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My dear confreres,

Fraternal greetings to all of you!

The month of September is dear to the MSFS. We celebrate the solemnities of the Mother of Compassion and the death anniversary of our beloved Founder Fr. Peter Mary Mermier. Please read the document *Fr. Mermier on Our Lady of Compassion* compiled by Fr. Thomas Kulandaisamy MSFS. The document has been forwarded in the WhatsApp group *MSFS East Africa Province* on 07.09.2023. By praying the obligatory novenas that precede the celebrations, let us prepare spiritually for these events!

Xth Ordinary Provincial Congress

As planned the Xth ordinary Provincial Congress took place at St. Carolus Retreat Centre, Tengeru Arusha. I thank Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil for preaching the recollection and giving the Keynote Address. I appreciate the animation and guidance given by Fr. Abraham Mullenkuzhiyil, the delegate of the Superior General to the Provincial Congress of East Africa! I thank the Steering Committee, various committees, St. Carolus Retreat Centre and all those who were involved in organizing it. I thank all the participants and those who could not physically be present. Finally, I thank the Almighty God for enabling us to conduct it well.

New Provincial Curia of East Africa Province

I congratulate and thank those who have been elected to the Provincial Curia:

- Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvattil (Admonitor & Councillor in charge of Formation)
- Fr. Antonysamy Sebastian (Councillor in charge of Mission)
- Fr. Innocent Ngowi (Councillor in charge of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministry)
- Fr. Sunny Vettickal (Councillor in charge of Education)
- Fr. Reji Pendanathu (Provincial Bursar)

Committee to Study Buwooya Seminary

The following Committee has been constituted to study the details of renovation and additional facilities required at Buwooya Seminary:

Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvattil (Chairman)

Fr. Sunny Vettickal

Fr. Ssentamu Ruthitical

Fr. Michael Mwangi

Transfers and Appointments

Tanzania

1. With the approval of the Superior General, Fr. Thomas Chozhithara is appointed as the Rector of Fransalian House, Kola, Morogoro with effect from 09.09.2023. He is also appointed as the Manager of Fransalian Pre & Primary School at Kigurunyembe with effect from 09.09.2023.

2. Fr. Richard Tamaro is appointed as the Rector of SFS Junior Seminary, Kihonda, Morogoro with effect from October 16, 2023. He will continue to be the vocation promoter in Tanzania.

3. Fr. Mathew Thazathukunnel is appointed to take care of the construction of the Spirituality Centre at Kingolwira. He is also designated to be appointed as the priest-in-charge of Mkombarani Substation. He will reside at the Provincial House, Kihonda.

4. Fr. Dennis Dindi is appointed as the manager and principal of the VTC at Mwakata. He is also appointed as the Bursar of the Fransalian Community at Mwakata with effect from December 4, 2023.

5. Fr. Francis Indumuli Aloo is designated to be appointed to Maji ya Chai parish as the assistant parish priest with effect from December 8, 2023. He will teach philosophy regularly at LCI and pursue a PhD in Philosophy at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA).

6. Fr. Sylvester Clement Sudhakar is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of Bombambili parish with effect from October 9, 2023. He will also continue his studies in law at the Law College in Dar es Salaam.

7. Fr. Peter Johnson Napoleon is designated to be appointed as the assistant Parish Priest of Kikunde parish with effect from October 30, 2023.

8. Fr. Lubega Alois Gonzaga is designated to be appointed as assistant parish priest of Dumila Parish with effect from October 11, 2023. He is also appointed as the manager of our primary school at Dumila.

9. Fr. Moses Okoth is appointed as the Bursar and the Assistant Manager of Ipuli School and all other departments with effect from December 8, 2023. He will also render his pastoral services in the weekends in Ipuli Parish.

10. Fr. John Britto of South East Province is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of Ibihwa parish with effect from October 11, 2023.

Uganda

1. Fr. Sentamu Ruthical is appointed as the Rector of SFS Seminary at Buwooya, Uganda with effect from December 15.

2. Fr. Innocent Ngowi is appointed as the Superior of the Fransalian community Kalamira and is designated to be appointed as the Parish Priest of Kalamira with effect from December 8, 2023.

3. Fr. Sunny Vettickal is appointed as the director of Iyolwa School with effect from December 15, 2023. He will render his pastoral services at Osia Parish in the weekends.

4. Fr. Robert Soosairaj is appointed as the assistant Rector and Bursar of SFS Seminary, Buwooya, Uganda with effect from December 15, 2023. He is also appointed to initiate the process of building a primary school at Buwooya.

5. Fr. Joseph Ambongo is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of Kalamira parish with effect from November 18, 2023.

Kenya

1. Fr. Sebastian Palakudiyil is appointed as superior and director of Fransalian Spirituality Centre, Ndagani with effect from October 10, 2023.

2. Fr. Amal Paul Neerolickal is appointed to the Fransalian Community at Bisil with effect from December 1, 2023. He is also appointed as the head teacher of the SFS school, and designated to be appointed as the Priest-in-charge of IL Bissil substation of Kajiado parish.

