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"Our love for Jesus should therefore be generous, active and constant"
Jules Chevalier, *Le Sacré-Cœur*, p.233



The Year of Mercy logo

“MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER” (LUKE 6: 36)

The almond shape

An important figure in ancient iconography, it represents the union of two circles, that is the two natures of Christ: divine and human.



The motto

The motto of the Year of Mercy is taken from the Gospel of Luke: “Be merciful like the Father”

The colors

Red: blood, life and divinity
White: the light of Christ.
Blue: represents man.
Golden: Adam (and each one of us) is in a process of becoming like God through Jesus Christ.



The gaze

Jesus and the man share one eye. This means that God communicates himself in such a way that man is able to see as He sees.



The concentric ovals

They suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death.



The Good Shepherd

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who carries Adam (and all of us) on His shoulders.

“GOD’S MERCY IS LIKE THAT: A GREAT LIGHT OF LOVE AND TENDERNESS” (POPE FRANCIS)



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CHEVCOM is a short form for Chevalier Communications. It will aim at facilitating correspondence with the confreres and the ordinary through magazines, website, audio-visual and social media.

It will promote quality media education and communication of Gospel and social values. It is a new ministry of the MSC Indian Union in the line of pastoral, social and educational.

Communication is an important area which needs a hand from media people and institutes for both technical and educational empowerment.

Media are the effective means to spread the Spirituality of the Heart of Jesus and make it loved in every corner of the universe:

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved!

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Heart of Christ! Greetings of the Jubilee Year of Mercy to you all! On December 8th, 2015 the Holy Father officially opened the Door of Mercy at St. Peter's Basilica, in Rome. He invited us all to enter through the Door of Mercy to be completely cleansed of all our debts. According to the Jewish Year of Jubilee all those who have slaves must release them. The Catholic Church celebrated her Jubilee Year in 2000. The next Jubilee Year should have been in 2025. It's very significant that being inspired by the Power of the Holy Spirit the Holy Father has anticipated the Jubilee Year for all of us to be filled by the mercy, the forgiveness and the love of God.

We are well acquainted with 'from traditional media to social media'. Our acquaintance with media is our strength to open the door of our hearts and to communicate the Mercy of God during this Year of Mercy. It's noteworthy that P. Darwin, the Principal of Chevalier Academy has printed out notebooks with MSC identity which tells others the quality of our presence in Dindigul. P. Alexander, the Parish Priest of Kombaiyanpatty has published calendars with the logo of the Jubilee Year of Mercy which constantly reminds the parishioners of the Mercy of God. Our communications may be small but it can have big impact on people.

Another medium which is viral among us is WhatsApp. It has brought us closer virtually and keeps us updated about our confreres afar and abroad. By posting their pictures on facebook and WhatsApp, our confreres like P. Christy, P. Pushpadason, P. Sebastian, P. Martin, P. Sagayaraj, P. Jayakumar Pasala, P. Antony Prem Kumar, P. Raghu Victor and P. Arun tell us how their mission is like.

Our communication builds relationship and our relationship is sustained and strengthened by the Mercy of God. Jesus says, "Learn from me that I am meek and humble of heart" Mt 11:28. This reflects the theme of the Holy Father for this year.

The theme of the Holy Father fits in well with our charism, 'to model on the Compassionate Heart of Jesus in Our Mission wherever we carry out'. Our discussion on the theme for our General Chapter in 2017 coincides with the Jubilee Year, 'We love as Jesus loved'. Therefore let our reconciled relationship be a medium to communicate to God's people the Compassionate Heart of the Merciful Lord.

P.F. Julius Kumar, MSC

Director

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Union Assembly



On November 18th, 2015 the Union Assembly was held from 9.30 am to 1 pm under the guidance of the Superior Generals P. Mark and P. Chris Mcphee. It began with lighting of the lamp and a prayer on Jn 21: Fear and hatred lead Jesus to crucifixion but his love had impact on his disciples. After having discussed with every confrere, the Generals found growth in the Union. The strengths are growth in number, enthusiasm, good will, mission overseas, school ministry, 8 parishes and other ministries. General recalled what P. Ambrose Pinto, SJ, once said to the MSC, 'you should do what no one else does'.

The areas to be improved are unity, ministry, availability, clear vision for India, leadership, decision-making, communication, involvement, financial contribution and transparency.

