
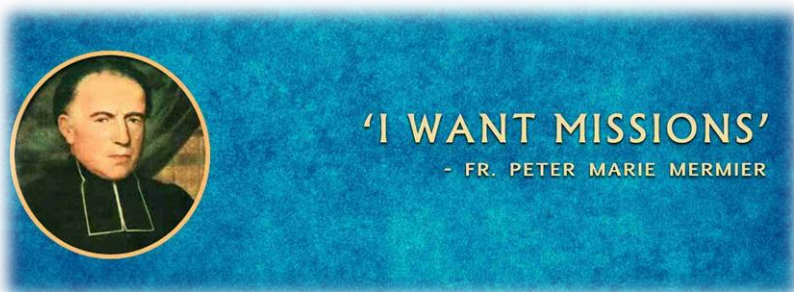
 <h2 style="text-align: center;">MISSIONARIES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Fransalians - Province of East Africa Provincial House P. O. Box 12 Morogoro Tanzania Tel: +255 689 882 711; +255 624 027 880 www.msfs-eastfrica.com e-mail: provincialeastafricamsfs@gmail.com</p> 		
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My dear Confreres,

I wish you all a Happy Foundation Day! May Almighty God continue to bless our Congregation, our apostolates and all our Confreres to carry on the vision and mission of our beloved Founder for the greater glory of God!

FOUNDATION DAY & 175TH YEAR OF ARRIVAL OF MSFS IN INDIA



It was on October 24, 1838 that our Congregation was founded by Servant of God Fr. Peter Mermier under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales and Mary, Mother of Compassion. This year we mark the 182nd Foundation day as well as 175th year of the arrival of MSFS in

India. It was on 2nd May 1845 that Fr. Peter Mermier received a letter from 'Propaganda Fide' to send six missionaries to India to take up the task of evangelization in the newly erected Vicariate of Visakhapatnam which was bifurcated from the Vicariate of Madras. The Congregation had only 14 Confreres at that time. Fr. Mermier sent six of them to India. They were **Fr. Jacques Martin, Fr. Joseph Lavorel, Fr. Jean Marie Tissot, Fr. Jean Thevenet, Bro. Pierre Carton and Bro. Sulpice Fontanel**. They began their voyage on 28th May, 1845 and arrived at Pondicherry in the South East of India, on 7th September, 1845. There was some communication gap between the Bishops of Pondicherry and Madras and therefore they could not immediately travel to Visakhapatnam. After seven months of waiting, they reached Visakhapatnam on 15th February 1846. This was the beginning of the MSFS Missions in India. Subsequently more missionaries from Europe followed the pioneers to preach the Gospel of Christ in India.

God blessed the missionary endeavours in India through the efforts of these hard working Missionaries from Europe and later through indigenous missionaries. Our Congregation has made substantial contributions to the growth of Christianity in the Central Regions of India. At present there are about 15 dioceses and several thousands of Christians in the area where the MSFS Fathers and Brothers originally preached the Gospel. May God be always glorified!



Rev. Fr. Superior General has requested us to mark the Foundation Day and the 175th Jubilee year of the arrival of MSFS in India in the following manner:



1. Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: During the Holy Mass or during a prayer service, the entire community could make an act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

2. Planting of six trees in honour of the first missionaries who came to India 175 years ago, the Superiors of all the communities are requested to arrange to plant six trees to mark the event.

3. Devotional Renewal of Vows: All the superiors of communities are requested to organize Devotional Renewal of Vows during a Holy Eucharist or during a prayer service.

CAUSE OF OUR FOUNDER

The Diocesan Tribunal for the Cause of the beatification of Fr. Peter Mermier was held on September 19, 2020. Few witnesses gave their testimony before the tribunal. We need more testimonies and witnesses. I sincerely thank you all for promoting the Cause of our Founder in your communities and parishes. I am informed by some of our confreres that some parishioners have received favours through the intercession of Fr. Mermier. I request you to make a written record of these favours received or testimonies by the recipients and send them to the office of the Provincial.

