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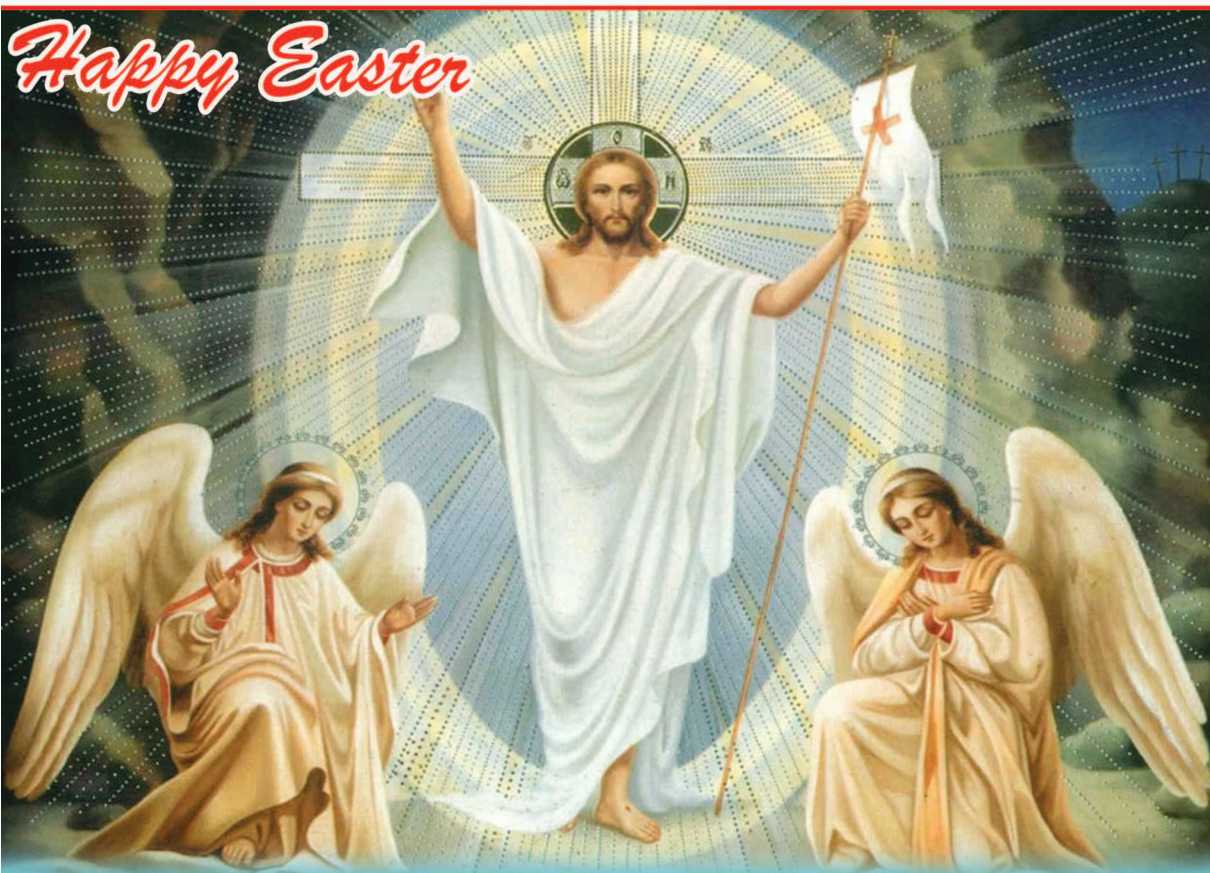
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Happy Easter



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Provincial Speaks...

Christ has truly risen, Alleluia!

My dear confreres in Jesus Christ,

At the very outset, may I wish you a very happy Easter. As we now celebrate the great feast of Easter, the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are beginning the new liturgical season of Easter, the mother of all Christian Feasts. For, we are basically, 'Easter Christians'. St. Paul says: If Christ has not been raised to life, our preaching is in vain. (1Cor 15: 14) Our faith in Christ has its roots in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. All human beings have their birth day and death day but none came back to life with his / her body and soul, except Christ. Indeed, Christ alone conquered death and showed us the way to eternal life. That's why, the Apostle writes thus: O death, where is thy victory; O death, where is thy sting. (1Cor 15: 55)

The feast of Easter primarily gives us the right to hope. According to Pope Francis, it is a new and living hope that God gives us as a gift from heaven. In other words, by rising to life from death, Jesus Christ plants in our hearts the conviction that for God everything is possible. By the very fact Jesus rose to life, the following are accomplished: Satan is defeated, sin is shattered, darkness is dispelled, the gates of heaven are opened, death is transformed into eternal, truth triumphed over deceit, and finally humanity is saved from damnation. In other words, the resurrection of Christ is a clear victory over evil, a passage from darkness to light and a great win over death and darkness. In short, Easter proves that the death is not the end of life but only a door to eternal life. After all, though this earthly life is short, we are created for eternal life. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, darkness and death do not have the last word.