They addressed the assembly about the leadership. The idea of leadership has to be changed. The leader must come down from top to be in the midst of the confreres. He must be a friend of every confrere. Each member must also claim responsibility both for the success and the failure of the Union. The appointment of the new Union Superior will be in February. There has been delay in appointing the new Union Superior because of the busy schedule of the General Administration. One of the General Councillors will assist the Superior in decision making. There can be an Assembly after fifteen months. In the General Chapter the Union Statutes can be quickly revised besides the appointment of the first Provincial and his Councillors. The first Provincial will conduct the first Provincial Chapter for the election of the Provincial and his Team.

The Generals appreciated the newly ordained priests P. Martin Sagayaraj and P. Sebastian for their willingness to go to Issoudun, France as missionaries to keep going the mission of our Founder. Couple of challenges they might face there might be secularism and cultural shock.

The Generals brought to the notice of the confreres the most important code of conduct which has to be practiced in our apostolate is the professional standard for sexual misbehaviour. People have confidence and respect and the priests have to maintain the cordial relationship with them by practising professional standard in their ministry.

P. Mark reintroduced the theme, 'We love as Jesus loved', for the forthcoming General Chapter in 2017. The other Provinces have already started the discussion on the theme, he emphasized.

General's Letter

Rome, December 16, 2015

Dear confreres of the Indian Union,



Greetings and my best wishes for a Blessed Christmas. May the one who came to be with us because he loved us so much give us all a share in his peace and joy!

By now you know that yesterday, with the approval of the General Council, I appointed Fr. Charles Babu Union Superior for India, beginning February 15, 2016.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Fr. John Peter, and those who worked with him in his administration, for their service to the Union and to the Congregation during these past three years. It is not easy to be a leader today and especially so in a religious community which is growing fast and which is faced with so many possibilities and challenges. Fr. John Peter showed great dedication and fidelity to his task. If not all were always happy with his decisions, they knew that he was acting with the good of the Union and the Congregation at heart. We appreciate his good work.

I also wish to thank Fr. Charles for accepting this task even though he knows it will not be easy. We want him to know that he will have the complete support and cooperation of the General Administration. Following the Union Statutes, we will now work with him in approving a Union Council. Fr. Carl Tranter will travel to India in mid-February to accompany the new superior and council in their first month. He will be working with them in team building and planning their agenda, especially in light of the up-coming Union chapter.

Finally, I thank all of you for your hospitality and open sharing when Fr. Chris and I visited India last month. We talked of many problems and challenges which must be faced. We also saw much good will and promise for the future. The best for all of you as we continue the mission!

In Corde Jesu,

Mark McDonald, MSC
Superior General

D. Anil Kumar Ordained Priest

On January 19th D. Anil Kumar, MSC was ordained a priest by the Archbishop of Bengaluru Most Rev. Bernard Moras, D.D., at OLSH Church. He preached in his homily saying, "As we are constantly reminded of the Year of Mercy, all are called to be merciful like the Father. A priest shares in the eternal priesthood of Christ. He must channelize the forgiveness, the mercy and the love of God to the people. As Christ said, 'i came not to be served, but to serve, he must be humble to serve the people. D. Anil was the first one to be ordained priest in the MSC campus over the last twenty two years. It was a family celebration with relatives, MSC fathers and sisters, religious men and women, and parishioners and friends. We wish P. Anil a happy priestly life!



P. Charles Babu Appointed Union Superior

On 15th of December, 2015 P. Mark McDonald along with his council members appointed P. Charles Babu Narcity, MSC as Superior of the Union of India. Congratulations to him and all the confreres of the Union of India.

Chevalier Academy Marks 10th Anniversary

On May 30th, 2006 Chevalier Academy was established in Kovilur Junction on Siluvathur road in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu. It was a humble beginning with one room, one office and a toilet. The reasons behind the creation of Chevalier Academy are to empower the poor through quality education, to distribute ministry to the confreres and to find some source of income for the Union. We congratulate all the Superiors and the Principals and both the teaching and the domestic staff who have generously contributed to what Chevalier Academy is now. We extend our anniversary wishes to the Principal P. Darwin Thadaeus and his staff!



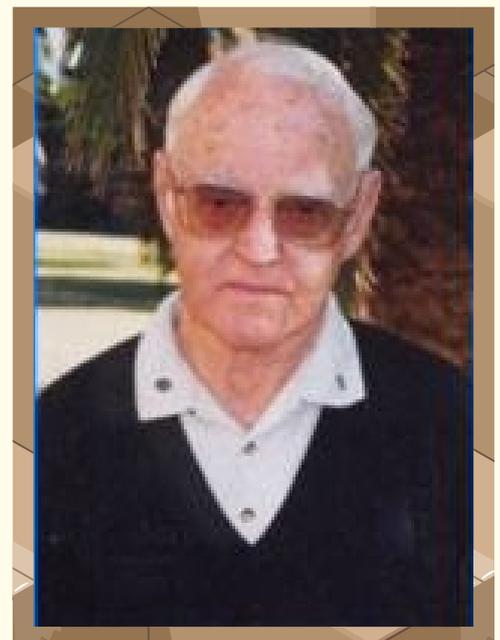
Heaviest Rainfall in Chennai and Cuddalore

