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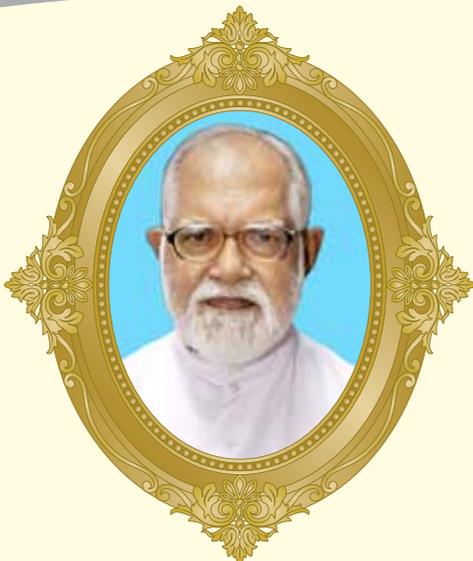


**25 Years  
MSFS**

Silver  
Jubilee

# Our Heavenly Intercessors of the Jubilee Year

*“You will always remain alive in our memories”*



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(One of the pioneers in the African Mission in the year 1987)

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Priestly Ordination: 16/03/1952

Died: 12/01/2013



**Rev. Fr. James Nedungatt MSFS**

Born: 10/07/1956

Priestly Ordination: 29/12/1984

Died: 17/12/2012



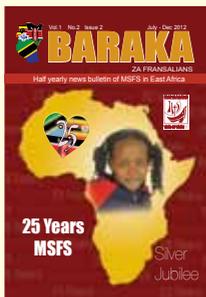
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Priestly Ordination: 14/05/2009

Died: 07/01/2013

**“I have completed well, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me.”**



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We have done all things in  
Him who gives us strength  
(cf. Phil.4:13)

## Opening of the Jubilee Year



## From the Editor

**S**ingle mind can never taste the different opinions, notions and ideas at a time but beauty comes in the mixing up of ideas and sharing of views from many minds.

Yes I am very grateful to many hands and minds who worked behind to contribute their best for this edition "BARAKA". The best of ability and the outpouring of capabilities were experienced. It is the contribution of many added pure joy and smooth accomplishment of this task. Thank you for taking time to articulate and to attribute what you reflected and inspired thoughts, thus making the edition meaningful, special, and valuable. May God continue to inspire and enlighten your minds, that your faith and your life reflect God experience.

*Fr. Francis Devadoss MSFS*

## Message from Fr. Provincial



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e have done all things in him who gives us strength (cf. Phil. 4:13). With this motto Fransalians in East Africa have entered into multiple jubilee celebrations in the year 2012-2013. On September 30, 2012 it was 150 years since our Holy Founder the Servant of God Fr. Peter Mary Mermier was called eternal Glory. On December 31, 2012 the MSFS Congregation completed 25 years of its graceful presence in the continent of Africa. On October 24, 2013 MSFS Congregation has 175 years of history of its existence. Finally all these are celebrated at the time when the Mother Church is celebrating Year of Faith from September 2012 to November 2013.

With deep sentiments of gratitude to God and to You, we celebrate the blessings of these jubilees. Every blessing we have received from the Almighty is a blessing through you and for you. Why I say so, is that there is no blessing that comes to us without the instrumentality of the other and there is no blessing that is meant to be kept for oneself. Hence in everything that we Fransalians celebrate you are there as very part of our life of blessings.

In this jubilee year we are all shaken and challenged by the untimely and unexpected demise of two of our active young confreres – Fr. James Nedungatt MSFS and Fr. Lourance Thadathil MSFS. In deep faith we believe that their heavenly presence is blessing for all of us for we have now two powerful intercessors in with us who knows our struggles and pains of being a missionary in this part of the world.

As you hold this second issue of BARAKA in your hands, kindly say of prayer Lord I thank you for the Fransalians; Lord bless the ministry of Fransalians. In doing so, you have invoked the blessing up on your very self for YOU are part of our FRANSALIAN BEING!

**Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS**

*(Provincial - East Africa Province)*

# Year of Faith in the Universal Church & Year of Jubilee for the Fransalian Family

*Fr. Sebastian Palakudy MSFS*

## Introduction

The universal Church has launched the Year of Faith. The MSFS Family has entered into the 175<sup>th</sup> year of its existence and has just completed 25<sup>th</sup> year of its presence in the African continent. It is a matter of legitimate pride for the entire Church as well as for the Fransalian family. It is also a time for us to evaluate the way we live our faith and strengthen it and see how we can help one another to live better the faith. The basis and the most fundamental aspect of our faith is, to realize and live the reality of humans as created in the image of God who is love.



## Each person as a Gift of God

It is the vocation to love that makes the human person an authentic image of God. Man and woman resemble God to the extent that they become loving people. Glory of God is man fully alive. Each human being lives 'the fullness of life' unfolding all his God given talents, expressing them in loving others and working for the betterment of the universe. It is then that one's faith becomes meaningful and reveals the uniqueness of God's creation. One who believes in oneself and loves oneself in the way one is - with all strength and weakness - only can believe in God and others. So one who believes and loves oneself can move on to believe the one who created him/her and gave him all he has. We live our faith in the first degree by living the best of ourselves.

## Family in the image of the Holy Trinity

According to our Christian faith, we can rightly say that human love can reflect the divine love within the Blessed Trinity. There is an outpouring of perfect love among the three divine Persons of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – for each other. The human family which is a community of parents, children and of relatives becomes an imitation of the Trinity because, without love the family cannot live, grow and perfect itself as a community



of persons. The term 'person' implies among other things an individual as a being in relation, a being from and for another which identifies him as one who is, to his very core, a gift from another and a gift for another. This indicates that the human person is invited to seek the meaning of oneself and that of another in mutual relationship. In the family they are called to live the example of Holy Trinity in loving communication to each other.

## **Family in the image of the Holy Family**

The Holy Family is unique and unrepeatable, and a "model of life" for every family because Jesus, true man, chose to be born into a human family and thereby blessed and consecrated it. It is the original domestic church according to Pope John Paul II. Mary and Joseph expressed their 'yes' to God in faith, giving themselves over totally to God in service of his will. Their mutual consent was blessed by God beyond every expectation. Pope John Paul II "invites us to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth, a wonderful model of human and supernatural virtues for all Christian families. At the school of Nazareth every family learns to be a workshop of love, unity and openness to life.

