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Beloved Confreres,

Venerable Angelina Lyaka - Martyr of our times

Warm Greetings to you as we celebrate the memory of venerable Dada Angelina Lyaka in our parish in Agururu in the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda. Angelina Lyaka, also known as the *Maria Goreti of Tororo*, gladly accepted Martyrdom in the year 1927, in order to preserve her chastity as the bride of Jesus. Her tomb is in the parish compound of Agururu. Devotion to Dada Angelina is becoming more popular as there are many blessings attributed to her intercession. Let us consider it as a privilege to serve this parish where her mortal remains are kept. This year due to the pastoral feasibility the memorial is celebrated on May 7, 2016.

My dear Confreres! The life and conviction of Angelina must serve as true inspiration for us. She was convinced that without a chaste heart one cannot serve God in true freedom. Human sexuality is a sacred trust bestowed by God on human being. It is a sacred domain reserved for God, for it is there the miracle of creating a new human being is accomplished. When human beings exercise the intimate love in legitimate manner, God guarantees his loving and sanctifying presence with them.

In the world of today where secularism is pervading into every fibre of consecrated life, we need to ask ourselves about the quality of our conviction about living a life that is chaste and pure. What motivates us to live a life of chastity should not be the constitutional demands or social pressure but our deep commitment for the cause of Christ. If not for the love of Jesus any of the vows or any sacrifices that we make in the name of vows do not have any value and merit

Let us pray through intercession of Dada Angelina that we are also inspired and strengthened to live our life of holiness even if it demands great sacrifice from our part. Today let us join in spirit the numerous devotees who are celebrating the Holy Eucharist in her honour at her tomb in Agururu, Uganda. We wish Fr. Sunny Mattathil MSFS the parish priest and the entire assembly of the devotees of Dada Angelina, the blessings of God through her powerful intercession.

Preparations of the Pentecost

Today we begin the Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the great feast of Pentecost. As priests and as consecrated persons we can never imagine a life apart from the Holy Spirit. It is the anointing of Spirit that made us priests. It is the Holy Spirit that gives life to the sacraments that we administer. It is the Spirit that helps us in our weaknesses. We understand that even an ordinary Christian needs the Spirit to sustain his life in God. How much more then do we need the powerful anointing presence of God in our daily life and ministry? Our apostolate, our preaching, our mission works etc, when really anointed by the Holy Spirit, would have a divine touch which makes our ministry altogether different. Externally our lives and mission may go on without having anything to do with the Holy

Spirit. But such a life and ministry is ineffective. They are only merely fulfilling the obligations, showy performances and events of seeking self-glory.

Together with the Novena, let us pray these ejaculatory prayers every day of our lives.

O, God of mercy and compassion, grant me:

the Spirit of WISDOM,

that I may despise the perishable things of this world, and aspire only after the things that are eternal;

the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING,

to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth;

the Spirit of COUNSEL,

that I may ever choose the surest ways of pleasing God and gaining heaven;

the Spirit of FORTITUDE,

that I may bear my cross with You, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation;

the Spirit of KNOWLEDGE,

that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect after the examples of Saints;

the Spirit of PIETY,

that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; and

the Spirit of FEAR,

that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples, making me a true MSFS missionary and animate me in all things with Your spirit. – Amen .

Congratulations: Fr. Siljo Cherian Auppaden MSFS - the new priest

Fr. Siljo Cherian Auppadan MSFS was born on November 12, 1986 in the Christian family of Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Cheriyan and Lissy Cherian, Kerala, India and was baptized in the same year. He is the second born in the family. He has an elder sister. Fr. Siljo Cherian received his first Holy Communion and confirmation in the year 1996 at St. Joseph Church, Mambra, Ernakulum Angamaly diocese.

He studied at government LP School Mambra from 1992 to 1996. Later he studied at St. Thomas UP School Karukutty from 1996 to 1999. He finished his high school at Star Jesus High School Karukutty from 1999 to 2002.

Fr. Siljo Cherian started his religious formation in the congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de sales at Prakash Bbhavan, Mannarkhad from 2002 to 2005. He began his novitiate on June 10, 2006 at Sannidhi Noviate house, Mysore and on June 11, 2007 he made his first religious profession. He did his philosophical studies at Suvidya College, Bangalore, from 2007 to 2010. After his philosophical; studies Fr Siljo Cherian came to Tanzania for further formation. He did regency at SFS VTC Mwakata, Kahama, from 2010 to 2011.

