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From the Desk of the Provincial

We, the Indian Vice-Province are happy to introduce a new name to our Indian newsletter which was previously known as "The Link". We have named it as "*Sandesh*" which means, a message or information. As we have started with a new provincial administration, we intend also a new start through this newsletter which fills us with joy to begin afresh with new hope and enthusiasm to work for the bright future of our entity. This newsletter will keep us updated with the important matters concerning our province and the news that we ought to know.

Looking back to the General Chapter 2017 in which I was a participant, I was greatly challenged by one of the Six challenges of the same, which dealt on the 'Ongoing Conversion'. In the scriptures, the word conversion comes from the word '*shub*' which means 'to turn' and in Septuagint, it would be '*to turn*' or '*to convert*'. Interestingly these words take us to the meaning of Conversion or *Metanoia*. The word '*Metanoia*' comes from the two Greek words, '*meta* & '*nous*'. *Meta* means "after" or "change" and *nous* is the Greek word for "mind". The word means "after-mind" and signifies a change of mind: thinking one way, but then afterwards thinking another. In other words, it means a radical shift of our thoughts.

Jesus has called us for this *Metanoia*. He has called us to do things differently. We, as a growing province have to see this as a challenge. We need this important aspect of *Metanoia* in order to know who we were, who we are and who we will be. The first breakthrough is that of making oneself aware that we were not living up to the call that was given to us. The second phase of *Metanoia* involves acceptance of the fact that only our convictions are not enough, rather deeds are necessary. The third *Metanoia* is no doubt, that it is most difficult, that is, to have the paradigm shift, being action oriented in public sphere. It means the acceptance of responsibility for what I am and what I am going to do.

Therefore, dear Confreres, we need to break certain conventional ideas and life-style in the province and have a change of mind to begin afresh, to perceive with optimism and comprehend with openness. For all these, the involvement of our heart is necessary and therefore, we will have a new way of perception and a new way of looking at the reality. As we are celebrating the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, we let the message of Our Lady of Lourdes to touch our hearts to be on the path of 'Ongoing Conversion'. Best wishes to everyone!

Fr. J Joseph SMM
Provincial
Vice-Province of India

Farewell to Fr. Joji - from India to Rome



The Indian Vice Province is happy for Fr. Joji Kalarickal. He is entrusted with the responsibility of being the Secretary-General after his successful term as Estate Manager in Sneha Bhavan.

Our Vice-Province on 22nd of January gave an official send-off to Fr. Joji along with our confreres from Bangalore and the community of Sneha Bhavan, at Adarsh Bhavan. He left to Rome on 23rd of January and the Vice-Province wishes all the very best for his new mission and God's abundant blessings.

Felicitation to Bishop Rozario Menezes

We, the Indian Vice-Province were delighted to arrange the felicitation programs to our beloved Most Rev. Dr. Rozario Menezes SMM, Bishop of the Diocese of Lae, PNG both in Maria Bhavan and at Guru Mandir, Mysore. The program in Bangalore was arranged by the Maria Bhavan community on 28th January 2019, with the active participation of Lay Associates and friends around Bangalore.



The Felicitation program in Guru Mandir, Mysore was by the Vice-Province and Guru Mandir community. It was indeed a celebration of the Vice Province to honour our dear confrere Rev. Msgr. Rozario Menezes, for his missionary contribution in PNG and for his valuable service to SMM. The day was very significant as we celebrated in the same day, the birthday of our founder St. Louis Marie De Montfort, a saint who was a vagabond missionary, who preached on the devotion of Mary, our Heavenly Mother.

The felicitation program was attended by Sir John Ribat, Cardinal of Papua New Guinea; Thomas Anthony Vazhappilly, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Mysore, who was the president of the function; Fr. J Joseph, the Provincial of Montfort Missionaries; Msgr. Leslie Moras, Episcopal Vicar General; Mrs. Pushpalatha Jagannath, Mayor, Mysore city Corporation and many other dignitaries of Mysore. All wished Msgr. Rozario for the new mission, shepherding the people towards God.

New Appointments



The Provincial Council and the team have established themselves to their responsibility and after having the council meeting, felt the need of few immediate appointments for the smooth functioning of the Vice-Province.

1. Fr. Nashwin SMM

He's been appointed by the Provincial with the consent of the team to continue as the **Provincial Secretary**, and he will also take care of the update of our **Indian SMM Website**.

2. Fr. Jason Antony SMM

He's been appointed by the Provincial with the consent of the team to be the new **Provincial Bursar**.

3. Fr. Isaac SMM

He's been appointed by the Provincial with the consent of the team to be the new **Estate Manager**.

Council Meeting

The Council met for the second time for discussing the Budgets - 2019 along with the new Provincial Bursar in Adarsh Bhavan on 30th January 2018. There were also a lot of other significant matters discussed.



3. Fr. Norbert: Recently, Fr. Norbert Lobo had a minor stroke and now we hear that he is recovering and is being taken care of by his family members - his sister. He is expected to come to the parish to resume his work - partially in a week or two. We shall continue to pray for his good health.

4. Bro. Martin: He is better now, and he is presently at Guru Mandir to take care of his health and be of help in the community, to Frs. Dominic and Arun. After recovering from the skull surgery, he also underwent a plastic surgery after which he has recovered well. Fr. Provincial along with Fr. Selva Kumar recently visited his family to ensure that the congregation is with them with prayers and support.