Joseph as father fully shares in authentic human fatherhood and the mission of God the Father. The heavenly Father gave the child Jesus to the Holy Family of Nazareth as one of the stages of his gift to the Church and to all of humanity. He continues to give this child to Christian families. Jesus therefore lives in them and asks them to grow with the help of the father and mother of the family, until he reaches the stature of being the perfect man. What Joseph and Mary lived is prolonged in the family. The daily relationship between parents and their children contain a 'great mystery', the mystery of a spiritual fatherhood and motherhood in relation to the children they receive from the Father. In each of them the heavenly Father sees his own Son and asks them to give a human face to his love for the Son living in them. At the same time, the children recognize in the human love of their father and mother, the divine love of the eternal Father. Thus, they are awakened to the mystery of the Son who grows in them, and they learn to recognize the sacramental heart of their father and mother. Thus living faithfully fatherhood, motherhood and childhood fulfilling the will and plan of God and relating to one another and neighbours. This will bring about the reign of God amidst us today in the year of faith.

## **Family as the Domestic Church**

Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Laity describes the family as 'a domestic sanctuary of the Church.' Prayer is personal friendship with Christ

and contemplation in Him of the face of the Father. It is told that the family that prays together stays together. The Christian family hands on the faith mainly when parents teach their children to pray and when they pray with them. The faith is also conveyed when the parents prepare the children for the reception of the sacraments, and thus gradually bring them to the life of the Church. And when all the members of the family gather together for prayer, and join in reading and meditating the Word of God, they are introducing the children to the mystery of God.

In order to awaken, nourish and develop faith in the children, the parents accompany them in their faith journey, helping them to interpret the daily events and realities of their life both at the human level and in the light of the Gospel. Thus they enable them to integrate whatever comes into their life in the light of faith and show their children the meaning of life that the faith and love of Jesus can bring forth. Gradually, they become able to realize the salvific act played out in the 'domestic church.' The family is a place where two or more gather each day in His name. It is there that He is daily fed, clothed, sheltered, and comforted in His little ones. It is in the family that crosses are embraced everyday and lives are laid down in loving service. This is a place where forgiveness is granted seventy times seven, over and over again. Thus, the domestic church moves on its way to the perfection of love, towards holiness of life.

### **Faith formation in East Africa: Fransalian contribution**

Even though the Good News was preached in Africa comparatively later than in many other parts of the world the vibrant and active liturgical celebration in our church gives a foretaste of the celestial joy which we hope to enjoy and the angels and saints enjoy now. It expresses the uniqueness of our church. It is a matter to be acknowledged that during last 25 years the Fransalian family in East Africa has contributed in various ways for the proclamation, nurturing and sustenance of the faith in this part of the world. We have done it in close collaboration with the local church and society

Generosity of the faithful in supporting the church with the available means and the willingness to spent their time and energy for the growth of the church is admirable. Less privileged and needy blood relatives are assimilated into their family by close relatives and are taken care without any discrimination. This expresses the real Christian brotherhood. This is a great witness to the world. It is admirable to see in remote areas the faithful, although they get only very few opportunities of spiritual nourishment still remain strong in their faith. Very often Holy Eucharist is celebrated in fami-



lies on important occasions in the life of the people and in small Christian communities as thanks giving.

## Concluding remarks: Challenges to life of faith

The seed of faith planted in our hearts grows day by day. We encounter many challenges as we live and exercise it. At times even the really active faithful in the church, in their difficulties seek refuge in witchcraft and traditional practices instead of turning to Almighty God in whom they profess their faith. In this year of faith let us deepen our faith in God the creator in whom and for whom we exist.

Generous and active persons who contribute to the wellbeing of the church remain indifferent to the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation and of Holy Communion due to many reasons like cohabitation. In some areas coming under our missions members of the same family practise different faith and they have very few chances to receive sacraments. They have to face many challenges in exercising their faith. In this year of faith let us as members of the family of God support one another by strengthening family prayer, by actively participating in small Christian communities, by reading and meditating the word of God regularly, by deepening catechetical instructions and through more frequent reception of sacraments. Let us live the Trinitarian love, respecting each one, modelling our families after the Holy Family by deepening the roots of domestic church driving away all evil forces and declaring faith in one true God.



## *Gratitude & Goodbye*

Three Sisters of 'Ancillae Secular Institute' had been serving the MSFS Mission in Bukene for the past 6 years. Sr. Teresa was doing the VCT for the HIV/AIDS suspected/affected ones and running the Home Craft Centre. Sr. Pauline and Sr. Lillikutty were rendering services at SFS School and SFS Hostel respectively. After the completion of the period of contract with the MSFS, they have returned to India on December 20, 2012.

We the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales take this opportunity to thank the Sisters for their whole hearted service which they have rendered in and for the Mission of Bukene. May God bless them for their good will and continue to guide and support them.

# OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JUBILEE IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

*"We have done all things in Him who gives us strength" (Phil. 4-13)*

**I**t took hundred and fifty years for the Congregation to realize Fr. Mermier's aspiration to send missionaries to Africa. He wanted to send them to Liberia but in fact they landed in the Archdiocese of Tabora in Tanzania and then spread to different countries of Africa. This year we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the arrival of the first batch of MSFS in East Africa

On behalf of all our MSFS confreres, who are working in Africa, I would like to share the news about the joyous event which took place on 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012 at our **First MSFS Mission in Lububu**.

Every year we celebrate the feast and receive blessings at the 'Milima wa Wokovu' the holy pilgrimage center. This year marked the

unique pilgrims' walk by all our MSFS confreres who participated in the event from the parish church to the top of the mount carrying the JUBILEE CROSS.

After reaching the top they together with the faithful celebrated the Holy Mass. Rev. Fr. Faustin Rwechungura, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Tabora was the chief celebrant.

After the Holy Communion Rev. Fr. Mathew Chavely, who initiated this practice of holy pilgrimage in 1991, explained the story of 25 years of our presence in East Africa. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kochuparampil MSFS one of the pioneers to East African Mission officially declared the Jubilee year "OPENED". The Provincial Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil announced the **MOTTO** of Jubilee year "**WE HAVE DONE ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO STRENGTHENS US**" (Phil 4:13).