Let us not take this feast as well as the fruits of the Resurrection for granted. As we enter into the mystery of this feast, let us learn to wonder at it, contemplate on it and experience the peace, joy and eternal life.

*Happy
Easter!*



Communications from the Superior General

Re-convoked Extraordinary General Chapter

The re-convoked Extraordinary General Chapter to take place in FRANSALIAN Seminary, Pune, India, from November 08-14, 2022.

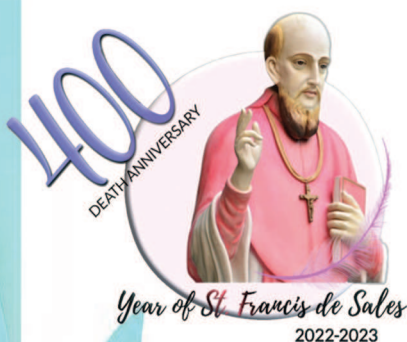
(The arrival of the participants on November 07 and Departure on November 15, 2022)

The elected Delegates of the EGC will be the same as those who took part in the Ordinary General Chapter 2019.

Ex officio members will be the members of the General Curia and the Provincials and the ViceProvincial.

Special invitees are the members of the previous General Administration and the Ex-Provincials who took part in the Ordinary General Chapter 2019.

Year of St. Francis de Sales 2022-2023



To mark the 400th Death anniversary of St. Francis de Sales and 400th Annivesray of Salesian Spirituality, from April 24, 2022 (Divine Mercy Sunday) thorough the Divine Mercy Sunday 2023 will be celebrated as the **year of St. Francis de Sales**.

On April 24th (or any convenient date), each Province/mission unit will officially open the Year of SFS with a meaningful celebration. It is desirable that all the communities in the Province choose one date. We have a committee working on different programs for the Year of St. Francis de Sales. However, each

Province can plan to celebrate the Year with different programs with the objective of: "Studying St. Francis de Sales, imitating his virtues, and using his pastoral methods with compassion and gentleness". You are free to conduct educational and renewal programs on Salesian Spirituality.

The year of the Missions will be concluded on 23rd April 2022.

The Synodal Process

We are in the synodal process. The Holy Father has requested religious communities to walk the path of synodality. Kindly arrange discussions, study, and education on synodal processes in our leadership and community life.

News from the Province

Triple Celebrations at Pamidi



Inauguration and blessing of the Presbytery: Mermier Nilayam

Very Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS, the Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province inaugurated the presbytery and blessed by Rev. Mgr. Anthonappa Chowrappa, the Administrator of Kurnool Diocese on the 25th day of March 2022 followed by lighting the lamp to remind us of the presence of God and praying to Him “lead us O God from darkness to light”. At 10:45 am, began the celebration of the Holy Eucharist officiated by Rev. Mgr. Anthonappa Chowrappa and concelebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu, MSFS and 20 Priests. Homily was preached by Very Rev. Fr. Provincial. The Eucharistic Celebration was followed by agape.

Blessing and Foundation Stone for Mother of Compassion Church

Mother of Compassion, Pray for us was the chant on the lips of every Catholic faithful in Pamidi – Kalluru Mission as Very Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS, the Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province blessed the site for the Church building and laid the foundation stone for the Mother of Compassion Church at the S.F.S. School campus on the 25th day of March 2022, in the presence of Rev. Mgr. Anthonappa Chowrappa, Administrator of Kurnool Diocese, many Priests, many Religious Sisters, faithful and members of the School Staff.



Upper Kindergarten graduation day

The conferring of an academic degree marking the completion of studies at a stage in a series of stages is called graduation. Our tiny tots from the Upper Kindergarten have successfully completed their studies and are ready to join the Elementary School. They have been awarded certificates by the chief guest Very. Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS, the Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province.



