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Beloved Confreres,

Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle whose missionary fervour paved the way for the beginning of the Oriental Churches in India as early as the history of Christian faith. When we realize how simple he was and how he could do great things of evangelization, we need to put down our heads in shame! For St. Thomas - and for all the apostles for that matter - a missionary journey was a leap into the unknown. The only preparation that he had was "being with the Lord" for three years. He dared to go to the unknown land, to people he never knew before, to a culture very different, and preaching in language about which he never had any prior knowledge! Yet the ministry was fruitful and effective. There were no *IFs* and *BUTs* given by him. *St. Thomas in his missionary journey carried with him nothing but Jesus. Today a modern missionary may carry with him/ her everything but Jesus.* We may have all the means and equipments of evangelization ie our studies, our technology, media presentations, meetings and seminars, guidelines and policies and much more. But one may lack the source of evangelization - that is the GOOD NEWS itself, which is nothing but Jesus Christ. If the source is absent, means have no meaning. As we celebrate this Feast, it is a chance for us to thank God for the Apostle St. Thomas and for all the great missionaries of history and of even our times. Let us also examine the real quality of our evangelization. It is my prayer that through the intercession of St. Thomas we realize the essence of evangelization and of our obligation to be with the Lord for the fruitfulness of our ministry.

Annual Retreat - 2014

As we are approaching our annual retreat, I earnestly request you to pray for the blessings of God up on the retreats. This year we have the retreats in three sessions so as to ensure the 100% participation. All of us are so much into the apostolic activities, studies that sometime we find it hard to free ourselves from these in order to participate in the retreats and common meetings. However we know, this is a golden opportunity for us as well as an obligatory demand on us to participate in this retreat.

More than a mere annual retreat, this year our retreat will be a journey with the entire Fransalian Family with the impetus and vitality given by the General Chapter 2013. This retreat is part of the many programs that we envisage to have in order to capture and to live the spirit and the new orientations given by the Chapter. General Chapter is the ultimate authority within the Congregation and it is in fact the Spirit of the Chapter that takes the life of the Congregation from one particular period to of time to another particular period of time. The Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the General Chapter communicates to each one of us who are members of this Fransalian Family - new life - new spirit and new orientations. Each one of us shares a particular mission in this task.

The purpose of this retreat based on the General Chapter is to review, renew and re-direct our consecrated life and apostolic activities in such a way that true *MSFSness* is lived and manifested in our life and ministry.

Welcome to our Guides

All the retreats will be guided by **Rev. Fr. John Karondukadavil MSFS** and **Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes MSFS**. Fr. Agnelo as we know is already at LCI. We extend a warm welcome to Fr. John Karodukadavil. May the Holy Spirit anoint them to be agents of communicating the message to our MSFS Family in East Africa.

List of Participants

Retreat A July 23 evening – 28 evening

Priests:

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| 1. Antonysamy Robert | 16. Puliylakatt Joseph |
| 2. Chavely Mathew | 17. Soosai Raj Robert |
| 3. Chinnappan Arockiasamy | 18. Thekkekara Jacob |
| 4. Kallidukil Johnson | 19. Ubadesi Stephen |
| 5. Kallikattu Francis | 20. Vellachalil Jomon |
| 6. Kattikanayil Tomy | 21. Vettickal Sunny |
| 7. Kuldeep Kujur | 22. Vettukattil Joseph |
| 8. Maruthomalayil Joby | |
| 9. Nirappel Sebastian | |
| 10. Panamattathil Gijo | |
| 11. Pathiyil Johnson | |
| 12. Pandanath Sijo | |
| 13. Perumanoor Tomychan | |
| 14. Peter Antony George | |
| 15. Prakashbhavan Santhosh | |

Scholastics

1. Kayanja Joseph
2. Mabiriizi Gerald
3. Mutisya Stephen
4. Neerolickal Amal

Retreat B Aug 2 evening to 7 evening

Priests:

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| 1. Kallarackal Sheejan | 11. Thazhathukunnel Mathew |
| 2. Kochuparampil Pius | 12. Vijayakumar Nelson |
| 3. Kochuparampil Thomas | |
| 4. Kuzhupil Sebastian | |
| 5. Mattathil Sunny | |
| 6. Mullenkuzhy Abraham | |
| 7. Ngowi Innocent | |
| 8. Peter Johnson Napoleon | |
| 9. Sebastian Williams | |
| 10. Susai David | |

Scholastics

1. Danda Aristides
2. Gitono Richard Tamaro
3. Karottukampadathil Jobin
4. Onyango Paul Sylvester
5. Oliver Vincent Olowo

Retreat C Aug 10 evening to 15 evening

Priests

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| 1. Antonysamy Sebastian | 4. Pandanath Reji |
| 2. Kochalumchuvattil Thomas | 5. Poikunnel Joseph |
| 3. Kollapillil Jomat | 6. Palakudy Sebastian |