His Grace Paul Ruzoka, the Archbishop of Tabora expressed his gratitude to the MSFS for their presence and ministry in his diocese. He delegated Rev. Fr. Johnson Kallidukil msfs, the provincial superior to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parishes of Lububu and Bukene, as we Fransalians began the celebrations of the Jubilee year.

*Fr. R. Sebastian Williams MSFS*



*Interview with*  
*Fr. Thomas Kochuparampil M.S.F.S.,*  
*one of the pioneers of the M.S.F.S in East Africa*

**F**r. Thomas Kochuparampil, the fifth born among the children of Mr. K.M. Thomas and Mrs. Rosamma Thomas, was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1956 at Anickad, Kerala, India. After his school studies at St. Thomas High School Anickad he began his formation to be a priest at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor, Kerala in 1972. He completed his canonical novitiate at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam and made the first profession on 10.06.1976. Thereupon, He joined Christ King College, Shillong and had his philosophical studies during 1976-1979 and obtained a Degree in Philosophy (B.Ph.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from St. Antony's College, Shillong. Later, he was sent for his theological studies to Jnana Dheepa Vidya Peeth, Pune. He was ordained a priest on 26.04.1983. After his ordination he served as an assistant priest of Palasa Parish (1983-85) and later of Penugonda parish (1985-87) in the Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam in India. In 1988 he arrived in Tanzania, Africa and served as the assistant

priest of  
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P a r i s h ,  
T a b o r a ,  
T a n z a n i a  
from 1988-  
91. Later, he  
completed  
his P.HD



in Dogmatic Theology from Julius Maximilian University, Wuerzburg, Germany. He returned to Tanzania after being elected as the first Provincial superior of the East Africa Province. He was in office as Provincial Superior from 1996-2005. At the completion of his term as Provincial Superior he was appointed as the Administrator of Lumen Christi Institute (LCI), Arusha, Tanzania in the year 2006. He serves the LCI community as Administrator and Superior even today. Many affectionately call him as "Fr. Kochu".

*Q. Now you are completing almost 25 years of your presence and missionary activities in Africa. If you are asked to choose a single*

*word or even a phrase that would summarise the whole of 25 years of your life here, what would that be?*

A. 'Everything by the Power and Grace of God'.

*Q. Can you share some details about your option to work in Africa?*

A. Just after my first profession in 1976 I was sent to Shillong for my Philosophy studies. There I got the first taste of being in the missions of the MSFS in Northeast India where our confreres were involved in pioneering missionary activities. Just after my ordination in 1983 I was sent with Frs. Devasia Kuzhupil and Mathew Nadackal to open a new mission at Palasa, where I got the first taste of being the part of a pioneering team. My heart was full of joy when I got the opportunity to opt to be a Missionary in Tanzania. It was a spontaneous decision and choice which I have never regretted after having taken it in 1987. Once again I was part of a pioneering missionary venture which brought me to Africa. I thank God for this wonderful opportunity to be a missionary in Africa and I am still enjoying it.

*Q. What were some of the challenges of the early missionary years for the MSFS in Tanzania?*

A. We were completely new to the situation and the people of Tanzania. The most important challenge then was to learn a new language, get to know the customs and culture of the people and get introduced to the pastoral situation. The constant attack of Malaria was another challenge. It was always a challenge to get used to the then available minimum facilities. Communication facilities were minimum. It took months to get a letter from India. To make a telephone call one had to travel to the neighbouring town 25 kms away. Then there was the



scarcity of basic household articles etc. However, we trusted in the providence of God and He always provided whatever was needed without fail. I remember how when I first came to Africa



how my sister, a nun who was already working in Ethiopia, was waiting for me in Dar es Salaam for one full week, all the while thinking that I had the news of her arrival from Ethiopia and of her waiting in Dar es Salaam but, which I did not have. When, I reached Dar es Salaam I was surprised by her presence. In spite of all the challenges we were never short of courage to venture into expanding our missionary presence in different dioceses and thus putting a solid foundation to the MSFS presence in Africa.

*Q. Do you think we as MSFS have achieved the best during these years?*

**A.** Yes we have done the best in the given situation. The vision and missionary courage of the first missionaries were praiseworthy. It enabled us to implant the Congregation in Africa. Non-availability of sufficient personnel slowed the process of stabilizing and expansion of the mission to the neighbouring countries and also of launching into innovative ministries and thus prevented the MSFS from being more effective in their ministries. Moreover it also

prevented the confreres from being sent for higher studies and specialization.

*Q. Do you have any fear or apprehension about the future of this mission?*

**A.** Personally I have no fear or apprehension about the future of the mission. I always believe in the plan and providence of God for our MSFS Mission in Africa. However we need continuously seek the will of God. We need to put behind our personal agenda and self-glory to be successful in our missionary vocation.

*Q. You are one of the pioneers and a much experienced confrere here: What message do you have for the young confreres?*

**A.** No special message for the young confreres. I do not differentiate between the young and the old. Together let us build up the Kingdom of God. For this we need to be faithful to the mission and charism of the Congregation, we need to be committed missionaries, we need to have a clear vision of the mission and build up fraternal communities.

*Q. For nine years you have served this mission as its Provincial Superior.*

*Was there any critical moment of your ministry here when you felt totally challenged or discouraged?*

A. As a whole my experience of working together with the confreres was very satisfying. It was a joy for me to lead the province. Cooperation and collaboration of the confreres was tremendous. There were moments of anxiety when I had to challenge some confreres to deeper commitment. However I took my anxieties and worries to the Lord in prayer and had always believed that the Spirit of God will guide me with His wisdom and knowledge.

*Q. What in your opinion is the greatest strength of this province?*

A. Unity and fraternal love.

*Q. Now you are here at Lumen Christi Institute (LCI) in Arusha. Are you satisfied with the growth of this project? What are the positive elements that you see here? What challenges do you face here?*

A. I can say that it is a miracle that we are able to accomplish so much in such a limited time. However, LCI as a university is still a

distant dream. Patience, clear vision and planning is required for its continual growth. I trust that the Providence of God will guide this Institute to serve the people in Africa through its varied programmes and activities.