Fr. N. Kishore Babu, MSFS

Blessing and Inauguration of Media Room at S.F.S. Study House, Janampeta

The long awaited dream of Studio at S.F.S Study House, Janampeta has come true with the Blessing and Inauguration by Very Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS, Provincial Superior on 23rd March, 2022. It is a historical and path breaking moment for all of us to witness a new journey and a new digital mission. S.F.S study house community started two years ago the YouTube Channel named “Fransalian Ripples” under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Jolly Chakkalackal, the then Rector, with the aim “to Preach the Word and Reach to the World in the Digital World”. Today the community is blessed and privileged to have the first studio in the Province with the latest equipment and accessories.

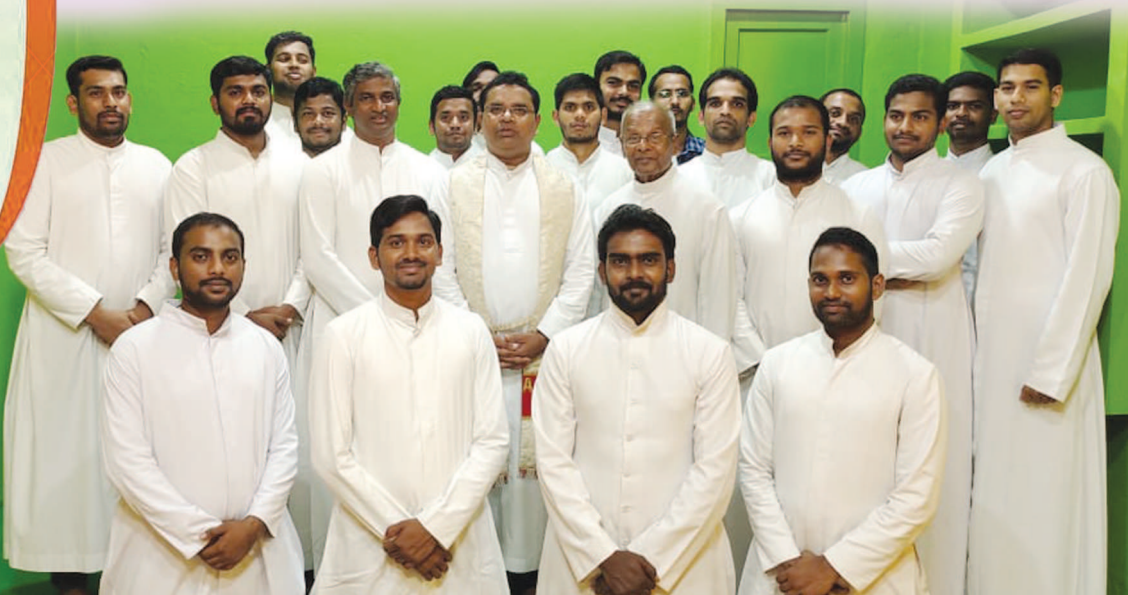


The dream of the community is fructified and realized by generosity of our beloved Provincial Rev. Fr. B. Suresh Babu, MSFS and his team. We sincerely thank them for their love and support. We also place on record the initial support and encouragement from Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy, the former Provincial and his administration. We express our deep sentiments of gratitude to Rev. Fr. Dola Velangani Rao, the Rector and Rev. Fr. K.V. Joseph, the Procurator for materializing the vision and executing the work. We thank them for their dedication

and meticulous preparation and execution. The digital journey of SFS Study House is enriching and awesome because of the cooperation and hard work of our brothers. We thank them for their hard work and generous contribution of their talents. We thank all our conferrers and well wishers for their encouragement. We wish and pray that this Studio will make us tread new horizons and reach to the world with God’s word.

Live Jesus!

Dn. Kurakula Stephen, MSFS



Diaconate Ordinations at S.F.S. Study House, Janampeta, Eluru

We offer our immense thanks to Lord for His generous provision to the ministry of the Deacons. It is indeed a great day for S.F.S Study House, Janampeta, as five of our Brothers namely Stephen, Jeevan, Naveen, Sudheer and Anthony received the Sacred Order of Diaconate on 7th April 2022, from the hands of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru, in the gracious presence of Very. Rev. Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu, Provincial Superior of Visakhapatnam Province. The theme chosen for the Diaconate Ordination was “Journeying Together to Serve”, expressing that they are ever ‘ready for the service’ (*paratus ad servitium*) of the Word of God. The Eucharistic

celebration began at 10:30 am and the event was graced by more than 50 Priests, a good number of religious, relatives, well-wishers and friends. The day was made more joyful by the gracious presence of all the Provincial Councillors namely Rev. Frs. Mallela Joji, Manoj Pathupallil, Jaddu Joseph Reddy, and Kurella Vijay Shekhar.



