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***My dearest Sisters,***

*My affectionate greetings and good wishes to each one of you, as I take up the responsibility of animating the Province of Bangalore dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as its sixth Provincial. I was deeply touched and inspired by your expressions of congratulations and encouragement. The Lord has His own mysterious ways of acting, but He is always there on our journey. I appreciate your sisterly support, kindness and love and I look forward to work with you with Salesian simplicity and cheerfulness as our Cofoundress Mother Mazzarello recommends us. As we begin another stage of our Province, I trust in the Providence of God to make this post Chapter journey in the loving presence of Mary our Mother who will guide and lead us always. I wish that we be reassured that Mary walks in our Province and in our Houses to live our day to day life with greater fidelity and commitment to the Salesian charism which we have embraced.*

*This is my first communication and message to you all, and I hope this will be the starting of a long journey, but together, where the Lord leads us together as a family.*

*I am indeed grateful to all who led the Province in the past years and I gratefully acknowledge the hard work put in by Sr. Celine Jacob the Visiting General Councillor who preceded me in the animation of the Province making important and lasting contributions for the life and mission of the Province in fidelity to the Salesian charism of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.*

**ST. MARY D. MAZZARELLO – OUR MOTHER & CO FOUNDRRESS**

*The characteristic mark of Mary Mazzarello is her humility, a profound consciousness and continual remembrance of a lowly birth, a plain way of life, and hard work. She was a peasant girl, a village seamstress, endowed with the most elementary education, one that lacked all the refinements we generally associate with the term. There was in her only that*

*simplicity which God had predisposed in such an elect soul. The peasant girl of Mornese became the Mother of a Congregation of Sisters that today covers the globe and numbers thousands. On that religious body of self-sacrificing souls is stamped the indelible character of Mother Mazzarello's humility and in each one of the Sisters she lives again and continues her apostolate for the salvation of young people. Thus, St. Mary Mazzarello walks today in the broad streets of European and American cities, in the jungle paths of the Amazon, on the sun-drenched deserts of Africa, in the great cities and mudflats of India and other Asian Countries, in the cities and sea ports Australia and the Pacific Islands, in the mountain recesses of the Andes. She lives a Citizen of the World, for there is no death for God's Saints! Let us relive the Spirit of Mornese as we celebrate her birthday and feast day! Let us remember to make use of the book sent from the province in keeping up the Novena days. I wish to recall the words of our dear saint.....*

*“Remember that only one thing is necessary, to save a soul. We must become holy, and through our good works, help others who are waiting for our help to become holy too.”*

**A very happy feast to all!**

## **MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

*In the foundation of our Institute Don Bosco wanted us to be the “Living Monument of his gratitude to Mary Help of Christians”. Mary occupied a very special place in the life of Don Bosco and his mission. He saw her as the great helper of the human race and She intervened powerfully in his life. He attributed the blessings received in his life and mission to the intervention of Mary Help of Christians. He repeatedly affirmed that all that is accomplished is done by Mary. As we celebrate the feast of Mary Help of Christians, let us experience her active presence in our life’s journey and seek her powerful intercession for the Church and our world in need of healing. We entrust our fidelity and commitment to her motherly care and invoke her blessings for our Novices and young Sisters who pledge themselves today to be Her daughters forever in the service of humanity.*

## **FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF MARY & THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR PROVINCE**

*As we remember the 29th anniversary of the formation of our Province on this day let us ask Mary our Mother to make our lives a song of praise for the great things the Lord is doing for us in our lives and in our mission. Mary and Elizabeth, with their generosity in cooperating with God’s will initiated the events of the New Testament. May we be equally generous in cooperating with God’s plans for our lives, knowing the beginning but not the end, lighting a*

*fire that warms the lives of unknown others. We seek Her intercessor for us and our entire Educating Community that together we may lead everyone we meet to God through the life of witness and commitment.*



- 01 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
- 03 ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES
- 06 ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
- 09 BIRTHDAY OF ST. MARIA DOMINICA MAZZARELLO
- 13 ST. MARIA DOMINICA MAZZARELLO & OUR LADY OF FATIMA
- 14 ST. MATHIAS
- 24 MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
- 29 ASCENSION OF THE LORD
- 30 HOLY TRINITY
- 31 VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



### **BATCH WISE RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

*In preparation for the Centenary Celebration of the arrival of the first missionaries in India and the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of our congregation there will be an animation program for all the sisters of the Province in batch wise as given below. Kindly note the dates and reserve the journey tickets.*

<b>BATCH</b>	<b>YEAR OF PROFESSION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NO.OF PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>1956 - 1984</b>	<b>June 17 - 18 -19</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>1985 - 1997</b>	<b>June 20 – 21 - 22</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>III</b>	<b>1998 - 2009</b>	<b>June 24 – 25 - 26</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>IV</b>	<b>2010 - 2022</b>	<b>June 27 – 28 - 29</b>	<b>51</b>

