

# MISSIONARIES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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Beloved Confreres,

### Solemnity of John the Baptist

Seven centuries before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah spoke of “the voice of one that cries,” indeed, of him who would “prepare in the wilderness the way of Jehovah,” and “make level in the desert a highway for our God” (cf. Isa. 40:3). Zechariah himself prophesied that John would be called “the prophet of the Most High” who would “go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways” (cf. Lk. 1:76).

A biblical character unique in many ways, John the Baptist stands before us as a challenge. He was truly a walking sermon! He challenged others.

In our religious consecration we commit ourselves to be prophets - standing for the values of the Kingdom of God. Today do we fail to challenge others? If so, the only valid reason for that is the fact that we do not challenge ourselves. Only one who challenges oneself can challenge others. My dear fathers and brothers, let us challenge ourselves. As adults each one should know the direction of one's movement and the quality of one's life. Hence the best thing is to be challenged by our own real convictions, characterized by the values of the Gospel than to be challenged by external authorities.

### Our Catechists - who prepare the way for us.

In many places the Church has the tradition of honouring the Catechists on this day on the Feast of John the Baptist. In the context of East Africa, we know how vital the presence and apostolate of the catechists is in our own pastoral apostolate. We cannot imagine a pastoral situation without the Catechists. They work on our behalf, they in fact prepare the ways for us. To some extent they stand as mediators between community of faith and the pastor. Let us give due importance to the catechists and their works in our missions. This implies giving due recognition to them, supporting and encouraging them and facilitating training for them. As a point for reflection, may I pose this question to all of us.

#### Point to Ponder

How much has the Church and the Congregation invested on us as priests?

How much do we invest on our catechists?

How much we spend on ourselves in our personal maintenance ?

How much can our Catechists spend on themselves and their families in their maintenance?

**Strengthening the Catechists is strengthening our own hands.**

## Our Pope on Our Home

On June 18, 2015 our beloved Holy Father Pope Francis gave us the Encyclical Letter *LAUDATO SI* ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME. **The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life.** With this statement Pope Francis challenges us to be persons free from evil and then take steps to handle well the earth which is our dear Sister with whom we share our life and our Mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Let us study the message of Pope in this encyclical and be more aware our call to be pure, free from stains of sins and evils. It is with this spirit we can care for the Mother earth.

## Fransalian Eco-Day (FED)

In our Province of East Africa we have decided to observe every year Fransalian Ecology / Environment Day (FED) in our communities, parishes and institutions. Depending on the climatic conditions in each area, each community is to decide up on the day. Environment day would be a day set apart to do activities related to environmental conservation, introducing different and new plants and trees to the people, preparation of seedlings, facilitating planting trees etc. We need to involve our faithful in the parishes, children and parents in the educational institutions. This can be done also in collaboration with other civil authorities, people of other faith and denominations.

Please finalise the FED and propose the activities and the Action Plan as to how your community is going to observe the Fransalian Eco Day. Please inform me before August 30 by e-mail the FED with the plans and programs in your community. Let us care for our Mother Earth who cares for us.

## Matter of great concern

**Fr. Kunnappilly Joseph MSFS** is suffering from serious kidney related illness and is undergoing dialysis at MIMS Hospital in Calicut. It is really a painful process. Our confrere Fr. Joseph needs our prayerful support. In the last few weeks the condition of Fr. Joseph was very unstable. I really thank our confers Fr. Eriyanickal Jose and Fr. Olickal Thomas for making the maximum efforts to attend to the needs of Fr. Joseph. Besides we were also blessed with the presence of Bros Kenneth Maina, Godwin Nuwamanya and Fabian Wasonga during the holidays at SFS Bhavan Angamaly. I thank them also for rendering commendable service attending to Fr. Joseph in the community and in the hospital.

## Transfers and Appointments

**Fr. Nirappel Sebastian MSFS** transferred from Fransalian Study House Morogoro and is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community Bukene. He is also designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of St. Charles Luwanga and his companions Parish Bukene, Archdiocese of Tabora, with effect from October 4, 2015.