At the very outset of the Eucharistic Celebration Rev. Fr. Dola Velangani Rao, Rector of the house, welcomed everybody for this great event. The Holy Eucharist began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries.

Rt. Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera in his homily, aptly stressed on the duties of a deacon. The Eucharistic celebration was followed by felicitations to the dignitaries and all the newly ordained Deacons. Cake-cutting, wishing and fellowship meal gave a happy conclusion to the celebrations.

The newly ordained Deacons thanked everybody for all the prayers and support given to them.

Live Jesus!

Dn. Mallela Naveen Reddy, MSFS

Priestly Ordinations



Profile of Dn. Katru Pradeep Kumar

Name	: Katru Pradeep Kumar
Parents	: Mr. Yacob and Mrs. Lourdu Mary
Date of Birth	: 14.06.1994
Place of Birth	: Mulagalampadu
Primary School	: Z.P.H. School, Gokavaram
Secondary School	: Z.P.H. School, Gokavaram
Home address	: Rangapuram, Lingapalem, West Godavari, AP
Minor Seminary	: Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 31.05.2014, Salesianum Visakhapatnam
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency	: St. Aloysius ITI, Auto Nagar, Visakhapatnam
Theology	: Janampet, Eluru
Lector	: 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte	: 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession	: 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate	: 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination	: 18 th April 2022



Profile of Dn. Kokkirigadda Kumar Rao



Name : Kokkirigadda Kumar Rao
Parents : Mr. Suvarna Raju and Mrs. Nirmala Kumari
Date of Birth : 09.12.1992
Place of Birth : Tedlam
Primary School : R.C.M. School, Tedlam
Secondary School : Z.P.H. School, Jangareddy Gudem
Home address : Tedlam, T. Narsapuram W. Godavari, AP

Minor Seminary : Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate : Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession : 31.05.2012, Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkencherry
MPH : Fransalian Seminary, Pune
Theology : Janampet, Eluru
Lector : 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte : 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession : 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate : 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination : 19th April 2022

Profile of Dn. Bathina Solomon Raju

Name : Bathina Solomon Raju
Parents : Mr. Rajaratnam and Mrs. Bhagyavathi
Date of Birth : 14.04.1990
Place of Birth : M. Singupuram
Primary School : R. C. M. St. John's High School, Srikakulam
Secondary School : R. C. M. St. John's High School, Srikakulam
Home address : M Singupuram, Navagam, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh
Minor Seminary : MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkencherry and Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate : Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession : 31.05.2013, Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy : Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency : MSFS Community, Anantapur
Theology : Janampet, Eluru
Lector : 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte : 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession : 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate : 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination : 21st April 2022



Profile of Dn. Gorremuchu Kiran

Name	: Gorremuchu Kiran
Parents	: Mr. Cyril and Mrs. Rahelu
Date of Birth	: 10.01.1995
Place of Birth	: Nawabupet
Primary School	: Don Bosco High School, Nandigama
Secondary School	: Don Bosco High School, Nandigama
Home Address	: Nawabupet, Penuganchiprolu, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh
Minor Seminary	: MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkencherry and Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 31.05.2014, Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency	: Holy Rosary Parish, Purul, Manipur
Theology	: Janampet, Eluru
Lector	: 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte	: 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession	: 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate	: 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination	: 22 nd April 2022



Profile of Dn. Pagelli Thambi Joseph

Name	: Pagelli Thambi Joseph
Parents	: Mr. Seetha Ramulu, Mrs. Vijayamma
Date of Birth	: 08.10.1992
Place of Birth	: Cheruvukommupalem
Primary School	: Z.P.H. School, Peddavaram
Secondary School	: Z.P.H. School, Peddavaram
Home address	: H.No. 5-36, Cheruvukommupalem, Pedavaram, Nandigama, AP
Minor Seminary	: MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkencherry and Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 31.05.2014, Salesianum
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency	: Ross Hill, Visakhapatnam
Theology	: Janampet, Eluru
Lector	: 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte	: 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession	: 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate	: 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination	: 22 nd April 2022