USA

Fr. Kurian Kollapallil is appointed for pastoral ministry in the USA. He is designated to be appointed by the bishop of St. Augustine, Florida, USA. He is processing his documents and will travel to the US soon. Safe Journey to Fr. Kurian Kollapallil!

Italy

Fr. Zachariah Burofero is designated to be appointed in the diocese of Lucera-Troia, Italy.

India

1. Fr. Martin Pandanath is appointed as the director of the Retirement Home at Peechanickad, Ankamaly with effect from December 29, 2023. He will also pursue studies in computer programming.

2. Fr. D. Francis is designated to be appointed as assistant parish priest in one of the parishes in Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, India. I take this opportunity to place on record our heartfelt gratitude to the Provincial Fr. Patrick Antony and his administration for the kind help in finding a place for him!

Studies

1. The following Fathers are doing their MSC in Guidance & Counselling, a two-year ONLINE Course at Pope Benedict School of Psychology & Education, Kozhikod, Kerala, India:

Fr. Patrick Titus

Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel

Fr. Ajish Cheeramban (SW Province, working in LCI)

2. Fr. Francis Indumuli Aloo will pursue a PhD in Philosophy at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) in Nairobi from January 2024 while engaged in fulfilling his given responsibilities.

3. Fr. Ssekelembe Gerald Mbirizi will do an Online Masters in Education at the Busitema University of Science and Technology while engaged in fulfilling his given responsibilities.

4. Fr. Stephen Mutisya will do an Online Masters in Education at the Busitema University of Science and Technology while engaged in fulfilling his given responsibilities.

Bon Voyage to Fr. Francis Kyule

Fr. Francis Kyule has received his visa to Austria. He is expected to travel on September 20, 2023. We wish him a safe journey and all the blessings.

New Parish in Graz

As announced earlier, the province of East Africa has taken up a new parish in the diocese of Graz. Fr. Stephen Gerald will be officially installed as the parish priest on September 10, 2023. Fr. Francis Kyule will join him in September, 2023. We congratulate them and pray for God's blessings.

Welcome to the New Priests from Malawi

I congratulate and welcome all the newly ordained priests of South East Province. They will be with us for two weeks before they go to Malawi. I thank the South East Province for sending them to Fransalian Study House, Kola, Morogoro for theology and in a special way for offering the services of Fr. John Birtto to East Africa Province!

Welcome to Fr. Augusto Antonio

Fr. Augusto Antonio of Mozambique delegation will join the Scholastic Staff of LCI on September 15, 2023. Most hearty welcome to him!

Perpetual Vows and Diaconate

The perpetual vows and diaconate of Bros. Godwin Nanalo (EA), Joseph Mwasu (EA), Abraham Mutoro (SA) and Bro. Ivan Mubbo (SA) will take place in Kola on October 20 and October 21, 2023 one after the other. We congratulate them and keep them in our prayers.

Confirmation at the Junior Seminary

The bishop of Morogoro Rt. Rev. Lazarus Msimbe administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 61 junior seminarians and 9 students from St. Ann's school on 25.8.2023. We thank the Rector and Staff for organizing the event!

Graduation at Kigurunyembe

In a colourful ceremony, the class VI students and the Pre-primary II students of Fransalian School, Kigurunyembe graduated on 26.8.2023. We thank the manager, the DSFS Sisters and the staff for organizing the event!

Renewal of Vows

Nineteen MSFS Brothers belonging to Chad-Cameroon, Mozambique and East Africa renewed their religious vows on 27.8.2023.

Diamond Jubilee

Fr. Abraham Mullenkuzhiyil is celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to priesthood on September 21, 2023. We join him in thanking the Lord for all the graces he received and for all that the Lord enabled him to accomplish during these sixty years!

BARAKA

As you know, the responsibility of publishing BARAKA is entrusted with Fr. Moses Okoth. BARAKA is the news magazine of the Province of East Africa. As such, it will contain pictures and news descriptions of interesting nature. I request you to contribute news from your centres and communities so that he is able to bring out BARAKA regularly. The next BARAKA is expected to come out on September 30, 2023.

Conclusion

As we celebrate the solemnities of the Mother of Compassion and the day of our Founder in September, let us determine ourselves to fulfil God's will in our lives as these two great saints did. *"On 19th April 1843, Fr Mermier instructed the confreres at Notre Dame de la Gorge to have devotions in honour of our Lady of Compassion every Friday. Probably the same day, he gave instructions also to have the same in the Mother House at Annecy and a Novena in preparation for one of the feasts of Our Lady of Compassion."* According to Father Mermier, the fruits that result from meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady are *deepened knowledge and love of Jesus and Mary, heightened aversion to sin and enhanced confidence in the protection of Our Lady.* From *Fr. Mermier on Our Lady of Compassion* by Fr. Thomas Kulandaisamy MSFS.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

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