Vision & Mission Statements

Health Updates

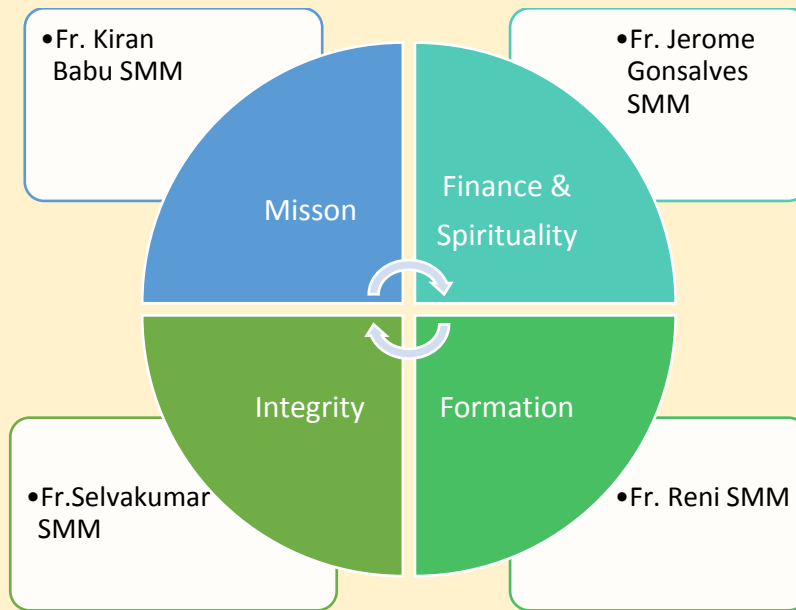
1. Fr. Alphonse: We thank God for Fr. Alphonse. Although he is recovering, he still needs our prayers for his speedy retrieval and better memory. He was recently taken to St. John's Hospital for treating the complication developed in the lungs. The doctors have suggested to observe him for some more time; he is discharged from the Hospital and placed in Maria Bhavan. Kindly keep him in your precious prayers.

2. Fr. K. J. Michael: Provincial and the team had visited Fr. K. J. Michael on 15th January 2018. Looking at his physical condition, he is recommended more care. The workers in Montfort Farm are asked to take care of him, which is being done and we see the progress. He will be referred to the doctor soon for medical examination. We shall continue to pray for him.

Vision and Mission Statements

During our Vice-Provincial assembly, we had discussed various important matters under the topics of Formation, Mission and Finance. At the end of every discussion, we formulated a vision and mission statement to be followed by every confrere both in the communities and in the missions. It is decided in the council that these Vision and Mission statements be displayed in every community. We hope to do it at the earliest, in the coming days.

The Council members In-Charge for:



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Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee Meeting took place on 18th January 2019 in Adarsh Bhavan. The old committee was asked to help out for this meeting in view of Budgets - 2019 until the new committee is formed. Frs. Jerome Gonsalves, David Joseph and Jason Antony along with the Provincial discussed the matters of the finance. Due to unavoidable reason Fr. Sebastian could not be present for the meeting.

Brothers for a Better Experience:

- Bro. Nuthan who was helping in Anugraha, Sumanahalli community, is now going to be in Novitiate for his further formation.
- Bro. Ruban, Regent who was in Montfort Farm in his initial days, later was asked to take care of Fr. Alphonse after his tragic accident. He's now being asked to continue his regency in Anugraha, Sumanahalli.

Bros. Pramod & Jesudoss - PPP in India

Our brothers, Pramod and Jesudoss have successfully completed their theological studies in Peru and have been promoted by the Indian Vice province and the General Administration for their Perpetual Profession. They arrived in India on 13th January 2019 and now have started their Preparation for their Perpetual Profession. After the Final Profession and Diaconate, they will be going back to Latin America for their Diaconate ministry and will come back to India for their Ordination. Other details will be shared in the next newsletter. Currently Fr. Reni is In-Charge of PPP for next three years.



K.D. Jola Hall

The long-awaited hall at K.D. Jola parish, Shanti Nagar Mission, Andhra Pradesh is on the verge of completion and we thank all the fathers for their efforts and their support to complete this project. The inauguration of it will be informed once it is planned.

Visit from Australians

Msgr. David Cappo and Fr. Anthony Adimai visited our Provincial House on 8th of February to evaluate and have discussion for our better collaboration in Australia. The authorities of Adelaide Diocese are very happy with the service rendered by Frs. Roy and Jeevan. The discussion ended with a positive note & a great Dinner.

Fr. Jesu Manickam's Home Visit

Fr. Jesu Manickam was in India for his Holidays. He visited the provincial house and had a meeting with the Provincial. He also visited our sick confreres, Frs. Alphonse and K.J. Michael. We are grateful for him and our Indian confreres in Germany for their continuous support for the Vice-province.



Birthday Greetings

We wish all our confreres a Very Happy Birthday.

January
Fr. Peterswamy – 06
Fr. Divyam – 13
Fr. Rayappa – 20
Fr. Rajaratna – 21
Fr. John Marie – 31

February
Fr. Nashwin – 03
Fr. Muthu – 06
Fr. Smith – 10
Fr. Jason – 17

March
Fr. Manickam – 03
Fr. Ravi Joseph – 04
Fr. Prabhakar – 08
Fr. Jeevan – 08
Fr. Balaswamy – 14
Fr. Maria Cletus – 19
Fr. Pavan Antony – 20
Fr. Isaac – 20

