

C.No.1/HP/2016-17

Date: 24.4.2016.

My dear Brothers,

Fraternal greetings to you!

1. Community Formation: The communities for the academic year 2016-17 are finalized. The list of new communities is enclosed. A process of discernment and prayer have gone into the formation of communities. Needs of the Province and communities took precedence over individual preferences. Though all may not be fully satisfied, I am convinced that the Religious fundamentals all of us hold on so dear are vibrant and strong enough to help us to overcome our disappointments if any. I am very much impressed and edified by the availability of all Brothers. I thank God for guiding us in our choices and preferences.

Brothers on transfer are to be in the new communities by 1st June, 2016.

Local Superiors and Bursars who are on transfer must ensure that the **'Instrument of Transfer'** is duly filled in and signed by the incumbent and the successor. **Handing over charge must take place before 31st May, on a mutually determined date. A copy of the document is to be sent to me.**

2. Annual Budgets: The budgets of all the communities and institutions were studied by the Provincial and Council and approved. I am happy to note that all the communities have prepared their budgets reasonably well. Congratulations! The budgets come into effect on 1st April, 2016. As we are custodians of public fund we shall make extra efforts to make our transactions transparent and accountable. We shall be cautious in spending money lavishly be it on food or adding facilities in the communities unnecessarily.

3. Final Profession: Bros. Paul Raj and Lourdu Justin along with John Paul, District of East Africa will be making their Final Profession at St. Mathew's, Vijayawada, on 21st May, 2016, along with Bro. Vinod Reddy of Pune Province and Bro. Rajasekar Reddy of the Province of North-East. At present they are in a Preparatory Programme. Congratulations Brothers and welcome to the Province – family as permanent members.

4. Bro. N.F. Joseph: Bro. N.F. Joseph is back to the Province in India after a few years of selfless service. His presence indeed was a great help to the District of East Africa. Welcome back dear Brother, we'll be enriched by your presence and service here.

I request Brothers to volunteer to serve the East Africa Mission at least one or two years. This will be a great help for the mission.

5. Feast of St. Montfort: 28th April, 2016 is the Feast Day of our Founder St. Montfort. This year being the Tercentenary year I request the Local Superiors to invite the Local Religious and Priests for a celebration with a meaningful prayer meeting, highlighting the life of our founder St. Montfort, and a fellowship meal. I also request you to do something for the poor around the school/town/village.

6. Camp for Novices: The camp for novices who are going to Sitagarha Novitiate will be held from May 9th to June 9th at Montfort School, Garratola. Bro. Punna Praveen is incharge of the camp.

7. Renewal of Vows: Our Junior Brothers (Twenty four members) will be renewing their vows on the 5th May, 2016 in the Provincial house after their seminar and retreat. As communicated earlier they are to report in the Provincial house before 6 p.m on 27th April, 2016.

8. Departures: Bro. Sahay Justin Jothi and Bro. Srikanth are not permitted to renew their vows by the Provincial in Council.

9. Bro. Varghese: Hearty congratulations to Bro. Varghese, on his receiving 'Jewel of India' award from International Institute of Education and Management for outstanding achievements and Rashtriya Vidya Gaurav Gold medal award from Indian Solidarity Counsel for the outstanding achievements in the field of education. He is also on the National Consultative Boards on various issues like Domestic Workers, conservation of environment etc.

Dear Bro. Varghese we are proud of you for your role with the Government of India and the State Governments. You have given a visibility to Montfort Brothers in this area very effectively. Once again hearty congratulations and keep it up.

10. Condolences:

- Bro. Chacko Thattayath lost his elder sister Dr. Annamma, aged 80.
- Bro. Jimmy Kuriakose lost his elder brother James T.C, aged 58 while returning to home from Mumbai by train. He died of sunstroke.

While offering our condolences to Bro. Chacko and Bro. Jimmy, we pray God to give strength and Christian fortitude to their family members, to bear this great loss. May their souls rest in peace!

11. Tercentenary celebrations of DEA: The District of East Africa will be celebrating Tercentenary and Silver Jubilee of Bro. Jimmy, District Superior on 29th and 30th April. I'll be participating in these celebrations.

After that I intend to take a few days of classes in the Novitiate at Mikese and in the pre-novitiate at Morogoro. I'll be returning on 10th May.

During my stay away from the Province, Bro. Shine Alex will be the in- charge Provincial.

I take this opportunity to wish all the Brothers a pleasant and rejuvenating summer vacation.

With prayerful and loving regards,

Yours fraternally,

Bro. Pratap Reddy s.g
Provincial Superior