From November 1st to December 1st, 2015 there had been the heaviest rainfalls in Chennai, the capital city of one of the 29 States of India, Tamil Nadu. There hasn't been such rain in the city over the last 114 years in the history. Previously it used to have more than 206 lakes but now it is left with only 63 because of urbanization. This tells us what the rainfall has exactly done to Chennai and the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu. It has actually battered the city and the surrounding districts. From the rich to the poor have lost their homes and their belongings. They need food, clothings and shelter. Starting from Central Government, actors and ordinary people have responded positively. The next equally affected coastal city is Cuddalore, where one of our confreres, Ruban hails from. He brought to the notice of the Council about the aftermath of the rainfall in his home town, Vazhuthalampettu. P. Charles, the Parish Priest of OLSH and the parishioners took the initiative to provide the victims with relief material. On December 9th, 2015 the confreres left with cash worth Rs. 7,50,000 by a truck loaded with full of relief material to the rain affected spot. People felt that they were relieved from hunger and homelessness. This was a unique initiative made by the MSC during this disaster.



Necrology

We recall the confreres P. Lal Thomas who lost his father on December 8th, 2015 and P. Jayakumar Pasala who lost his father on January 20th. We express our condolences to them and their grieving families and our assurance of prayers for the repose of the souls of the deceased. We also remember P. Tyson Doneley, an Australian missionary who passed away on July 19th, 2015. He was a missionary to many countries in Asia including India. He had been helping with formation in India since 20 years at his various capacities as English teacher, Socius and Novice Master. The MSC Indian Union owes to P. Tyson Doneley for his qualitative contribution to the formation of the present MSC. We pray to the Almighty God that his soul will rest in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Six New Priests

In May and June, 2015 there were six confreres whom the Union Superior P. John Peter, MSC accepted for the ministry of priesthood: Alex Sander ordained on May 16th by Bp. P. Sounderaraju, Britto on June 3rd by Bp. A.M. Chinnappa, Sebastian on June 4th and Martin on June 5th by Bp. Lawrence Pius, Arockia Prabhu on June 26th by Bp. Soosaimanickam, and Arun John Kumar Avvari on June 29th by Bp. Anthony Poola. The new priests have assumed their respective responsibility. Of the six newly ordained, three have opted for foreign ministry, one into parish, one into administration and one pursues his secular studies. Congratulations to all the new priests and best wishes for your ministry.



New Mission

On June 13th, 2015 a team of four confreres headed by P. David made their missionary way to the Northern India by train, a three day long journey. P. David is appointed assistant parish priest to a parish in the diocese of Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. The other non Hindi speaking confreres are stationed at the Bishop's house to learn the language. They are already making progress. Within the span of two months they started doing lector in the Cathedral. We need prayers and discernment for this new mission. In the third week of January P. John Peter and P. Charles Babu visited the confreres and encouraged them to continue what they do there.



Silver Jubilee

On July 3rd, 2015 the first priest of the Indian Union P. Pancratius celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Religious Profession in the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He expressed his gratitude to God through a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration concelebrated by the fellow MSC and attended by his family members, parishioners and the MSC sisters. He recalled the role of his formators in strengthening his vocation. He constantly felt the guidance of the Holy Spirit in living out his religious call. God called him to be his face in the world. We congratulate him and wish him all the very best!



D. Paulraj Ordained Priest

D. Paul Raj was ordained priest by the Bishop of Vellore Most Rev. Sounderaraju at St. Joseph Church of C. Nammiandal, Thiruvannamalai on February 6th. As David was anointed King to shepherd his people the Bishop invited the Deacon to offer Christ for people and to preach Christ as Word. May the Divine Mercy be active in the newly ordained priest and in the people whom he will serve. May the people be blessed to be pillars of mercy and instruments of mercy. P. Paulraj is the 30th priest from this parish. Congratulations to you dear priest of Christ!