**Fr. Prakashbhavan Santhosh MSFS** is transferred from Bukene Community and is appointed as the Socius at Fransalianum Noviciate with effect from October 10, 2015. He would also assist in the Vocation Promotion and animate Parish Mission Preaching.

**Fr. Kochuparampil Thomas MSFS** is transferred from MSFS Community LCI, Maji ya Chai and is appointed as the Rector of the MSFS Scholasticate and the Superior of the Community. He will be also the Director of Fransalian Communications, Morogoro and Priest in Charge of SFS Mission Mkambarani with effect from September 30, 2015.

**Fr. Perumanoor Tomychan MSFS** is designated to be on the staff of LCI. He is also designated to be appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Stephen the Martyr Parish Maji ya Chai with effect from September 1, 2015.

**Fr. Sylvester Clement MSFS** is transferred from MSFS Community Itaga and is appointed to the MSFS Community Ipuli as the Local Bursar of the Local Community and all the Institutions with effect from September 5, 2015.

**Fr. Soosai Raj Robert MSFS** is given the additional task as the Manager of the Fransalian School Morogoro, with effect from October 1, 2015.

**Fr. Kujur Kudip MSFS** is transferred from the Noviciate and is appointed to the MSFS Community Dumila. He is also designated to be appointed as the Asst Parish Priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dumila, Diocese of Morogoro, with effect from October 15, 2015.

**Deacon Kirimi Japhet MSFS**, God willing when ordained priest is appointed to the MSFS Community Mji Mpya Relini and is designated to be appointed as the Asst. Parish Priest St. Francis de Sales Parish, Mji Mpya, Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam, with effect from September 1, 2015.

**Deacon Ouma Charles MSFS**, God willing when ordained priest is appointed to the MSFS Community Osia-Agururu and is designated to be appointed as the Asst Parish Priest St. Jude Parish Osia, Archdiocese of Tororo with effect from September 1, 2015.

**Deacon Kayanja Joseph MSFS**, God willing when ordained priest is appointed to the MSFS Community Itaga and is designated to be appointed as the Asst Parish Priest St. Antony's Parish Itaga, Archdiocese of Tabora with effect from September 1, 2015.

**Deacon Aupaden Siljo MSFS**, is appointed for Pastoral Ministry at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dumila with effect from June 20, 2015.

### **Appointments at LCI, Arusha**

**Fr. Jayseelan Rajesh MSFS** from Nagpur Province is designated to be appointed as Asst. Administrator of LCI and to be on the Formation and Teaching staff with effect from February 1, 2015.

**Fr. Manael Devasia MSFS** from North East India Province is designated to be appointed on the Formation and Teaching staff with special focus on animating the Formators Training Programs and Retreat Programs at LCI with effect from June 1, 2015.

**Fr. Perumanoor Tomychan MSFS** from East Africa Province, designated to be appointed as the Administrator of LCI and to be on the Formation and Teaching staff with effect from September 1, 2015. He is also designated to be appointed as the Asst Parish Priest of Maji ya Chai.

**Fr. Thazhathukunnel Mathew MSFS** from East Africa Province, as he continues with the present assignments, is designated to be appointed as the Superior of the Local Community of LCI Arusha with effect from September 1, 2015.

*We extend a warm welcome to all especially to Fr. Devasia Manael Fr. Rajesh Jayseelan to LCI and to East Africa.*

### **Appointment of Regents**

With effect from June 20, 2015 the following scholastics are appointed for Regency in our communities as follows.

Bro. Gregory Mutisya MSFS                      MSFS Community Ipui

Bro. John Dennis Dindi MSFS	MSFS Community Mlolongo -Katani stay in Katani
Bro. Leonard Musembi MSFS	MSFS Community, Fransalian Seminary Ndagani
Bro. Michael Mwangi M MSFS	MSFS Community SFS Junior Seminary, Morogoro
Bro. Ssentamu Ruthitical MSFS	MSFS Community Iyolwa

We wish all of them all very enriching time of living the religious life, gaining lot of practical experiences and growing in the Lord.