*Q. In this jubilee year what is your message for the readers of Baraka*

A. Never grow tired to be a committed missionary. Constantly strive towards perfection and holiness. Strive to imitate the missionary spirit of St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Peter Marie Mermier.

*Thank you very much Fr. Kochu for sharing your experiences with Baraka. We congratulate you for successfully completing 25 years of missionary life in the African continent and we thank God for the gift of your wonderful and committed personality. We wish you many more years in the service of the Lord and His people. May God bless you abundantly and keep you safe all throughout your life and in all your undertakings! Thanks a lot!*

(This interview was conducted by Fr. Gijo Panamattathil MSFS)



# A Human Adventure in East Africa Province

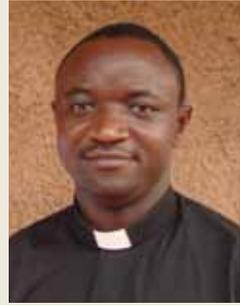
## A TRIBUTE OF GRATITUDE

Thilhard De Chardin said “We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience”. **My experience in Tanzania is a spiritual love story that unfolds as a human adventure.** From July 2002 to July 2004 I had had the privilege of being welcomed by East Africa Province of the MSFS as a pre-novice first and later as a novice from and of the Chad-Cameroon Mission of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales. God has now made me a priest in the Fransalian family and I still cherish the happy memories of my novitiate year. Appreciation and gratitude are the notes in my heart as I write my story.

### *An Experience of God's Wonderful Love*

Fransalianum (Novitiate) Kibaha, Tanzania is an unforgettable place of God's own Love. It is God's love that we learn, God's Love through the people with whom we live. As novices, indeed, we had to study some of the works on and also of Francis de Sales. These and other lectures were intended to deepen a novice's relationship to God and neighbour. I still relish the flavour of those spiritual exercises: daily Holy

Eucharist, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, regular confessions, recollections and retreats. Each of them impressed a



specific mark of love in our hearts. Moreover there was the Love of God made concrete in the LOVING PRESENCE OF THE NOVICE MASTER. Fr Pius Kochuparampil is his name: a wonderful human being and true to his name, a pious person too.

### *A Human Adventure*

If there is one thing that we can't forget about our life in Fransalianum novitiate, it is the humanness there. The director of novices, by accompanying the novices through all activities instilled in them the true meaning of the words of St. Francis de Sales “to be nothing, if not human”. Fransalianum was a community of human beings. The novices would listen to one another, pray together, work together in the garden and play as a community. There was much quality time for one to learn to “be what you are and to be at its best”. During my stay in East

Africa, I had the opportunity to visit various communities in the Province and get a taste of the life ahead for me. The Salesian optimism exhibited by our confreres amidst the difficult situations in the missions has taught me to entrust everything to God and put my trust in him.

I owe a great deal of appreciation and thanks to both my Novice Master, his assistants and to all the other members of the community. They made my novitiate such an enjoyable, rewarding, spiritual and unforgettable experience. I sincerely thank the entire Province and the people I have encountered in Tanzania. Walking together with them has made me

more human. May our loving Father in Heaven ever shower his Blessings on East Africa Province. We thank Him for the fraternal cooperation between East Africa Province and the Chad Cameroon Mission.

It was a privilege to live with the confreres of East Africa Province. May this Fransalian Province continue to be a blessing for the people of God, a true 'Baraka' to every one. Long life to Baraka za Fransalians. Live Jesus!

Fr. Emile Paulin AMOUGOU AMOUGOU,  
msfs

Ngaoundéré, Cameroon (Chad Cameroon Mission)



# The Call to be a Giver

## A true story of God-experience

Sr. Feliciana Njagi CPPS

### Introduction

Dear readers of Baraka, Greetings in the precious name of the Lord! I am Sr. Feliciana Njagi belonging to the religious Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood (CPPS). Our Congregation was founded in the year 1885 in South Africa by the servant of God Abbot Francis Pfanner and has many communities in Africa. I am from Kenya and now work at Upendo Centre, Maji ya Chai in the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania. After going through the first issue of Baraka, I thought I should make use of this medium to share my God-experience with you all. So in this piece of writing I share with you how I have experienced the goodness of the Lord in my own life as well as in the life of many others through the ministry of the Fransalians in East Africa.

### My first Contact with the MSFS in Maji ya Chai

It was in the year 2006 when I was a postulant in our formation house in Polisingisi near Maji ya Chai that I heard for the first time that the

MSFS were coming to establish an Institute at Maji ya Chai. That time the MSFS were new to me and this project of the proposed Institute did not



mean anything to me. However in the year 2008 after I made my first profession, the Congregation appointed me at our Community in Maji ya Chai. Thus by divine plan I got a chance to come in contact with the MSFS at Lumen Christi Institute and also at the parishes of Maji ya Chai and Ngurdoto. Through these I have come to know most of the MSFS in East Africa.

I must acknowledge that it was not merely meeting a few individuals but an experience of working together with a new religious community characterized by mutual love generous service simple life style and deep sense of Fransalian spirituality. I could experience in them a unique ethic of hard work, a new culture of commitment to the mission be it at the parish or at the LCI.

Based on the motto of St. Francis de Sales *'Everything by love, nothing by force'* the Fransalians could accomplish a lot in the work of evangelization, formation and community development. I have watched with my own eyes and have experienced the tremendous power of divine love exerted by these Fransalian confreres resulting in positive changes in the community they serve. Most significant of all were the several instances of the returning to the faith of those who had gone astray from the Catholic faith and the faithful accepting them back with tears of joy. Without any hesitation I can vouch to the fact that there is a steady movement of deep spiritual renewal in St. Stephen the Martyr Parish, Maji ya Chai and St. Francis de Sales Parish, Ngurdoto.

### **MSFS and the Upendo Centre**

The arrival of the MSFS at Maji ya Chai was a blessing for our religious community as well as for the *Wazee* (elderly people) and the families around the Upendo Centre. In Swahili language *Upendo* means *'love'*. At Upendo we facilitate rehabilitation of the persons affected with leprosy and also their families. It has also certain income generating activities run partly through the help of the inmates. Before the MSFS came to Maji ya Chai, our chances for spiritual nourishment were very limited. However with the arrival of

Fr. Thomas Kochuparampil MSFS to Maji ya Chai (who is fondly called by our wazee as Padre Kazi nyingi, meaning the priest who is always busy with lot of works) the first MSFS to reside at LCI, we got the real blessing of daily Eucharist and also the chance to receive other sacraments. Over the past few years, we as a community could imbibe a lot of spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. I personally enjoyed very much the Spiritual nourishments and I got a lot of opportunities for learning many religious values. However, little did I expect that someday I would receive also physical healing from the same people.

