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Canonical Visitation of our Superior General!

Beloved Brothers,

Let us welcome our beloved Superior General Very Reverend Dr. Abraham Vettuvélil MSFS who is making the Canonical Visitation to the USA Vice Province beginning from November 14 to December 8, 2016. It is a special time of joy, unity and rejuvenation for the Vice Province and the confreres working in the United States. Let us make it as a special time of grace and blessing for the growth and development of the Vice Province and the spiritual and physical well being of the confreres. Please join me in heart and spirit in welcoming him to our Vice Province. Let us also pray that he will have safe and pleasant visitation in the USA Vice Province.

The Purpose of the Visitation

The Constitution of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales states:

“The visitation of the Superior General to the Province should be so prepared that it becomes an occasion for evaluation, renewal, and re-invigoration of the Province Life and Apostolate (Art. 201/vi).”

The focus of the Visitation:

- An evaluation of the Community Life and Apostolic Life
- A renewal of religious life in Local Communities
- Meeting of all confreres personally and in Local Communities.

The Superiors of the Local Communities prepare a reflective report with an evangelical critique on community life, religious life and apostolates in the community and present the report in the Community Meetings.

The reflective report highlights:

- The strength, weakness, opportunities, and possibilities for the Mission of the Local Communities
- Identifies one area that the communities will focus on in the next 3 years
- How far the Action Plan of the Vice Provincial Congress (2016) and the Directives of the General Chapter 2013, and TMM 2016 are being realized in the Communities
- Major challenges and concerns in the Vice Province and Local Communities
- Addressing the establishment of Fransalian Associates/Friends in the USA Vice Province

What he would like to accomplish:

- ◆ Personal meeting with every confrere
- ◆ Community Meeting with the Local Communities
- ◆ Half hour of adoration with the community in the chapel

We shall make the visitation as simple as possible focusing on the essentials of priestly and religious life.

Program for the Superior General's Visitation to the USA Vice Province

(Nov. 14th to Dec 8th 2016)

- November 14, 2016** – Harrisburgh, PA Local Community
arrives 14th afternoon and leaves 15th noon
he is driving himself from Baltimore and returning to Baltimore, MD
- November 15-17, 2016** – Detroit, MI Local Community
On 16th morning 8: 50 flying out off Baltimore, MD to Detroit, MI
flight information will be send to the local community superior (LCS)
- November 17-19, 2016** – Kalamazoo, MI Local Community
drive from Detroit, MI to Kalamazoo, MI and back to Detroit, MI
- November 19-23, 2016** – Houston, Tyler TX and Louisiana Local Communities
on 19th morning 7: 25 flying out of Detroit, MI to Houston, TX
flight information will be send to the LCS
20th evening Louisiana community joining Houston Community
drive from Houston, TX to Tyler, TX and return to Houston, TX
- November 23 -25, 2016** – Break - Personal Time Off
- November 26- 28, 2016** – Kansas Local Community
on 26th morning 7:00 flying out of Pittsburgh, PA to Kansas City, MO
flight information will be send to the LCS
- November 28 – December 1, 2016** – Tucson, AZ Local Community
On 28th morning 9: 00 flying out of Kansas City, MO to Phoenix, AZ
flight information will be send to the LCS
drive from Phoenix, AZ to Tucson, AZ
- December 1- 2, 2016** – Wisconsin Local Community
on 1st morning 9: 05 flying out of Tucson, AZ to Chicago, IL
driving himself from Chicago, IL to Wisconsin and returning to Chicago, IL
- December 2 -3, 2016** – Break- Personal Time Off
- December 4 -8, 2016** – Nashville, TN, Atlanta, GA, Florida Local Communities
on 4th afternoon 1: 55 flying out of Chicago, IL to Nashville, TN
4th evening with Nashville Community
5th morning driving to Atlanta, GA and evening with Atlanta Community
6th afternoon 1: 50 flying out of Atlanta to Jacksonville, FL
7th evening 5: 45 flying out of Jacksonville FL to Nashville, TN
- December 8, 2016** – Evaluation of the Visitation with Vice Provincial and Council Members in Nashville, TN
- December 9, 2016** - Afternoon 2:00 pm departure to Rome via Chicago, IL

Attention Please.....

- ◆ The Superior General may not be able to visit all the individual parishes/work places of our confreres working in the United States; instead he would like to meet with all the members in a community that is convenient for all.
- ◆ The Superior General's visit with the local Bishops will be left to the discretion of the local superior and the community. If the community feels it is necessary and beneficial, not too far and affordable within the time frame he will be able to visit with the Bishops. If not, it is not very essential. He would like to spend quality time with the confreres in the Vice Province.