Profile of Dn. Pilli Balashowry

Name	: Pilli Balashowry
Parents	: Mr. Rayappa and Mrs. Theresamma
Date of Birth	: 18.14.1994
Place of Birth	: Nawabupet
Primary School	: Don Bosco High School
Secondary School	: Don Bosco High School
Home address	: Nawabupet, Penuganchiprolu, Krishna Dt. Andhra Pradesh
Minor Seminary	: MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkencherry & Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 31.05.2014, Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency	: St. Aloysius School, Visakhapatnam
Theology	: Janampet, Eluru
Lector	: 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte	: 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession	: 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate	: 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination	: 22 nd April 2022



Profile of Dn. Marisetti Manoj Kumar

Name	: Marisetti Manoj Kumar
Parents	: Mr. Francis and Mrs. Neelamma
Date of Birth	: 15.07.1993
Place of Birth	: Markondaputti
Primary School	: Z. P. H. School, Thotapalli
Secondary School	: Z. P. H. School, Thotapalli
Home address	: Markondaputti, Garugubilli, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh
Minor Seminary	: MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkencherry and Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 31.05.2014, Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency	: Stella Maris, Visakhapatnam
Theology	: Janampet, Eluru
Lector	: 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte	: 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession	: 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate	: 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination	: 26 th April 2022



Profile of Dn. Komma Reddy Manohar Reddy

Name	: Komma Reddy Manohar Reddy
Parents	: Mr. Sleeve Raja Reddy and Mrs. Maria Rani
Date of Birth	: 22.03.1994
Place of Birth	: Rentachintala
Primary School	: Fathima Vidhyaniketan, E.M. School, Rentachintala
Secondary School	: Fathima Vidhyaniketan E.M. School, Rentachintala
Home address	: H. No. 10-31, Rentachintala, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
Minor Seminary	: MSFS Minor Seminary, Vadakkencherry
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 31.05.2014, Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency	: MSFS Community, Palasa
Theology	: Janampet, Eluru
Lector	: 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte	: 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession	: 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate	: 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination	: 6 th May 2022



Profile of Dn. Saketi Sathish Kumar

Name	: Saketi Sathish Kumar
Parents	: Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Mariamma
Date of Birth	: 04.01.1991
Place of Birth	: Vangara
Primary School	: Z.P.H. School, Kambaravalasa
Secondary School	: Z.P.H. School, Kambaravalasa
Home address	: Vangara, Srikakulam, AP
Minor Seminary	: Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 31.05.2012, Salesianum,
Philosophy	: Suvidya College, Bangalore
Regency	: Fransalian Vidya Jyothi, Nidadavole
MPH	: Fransalian Seminary, Pune
Theology	: Janampet, Eluru
Lector	: 22.06.2019, Janampet, Eluru
Acolyte	: 03.07.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Final Profession	: 06.06.2020, Janampet, Eluru
Diaconate	: 19.04.2021, Janampet, Eluru by Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera
Ordination	: 17 th May 2022





Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of Rev. Fr. George Kottam

Name	: Kottam George
Parents	: Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Mariamma
Date of Birth	: 02.07.1942
Place of Birth	: Ayarkunnam, Kottayam
Primary School	: Ayarkunnam
Secondary School	: St. Aloysius High School, Vizag
Home Address	: Kottathil House, Kanehiyae, Idukki, Kerala
Minor Seminary	: Mount Mary, Arumanoor, (1661-1662)
Novitiate	: Salesianum, Visakhapatnam
First Profession	: 05.05.1964
Philosophy	: St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur (1964-1968)
Regency	: St. Aloysius School, Vizag (1968-96)
Theology	: St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
Final Profession	: 06.05.1967
Lector/Acolyte	: Bangalore
Diaconate Date	: 03.12.1972, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore by Bishop Arockia Samy
Ordination Date	: 07.04.1973, SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor, by Bishop Coruchus Elanjickal
Education	: B.A. B.Ed

Place of Ministry	Designation	Year
Kondadaba	Asst. Parish Priest	1973-1974
St. Aloysius School	Warden	1974-1976
SFS Seethammadhara	Principal	1976-1978
St. Aloysius School	Principal	1978-1983
LRG, Anantapur	Principal	1983-1988
SFS Secunderabad	Principal	1988-1990
SFS Seethammadhara	Principal	1990-1994
St. Aloysius School	Principal	1994-1998
St. Lucia (West Indies)	Parish Priest	1998-2000
Chinna Waltair	Parish Priest	2000-2005
St. Joseph's Waltair R. S.	Parish Priest	2005-2011
Ross Hill Shrine	Director	2011-2016
Stella Maris	Rest	2016-2022
Mermier Bhavan	Rest	2022-

