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IN LOVING MEMORY OF REV. FR. EMIL TIRKEY, MSFS

With profound sorrow and heartfelt faith in the Risen Lord, we announce the passing of our beloved **Rev. Fr. Emil Tirkey, MSFS**, a devoted missionary, gentle shepherd, and faithful religious of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. He was called to his eternal reward **on 26 July 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** at Ashwini Hospital, Nagpur.



Born on **02 February 1960** at Dhumadar, Chhattisgarh, to **Late Mr. Johan Tirkey** and **Late Mrs. Magdalen Tirkey**. Fr. Emil was a man of deep faith, simplicity, humility, and unwavering dedication to the mission entrusted to him. His life reflected the Salesian spirit of gentleness, pastoral charity, and selfless service to the people of God.

Fr. Emil was baptized on **11 February 1960** at **Ginabahr** and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on **04 May 1970** at **Kunkuri**. Responding generously to God's call, he joined the Minor Seminary at **Mapusa, Goa**, on **19 July 1979**. He made his **First Religious Profession** on **14 June 1983** at Belgaum and his **Perpetual Profession** on **31 May 1988** at Pune. After completing his philosophical studies (1983–1985) and theological formation at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune (1987–1990), he was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood **on 26 May 1991 at Kunkuri**. During his priestly life, he also pursued higher studies in M.Th. in Salesian Spirituality at IIS., Bangalore (2009–2011), enriching his pastoral ministry.

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Throughout his priestly ministry, Fr. Emil Tirkey faithfully served the Church and the Congregation in various capacities:

1. Catholic Church, Sundargarh – Diaconate Ministry (1990–1991)
2. Sundargarh, Orissa – Assistant Parish Priest (1991–1992)
3. Panderpali – Assistant Parish Priest (1992–1994)
4. Singarmunda – Parish Priest (1994–1997)
5. Buldhana – Parish Priest & Superior (1997–1999)
6. Mandvi – Mission In-charge (1999–2001)
7. Ambapani – Parish Priest & Superior (2001–2007)
8. Nanded – Parish Priest (2007–2009)
9. Pune – German Language Studies (2011–2012)
10. Neemuch – Parish Priest & Superior (2012–2013)
11. United States of America – Pastoral Ministry (2014–2016)
12. Sini – Parish Priest & Superior (2016–2022)
13. Latapara – Staff (2022–2024)
14. Bhusawal – Assistant Parish Priest and In-charge of Karanji Farm (2024–2026)

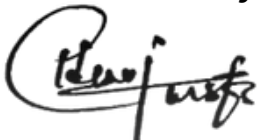
Fr. Emil Tirkey will be remembered as a **deeply committed missionary** whose entire priestly life was marked by fidelity, dedication, and missionary zeal. Gentle in nature and soft-spoken in his dealings, he radiated kindness and humility wherever he served. His approachable personality, compassionate heart, and readiness to listen made him a beloved confrere, pastor, and friend to many.

As a pastor, he tirelessly accompanied the faithful with patience, understanding, and fatherly care. His concern for the poor, the suffering, and those in need reflected the compassionate heart of Christ. Whether serving in parishes, missions, or communities in India and abroad, Fr. Emil carried out every responsibility with sincerity, simplicity, and profound faith.

His quiet witness of prayer, humble service, pastoral charity, and unwavering commitment to the mission of the Church has left an enduring legacy in the hearts of countless people. We gratefully remember his dedicated life and commend his soul to the infinite mercy of God.

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.**

Yours fraternally in Christ,



Fr. Manoj Tirkey, MSFS
Provincial Superior
Nagpur Province