### **My personal story**

*What I am going to share now is a very personal story. I was touched by the healing ministry of the Fransalians. I want to share it with you all so that the glory of God may be revealed.*

Over the past few years I have been suffering from irregular and excessive bleeding. (A common fate of many women!). As part of the treatment I had to undergo an operation last year in Nairobi. Although things seemed in the beginning to improve, in July 2012, I got a relapse and it started becoming worse. It became so bad that on July 5th, 2012 when I was in the town of Arusha I felt very sick and dizzy. It was like moving around as in a dream. I was very



sick and as the dizziness became more intense I moved about with much difficulty sometimes holding on to the walls of the buildings or to parked vehicles. I saw the moving vehicles like objects not identifiable. Somehow I managed to reach home. Even though my community provided me with the best treatment possible in Arusha, there was no improvement. The doctor in Arusha consulted the one who operated on me. Still they could not trace the real cause of my very fast deteriorating health condition. Day by day I was becoming weaker and weaker.

### **My last days?**

I thought that my life was almost coming to an end. I became very pale. Even the colour of the skin began to change into greyish yellow. I had no appetite, no strength even to sit up on bed. With much inner struggle, I forced myself to accept the fact that my days were numbered. It was then that I thought about preparing myself for a happy death. Immediately I telephoned Fr. Johnson Kallidukil our first parish priest in Maji ya Chai, (the present provincial) and sought his blessings. After listening to me and blessing me he asked me if I could somehow manage to travel to Morogoro (580 kms. by road) in order to meet Fr. Sebastian Kuzhupil MSFS who is active in the healing ministry. I had heard of him, seen him

also a few times and this suggestion gave me a spark of new hope to live. Meanwhile Fr. Johnson was sure that I was not able to travel by bus that long distance to reach Morogoro. So he said he would speak to Fr. Sebastian and look for alternatives. After Fr. Johnson explained to Fr. Sebastian my situation he also was of the opinion that it would



be better if I could reach Morogoro. When Fr. Johnson shared this news with me, I was really sad. But he told me to take heart and pray, for nothing is impossible for God. To his surprise, that evening when Fr. Sebastian came to the residence from the Holistic Healing Centre he came with the medicine and gave it to Fr. Johnson and explained the dosage. Providentially on the following day a Sister was travelling from Morogoro to Maji ya Chai and the medicine was reached to me through her.

### **My new life**

I started the medicine immediately and surprisingly that same night I

had a very sound and peaceful sleep. In fact I had had no proper sleep for almost two weeks. Within 12 hours there was tangible change in my physical and mental condition. Just as life had seemed to go out of me before, life now seemed to flow into my body every day. Within a short span of just three days a remarkable recovery was brought about. I felt strong and walked around like someone who just experienced a miracle. I started gaining strength very fast. For almost three weeks I continued to take the medicine and today with great joy and gratitude to God I must announce to the world that I am fully alive, enjoying the best health possible. Dear reader of Baraka, today as I write this article, **my life is a song of gratitude to God.**

My illness may look very simple but only I know the agony I went through in those days and what wonders God worked in my life through the ministry of Fr. Sebastian

Kuzhupil MSFS. I sincerely thank Fr. Sebastian for committing himself to save lives through his powerful healing ministry. May God bless him so that he may continue to be a blessing for the multitudes that need the healing touch.

## Conclusion

God has deposited in each one of us a great power – **power to be a giver-** of his love, healing and hope. In giving our very self we resemble God for He is the greatest giver. The total self-giving of Jesus brought us salvation and joy. As a religious I believe we are also called for that same type of total self-giving as shown by Jesus. Through the lives of total commitment for the mission I have experienced in the Fransalian way of life a noteworthy example of being givers of the blessings of God. I thank the Fransalians for their ministry in East Africa. My congratulations as they are in the Silver Jubilee of their presence in Africa. **Long live Fransalians! Big up!**

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# My Association with the Fransalians

The five years I spent at Lububu and Kihonda laid a very good foundation for my academic and social life. The various slogans which were commonly used in the seminary such as 'Be what you are and be at its best' and 'Bloom where you are planted' have done a lot to my career and social life. Because of what I had learned, it has been easy to me to associate with people of different background all over the globe. Soon after leaving the seminary I joined a public school (Milambo Secondary School) for my A- level studies. Thereafter I joined the University of Dar es Salaam for a Bachelor degree. I did my master's programme at UNESCO-IHE, Netherlands. Currently I am a researcher, working with Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute.

During my early seminary life it was difficult to understand why it was so mandatory to observe silence in classrooms, dormitories, bathrooms etc. Keeping silence and observing other seminary rules seemed like a burden to me and in fact not only to me but also to most of us. Now as I am grown up and look back at things past, I understand that it was for our own good. It was meant to shape our lives and make us responsible people.

Furthermore, it did make us think critically and make things happen in a more perfect way.

*I have never received from anywhere else the kind of help for my spiritual life and good formation which I received from the Fransalians.* This,



*Benedict and Beatrice*

I can say was the best gift I have received from Fransalians. It makes me feel proud and lucky to have had such an opportunity. So I still continue to be connected with Fransalians through the newly established

organization (*Friends of St Francis de Sales*). In my personal life I still get spiritual guidance and support of prayers from the MSFS Fathers. Fr Mathew Chavely at Mkuza parish continues to be my spiritual guide.

In September 2012, my wife Beatrice and me had the opportunity to attend the Holy Hija at Lububu. We thank God because we have been receiving many blessings from this holy place. It was also a great opportunity to meet many Fransalians and past friends from whom we had parted company years ago.

May the good Lord bless all of us.

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# Remembrance of things past

*I*t was in 1988 that I came in contact with the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales. I was only a seven year old boy then. It was at a village called Lububu where I was born. This was the first parish of the MSFS in Tanzania.