Please Note: Transfers , Appointments and Promotions will be published in the next circular

My Programme

April

- 24th - Feast Day Celebration at Kailasapuram Parish, Vizag
- 26th - Ordination of Dn. M. Manoj Kumar, Parvathipuram
- 28th - Inauguration of Stella Maris, Visakhapatnam

May

- 1st - Feast Day Celebration at Tripuranthakam
- 6th - Ordination of Dn. K. Manohar Reddy, Rentachinthala
- 8th - Novena Mass at Rakhsanagiri, Visakhapatnam
- 17th - Ordination of Dn. S. Sateesh, Vangara

Let us pray for the Sick

Fr. Simon Paicatt, who is unwell is undergoing treatment.

Fr. A. Francis Stephen is undergoing treatment.

Fr. Antheenatt Antony has undergone varicose laser therapy.

Let us pray for the Departed

Mr. Motakatla Israel, aged 75, Father of Fr. Motakatla Praveen, passed away on 12.03.2022.

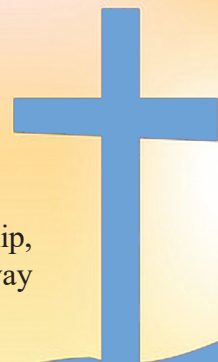
Mr. Mathukutty PM, aged 60, younger brother of Fr. Simon Paicatt, passed away on 05.04.2022.

Mrs. Meenuga Bhagyamma, aged 80, Mother of Fr. Meenuga Prabhudas, passed away on 12.04.2022.



Rev. Fr. Alapatt Mathew,
MSFS aged 88, passed
away on 17.03.2022

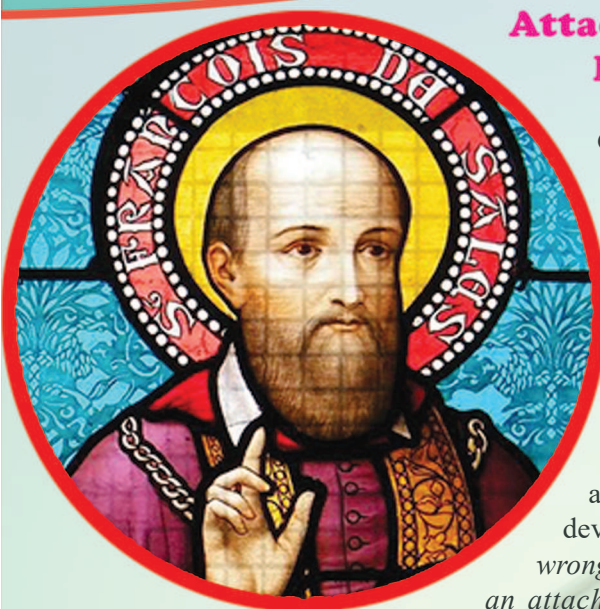
Rev. Fr. Souriamkuzhy Philip,
MSFS, aged 86, passed away
on 31.03.2022.



Salesian Insights

-Baviri Suresh Babu, MSFS

Attachments to Foolish Things Does harm to Devotion



Games, dances, feasts, pompous celebrations, plays are in no way evil in themselves. Rather, they are indifferent since they can be used for good or evil. Nevertheless, such things are dangerous, and to be fond of them makes them a greater danger.

Hence, I point out, that even though you are free to play games, dance, adorn yourself, attend decent plays, enjoy dinners, yet to have a strong liking for such things is an obstacle to devotion and full of harm and danger. *It is not wrong to do such things, but it is wrong to have an attachment to them. It is a pity to sow in our hearts such useless and foolish attachments. They take the place of good desires and prevent the energy of our spirit from being directed to good inclinations.*

...So, I do not say that we cannot make use of these dangerous things. But I insist that we can never have an attachment to them without doing harm to devotion.

When stags have put on too much flesh, they move away and hide in the bushes. They are aware that they are burdened with fat and would not be able to run fast if they happen to be attacked. So, when our heart is burdened with these useless, irrelevant and dangerous attachments, we surely cannot run towards God promptly, joyfully and easily, which is the true sign of devotion.

Little children are fond of chasing butterflies with great eagerness. No one finds it wrong, since they are only children. But is it not laughable, or rather pitiful, to see grown-up persons who are so eager and have such fondness for worthless trifles, as are the things I have mentioned? These things, besides being useless, put us in danger of becoming undisciplined and unbalanced as we run after them.

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Yours fraternally in Christ

Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS

Provincial Superior