FRANSALIAN ASSOCIATES

Some of our communities have already initiated Fransalian Associates in their parishes/Institutes. Please send a report of your meetings to the office of the Provincial.

PROVINCIAL CONGRESS



The Provincial Congress of East Africa took place from 2nd to 5th October, 2020. All the Fathers of the Province working in East Africa could attend the Provincial Congress despite fears of Covid 19. Praise the Lord!

We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Agnelo Fernandes MSFS, the Delegate of the Superior General, who animated the Provincial Congress. He preached the recollection and delivered an inspiring key note address based on the theme of the Provincial Congress: **Strengthening Community Living in Consecrated Life for the Mission of Christ**. After three days of meaningful evaluations and intensive deliberations, the assembly drafted a final statement and an action plan, which would guide the members of the Province for the coming three years.

The Concluding Holy Eucharist of the Provincial Congress was presided over by Msgr. Lazarus Msimbe SDS, the Apostolic Administrator of Morogoro Diocese. He thanked and appreciated the Fransalians for their missionary endeavours in East Africa. I sincerely thank St. Gaspar's College (Precious Blood Seminary) for hosting the Provincial Congress.

The Provincial Curia

The Provincial Congress elected the following confreres to the Provincial Curia:

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| • Fr. Sheejan Kallarackal | Admonitor and PCIC for Education |
| • Fr. Zachariah Burefero | PCIC for Mission |
| • Fr. Robert Soosai Raj | PCIC for SAIM |
| • Fr. Japhet Kirimi | PCIC for Formation |
| • Fr. Reji Pandanath | Provincial Bursar |

Hearty Congratulations to the members of the new Provincial Curia.

The Acts of the Provincial Congress

Rev. Fr. Superior General has approved the Acts of the Provincial Congress (The final Statement and the Action Plan). The Acts of the Provincial Congress is already sent to the confreres by email.

PRIESTLY AND DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

October 01, 2020 was a historical day for the Fransalians in Africa as God blessed us with eight Priestly Ordinations and four Diaconate Ordinations. Most Rev. Jude Thaddeus Ruwai'chi OFM Cap., the Archbishop of Dar es Salaam raised to Sacred Order of Priesthood, **Dennis Johns Dindi, Francis Indumuli, Gregory Mua Mutisya, Leonard Musembi Ngumbi, Michael Mwangi Mumbi, Patropio Mutangili, Richard Tamaro Gitono, Ssentamu Ruthitical**. He also raised to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate, **Brian Paul Wasswa, Fabian Wasonga Wawi, Joseph Abongo Orengo, Lubega Aloizio Gonzaga**. We thank God for our new priests and deacons, and for the numerous vocations to our Congregation in Africa. The Ordinations were attended by a large number of priests, religious and laity.

The Province is indebted to St. Francis de Sales Parish at Mkuza for hosting the Ordinations in the Parish. I sincerely thank Fr. Pius Kochuparampil, Fr. Sebastian Williams and the entire parish community for meticulously planning and organizing the historical day on behalf of the Province. May God bless them abundantly!



PERPETUAL PROFESSION

September 30, 2020 was a joyous day for the Fransalians in East Africa as three of our scholastics - **Brian Paul Wasswa, Joseph Abongo Orengo and Lubega Aloizio Gonzaga** made their final commitment to the Lord at the Fransalian House, Kola Hills, Morogoro, Tanzania. Rev. Fr. Mathew Thazhathukunnel MSFS, the Provincial Superior of East Africa Province presided over the Eucharistic celebration and received the vows. Hearty Congratulations to the newly perpetually professed confreres of East Africa Province.



NEW COMMUNITIES

The Provincial Council has decided to establish two new communities, namely, Maji ya Chai in the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania and Buwooya in the Diocese of Lugazi, Uganda.

NEW COLLABORATORS AT NGURDOTO DISPENSARY

Most Rev. Isaac Amani, Archbishop of Arusha has entrusted the Dispensary at Ngurdoto to the Bethany Sisters of Mangalore. He personally welcomed them to Ngurdoto during the Holy Eucharist held on August 02, 2020. I sincerely thank and congratulate Fr. Robert Antonysamy for making enormous efforts to bring the new collaborators to Ngurdoto. We wish Bethany sisters God's blessing in their ministry at Ngurdoto.