### **BARAKA - 6**

Our News Magazine **Baraka 6** is out of the press with special focus on the Apostolate of Formation. The printed copies you may receive soon. However you can read Baraka at <http://www.msfs-eastafrica.com/images/baraka/baraka6.pdf>. Let us send this link to our friends and well-wishers. My sincere congratulations and appreciations to Fr. Nirappel Sebastian and the co-editors and all the contributors to this issue.

### **New Editor for Baraka**

Fr. Sylvester Clement is appointed as the new Editor of Baraka. Baraka 7 would focus on the Social Apostolate. Kindly make your contributions and send to editorbaraka@gmail.com with a copy to clementsudha@gmail.com.

### **Scholastics sent of Specialization : Congratulations**

I am very glad to inform you that two of our Scholastics who were designated to do higher studies in Philosophy, have completed their studies in flying colours.

**Bro. Maina Kenneth MSFS** completed his Masters in Philosophy from Christ University Bangalore and the Licentiate in Philosophy from the Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Pontifical Athenaeum in Bangalore, India.

**Bro. Ndumuli Francis MSFS** completed his Master in Philosophy from Jordan University College in Morogoro. It is also to be appreciated that during his studies he was also a full time teacher at the Fransalian Primary School Morogoro.

Hearty Congratulations to you dear Brothers.

### **Completion of Update Program in Philippines**

Fr. Perumanoor Tomychan has completed his PASTORAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT FOR MISSION PROGRAM from January 5 to – June 26, 2015 at East Asian Pastoral Institute, Quezon City, Philippines. Our sincere congratulations to him and we welcome him back to East Africa. He would be back to Tanzania on June 28,2015.

### **A New Member from Pune Province**

Bro. Avil Veigas MSFS of Pune Province, has opted to join the East Africa Province. The matter was studied and consented by both Provincials. We extend a warm welcome to Bro. Avil to East Africa Province. Now he is doing his Second Year Philosophy at Suvidya College.

### **Province Forum Meetings**

With the recently conducted forum meetings, all the Province Forum meetings of this year were held already and the reports of the same would be sent to you soon. The just concluded Superiors Forum Meeting and the Pastoral Forum Meeting was a great time of coming together. One of the main agenda was the evaluation of the implementation of the Action Plan of the Provincial Congress. In the meeting we re-committed ourselves to be faithful to the demands of the Action Plan especially in matters of personal prayer. Beloved

Confreres let us draw ourselves to the Lord for we belong to him and we work for his people. I thank all the confreres who have participated in the Forum Meetings.

### **New MSFS Community at Iyolwa**

With due approval from Rev. Superior General, with effect from June 2, 2015 we have a new Constitutionally established community at St. Francis de Sales Parish Iyolwa, Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda. From April 2, 2015 our confreres Fr. Peter Antony George and Fr. Chozhithara Thomas started residing in the new presbytery. Fr. Chozhithara Thomas is appointed as the Local Superior. We express our congrats wish them all the blessings in their community life and apostolic activities.

### **Mission Preaching**

We have been planning and desiring since long to initiate the Parish Mission Preaching, which was very much at the heart of our Founder Fr. Mermier. Fr. Santhosh Prakashbhanan is now entrusted with this task. While being in the Noviciate he would initiate at least one or two sessions of Mission Preaching in the coming year 2016. Kindly extend your valuable support in this endeavour.

### **Our Family grows further : New members to our Fransalian Family**

#### **Promotion to Novitiate**

The following Postulants from different MSFS units, were promoted by their respective Provincials to enter into the canonical novitiate. They would be initiated on July 9, 2015.