## **COURSES**

*Srs. Udaya Kumari Yammala and Sr. Carmel Mary Arogya Swami will be participating in a Course on **Finance management in two Phases; Basic Course 11-15 May, 2022 and Advance Course 18-22 May, 2022** by well known resource person Fr Alex G SJ. at ISI (Indian Social Institute) Bangalore.*

## **SR. ALESSANDRA SMERILLI NOMINATED SECRETARY BY THE POPE**

*The Holy Father has appointed Sr. Alessandra Smerilli, Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Committed to the service of the Church and the world as Councilor of the Vatican City State and Consultor of the Synod of Bishops, since August 2021 she was Secretary ad interim of this Dicastery and Delegate for the Vatican Covid-19 Commission.*

## **BISHOP-ELECT**

*Our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Rev.Fr. Nirmol Vincent Gomes SDB, as Bishop of Krishnagar on 30 April 2022. While we congratulate him, let us pray that he may always enjoy good health and all his accomplishments bear abundant fruit for the glory of God and His kingdom.*

## **ONE MORE SAINT IN THE SALESIAN FAMILY & IN THE SOIL OF INDIA**

- ❖ *It is a joyful and great news for us in the Salesian Family that on the 9 April 2022, His Holiness Pope Francis has authorized the process for the canonization of Blessed Artemide Zatti. May his life inspire us to become bearers of hope and comfort to the poor, the suffering and the neglected.*
- ❖ *We rejoice greatly that martyr Devasahayam Pillai, born on 23 April 1712 at Nattalam, Kanyakumari District, martyred on 14 April 1752, beatified in 2012 will be canonized on 15 May 2022, at the Vatican by Pope Francis. He is the first Indian to obtain the crown of martyrdom on Indian soil and the first lay person in India to be canonized. It is in fact a matter of pride and honour for the Church in India.*

## **ANNUAL RETREAT**

*I thank Rev.Fr. Isaac Arackaparambil SDB of INB for animating and guiding the Sisters in their spiritual renewal journey from 27 April – 04 May. The last Annual spiritual retreat for the sisters will begin on 16th May around 5.30 p.m. and end with the Eucharistic Celebration and Renewal of Vows of our Temporarily Professed Sisters on 23rd May. Let us remember in*

*our prayers Fr. James Mathew SDB of INC the preacher and the sisters. Our second year novices will be making the same retreat. Let us surrender them all to the Lord in prayer.*

### **JUNIORATE AT GUWAHATI**

*Sr. Jacob Medona, Sr. Gittala Supriya & Sr. Komerla Thomasamma will be joining the Interprovincial Intensive Juniorate in ING Province. We wish them a very fruitful and enriching formative experience.*

### **CONGRATULATIONS & ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS**

#### **❖ Entry into Novitiate**

*Our two Postulants Haseena Kalakolla and Namsila D Sangma will begin the period of Novitiate on 23rd May 2022 at Nashik INB Province with an annual retreat on 15 May 2022. We congratulate them and pray that they may respond to God's call with great generosity and love. I sincerely thank Sr. Thresia Augustine and the community for accompanying them for past two years in their formation journey. A special word of thanks to Sr. D' Silva Meenakshi the provincial of Mumbai province and Sr. Supriya Noronha the Novice Mistress for welcoming them to the Novitiate and offering them formative accompaniment.*

#### **❖ First Profession**

*We have six second Year Novices who will make their First Profession on 24th May at the Provincial house Chapel. Sr Phiba. Kharkongor, Sr. Auxilia Lakashieng Sr. Biji Rajan, Sr. Salome Sangma, Sr. Joy Sharmista, Sr. Maria Jasmine Theres. We thank God for them and welcome them warmly into our religious family. We congratulate them and wish them a joyful religious life and loving fidelity to Christ. I am grateful to dear Sr. Molly Joseph and community for the lead they have taken to form them to become worthy spouses of Jesus.*

#### **❖ Perpetual Profession**

*We raise our hearts in thanksgiving to God for the gift of Sr. Amala Priya, Sr. Florence Leivon and Sr. Rwisumwi Wari who will be making their Perpetual Profession at the Provincial House Chapel on 24th May. While we congratulate them let us offer our fervent prayers for their fruitful service among the young. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Sr. Monica Thomas and the Provincial House community and Sr. Crescentia D'Almeida and Bannerghatta community for accompanying them while they prepared themselves for their final commitment.*

#### **❖ Intense Renewal programme for Juniors & Renewal of Vows**

*Our temporary professed sisters will have their renewal programme from May 9th followed by the retreat from 16th – 22nd and the renewal of their vows on 23rd May. Let us pray that*

*they may be always faithful to Christ and respond to His call generously in their daily life and continue their religious commitment till the end of their life.*