NEW BOOK

Fr. Kurian Kollapallil has published a new book: **Dry Land in the Midst of the Sea** (2020). Hearty Congratulations!

STEWARDSHIP FORUM MEETING AND BUDGET

A meeting of the Stewardship Forum will be held on 11th and 12th November 2020. The new auditor will update on the new regulations of TRA on 11th of November. The bursars are requested to present the budget for 2021 on 12th of November.

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

If anyone wishes to change his citizenship, please follow the procedures as described in the General Directory (360, 361, 362, and 363).

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Dennis John Dindi is appointed to the MSFS Community, Kalamira and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Kalamira, Diocese of Jinja, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Francis Indumuli is appointed to the MSFS Community, Mji Mpya/Relini, and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of Mother of Mercy Parish, Mji Mpya/Relini, Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Gregory Mua Mutisya is appointed to the MSFS Community, Lububu, and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Lububu, Archdiocese of Tabora, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Leonard Musembi Ngumbi is appointed to the MSFS Community, Osia, and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Jude Parish, Osia, Archdiocese of Tororo, with effect from 20th October, 2020.

Fr. Michael Mwangi Mumbi is appointed to the MSFS Community, Agururu, and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Bruno's Parish, Agururu, Archdiocese of Tororo, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Patropio Mutangili is appointed to the MSFS Community, Ibihwa, and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Ibihwa, Archdiocese of Dodoma, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Richard Tamaro Gitono is appointed to the MSFS Community, Bukene, and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Charles Lwanga and his Companions Parish, Bukene, Archdiocese of Tabora, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Ssentamu Ruthital is appointed to the MSFS Community, Mlolongo and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Joseph Parish, Mlolongo, Diocese of Machakos, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Francis Kallikatt is appointed as the Superior of MSFS Community at Buwooya, Diocese of Lugazi, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Bro. Leo Cheruvil, an associate member, is appointed to the MSFS Community at Buwooya, Diocese of Lugazi, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Jose Eriyanickal is designated to be appointed as the Priest-in-Charge of Kalagala Mission, Diocese of Lugazi with effect from 28th December, 2020. He is appointed to the MSFS Community at Buwooya, Lugazi.

Fr. Simon Peter Nabende is appointed to the MSFS Community, Chera and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Michael's Parish, Chera, Diocese of Meru, with effect from 28th December, 2020. He is also appointed the Manager of Salesan School and bursar of the community.

Fr. Jobin Karottukampadathil is appointed to the MSFS Community, Katani and is also appointed as the Assistant Manager of SFS School and Bursar of the community, Diocese of Machakos, with effect from 28th December, 2020.

Fr. Jonathan Muema is appointed to the MSFS Community at Mlolongo, Diocese of Machakos, with effect from 28th December, 2020.

Fr. Siljo Auppadan is appointed as the Manager of SFS School, Bukene, with effect from 2nd November, 2020.

Fr. Lawrence Ssebowa is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS community, Mwakata and is also appointed as the Bursar of SFS VTC and the Community, Diocese of Kahama, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Joseph Poikunnel is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS community, Ipuli and is also appointed as the Manager of the schools in Ipuli, Archdiocese of Tabora, with effect from 28th December, 2020.

Fr. Thomas Kochuparampil is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community, Dumila and is designated to be appointed as the parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dumila, Diocese of Morogoro, with effect from 28th December, 2020.

Fr. Mwangi Kenneth Maina is appointed to the MSFS Community, Dumila and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Dumila, Diocese of Morogoro, with effect from 25th November, 2020. He is also appointed as the Manager of Fransalian Dumila Mission School.

Fr. Patrick Musyimi is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community, Kikunde and is designated to be appointed as the parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish Kikunde, Archdiocese of Arusha, with effect from 14th November, 2020.

Fr. Nelson Vijayakumar is designated to be appointed as the Priest-in-Charge of Lukobe mission, Diocese of Morogoro, with effect from 14th November, 2020.