Scholastics

1. Aupaden Siljo
2. Kiriimi Japhet
3. Kisegerwa Ibrahim
4. Muema Jonathan
5. Musyimi Patrick Titus
6. Mutume Ventino Peter
7. Mwovi Francis Kyule

8. Nabende Simon Peter
9. Ndimuli Francis
10. Njue Thomas
11. Ouma Charles
12. Pendanath Martin John
13. Sebowa Lawrence

And All the Scholastics from LCI

Please note

- We need to reach LCI before 18.00 hrs on the day of starting the retreat.
- Retreat ends with Dinner on the last day.
- Please bring along the Everyday Prayer Book, Bible, Constitutions, General Directory and note books pen etc
- Please bring along Alb, Stole (Green)
- Those who need special diet (due to health concerns) please inform Fr. Gijo MSFS
- Kindly bring also your personal Mass Register

Other Retreats

- Our young novices in preparation for the First Profession and those who are going to enter the noviciate have their retreat from July 3 to July 8, 2014. **Rev. Fr. Nicodemus Hindoy OFM Cap.** will be guiding the retreat at MSFS Noviciate house Kibaha.
- Four of our Scholastics who are preparing for the Final Profession have their retreats from July 2 to July 8, 2014 at MSFS Provincial House, Morogoro. **Rev. Fr. George Mathew C.Ss.R** is the guide.

Let us earnestly pray for each one of them that they are made fully aware of the implications of the way of life they have chosen and be convinced of the same.

Appointment

Fr. Innocent Ngowi MSFS will be the acting Rector at Fransalian Seminary Ndagani from July 20 to September 20, 2014

Matters for Publications

I kindly request you to send news items, photos, articles etc of the events in order to be published in *Fransalian International, Out of Africa, Baraka* and in our Website:

- For FI and OOA please contact Fr. David Susai susaidavidmsfs@gmail.com
- For Baraka please contact: Fr. Johnson Pathiyil pathyiljohn@gmail.com
- For Website: webmsfseastafrica@gmail.com Fr. David/ Fr Sijo

Local Community Meetings

May I remind each one of you and very specially the Local Superior of the Local Communities to hold the mandatory community meetings of the Month of July before the first retreat and to give me the copy of the report. Even if one member is absent due to some valid reasons, please hold the meeting. For our clearer understanding and awareness please find here the list of the MSFS Local Communities in East Africa.

No.	Name of Community	Local Superior
1	MSFS Community Bukene Mission	Fr. Prakshbhavan Santhosh
2	MSFS Community Chera Mission	Fr. Chinnappan Arockiasamy
3	MSFS Community Ipuli Mission	Fr. Pendanath Reji
4	MSFS Community Itaga Mission	Fr. Perumanoor Tomychan
5	MSFS Community Junior Seminary, Kihonda	Fr. Pathiyil Johnson
6	MSFS Community LCI-Maji ya Chai-Ngurdotto	Fr. Kochuparampil Thomas
7	MSFS Community Lububu Mission	Fr. Vellachalil Jomon
8	MSFS Community Mji Mpya Relini Mission	Fr. Mattathil Sunny
9	MSFS Community Mkuza Mission	Fr. Chavely Mathew
10	MSFS Community Mlolongo-Katani	Fr. Thekkekara Jacob
11	MSFS Community Mwakata Mission	Fr. Peter Johnson Napoleon
12	MSFS Community Fransalian Seminary Ndagani	Fr. Ubadesi Stephen
13	MSFS Community Noviciate, Kibaha	Fr. Antonysamy Sebastian
14	MSFS Community Osia -Agururu Mission	Fr. Maruthomalayil Joby
15	MSFS Community Provincial House & Dumila	Fr. Kuzhupil Sebastian
16	MSFS Community Scholsticate Kola	Fr. Nirappel Sebastian

By the grace of God we have now 16 Local Communities in Eight Dioceses within the territory of East Africa.

Prayers Requested:

Rev. Fr. Gilbert Bugnon François MSFS, the formal Provincial of Brazil Province, left for his eternal reward on June 29, 2014. He died of cancer at the age of 72.

May the soul of the Faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

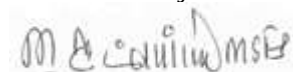
Installation of Provincial

As I am to assume the office for another term in this ministry of servant leadership, God willing, I would assuming the office on July 15, 2014 in a very simple ceremony during the Most Holy Eucharistic celebration at 18.00 hrs in SFS Junior Seminary Chapel on the same day. I request your valuable prayers for me as well as for the entire Province community.

Beloved Confreres,

Let us be imbued with the joy of the presence of Jesus in our hearts. We all have more tasks than we can accomplish. We do accomplish more works than one may do otherwise. But our tasks are never burdens. Our many works should not take away the joy from us. Our trouble are never blocks but challenges and new opportunities. May God bless us and our consecration and our mission. May St. Francis de Sales pray for us.

United with you in the Eucharistic Lord,



Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS (Provincial Superior MSFS East Africa Province)

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. (2 Cor 4:8-10).