He did his theological studies at Jordan University College, a constituent of St Augustine University of Tanzania, from 2011-2015. He made his final profession on July 10, 2014 and was ordained deacon on September 27, 2014 by his Lordship Most Rev. Telesphore Mkude, the Bishop of Morogoro. Upon completion the theological studies, he did the diaconate ministry in St. Francis de Sales Parish Dumila, Tanzania and in St. Francis de Sales Parish Iyolwa, Uganda. He was ordained priest by His lordship Most Rev. Jose Puthanveetil, the

Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulum-Angamaly Archdiocese, on April 2, 2016 at St Joseph Church, Mambra, Kerala, India.

Our heartiest congratulations to Fr. Siljo Cherian Auppaden on his ordained to be a priest for Christ. We wish him all the blessings in the mission being entrusted to him. We also specially thank the parish priests and all the faithful of St Joseph Church, Mambra for their whole hearted cooperation in this ordination.

Promotion to renewal of vows

The following scholastics are promoted for the renewal of vows and to further stages of formation/ ministries.

Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Second Year Philosophy

Bro. Joseph Ssendendo MSFS
Bro. Moses Okoth MSFS

Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the Third Year 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 year of Regency

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 First Year Theology

Bro. Gregory Mutisya MSFS (JUCO Morogoro)
Bro. John Dennis Dindi MSFS (JUCO Morogoro)
Bro. Leornard Musembi Ngumbi MSFS (JUCO Morogoro)
Bro. Michael Mwangi Mumbi MSFS (JUCO Morogoro)
Bro. Ssentamu Ruthitical MSFS (JUCO Morogoro)
Bro. Francis Ndumuli MSFS (in Cameroon)
Bro. Richard Tamaro MSFS (in Cameroon)

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

Bro. Kenneth Maina MSFS

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

Bro. Francis Kyule MSFS

Bro. Martin Pendanath MSFS
Bro. Patrick Musyimi MSFS
Bro. Simon Nabende MSFS

[Promoted for Renewal of Vows and to the fourth Year Theology](#)

Bro. Amal Neerolickal MSFS
Bro. Gerald Mabiriizi MSFS
Bro. Ibrahim Musajja MSFS
Bro. Jonathan Muema MSFS
Bro. Lawrence Sebowa MSFS

[Promoted for the Diaconate Ministry](#)

Deacon Aristidis Danda MSFS
Deacon Jobin Karottukampadathil MSFS
Deacon Stephen Mutisya MSFS
Deacon Thomas Njue MSFS

Upon the completion of the theological studies the deacons will have 3 months of intensive pastoral ministry.

Annual Retreat 2016

As planned and announced earlier, our Annual retreats at the Province level will be organized in two places. The details and the list of participants according to your registration is as follows:

Retreat A Tanzania

Venue:	Precious Blood Sisters Centre, Kifungilo, Lushoto, Tanzania
Date :	May 31, 2016 evening to June 5 evening.
Arrival	May 31, Tuesday 18.00 hrs
Departure	June 6, Monday morning hours
Guide:	Rev. Fr. Josephat Bududu (Archdiocese of Tabora)

Participants

1. Antonysamy Sebastian
2. Chavely Mathew
3. Chinnappan Arockiasamy
4. Eriyanickal Jose
5. Kallarakkal Sheejan
6. Kirimi Japhet
7. Kochalumchuvattil Thomas
8. Kochuparampil Pius
9. Kochuparampil Thomas
10. Kollappallil Jomat
11. Kuzhupil Sebastian

12. Maruthomalayil Joby
13. Mattathil Sunny
14. Mullenkuzhy Abraham
15. Ngowi Innocent
16. Panamattathil Gijo
17. Perumanoor Tomychan
18. Peter Napoleon Johnson
19. Poikunnel Joseph
20. Silvester Clement Sudhakar
21. Thazhathukunnel Mathew
22. Ubadesi Stephen
23. Vellachalil Jomon
24. **Rev. Fr. Josephat Bududu (guide)**

The retreat centre is run by the Precious Blood Sisters (CPS). It is located 90 minutes slow drive from Mombo via Lushoto. The last part of the road is very rough. Please come with strong 4 WD cars only. It is likely that the temperatures can be very low and please bring along enough warm clothes. For those coming from TAKA, Kenya and Uganda, you may stay at LCI and come together. Please contact Fr. Thazhathukunnel Mathew for further arrangements.

