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Dear Loving Sisters,

Loving and prayerful greetings from Auxilium Provincial House, Dum Dum!

The month of August brings great nostalgia for all the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, starting with 05 August, a date on which we celebrate the anniversary of the foundation of our Institute with 11 Sisters, including Mother Mazzarello. "It was on this date in 1872 that the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians was born". The celebration of 05 August is an occasion to express our love and gratitude to Our Lady and our holy founder St. John Bosco and our Co-founders St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello. It's a day to renew our Salesian spirit of joy and enthusiasm to live our commitment; a day to re-generate our strength and energy to dedicate ourselves totally for the young people, especially for the poorest of the poor; a day to re-vitalize ourselves to face challenges like Mary at Cana. On this occasion let us listen to the teaching of our Mother Mazzarello, taken from the Constitution:



"God forbid that we become Sisters in name only, as Don Bosco says, but let us act at all times as good religious. Let us not seek satisfaction. We have left the world and we mustn't live as people of the world do, but as Our Lord wants us to live. Let us be careful not to bring the world into religious life, either by our manner of speaking or by our lack of mortification. Let worldly people enjoy themselves; their enjoyment will be short-lived. Let us pity them. For us, instead, our delight should be in suffering, in sacrificing ourselves always for the love of God. Let us be careful about little things, little defects, and never make peace with them. Remember, we shall have to account to God for everything, good and bad. Let us ask God for the grace of feeling keen remorse for our failings. Thus we shall confess them with greater sorrow and do our penance in this world. Let us always remain humble before God and others. Let us not think that we alone are capable of doing anything. Let us pray and act in everything as if Our Lady were at our side, as indeed she is, though we cannot see her".

Assumption of Our Lady

The Assumption of Our Lady throws light on six aspects of Mary and it is an appropriate time for us to reflect on these six themes and renew our faith in God's promises.

1. Divine Favor and Purity: The Assumption emphasizes Mary's unique role and her

Immaculate nature. It reflects the belief in her sinlessness and the special grace she received from God.

2. Hope of Resurrection: Mary's Assumption is seen as a precursor to the resurrection of all faithful Christians. It reinforces the hope of eternal life and the belief in the bodily resurrection.

3. Honor and Veneration: The event emphasizes the importance of honouring and venerating Mary. It acknowledges her as the Queen of Heaven and an intercessor for humanity.

4. Spiritual Journey: The Assumption highlights the ultimate goal of the Christian spiritual journey, which is union with God in heaven. It serves as a reminder of the importance of living a holy and faithful life.

5. Role Model: Mary's Assumption provides a model of faithful obedience and devotion to God's will. It encourages believers to emulate her virtues of humility, faith, and devotion.

6. Mystery of Faith: The Assumption also reflects the mystery and miraculous nature of God's intervention in human history. It invites believers to trust in divine mysteries beyond human understanding.

As we celebrate her great Solemnity, may our Blessed Mother help us to rise above the cares of this world so that we may be able to imbibe God's Spirit and acquire Mary's virtues as we continue our journey at personal, community, province, institute and world level. Yes, She challenges us to face the realities of our daily lives and toils and rise above all with a vision for a deeper, committed mission to become a voice for the voiceless and life for the lifeless. Above all to rise from our deviation from an upright way of life for His mission and Glory.



Let us remember our country as it celebrates the 78th Independence Day, and ask Our Lady the Queen of Heaven and Earth to free everyone in our country from the tyranny of corruption and slavery of every sort. Let all the leaders serve the people with justice, peace, harmony and fraternity. May they and we together strive to protect our 'Common Home'!

Together with our Blessed Mother who was assumed into heaven, let us pray and accompany the forthcoming seminar on: **“For an Animation that Generates Life”** to be held at Lonavla from 16-21 August with all the 7 Provincials along with the Councilors and the National Sector Coordinators. It will be conducted by our beloved Mother General and her Councilors.

Jubilee year 2025

Pope Francis officially declared 2025 a Year of Jubilee with a papal bull, titled *“Spes Non Confudit,”* (Hope Does Not Disappoint.) The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve 2024. Let us all join with the Universal Church to prepare for this great Jubilee by participating actively in all the proposals and guidelines of the Church, the Institute and the Province. This last year of preparation for the Jubilee calls us to “Live the Year of Prayer”.