I was an altar boy and so used to assist the Fathers during the Holy Mass. After my Primary Education I joined the MSFS junior seminary and grew up under their love and care till I left the Seminary at the age of 20 after I completed my secondary education.

My secondary education was totally under their care and I performed well in my final National Examination.

This was a wonderful experience in my life. They have contributed much to what I am today!

I now work and live with my family in Mwanza town. I'm married to Suzan. We are blessed with a three year old boy called Anton. Professionally I am a teacher and my wife a lawyer.

I lead a happy and contented life with my family. I remain faithful to the values and principles of St. Francis De Sales transmitted to me by the MSFS Fathers. We are proud of the MSFS Fathers and I personally regard them as the guardians of my family.



*Francis & Family*

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MSFS Mission in Bukene, Tanzania welcomes new collaborators



*Wish you all the very  
best*

**Sr. Stella Rose FCC  
&  
Sr. Smitha Jose FCC**



## Maisha Pamoja e.V. - Together for the Children in Africa



**M**aisha Pamoja are two Swahili words meaning 'life together'. It is the name of a non-profit organization founded in Germany in the year 2009 with just nine founding members. Today the organization has grown remarkably and has 43 members who are very actively involved in the mission of the organization. The beauty of this organization, as its name implies is that most of its members know each other well. They are either friends colleagues or relatives. *'Maisha Pamoja is a family but a special family'*.

### Background and Beginning of the Organization

All the members of *'Maisha Pamoja'* are involved in projects for the

welfare of children in East Africa. We are bound to this project and are committed to share in the ministry of the Fransalians. We want to stay close to the people especially the children who are less fortunate, and to experience the rich culture of Africa. We believe that education is the sure foundation for a better future for the society and so we feel the need to contribute to this cause in our own way. Working and sharing together with the people we can achieve more than doing something just by ourselves. Besides seeking donations for the financial requirements of the project, we arrange sponsorships for inmates in the Children's Homes or in the schools at Ipuli and Chera. We welcome and make arrangements for volunteers to work with

Fransalians in East Africa in their Missions. Fr. Thomas Chozhithara, the founding member and contact person of the project (FOSTER) in Germany, is the motivating force and inspiration for our association.

## Achievements

Since 2009 **Maisha Pamoja** supports a project named FOSTER of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. In the year 2009 **Maisha Pamoja** financed the construction of a water tank for the Girls Home in Ipuli. In the following year we financed the construction of sanitary facilities there. In 2011 we took up two projects; one to provide furniture and the second one to dig a borehole for the school at Ipuli in Tabora, Tanzania. In the year 2011 we also supported the Salesian Academy, Chera, Kenya to buy two cooking ovens and we supplied bricks for the construction of a new school building on the Island Ris-inga in Lake Victoria. This school is a project of the Sargy Community Development Organisation founded by Samuel Okomo, a teacher in Kenya.

## Our Goal

Financial support of similar projects is only one of our aims. Arranging exchange programmes and providing opportunities for mutual sharing of ideas and

cultural interactions are also given equal importance. We support values like inculturation and mutual cooperation. That's why we continue to travel to East Africa and to support the projects. We meet several times a year in smaller groups. Once a year all the members come together to exchange ideas and experiences, to talk and discuss about the plans of 'Maisha Pamoja' and their implementation and how to carry on with our projects. We maintain our homepage in the net ([www.maisha-pamoja.de](http://www.maisha-pamoja.de)) where there is a blog with interesting stories, films, music and much more about African culture. In order to sustain and meet these needs of the projects and also for inter communication we organize events like charity concerts, "Jazz for Tanzania", photo exhibitions, presentations at schools, an association party at the end of October and the Africa Evening in Nittendorf-Undorf in November.

The motto of Maisha Pamoja describes best its vision and mission: *"Many small people, doing many small things in many small places, can alter the face of the world."* Maisha Pamoja is not a big association with large numbers, but then this exactly is our strength (small in stature is best for service of Love for children in Africa) We in Maisha Pamoja work together closely as a well knit family in a very efficient way. One cannot work alone for the children of East Africa



without joining with committed people who are already engaged in the work of development of the vulnerable children in East Africa. Our contacts with the Fransalians have enabled us to deepen our knowledge of African society and

the needs of the children there. We are happy to work together with the Fransalians in East Africa.

*Miss. Friederike Nickel, founding member and chairperson of Maisha Pamoja e.V. – Karlsruhe, Germany*

## African Proverbs

### On Wisdom

- One who causes others misfortune also teaches them wisdom. ~ African proverb
- What you help a child to love can be more important than what you help him to learn. ~African proverb

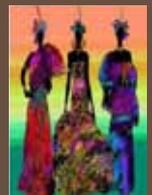
### On Love & Marriage

- It's much easier to fall in love than to stay in love. ~ African proverb
- Coffee and love taste best when hot. ~ Ethiopian proverb
- Where there is love there is no darkness. ~Burundian proverb
- To love the king is not bad, but a king who loves you is better. ~ Wolof proverb
- If you marry a monkey for his wealth, the money goes and the monkey remains as is. ~ Egyptian proverb



### On Peace

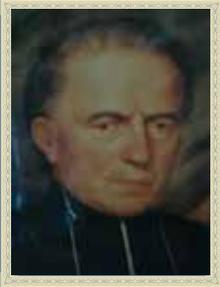
- Peace is costly but it is worth the expense. ~Kenyan proverb
- Peace does not make a good ruler. ~Botswana proverb
- Milk and honey have different colors, but they share the same house peacefully. ~ African proverb
- He who is destined for power does not have to fight for it. ~ Ugandan proverb
- He who refuses to obey cannot command. ~ Kenyan proverb
- A large chair does not make a king. ~ Sudanese proverb



## Three Outstanding Qualities of Servant of God Fr. Peter Mary Mermier

### A keen reader of the signs of times

Following the upheavals of the French



*Servant of God  
Fr. Peter Mary Mermier  
"Unbounded zeal for  
missions"*

Revolution, a negative impact was reflected in the spiritual realm of the French society. There was a decline in religious knowledge and practice. This led to a deep spiritual crisis which called for an urgent and determined missionary approach to rouse people from their apathy and urge them to be converted. He began *preaching retreats and organising faith renewal programs* in the parishes. Thus Fr. Mermier's decision to found a new Congregation in response to and prompted by the felt needs in the spiritual aspect of the society of his time.