Retreat B Kenya

Venue: Subiaco Center, Benedictine Sisters, Carron Nairobi Kenya
Date : June 22, 2016 evening to June 27 evening
Arrival June 22, Wednesday 18.00 hrs
Departure June 28, Tuesday morning hours
Guide: Rev. Fr. Sahaya Selvam SDB (www.sahayaselvam.org)

Participants

1. Antonysamy Muthusamy
2. Antonysamy Robert
3. Chozhithara Thomas
4. Kallidukil Johnson
5. Kallikatt Francis
6. Kayanja Joseph
7. Kuldeep Kujur
8. Nirappel Sebastian
9. Ouma Charles
10. Palakudy Sebastian
11. Pandanath Reji
12. Pandanath Sijo
13. Rajesh Jayaseelan
14. RVP Prasad
15. Sebastian Williams

16. Soosai Raj Robert
17. Thekkekara Jacob
18. Vettickal Sunny
- 19. Rev. Fr. Sahaya Selvam SDB**

Regarding your arrival in Mlolongo and other logistics please keep in touch with Fr. Jose Eriyanickal. It would be appropriate that the participants meet in Mlolongo and travel together to Karen. After the retreat is over, there is the possibility to make a prayerful visit to the Resurrection Garden. It is very likely that the temperatures can be very low and please bring along enough warm clothes.

Those exempted for special reasons. They have already participated or would participate in other retreats

1. Kattikanayil Tomy
2. Prakashbhavan Santhosh
3. Siljo Cherian
4. Susai David
5. Vijayakumar Nelson

Those who are making retreat outside East Africa

1. Augustine Stephen Gerald
2. Burrofero Zachariah Claudio
3. Devadoss Francis
4. Kochumalayil Sony
5. Kollappallil Kurian
6. Kunnappilly Joseph
7. Mangatt Augustine
8. Olickal Thomas
9. Packiam Wilson
10. Panthalanickal James
11. Pathiyil Johnson
12. Peter Antony George

Appointments

Fr. Siljo Auppaden MSFS is appointed to the MSFS Community Iyolwa. He is also designated to be the Assistant Parish Priest of Francis de Sales Parish Iyolwa with effect from May 15, 2016.

The following scholastics are appointed for regency as given below:

Bro. Brian Wassawa MSFS	MSFS Mission Agururu
Bro. Denis Musungu MSFS	MSFS Community Mwakata
Bro. Joseph Kisseka MSFS	MSFS Mission Katani
Bro. Joseph Ambongo MSFS	Fransalian Seminary Ndagani
Bro. Lubega Gonzaga MSFS	MSFS Mission Iyolwa
Bro. Remijus Danda MSFS	MSFS Mission Ipuli

In the normal circumstances the regency begins from June 20, 2016. However I request the brothers to get in touch with the Superior of the community where you are appointed for regency and to make the necessary arrangements. We wish our dear brothers all the blessings for this year of regency.

Divine Mercy Sunday in Osia

On April 3, 2016 the Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated in a very grant and meaningful way in the parish of Osia, Uganda. The celebration was proceeded by four days of retreat and the people had prepared themselves spiritually by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. The main celebrant was the Archbishop of Tororo His Grace Dr. Emmanuel Obbo A.J. The church was over crowded and the liturgy lasted five hours. It was an explicit sign of great spiritual awakening among the faithful. Our sincere congratulations to our confreres and the parish community.

St. Joseph Feast in Mlolongo

This year the St. Joseph's Parish Mlolongo, Kenya celebrated the family feast of the parish in a very solemn manner on May 1, 2016. The program began with a liturgical procession from one of the BCCs one kilometre from the parish. Due to the large number of faithful the mass was conducted outside the church in the specially prepared tents. Rev. Fr. Josephat, the dean of Athi River Deanery was the main celebrant. All those who serve in the parish were honoured with special gifts. Meals and refreshments were provided for all after the mass. Our sincere congratulations to our confreres and the parish community.

Fancy Fete in Mkuza

In the context of the Vocation Sunday and in order to create awareness among the faithful about their obligation to support the cause of formation, MSFS Community Mkuza together with the Noviciate Community organized a Fancy Fete in Mkuza Parish on April 24, 2016. For many people this was the experience of this kind. Our sincere congratulations to our confreres and the parish community and the Novitiate community.

