja Rao. The reasons cited were: lack of parishes for the Diocese between Vijayawada and Nuzvid, more number of diocesan clergy and also our own mismanagement of the affairs of the parish.

## **13. SILVER JUBILARIANS**

### **Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy MSFS**

|                      |                                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Place of Birth       | : Tubadu, Guntur Dist.                  |
| Date of Birth        | : December 8, 1963                      |
| Parents              | : P. Inna Reddy and Inyasamma           |
| Primary School       | : St. Ann's Elementary School           |
| High School          | : Zilla Parishad High School            |
| Minor Seminary       | : St. John's Minor Seminary, Nidadavole |
| Novitiate            | : Salesianum, Vizag                     |
| First Profession     | : December 15, 1984                     |
| Philosophy           | : Suvidya College, Bangalore            |
| Theology             | : Vinayalaya, Bangalore                 |
| Perpetual Profession | : December 8, 1990                      |
| Priestly Ordination  | : 14 <sup>th</sup> May 1993             |

### **Appointments:**

- Asst. Parish Priest : Tanuku, West Godavary, 1993
- Asst. Parish Priest : Athili, West Godavary, 1994
- Parish Priest : Garla, Khammam Dist. 1994-'95
- Procurator : Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, 1995 - 2001
- Parish Priest : Oravakal, 2001 - 2002
- Parish Priest : St. Joseph's Church, Waltair R.S.
- Director : Ross Hill Shrine, 2004 - 2011
- Parish Priest : SFS Church, Shanthinagar

**Then he assumed the charge as the Provincial Superior of Visakhapatnam Province on 3rd July 2015.**

## **Rev. Fr. Sesetty Mariadas MSFS**

Place of Birth : Gnanapuram  
Date of Birth : February 2, 1963  
Parents : Chinnappa and Velangaini  
Primary School : Gnanapuram  
High School : Gnanapuram  
Minor Seminary : St. John's Minor Seminary, Nidadavole  
Novitiate : Salesianum, Vizag  
First Profession : December 15, 1984  
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore  
Regency : Tanuku  
Theology : Fransalian Seminary. Pune  
Perpetual Profession : December 8, 1990  
Priestly Ordination : 4<sup>th</sup> November 1992

### **Appointments :**

- Asst. Parish Priest : Palasa, 1992 – '93
- Correspondent : Tekkalipatnam, 1993-'97
- Principal : Shantinagar, Secunderabad, 1997-2004
- Principal : Nagulapalem, Parchur, 2004 - 2007
- Sabatical : Ross Hill, 2007 - 2008
- Principal : Korutla, 2008 – 2013
- Patorial Ministry : Kansas, USA, 2013 - till date

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## **Rev. Fr. N. Francis Xavier MSFS**

Place of Birth : Pathareddipalem, Guntur Dist.  
Date of Birth : December 8, 1963  
Parents : Lourdu Maraiah and Nakshatramma  
Primary School : Pathareddipalem  
High School : Chebrole  
Minor Seminary : St. John's Minor Seminary, Nidadavole  
Novitiate : Salesianum, Vizag  
First Profession : December 15, 1984  
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore  
Regency : Madugula  
Theology : Vinayalaya, Bangalore  
Perpetual Profession : December 8, 1990  
Priestly Ordination : 15<sup>th</sup> May 1993

## **Appointments:**

- Ø Asst. Parish Priest : Nunna, 1993 – '95
- Ø Parish Priest : Chennamanayuni Kota, 1995-'98
- Ø Parish Priest : Karamchedu, 1998-'99
- Ø Parish Priest : Kothapalli, 1999 - 2001
- Ø On the Staff : Janampeta, 2001 - 2004
- Ø Superior : Philipnagar, 2004 – 2006
- Ø Procurator : Janampeta, 2006-2008
- Ø Asst. Director : Ross Hill Shrine, 2008 – 2012
- Ø In the Community : Stella Maris, 2012-2016
- Ø Correspondent & Asst, P.P. : Palasa, 2016 - 2017
- Ø Superior & Correspondent : Pithapuram, 2017 - till date

## **14. Blessing of New Churches at Garla & Karamchedu**



**New Church at Ponnekal,**  
a Sub-station of Garla Parish,  
Blessed by Rt. Rev. Maipan Paul,  
Bishop of Khammam  
on 22nd April 2017.

Rev. Fr. M. Jojaiah, Admonitor and  
Councillor in-charge of Mission, was  
present on the occasion



**New Church at Veerannapalem,**  
a Sub-Station of Karamchedu Parish,  
Blessed by Rt. Rev. M.D. Prakasam,  
Bishop of Nellore  
on 30th April 2017.

Rev. Fr. M. Jojaiah, Admonitor and  
Councillor in-charge of Mission,  
was present on the occasion

## 15. New Address

### **Fr. Nagothu Ravi Prashanth MSFS**

St. John De Britto Church  
Pulkurthy (P.O.), Damera (MD)  
Warangal Rural (Dist.)  
Telangana - 506 006

### **Fr. Ganji Bala Joji Reddy MSFS**

St. Joseph's Church  
Anajipuram (PO),  
Suryapet Dist.  
Telangana - 508 213

### **Let us pray for the Sick**

P. Gnanaiah, father of Fr. P. Guna Sekhar, is seriously ill. Let us pray for his speedy recovery.

### **Let us pray for the Departed**

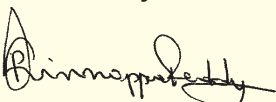
Fr. G. Sandeep Reddy's father, **Mr. G. Rayappa Reddy**, aged 65, passed away on 5th June 2017. May their souls rest in peace!

## **Tentative Programme**

### **June 2017 :**

- 13 – 14 : PIF Meeting, Bangalore
- 16 : Council Meeting
- 25 : Sacred Heart Feast, Nunna

**Yours fraternally in Christ,**

Fr. 

**Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy msfs**  
Provincial Superior

*Do not fear what might happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day.*

**- St. Francis de Sales**



**Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy MSFS**



**Rev. Fr. Sesetty Mariadas MSFS**

**Rev. Fr. N. Francis Xavier MSFS**

**Provincial's Visitation to USA, Trinidad & Canada**