### A man of missionary zeal

Fr. Mermier was faced with a crisis situation, when the band of missionaries whom he had gathered with the purpose of launching a new Congregation decided to leave due to the slow pace at which things were moving. This was a crucial moment for Mermier, but it did not

deter him from his decision. On the contrary, he steadfastly persevered in his decision to go on with the good work he had planned. At one point he said to his missionaries: "If you leave me after 10 years trial, I shall be alone but my resolve is unshakable, my longings are the same, *I want Mission.*" These words of his point out to his firm determination and conviction that enabled him to go beyond the ordinary and even risk everything for the Lord in deep faith an unshakable resolve and an enduring perseverance.

### An Educator

Fr. Mermier was a zealous priest and was deeply moved by the poverty and illiteracy that prevailed among the poor in the society of his times and he sought for ways and means to remedy the situation. During his early years of priesthood, he used to teach the young during the day and study theology during the night. It is this situation which made him to go beyond the boundaries of traditional ministries and venture into daring and challenging ministries aimed at faith formation and education of the young with a preferential option for the least fortunate. His slogan "*The heart of education is education of the heart*" sums up his ardent love to give the young the true and good education.

*Bro. Kenneth Maina MSFS*



# POWER OF PRAYER

Fr. Joseph Kunnappilly MSFS

## A carjacking ordeal in Kenya

**O**n August 31st, 2008 at 10.30 am I had gone to Ngalani in Kenya, to celebrate Mass. Ngalani is one of the sub stations of Mlolongo parish of Machakose diocese in Kenya. At 11 am I started the Mass and it was over by 12.30 pm. After the Mass I was coming back to Katani. The distance from Ngalani church to our residence in Katani is about 7 km. As I reached about half way, three people who appeared to be walking along the road suddenly turned and blocked the road. It was about 12.45 pm. Two of them pointed pistols at me and asked me to open the door of the car. I was alone in the car. I could not but obey.

The moment I opened the door they rushed inside the car and they started to beat me and ask for money. They took away my mobile phone watch and wallet. I was pushed then to the back seat from the driver's seat and one of them got on to the driver's seat and started driving the car. Two of them came to the back seat and sat on either side of me still holding the pistols in their hands. I was strictly warned not to talk and not to look outside through the windows. They asked me to lean back and sit. They

went through a mud road in the direction of Athiriver Junction and from there they took a turn and drove the car towards the Lukenya forest. Then they started demanding for more money saying that I was an Indian and that I was hiding the money somewhere in the car. I told them that I have no more money and that whatever I had I have already given to them. They threatened me telling that they would kill me. I was taken to a forest in a river side. By that time I had lost all hope of going home and I started to pray. I said in my mind, *'Loving and merciful Father if they want to kill me, let them do it but please don't allow them to leave me half dead'*. At that moment I could not think of anything else but to pray. Two of them went out to the riverside. After a few minutes they came back to the car and continued the journey through the forest. There was a graded road in the forest and when we reached that road they asked me to get out from the car and go back to Katani. (Katani is about 10 km away from our Mlolongo parish church.)



I told them that I cannot walk such a long distance and so I asked them to give me the car. They told me: "Father don't worry about the car. You will get it back after our job is over." After saying this they went away with the car. I had no idea where I was or how to reach Katani or to which direction I should turn and walk. I turned to the direction opposite to the one those people in the car had taken. But then surprisingly I heard the sound of a car coming. When I looked back and saw that it was my car ( the car was coming in reverse gear ), I thought that they wanted to hit me with the car and kill me. So I moved



away from the road and stood on the side of a tree. They stopped the car near me on the road and called me and said, "Father come and get in the car, for it is not good that we leave you alone here." These words from them lessened my fear, and I got in the car. They were on the move in the forest up to 5 pm. After 5 pm they got into a tarmac road. Then one of them went into a house and came back. About a kilo meter away from that spot there were a few small shops and the same person went out and

bought some things and came back. On the way he offered me some chocolates and he asked me to eat them. But I refused to accept them thinking that they might have been poisoned. I realised that we were near Komarock. From there they went back to the forest about 5 km inside and they removed the spare tyre of the car and went to a nearby shop with that tyre. Then the other two took me to the same place to where the first one had taken the spare tyre and left me there and went away with the car. It was about 6 pm and that place was about 55 kms. from Mlolongo parish. I was looking on either side of the tarmac road for a shop or a house where I can take shelter

before it became dark. Fortunately then I saw one gentleman coming on a motor bike that way. He stopped his bike, greeted me and asked, what had happened to me, because my cassock was torn and very dirty. *(Those thieves were trying to remove all my cloths by force. I had strongly resisted them and in that struggle my cassock was torn and had become very dirty.)* That passenger was a catholic and when he saw me in torn and dirty cassock he understood that some unpleasant things might





have happened. I explained to him everything that happened to me. Immediately he phoned up to the police and informed them that I was attacked by thieves and that the car was stolen. He gave me his phone to inform the Fathers in our house about the incident and to ask for help. Since I did not reach home on time after the Mass Fr. Augustine Mangatt was very much worried and he had already suspected that thieves must have attacked me and taken away the car because similar incidents were very common in Nairobi in those days. So immediately he reported the matter to the police, the Bishop of Machakose, nearby religious houses and also to some of our parishioners at Mlolongo. All of them were searching for me. When I called Fr. Augustine Mangatt and told him that I am in such a place, immediately he informed the Bishop and then rushed to the place with Fr. Jacob Thekkekara, Fr. Joseph Poikunnel and also with

some of our parishioners from Mlolongo. Bishop Martin Kivuva, the Bishop of Machakose diocese phoned and informed two parish priests of parishes near to where I was and told them to reach at the earliest to the place and do all the needful. Within a short time both of them reached the place. Meanwhile the police also came to the spot and we moved from there to Machakose police station to report the matter. When we reached, Bishop Martin Kivuva and the VG were waiting for us there in the police station.

Later I heard that those three people were caught by the villagers for a car hijacking attempt and when questioned they agreed that they were the people who attacked me on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008. The mob bet them up thoroughly and tied their hands and legs. They put the tyres on their necks, poured kerosene and set fire. Thus ended their life here on earth. May the ever loving and living Father decide their destiny!