Let us update with the documents that are given to prepare ourselves for this Jubilee, namely:

1. Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)
2. Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church)
3. Dei Verbum (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation)
4. Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World)

Communications


Warm Welcome!

- ❖ We offer a warm and loving welcome to Sr Rimeka Nongtdu and congratulate her for her courageous step to become part of our province. She will be making her first Profession on 05 August 2024 and will join the community of Auxilium, Dum Dum. We owe our gratitude to Sr. Elizabeth George and the sisters of Shillong Province for this precious gift.
- ❖ Our benefactors Fr. Biagè, Ms Carmen and Ms Lucia visited the communities of Jaigaon, Kurseong, New Chumta, Mirik, Dum Dum and Kalyani. They were extremely happy to meet everyone and see our apostolic endeavours' progress.

Gratitude and Appreciation

I express my sincere gratitude to:

- Sr. Rose Kureekattu, the vice-provincial for organising the Juniors Meeting from 18-21 July 2024 at Auxilium Provincial House, Dum Dum.
- Rev. Fr. Tushar Gomes SDB, for enlightening the Juniors with his vibrant session on Holy Eucharist.
- Sr. Francesca Ekka, the animator of Ghutiapara for offering tips to the junior sisters on how to speak and write good English.
- Sr. Stella Potteparambil and the community of Dum Dum for hosting the Juniors Meeting.

 My deepest gratitude to Sr. Shradha Kispotta and the Aspirantate community for preparing the seven Aspirants to receive their Postulancy Medal and making the ceremony more meaningful and devotional on 24 July 2024. Thanks to Rev. Fr. Milan Basak SDB, the assistant parish priest of Monsada for preaching retreat to our Aspirants and Postulants with a true spirit of Don Bosco.

Congratulations!

- ✚ Congratulations to Sr. Kanchan Karuna Bara who who was honoured with the 'Swami Vivekananda National Principals Awards 2024' at the Grand Conclave "Swami Vivekananda National Award" at Taj City Centre, New Town, Kolkata on 27 July 2024. May God continue to work miracles through her.

- ✚ Congratulations to Sr. Rose Ezarath the Animator, Sr. Clara Saminathan, the Principal, Sisters, Staff and Students of Auxilium Convent School, Bandel for hosting the First edition of Inter School Talent Fest- AUXIJUVENIS 2K24 on the theme “Vivi il tuo Sogno – Live Your Dream,”

Let us pray for our dear departed - Condolences to:

- ✚ Sr. Anandina Dung Dung at the departure of her dear father Mr. Carlus Dung Dung on 19 June 2024 to his heavenly abode.
- ✚ Rev. Fr. Provincial and the Salesians of Bangalore Province at the demise of Fr. Josin Thazhathette SDB (70) on 03 July 2024 in Don Bosco, Aluva, Kerala.
- ✚ Sr. Theresa Vettuvazhiyil at the passing away of her uncle Mr. John on 16 July 2024.
- ✚ Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal and the Sisters of Guwahati Province at the demise of Sr. Jiranda Maria Barretto FMA (70) on 20 July 2024 at Auxilium Provincial House, Christian Basti - Guwahati.
- ✚ We commend the soul of Miss Rosy Thomas to the mercy of God, a teacher and cooperater of Auxilium Convent School, Dum Dum who passed away on 27 July 2024.
- ✚ Sr. Udit Tirkey at the demise of her maternal aunt Mrs. Sushila Toppo (57) on 30 July 2024.
- ✚ Sr. Meenakshi D’Silva and the sisters of Mumbai Province at the passing away of Sr. Da Silva Servitas FMA (81) on 31 July 2024.
- ✚ Sr. Jenita Mary Savarimuthu at the demise of her cousin brother Mr. Irudaya Raj (50) on 01 August 2024.

Dear Sisters,

Let the preparation and the celebrations of the Foundation Day, Solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, Independence Day, and the Jubilee year 2025 lead us to be evermore committed to His Glory and the expansion of His Kingdom in and around us. May Mary the Mother of the Church protect and guide all her children in the path of holiness as we continue with our pilgrimage towards the fullness of life.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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Provincial