Meeting with the Bishops in Uganda

O April 4, 2016 together with some of the confreres in Uganda we had meeting with the Bishop of Jinja Diocese - His Lordship Charles Martin Wamika. On April 5, 2016 we had the meeting with the Archbishop of Kampala His Grace Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga. The purpose of the meetings was to introduce our congregation. Both the Local Ordinaries welcomed us to start our apostolate in the respective dioceses. Let us entrust all our plans in the hands of God and seek his anointing of all our plans.

The New Provincial Administration: SW India Province

Fr. Benny Koottanal: Provincial Superior

Fr. R. Santhosh Kumar: Admonitor and PCIC of Formation

Fr. A Jerome: PCIC of Mission

Fr. Joy Vazhappillil: PCIC of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries

Fr. Roy Plathottathil: PCIC of Education

Fr. Vinod Kanattu: Provincial Bursar

Hearty Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to the new team!

DIBRUGARH REGION the new Region in NE India Province: The Regional Administration

Fr. Emmanuel Mappilaparampil Regional Superior

Fr. Kurian Pattimackel: Regional Councilor
Fr. Augustine Thundathil Regional Councilor
Fr. Philip Mhonchumo: Regional Councilor
Fr. Peter Parankimalil: Regional Bursar

Hearty Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to the new team!

Triennial Mandatory Meeting 2016 / PIF-PEA / MSAF Meetings

Triennial Mandatory Meeting 2016 (TMM) is a midterm evaluation of the State of the Congregation after the General Chapter. All the members of the General Curia and Major Superiors in the Congregation gather in LCI, Arusha from May 14 – 18, 2016. One of the major focuses to revisit the implementation of the Call of the General Chapter 2013 and review our response to the call of Pope Francis to address the real need of our times.

TMM is preceded by the meetings of the Provincials of India Forum (PIF) and the Provincial of East Africa and MSAF (Mission Superiors Africa Forum)

It is a great joy and honour for us to host these meetings in EA. May I request your valuable prayers for all the travels and meetings. May the Holy Spirit truly guide every step that we take.

We extend a warm welcome to the General Curia Members, all the Provincials/ Vice Provincial and the MSAF Superiors. *Karibuni sana!!!*

Prayers requested

- **Fr. T. P. Joseph** of Nagpur Province, aged 69, died on April 3, 2016. He was 69 years old.
- **Mr. Savarimuthu** the beloved father of Fr. Stephen Ubadesi, - died of heart attack on April 27, 2016. He was 73 years old.

Baraka 8

Our news magazine, **Baraka** Issue no.8 is already out of the press. Hearty congratulations to Fr. Clement Sudhakar, the chief editor and to the contributors. Baraka 9 is due to be printed in July this year. This issue should cover the major events of our mission here from January to June 2016. You are kindly requested to give materials at the earliest. Please contact: clementsudha@gmail.com; editorbaraka@gmail.com The Baraka 8 is available in web. Please go to <http://www.msfs-eastafrica.com/images/baraka/baraka8.pdf>

Home Holidays

Fr. Nelson Vijayakumar MSFS is on home holidays from May 26 to July 26, 2016. We wish him a good with his dear and near ones.

Forum Meetings

May I remind you of the forthcoming Province Forum Meetings and request you whole hearted participation in these meetings. The meetings will be in Provincial House

June 7, 2016 Pastoral Forum Meeting

June 8, 2016 Superiors Forum Meeting

My dear Fathers and Brothers,

Our lives here on earth, teaches and urges us many things. Our attitudes and characters are formed by many factors that are associated with our own personal history. Do we not sometimes feel discouraged and depressed? Are we not at times moved by our emotions and driven to decisions and actions based on our feelings. God does not prevent us from being persons with feelings. However we have to ensure that we do not act or make judgements based merely on our feelings. If only I am guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit I can be a person of true freedom. As we pray the novena to the Holy Spirit these days, let us very earnestly seek the help from the Holy Spirit to give us the firm conviction that it is God who guides us every moment and that whatever happens to us in our lives is for our good (ref. Rom.8:28).

As adults just as we have the freedom to take our own decisions, we have also the obligation to ensure that we are guided by the Holy Spirit in our decision making. May the prayers of Dada Angelina inspire us to be persons of deep convictions in our lives, relationships and apostolate.

Yours in the Lord whose Holy Spirit guides our destiny



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

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1: 2-6