#### East Africa Province

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| 1. Abraham Mutoro Wambuchi | Kenya    |
| 2. Collins Barasa Simiyu   | Kenya    |
| 3. Cosmos Clement Mungo    | Tanzania |
| 4. Francis Ayweya Aura     | Kenya    |
| 5. Fred Bwoba              | Uganda   |
| 6. Godwin Nanalo           | Uganda   |
| 7. Ivan Mubbo-             | Uganda   |
| 8. James Makuli            | Kenya    |
| 9. Joseph Mwasa            | Uganda   |
| 10. Ronald Kumali          | Uganda   |

#### Mozambique Delegation/Nagpur Province

11. Lucas Adelino Uassuque- Mozambique

#### Chad Cameroon Delegation/ South West India Province

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| 12. Eyeya Aloys Jean Baptiste | Cameroon |
| 13. Guifo Totso Gael Baudoin  | Cameroon |
| 14. Temgoua Jacques Clovis    | Cameroon |

#### **Novice in India**

Novice *Anand Johnson Pendanath* who completed his formation at SFS Seminary Ettumanoor, India was admitted to the Canonical Noviciate on May 30, 2015 at Salsianum

Novitiate in Visakhapatnam, India. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Jose Maliekal MSFS and the Staff of SFS Seminary Ettumanoor for the formation imparted him for the three years. We also thank Fr. George Koottinal MSFS and team at SFS Minor Seminary Pudukottai, India for the intensive pre-noviciate program offered there. Our thanks also to the Visakhapatnam Province for accepting our Novice.

*Our dear Novices, We welcome all of you to the Fransalian way of life. May you be given the grace of endurance and strong will to commit yourself for the Lord with a life that is filled with the Holy Spirit.*

### **Promotion to the First Profession and to the First year of Philosophy**

Following Novices who are completing their Canonical Noviciate in Fransalianum are promoted for the first profession by their respective Provincials.

#### East Africa Province

Joseph Ssengendo	Uganda
Moses Okoth	Uganda

#### Mozambique Delegation/Nagpur Province

Egidio Abel	Mozambique
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#### Chad Cameroon Delegation/ South West India Province

Nymisi Yves Cyrille	Cameroon
Toussaint Ndeialdongar	Chad

### **Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Second Year of Philosophy**

Bro. Alex Wambua Thomas MSFS  
Bro. Avil Veigas MSFS  
Bro. Edward Azigard Mgagi MSFS  
Bro. Victor Muia Mutuku MSFS

### **Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Third Year of Philosophy**

Bro. Brian Wassawa MSFS  
Bro. Denis Musungu MSFS  
Bro. Joseph Ambongo Orengo MSFS  
Bro. Joseph Walugembe Kisseka MSFS  
Bro. Lubega Gonzaga MSFS  
Bro. Remijus Danda MSFS

### **Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Year of Regency**

Bro. Gregory Mutisya MSFS  
Bro. John Dennis Dindi MSFS  
Bro. Leornard Musembi Ngumbi MSFS  
Bro. Michael Mwangi Mumbi MSFS

Bro. Ssentamu Ruthitical MSFS

**Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Theological Studies**

Bro. Francis Ndumuli MSFS

Bro. Kenneth Maina MSFS

Bro. Richard Tamaro MSFS

**Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Second Year Theology and to the Ministry of Lector**

Bro. Francis Kyule MSFS

Bro. Martin Pendanath MSFS

Bro. Patrick Musyimi MSFS

Bro. Simon Nabende MSFS

**Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Third Year Theology and to the Ministry of Acolyte**

Bro. Amal Neerolickal MSFS

Bro. Gerald Mabiriizi MSFS

Bro. Ibrahim Musajja MSFS

Bro. Jonathan Muema MSFS

Bro. Lawrence Sebowa MSFS

**Promoted for Renewal of Vows, Final Profession and to the Fourth Year Theology**

Bro. Aristidis Danda MSFS

Bro. Jobin Karottukampadathil MSFS

Bro. Stephen Mutisya MSFS

Bro. Thomas Njue MSFS

**Departure from the Congregation**

Scholastic **Onyango Paul Sylvester** has discontinued the formation and he ceases to be the member of the Congregation with effect from May 19, 2015. We wish him all the blessing in his life.