St. Antony's Feast

St. Antony's parish of Gengapuram is one of the mission parishes of the MSC in India. The people are financially poor. They seek from the parish some financial assistance, since they rely on their inconsistent daily wage. Now they have understood that the parish priest is not in a position to help them financially. The number of drop outs from school is gradually coming down. The faithful are constantly growing in their faith. Now there is a change in their lifestyle. The children are holistically empowered: educationally, socially and spiritually. The credit goes to the mission office Australia under the direction of P. Adrien Meaney, MSC for financially supporting the constructions of the tuition center and the presbytery. On June 13th, 2015 parishioners celebrated the feast of their patron saint Antony meaningfully under the able guidance of the parish priest P. Rafael, in the transforming presence of the MSC.



The list of new appointments was published on March 11th. Annual retreat for the first batch of priests will be from April 18th to 23rd and for the second batch of priests from 23rd to 28th.

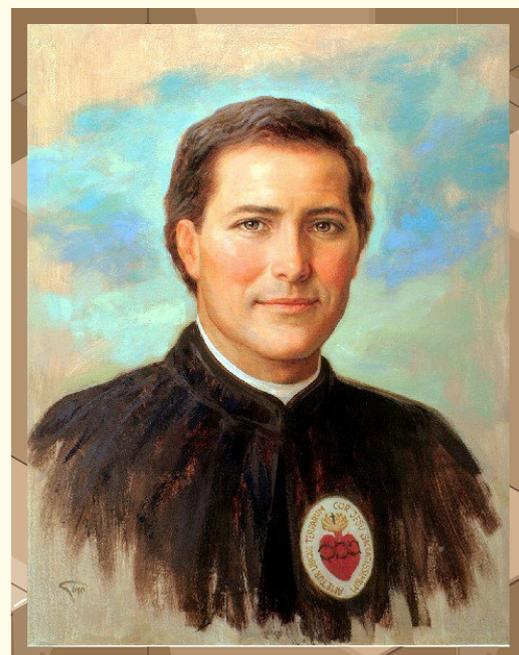
Minor Seminary

Our Minor Seminary is in Kanjoor, Kerala. P. Prasad Rao who had undergone a formation program in Pune and had a three year parish ministry in Randwick, Australia, is the Superior. He teaches them English, Scripture, the MSC Spirituality and the Church History. In the afternoon he gives the students opportunity for open air reading practice. It helps them to be good lectors and effective preachers in future. They are also formed in working and praying. Sagar, Arockiasamy, John Lucas, Felix, and Rakesh are all pre-philosophers. First years are Abilash, Antony, Balu, Alwyn, Vijay Kumar and Prathvik. We wish all the students a successful study ahead!



P. Ragu Immanuel Nominated Novice Master

On November 18, 2015 P. Ragu Immanuel was nominated Novice Master by the Superior General P. Mark McDonald during the Union Assembly. In view of this P. Immanuel followed a six month Formation Program in Australia from February to August, 2015. Having attended a retreat given by P. Chris, he accompanied the minor seminarians for a couple of months in Kerala. In December 2015, he went to Manila, Philippines to closely follow the MSC Novitiate Program. The other confreres who are nominated to continue the MSC Indian Union Novitiate are P. Baskar Raj Socius and P. Victor Gerald Spiritual Director - they will be joining the Novitiate Formation Team in June.



Birthday of Father Chevalier on March 15

Father Chevalier, because of your work, you are familiar. Because of your simplicity, you are a saint. Because of your Spirituality of the Heart, your picture I will paint. All your hard work makes me faint. But I rise like a giant To remove every taint.... May you be always born to renew the Spirituality of the Heart in us for a new world!

Foreign Mission

On October 8th, 2015 two of the newly ordained priests, P. Sebastian and P. Martin made their way to Issoudun, France. Because of the lack of vocation in France the Congregation is in a dire need of people from Asia, Africa and Latin America to safeguard its heritage: Mission, Devotion, Spirituality, the Faithful Associates, Language and the Property. These two confreres will be learning the language of the Founder first before they are effectively engaged in their ministry. On October 27th, 2015 P. Arun, a newly ordained MSC ventured to be part of the Japanese Mission. He has joined the MSC Community in Nagoya. During his first two years he will commit himself to the learning of the Japanese language. On December 17th, 2015 P. Sagayaraj left for California USA as a missionary. After having worked in the Union the Paraguay return missionary has opted for the mission where the majority speak Spanish as their mother tongue. On February 29th two of the young missionaries P. Raghu Victor and P. Antony Prem Kumar were flying to Paraguay. P. Carl Tranter, the Assistant General with the new Administration Team bid them farewell. The Indian Union wishes all these missionaries a successful mission.



