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#### TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to state that Fr. James Manjackal is a member of the International Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, South West India Province. I am Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS, his Provincial and he is under my jurisdiction. If anyone has any doubts or clarification regarding his person or his ministry they are free to call me or write to me.

He is preaching RENEWAL retreats all over the world ever since 1976. He has been set apart for "World Evangelization" by the Congregation. He has traveled to 92 countries all over the world and has been doing his ministry in all five continents and thousands of people have benefited from his ministry of preaching and healing. He is clear, uncompromising, direct and open in his preaching of the Gospel and he spends all his time to help the people through confession, counseling, healing etc. He does not claim for himself weekends or holidays.

Although he has a residence in Madrid, Spain, for traveling facilities the Province has given him a small apartment in Munich, Germany which functions as his office and as rest place when he comes back from retreats. I have personally seen his office and bedroom which are really very small. He is using the kitchen of his neighbor, whenever he is in Munich. He has no Television or Computer. He has no time for T.V. and whenever he needs to use a computer for sending and receiving Emails he goes to Gaby's Apartment, who is a faithful and constant companion for his ministry for the past ten years. Generally people know about the simplicity of his life.

All gifts, remunerations or donations he receives are sent to the Province for various charitable works of the Province. With the money that he has sent the Province has bought land for various projects and constructed houses for the poor. With the money he sent we have been able to build the "Mermier Bhavan", a house that gives shelter to about 10 priests, the St. Francis de Sales College at Hebbagodi, "Jyothi Nilaya", the Social Action and Rehabilitation Centre at Calicut. Besides the MSFS land at Kattappana in Kerala are fully financed by the generosity of Fr. James. He is besides supporting the children of Prateeksha, the SFS Boys' Home at Hebbagodi, SFS Boys' Homes in Gokunte, Chintamani etc. I know that he has helped several poor people to construct houses and help the education of the poor.

Last year he spent more than 150,000/= Euros for the treatment and rehabilitation of Fr. Thomaskutty, one of our confreres who broke his spine in a car accident. He himself had taken the initiative to help this priest. It is because of Fr. James that we get enough mass intentions in the Province which of course is a great help for our missionaries. Through his instrumentality we have found a number of sponsors for our Seminarists.

Besides he is the founder and bread-winner of the Charis Marian Maids, an apostolic community for the unmarried women in the diocese of Vijayapuram, Kerala. He has bought two houses for them and now for their sustenance, he is building a "women's Hostel in Athirampuzha, Kerala. I, as the Provincial and my confreres know that Fr. James supports the Province with all what he gets from his ministry.

Besides we know that he incurs great expenditure for his mission of preaching in the Gulf countries. He does not make any publicity of it due to obvious reasons.

I make use of this opportunity to thank all those who financially help Fr. James for his mission and for our province. I praise and thank God for his honesty and transparency with regard to money. I know him from 1973 as he was my vocation promoter who inspired me to join the religious order of the Missionaries of St. Francis De sales. He handles his accounts through the help of someone else. During his tenure of work as a minister of God's Word in SFS Minor Seminary Ettumanoor and during his Superiorship in Charis Bhavan of which he is the founder and director he was handling all money matters through the Procurator, appointed by the Province. Now he handles all what he receives as gifts and donations through Mrs. Gaby Landauro, a person appointed by the Province, to deal in such matters. All his money is accounted through two charitable trusts: Shalom in Spain and Jesus for India in Munich.

Yours in Christ



Fr. Abraham Vettovelil MSFS  
Provincial