## **SINCERE THANKS**

- ❖ *I am grateful to Sr. Monica Thomas and the community of Provincial House for hosting the retreats, and for creating a prayerful and serene atmosphere where sisters could make their annual retreat fruitfully and for the arrangements provided for the ecomomers of Karnataka region for the auditing of the accounts from 04 May – 06 May 2022.*
- ❖ *A special word of thanks to dear Sr. Sahaya Sangita Rani for presenting the life of Sr. Nancy Pereira - 'Salesian Charism sown and grown on Indian soil' for the Sisters of all the Indian Provinces on 30 April 2022, from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and on 03 May from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.*
- ❖ *A special word of gratitude and appreciation to the Provincial Sr. Alphonsa Kurisinkal and to Sr. Lydia Komuhra and her community at Auxilium Guwahati, for accompanying four of our Junior Sisters with much love and attention for the past one year, during the time of their intensive Juniorate. May God bless and reward you dear Sisters.*

## **WELCOME HOME**

*Our four Sisters Sr. Lourdamma Mereeta, Sr. Maria Vincent M. Padmini, Sr. Nandru Anusha, Sr. Velupula Swaroopa Rani will successfully complete their intensive Juniorate on 31 May 2022 at Auxilium Provincial House, Guwahati. They will return to the province in the first week of June. While we welcome them with joyful hearts we wish them fruitful mission in the new assignments entrusted to them.*

## **TRANSFERS**

*I express my gratitude to each one of you, dear Sisters, who has accepted your transfer or new appointment with much faith, availability and in a spirit of obedience. May your sacrifice bring joy to you and to all whom you meet in your mission. All the Sisters who are on transfer this year are expected to be in the new communities by 28th May. Those who are unable to join your new community by 1st June kindly inform me and your animator the reason for your delay and the date of your arrival there.*

## **PROMOTIONS OF VOCATIONS**

*The fourth Sunday of Easter is called the Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of prayer for Vocations. This year it falls on 08th May. We pray for vocations to priestly and*

religious life, that they may help to make the Shepherd's voice heard among the sheep. We need to care to look around to identify and invite youngsters willing to serve the Gospel. We need to adjust our mental lenses, break down the boundaries of our thinking and perceive the Church as one family and so is our Institute. Our own relationships with God and creativity fidelity to our charism are indispensable conditions for inspiring vocations.

Though it is not possible to conduct vocation Camps physically due to the change of timing of the examinations, I request the sisters in charge of vocations in the communities, to conduct a virtual camp at regional level for the girls who had been in contact with you so that you can associate with them and give them a taste for religious life by presenting to them God's call from the scriptures and the response of saints to the call received specially that of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. I request you to send the girls those have expressed their desire to choose religious life and those have given names already from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala to the Novitiate house by end of May and Karnataka by 15 of May 2022. Let us intensify our prayers as they do their exams and take keen interest to follow them.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRAYERS**

- For the speedy recovery of the brother-in-law of Sr. Elsy Manjuran
- For the sister of Sr. Mary Manjil, Sr. Veronica Manjil
- For the good health of dear Sr. Lilly Chinnappan

#### **SINCERE CONDOLENCES & ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS**

- ✚ To dear Sr. Miriam Vettukallel at the loss of her beloved mother Mrs. Thresiamma on 02 April 2022.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Teresita P. Thomas at the demise of her beloved mother Mrs. Eliamma Thomas on 06 April 2022.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Marie Vazhapilly at the loss of her brother Fr. Sebastian Vazhapilly on 07 April 2022.
- ✚ To Sr. Dear Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal and all the sisters of ING province at the demise of Sr. Luisa Pinto on 13 April 2022.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Vineetha Williams at the departure of her grandmother Mrs. Rosamma on 16 April 2022.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Mini Thengumkudiyil at the loss of her aunt Mrs. Shosyamma Varghese on 16 April 2022.

- ✚ To dear Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret and all the sisters of INT province at the demise of Sr. Arokasami Philomena on 23 April 2022.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Marietta Kaidathara at loss of her sister - in-law Mrs. Simsy Devassy on 26 April 2022.
- ✚ To Fr. Savio Silveira SDB and the fathers of the INB Province at the demise of Br. Anthony D'souza SDB 27 April 2022.
- ✚ To dear Sr. Sahaya Sangitha Rani at the loss of her maternal aunt on 03 May 2022.

## Conclusion

To Mary, Mother of the Church and of the Institute, we entrust our commitment to walk together with the educating community, the young, the families, with the Salesian Family and with every person involved in our mission to bear witness to the Love of God and contagion the heart of the world with hope and joy.

## God bless you!

*Wishing you a very Happy Feast of St. Dominic Savio, St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello, & Mary Help of Christians!*

Yours affectionately,

*Sr Lucy Rose*

Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil  
Provincial