Fr. Amal Neerolickal is appointed to the SFS Junior Seminary Community, Kihonda and is also appointed as the Vocation Promoter of the Province, Diocese of Morogoro, with effect from 25th November, 2020.

Fr. Reji Pendanath is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Provincial House community with effect from 28th December 2020.

Fr. Johnson Pathyil is appointed as the Superior and Rector of the MSFS Study House with effect from 20th December, 2020. He is also appointed as the Manager of Fransalian School, Kigurunyembe.

Fr. Japhet Kiriimi is appointed to the MSFS Community, Mkuza and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Mkuza, Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam, with effect from 28th December, 2020. He is also appointed as the Manager of Fransalian Mission School, Mkuza.

Fr. Sebastian Williams is appointed to the MSFS Community, Ngurdoto and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Ngurdoto, Archdiocese of Arusha, with effect from 05th January, 2021.

Fr. Tomichen Perumannor is appointed as the Superior of the MSFS Community at Maji ya Chai, Archdiocese of Arusha with effect from 20th November, 2020. He will continue to serve as the Bursar of Lumen Christi Institute.

Fr. Clement Sudhakar is appointed to the MSFS Community, Maji ya Chai and is designated to be appointed as the assistant parish priest of St. Stephen's Parish, Maji ya Chai, Archdiocese of Arusha, with effect from 20th November, 2020.

Fr. Kurian Kollapallil is designated to be appointed on the staff of Lumen Christi Institute with effect from 05th January, 2021.

Fr. Sijo Pendanath is designated to be appointed as the Manager of Fransalian Hekima School and Assistant Bursar of Lumen Christi Institute with effect from 15th December, 2020.

Fr. Susai David is appointed as the Superior of Confreres of East Africa in GAH with effect from 25th October, 2020.

The following confreres are designated for higher studies:

Fr. Jerald Mabiirizi:	MA in Education (Malaba)
Fr. Stephen Mutisya:	MA in Education (Malaba)
Fr. Jobin Karottukampadathil :	MA in Education (Nairobi)
Fr. Jonathan Muema:	BA in Commerce and Accounting (Nairobi)
Fr. Clement Sudhakar:	BA in Law (Tumaini University, Makumira)
Fr. Sebastian Williams:	PhD in Education (MWENGE University, Moshi)

OBITUARY

Mrs. Patricia Mwilu (85), maternal grandmother of Fr. Patrick Musyimi, passed away on 16.09.2020.

Fr. Abraham Moloparampil MCBS (84), maternal uncle of Fr. Sebastian Kuzhupil, passed away on 18.09.2020.

Fr. Thomas Vadakumpadam MSFS (74) of Nagupur Province passed away on 06.10.2020.

Fr. Julian Kodigandala MSFS (57) of Vizag Province passed away on 09.10.2020

Mrs. Valencia Sequeria (83), sister of Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, passed away on 12.10.2020

Mr. Stephen Mutisya (39), brother of Fr. Francis Kyule, passed away on 17.10.2020

Fr. Pakki Devadas MSFS (62) of Vizag Province passed away on 17.10.2020.

May God grant them eternal life!

NB: Please offer one Holy Mass for every departed Confrere.

MY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Date	Programme
23.10.2020	Blessing of Primary School, Mji Mpya
24.10.2020	Novitiate, Kibaha
28.10.2020	Blessing of Dispensary of Asissi Sisters, Mji Mpya
31.10.2020	Blessing of Formation House of FCC Sisters, Dodoma
11 -12. 11.2020	Stewardship Forum meeting, LCI
13.11.2020	Council meeting, LCI
16-28.11.2020	Classes, LCI

My dear Confreres, once again I wish you all a very Happy Foundation Day!

Yours devotedly in Christ



Father Mathew Thazhathukunnel MSFS,
Provincial Superior – East Africa

Salesian Thought

Whoever has risen to the new life of the Saviour does not live any longer to self, in self or for self. But he lives to his Saviour, in his Saviour and for his Saviour (TLG, Book VII, chapter, 7).