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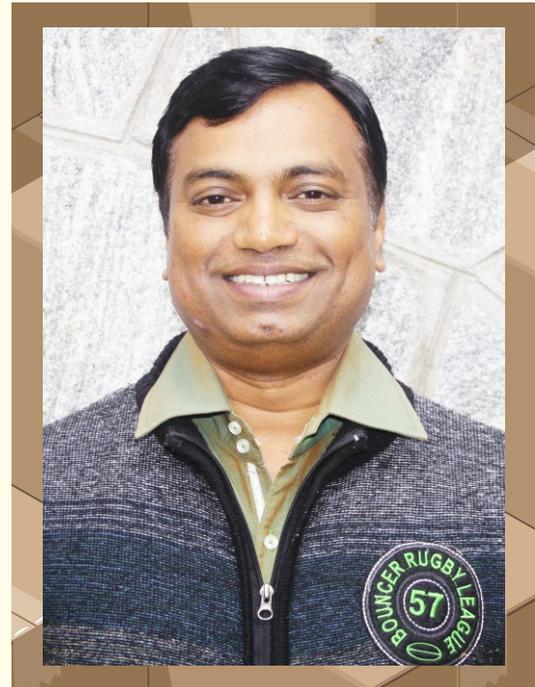
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- * Inform, educate, entertain...
- * Celebrate the marvel of cultural diversity...
- * Nurture solidarity beyond racial, ethnic and religious differences...
- * Encounter the spiritual dimension of every human being...
- * Transform cultures...
- * Promote peace...

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Retreat Center

The newly started Retreat Center did quite a bit of work in catering to the spiritual needs of the religious and the faithful. The MSC sisters and the scholastics benefited out of doing their annual retreat here. The MSC women novices were also the beneficiaries. There were individuals both religious and laity who came to relish the tranquillity of the MSC space for a month. We take our hats off to P. Jayakumar who preached his retreat to them, making use of all his material from his Master Studies on Formative Spirituality and Counselling. We wish his parents a happy Golden Jubilee of their wedding on January 31st! And lets remember them in our prayers and mass.



A Parish in Warangal Diocese

Christ the King Church with several sub-stations in Warangal diocese was entrusted to the MSC in June, 2015. P. Joseph was appointed Parish Priest and Deacon Anil for pastoral ministry. P. Joseph has done quite a lot during this year, inviting local leaders for meeting, animating children and youth to be involved in parish prayers, works and sports. He made 2015 Christmas meaningful by rendering charity to the poor.

Foreign Return

On February 3rd two of the missionaries arrived in Bengaluru. After having rendered service at the General Secretariat in Rome P. Jesu Arockiam has come down to India for few months of holiday ministry in one of the parishes. P. Joshua has come back from Australia to contribute his parish experience and his study on Spirituality to the formation in India. We extend a warm welcome to P. Subash from Germany. We wish them all a fruitful ministry!



Mission Office

Fr. Chevalier was a hard worker, finding means of finance and publishing Annals. During his visit in January, 2015 P. Adrien Meaney encouraged the confreres to start their own Annals of the Indian Union which he will support financially. Church History, Spirituality of the Heart of Jesus, Devotion to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and Our Missions can be promoted through the Annals.



St. Antony's Annual Feast at Kombaiyanpatty

From February 4th to 6th the Parish Priest P. Alex along with his parishioners celebrated the Annual Feast. February 5th was dedicated as the MSC Day. P. John Peter and P. Richard Suresh attended the Feast.

Mission Extended to Chikkamagalur

In the years 2014 - 2015 MSC took up three parishes: St. John the Baptist Church in Lakkavalli, St. Joseph's Church in Joseph Nagar and Divine Mercy Church in Channarayapatna. P. Baskar, P. Arockia Swamy and P. Paul Pradeep serve as Parish Priests of these parishes respectively.



On January 23rd, 24th and 25th scholastics along with their formators, P. Tijo John, Superior and P. Richard, Administrator made their annual tour to Pondicherry.



New Administration Team during the workshop with the Assistant General P. Carl Tranter in February.



Priests take photo after the Union Assembly on November 18th, 2015.



P. Pradeep, P. Arockia Swamy and P. Baskaran - Parish Priests in Chikkamagalur diocese. P. Syam Kumar - Secretary and Communications. P. Sagaya Raj - California. P. Prasad Rao - Superior of Minor Seminary.



The Founder of the Indian Union, P. Malcolm P. Fyfe is with the confreres during his yearly visit to the Union in February. He attended the ordination of D. Paul Raj on February 6th.



Congratulations to P. John Chinnappan who completed his MCL on March 16th. Best wishes to P. Darwin for the 10th Anniversary of Chevalier Academy.



Bishop of Vellore, Most Rev. Sounderaraju arrives to ordain D. Paul Raj.

Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.



Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

(from Vatican Radio)

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