An update of the GC-PIF-PEA Meeting in Vizag - India!

The GC-PIF-PEA Meeting was held in Vizag, India from October 5 - 8, 2016. The participants were:

General Curia: Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvilil, Superior General, Fr. George Parampukattil, General Councillor, Fr. Noel Rebello, General Councillor, Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, General Councillor, Fr. Jayaseelan Selvaraj, General Councillor and Fr. Augustine Mangatt, General Bursar.

Provincials of PIF & PEA: Fr. Johnson Kallidukil, Provincial of East Africa, Fr. George Panthanmackel, Provincial of North East Province, Fr. Antony Dharmaraj, Provincial of South East Province, Fr. P. Chinnappa Reddy, Provincial of Visakhapatnam Province, Fr. Benny Kootanal, Provincial of South West Province, Fr. Vincent Lourduswamy, Provincial of Pune Province, Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhy, Provincial of Nagpur Province and Fr. Tomy Puliyanampattayil, Vice Provincial of USA Vice Province.

Objectives of the Meeting:

- To see what type of relationship and collaboration we have
- To have sometime away to share and discuss the matters of the congregation
- To strengthen and appreciate each other
- To share our challenges
- To ensure that we are in alignment with the constitutions on matters of administration
- To educate and train ourselves to be effective leaders and animators
- To give priority to the spirit of Charism

The assembly discussed and decided on several matters of importance for the growth and development of the congregation in different levels in all the Countries. It was a time of thinking together, visioning together, working together and living together as Fransalians with role and responsibility of leadership and animation. For me personally as a newly appointed Vice Provincial, it was a learning experience where I could sense and experience the spirit and direction of our congregation as a Missionary Congregation. It helps me to animate and lead the Vice Province in the right direction in compliance with the spirit and mind of the Congregation and the present leadership. I had also the joy of meeting with some of my batchmates and cohorts who are also in the leadership positions.

I had the opportunity to meet with all the Provincials personally requesting them to support the Vice Province by lending confreres on a long term basis to work in the USA Vice Province. I was very happy with the response and support that all the Provincials provided by assuring me to lend confreres to work in the Vice Province in the near future. We can hopefully wait for some confreres joining the Vice Province from outside the country in the near future.

I also really experienced the support and cooperation that the General Curia is offering to our Vice Province. They are really supportive of our mission and ministry especially the ones leading to the expansion and growth of our Vice Province into a full fledged province in the future. As a whole it was a wonderful experience of being together as leaders and animators, especially as men of the same mission and vision.

Congratulations and Prayerful Wishes!

Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Rev. Fr. Ignaci Muthu who is appointed by the Superior General as the new Provincial Superior of the South East India Province.

Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Rev. Fr. George Panthanmackal who is reappointed by the Superior General as the Provincial Superior of the North East India Province for the second term.

Thanks and prayers to Rev. Fr. Dharmaraj the out going Provincial Superior of the South East India Province for his help and support for the USA Vice Province.

New Arrival!

Fr. Kailas Hivale, MSFS

Saints Simon and Jude

26777 Glen Loch Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77381

Tel. 281-367-9885

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Fr Kailas is a priest belonging to Nagpur Province and he is currently appointed to do the pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, TX. We wish him best of God's blessings and prayerful support that he will have a fruitful ministry in the United States.

Change of Address and Phone Numbers!

Fr. Jomon Palatty, MSFS

Annunciation Parish, 740 N 6th Street

Baldwin City, KS 66006

Parish Office: 785 594 3700, Parish Rectory: 785 594 2284

New cell Number of Fr. Biju Palamkunnel: 281-690-6652

Fr. Chandra Sekhar Potnuru MSFS

St. Paul University Parish

1810 N. Roosevelt, Wichita, KS 67208

Office Phone: 316 684 6896, Fax: 316 6842679

Fr. Jomon is appointed as the administrator and Fr. Chandra Sekhar as the Parochial Vicar.

Congratulations and prayerful support to both confreres and wish them the best in their ministry!

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

St. Francis de Sales

Pray for the Repose of the Souls!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Luke Cheruvil MSFS, a priest belonging to the Vizag Province who passed away on October 5, 2016.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thumma Chinnamma, mother of our Assistant Superior General, Rev. Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy. May their souls rest in peace.

MOTIVATIONAL MEMO!

You can think positive thoughts all your life; you can read books on positive thinking all your life; you can go to school and get your BA, MA, and PhD; you can have great ability, many contacts and abundant knowledge.....

but you will never become what God expects of you until you begin to act and that is motivation! *George Shinn Author of "The Miracle of Motivation"*