



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Deepti Bhavan, Melampara - 686 578, Kottayam Dt. Kerala, India

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Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers and brothers,
Warmest greetings from the MST Generalate!

Election and Installation of the New Major Archbishop

We have been praying during the past few weeks since December 7, 2023 that God might provide a worthy successor to Mar George Alencherry as Father and Head for the Syro-Malabar Church. We are, now, blessed with a new Major Archbishop in the person of His Beatitude Mar Raphael Thattil who was elected by the Synod and confirmed by the Holy See. He was installed on the 11th of January 2024 in which I participated representing the Society. MST being a Society of Apostolic life of Major Archiepiscopal Status, we have every reason to rejoice to have a new Ecclesiastical Head from the Mission. Let us continue to pray for the Church that under his leadership the Syro-Malabar Church may grow to new heights. Congratulations and Prayerful wishes to His Beatitude Mar Raphael Thattil!

Regional Assignments of New Priests

Congratulations and best wishes to our New Priests: Fr Michael (Shalgin) Arackaparampil and Fr Joseph (Ashil) Kizhakekara and welcome to MST priestly Koinonia. As per **Constitutions and Directives**, C70.2 they are assigned to the following Regions.

Rev. Fr Michael (Shalgin) Arackaparampil	St Mary, Queen of Missions Region, Delhi
Rev. Fr Joseph (Ashil) Kizhakekara	St Thomas Region, Mandya

Initiation of the Process of Erection of German Coordination

According to the MST **Constitutions and Directives**, D77.5, A “Coordination outside India with ten or more members shall have its Coordinator appointed by the Director General, from a panel of three proposed through election by the members of the Coordination. Such a Coordinator is an ex-officio member in the General Assembly”. I am happy to announce that the General Council has decided to initiate the process of erecting Coordination in Germany for the members ministering in the Federal Republic of Germany in the first week of April, 2024.

Committee to Elect the Panel of Coordinator

As part of the process of erecting a Coordination in Germany, with the consent of the Council, I have appointed a committee of three MST priests, Fr Joshy Mullappallil as convener, Fr Joseph (Jiji) Ettaniyil and Fr Ashish Keeranchira as members, to conduct the election for the panel of three eligible candidates from whom one shall be appointed the Coordinator by the Director General. The Committee is asked to submit to me the list of three eligible candidates on the 15th of March, 2024.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura
Director General, MST



Fr Lonappan Arangassery
Secretary General, MST