**The First Profession and the Final Profession**

God, willing the First Profession of the Novices and the Final Profession of our four Scholastics would take place on July 10, 2015 at Fransalianum, Kibaha. On July 3 they enter into the retreat at Noviciate and in the Provincial House, respectively. Let us remember them in our prayers.

**New Venture: Theological Studies in Cameroon**

This year we are assigning two scholastics namely Bro. Francis Ndumuli and Bro. Richard Tamaro to begin their Theological Formation in Cameroon. They would need to master French Language. They have taken this challenge and we wish them all the blessings. We also thank the Chad Cameroon Mission for their willingness to accept our Scholastics in their formation house.

## Home Holidays

Fr. Thekkekara Jacob from June 21 to August 20, 2015  
Fr. Kallarakkal Sheejan from July 20 to September 18, 2015  
Fr. Nirappel Sebastian from July 20 to September 18, 2015

We wish them good and relaxing time with their dear ones.

## Our sincere Appreciation

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to Fr. Panthalanckal James who amidst his busy life as a student in Belgium, through his personal efforts and life of sparing, has contributed some financial assistance to the works of formation.

## Welcome to our visitors

**Fr. Josef Giefing** from Austria will be with us from July 8 for a couple of weeks.

**Fr. John Judie** from USA will be with from July 2. He will also animate the retreat in the noviciate.

**Ms. Sole Ferrer** from Chile with a group of 17 University students are coming on July 11. They will be in Ipuli Mission as volunteers till July 31.

*We extend all of dear friends a warm KARIBU SANA!*

## MSFS Kitenge 2

Due to the high popular demand we have produced a new edition of the Jubilee *Kitenge* with slight modifications. Please contact Fr. Soosai Raj Robert MSFS (rajmsfs@gmail.com) for procuring the *Kitenge*.

## New Telephone Numbers:

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Fr. Eriyanickal Jose MSFS (Kenya) +254 720 109 382

## LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

- **Rev. Bro. Boniface Lopez MSFS** of Pune Province, aged 81, died on June 15, 2015.

## Forthcoming Provincial Council Meetings :

- September 14 and 15 at Mwakata
- December 9 and 10 at LCI Arusha

## Priestly Ordinations

As announced earlier, God willing three of our dear Deacons will be ordained to priesthood in the month of July as planned. Let us continue to pray for them, for the bishops who would ordain them, for all those who are involved in the preparations and for all of us. May these celebrations bring many blessings to our entire Fransalian Family and to the Church at large.



## My Program

### June 2015

24-30 In Southern Africa Region MSAF Meeting in Cape Town

### July 2015

- 1-5 in Uganda, Priestly Ordination Dn Joseph Kayanja MSFS
- 6 in Mlolongo, Kenya
- 7 LCI, Arusha
- 9 Initiation to Noviciate, Kibaha
- 10 First Profession, Kibaha
- 11-17 Province Retreat B in Lushoto, TZ
- 18 Meru Kenya, Priestly Ordination, Dn Japhet Kirimi MSFS
- 23 Kisumu, Kenya, Priestly Ordination, Dn Charles Ouma MSFS

## Conclusion

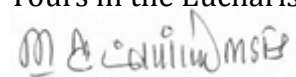
Beloved Confreres,

I wish all of us grace filled days. Let us rejuvenate our lives. Let us keep moving on the right path with right rhythm. Even if we are on the right track, if we just sit there we may get run over. The real opportunity for success lies within us and not in the work we are given. Many times we wait for the right job to be assigned in order to be successful. Let us consider our present task as the right job for us and make it is pleasant task.

John the Baptist did not choose his job. What he chose was to do the job well - that was given to him.

United in prayers,

Yours in the Eucharistic Lord,



Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS (Provincial MSFS East Africa)

Place me like a seal over your heart,  
like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death,  
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.  
It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away.  
If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

**Song of Songs 8:6-7**