# Fr. James Nedungatt MSFS

## A missionary to be imitated

**M**y acquaintance with Fr. James Nedungatt began in 2001 in Kola Hills Morogoro. But before that already in 1992-1993 I had known him as he used to come to our Novitiate (Salesianum) in Visakhapatnam, India for hearing the confession of the novices.

But I had no personal contact with him at that time.

But it was from 2001 that I came to know better the person of Fr. James Nedungatt. He stayed with the Fransalian Community (Fransalian Study House) at Kola while he was doing his Swahili language course in the Lutheran Junior seminary, Morogoro. At that time I was in my final year theology in Salvatorian seminary.

I admired him for his eagerness to learn a new language and the enthusiasm he showed in celebrating Holy Mass in Swahili even though he was not very thorough with the language. It was indeed an inspiration for me. Whenever he went to the villages for Mass he used to take the scholastics with him and make them translate his sermons. *He never found excuses for omitting the preaching of the Word* but instead he took up each chance as an opportunity to improve his skill in language and to preach to the people.

After completing the language course Fr. James was appointed in Lububu Parish as the assistant parish priest with Fr. Sunny



Vettickal the then Parish Priest. After my ordination I too was appointed as Asst. parish priest in Lububu Parish. So we met again in Lububu. When I joined the community in the year 2001, we were altogether five priests and one regent in Lububu.

Fr. James was a very disciplined person. He was strict not only with others but much more with himself. He never missed his personal prayer. *Even the preparation for the Sunday sermons he used to make in front of the Eucharistic Lord in the tabernacle.*

In 2002 Bukene Parish was bifurcated from Lububu Parish. Fr. Sunny Vettickal became the Parish priest of Bukene and Fr. James Nedungatt was appointed as priest in charge of Lububu parish. By the middle of 2002 only Fr. James and I remained in the parish. All the others in the community were transferred to different missions.

Fr. James was a man with rich missionary experience since he had been serving as parish priest in many missions in the state of Andhra



Pradhesh in India. I learned to be a missionary from Fr. James Nedungatt. In the evenings we used to sit and share a lot of things. He used to share with me all his past missionary experiences both bitter and pleasant. I was more a listener in those occasions and I enjoyed listening to his stories. He was a man who had had a lot of painful experiences in life but those experiences never put him down.

In the parish he was fully committed to his duties. Rain or shine, summer or winter, nothing would prevent him from going to distant villages if ministry demanded. There were days when he came back home limping due to the fall from the motorbike on the way to the villages. That was the missionary spirit of Fr. James. Later he began to visit the faithful in their homes. From morning till evening he used to walk around the village visiting the houses even the ones located in distant places. This was indeed a blessing for the people. And the people of Lububu still cherish him in their hearts for what he had been to them.

Fr. James never missed a chance to preach. Wherever he got a chance to preach he did so with full heart. He never celebrated Eucharist without breaking the Word to the faithful. He never celebrated Mass without at least giving an introduction.

He connected everything in life to the Word of God. And the Word of God was his reference point at every moment of his life. When I was transferred from Lububu I went to say good bye to him and he took out

the Bible and read out a passage for me from **ACTS 2:17-18**. After reading the passage he interpreted it and told me “the Lord is going to make use of you, the Holy Spirit will be working in you...” And then he prayed over me and sent me off. The effect of that blessing I could feel all through my stay in Mkuza parish and other mission centres.

Fr. James Nedungatt was a missionary who never thought about himself but only about the mission entrusted to him. He was a man who was never attached to wealth or money but a faithful steward of what was entrusted to him. He was very meticulous with his accounts. He was never particular about any food nor did he ever make a complaint about it.

Another inspiring thing in his life that I found was his submissiveness to the authority. However young the superior was to him, Fr. James was obedient to the superior in all his missionary life. Even though we may find him expressing his displeasure about certain things he would never disobey a superior.

Now Fr. James has left us with lot of precious memories to be cherished. *Let us imitate his missionary zeal, his enthusiasm to save the souls. Let us pray that the good Lord may reward him with eternal life and unending happiness in his heavenly Kingdom.*

May his soul through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Fr. Johnson Pathiyil MSFS**

# A Tribute to Fr. Lourence Thadathil MSFS



Fr. Lourence as a person...  
Your heart was set in gold  
like a jewel rare  
Your heart was Love untold  
beautiful and fair.

As a Fransalian you were  
always...  
Gentle, kind, generous, sweet,  
hand outstretched to reach  
Sharing, caring, loving to meet  
helping to mould and to teach.

As a Shepherd and Pastor...  
You saw Christ in the poor  
man's face  
children were angles true  
Serving them with smiling  
grace.

As a Formator...  
Calmly, tirelessly, and oh ! so  
quietly  
duties you performed  
Zealously surrendering and  
humble  
to God's Will you conformed.

As a brother and conferrer...  
Your love was strong and  
gracious  
your goodness sincere  
Your friendship was precious  
to us, my dear

How sudden was your  
departure,  
from all your friends on earth  
Into a glorious heavenly  
pasture  
To your heavenly reward

May Jesus on you bestow  
Profound bliss in eternity  
As you shine with supernal  
glow  
Pray to Jesus and Mary for us  
all.

*Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvatil MSFS*



# JUBILEE - JUBILATION

Time..... Time ..... It is the time of Jubilation true.

A time of celebration ..... A time of Joy

A time of Thanksgiving ..... A time of Jubilation

Jubilee is a hall mark of history!!!

A history to be told and lived

A time of recalling and reliving the untold stories and unheard events in life

A time to pause and to say, "Thank You, O Lord"

A time to cherish memorable moments and to share the glad tidings to one another

It is a time to :

To acclaim and proclaim that, "This is our God, come let us celebrate."

To affirm and confirm that our God is faithful and His words are

To relive and to renew the zeal of mission in the past and to launch out into future.

To read the signs and to make decisions for the glorious future

To count the blessings and to rely on the power of God

To leave the past of grief and to live in the present of joy

To announce the goodness and to say there is a new horizon waiting for us

To venture into faith journey and to ponder over the works of God

To make new avenues and to continue the journey of adventure

To ruminate the tremendous love of the Lord and to enumerate His guidance in one's life

To celebrate the unflinching love of the Lord and to walk humbly with Him in the years ahead

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