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Dear Loving Sisters,

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

As we are on our post-chapter journey more intensely these days, I would like to focus our attention on the third priority choice and the chapter deliberations. GC XXIV has invited us to be questioned by the cry of the young, of the poor and of the earth and to make a concrete and continuous journey of conversion to integral ecology, assuming in network the seven objectives of 'Laudato Si', in the spirit of the Preventive System. It should be our priority in our communities and in our educative mission to listen to the cry of the young people, of the poor and the earth, to make courageous evangelical choices as networked educating communities in the perspective of integral ecology. Very strongly we were asked to embrace integral ecology as a dimension of life and of the educational mission, according to 'Laudato Si'.



Pope Francis' in his encyclical 'Laudato Si' commits us to be part of this great venture and invites us to participate in the 'Laudato Si' Goals. He has already released on June 27, the message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024, with the theme "Hope and Act with Creation.". It is celebrated every September 1. In his message, Pope Francis encourages "to live an incarnational faith, one that can enter into the suffering and hope-filled "flesh" of others; to join forces to help to rethink, "among other things, the question of human power, its meaning, and its limits; to extend harmony among humanity and to creation in the sense of responsibility for a humane and integral ecology, the path of salvation of our common home". He tells us to live with the assistance of the Holy Spirit and seek to live "a life that becomes a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and that finds its fullness in holiness."



Pope Francis in his address to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) says, “The earth is the greatest resource which God has given to us and is at our disposal not to be disfigured, exploited, and degraded so that we can live in this world with dignity. Everything is connected, and as a family of nations, we must have a common concern: to see that the environment is cleaner, purer and preserved. And take care of nature, so that it takes care of us.”

Taking care of our ‘Common Home’ is an individual and collective responsibility of us all; we need to ensure everybody’s right to be safe and healthy and also to provide a sustainable environment, for future generations. After the FMA PCI, we have taken several Laudato Si Action Plans in our communities let us make every effort to realize them. Transform our Communities into Green and clean Campus. Pay special attention to Waste Management, Water Management, Air pollution, Energy Management -installation of solar panels, Reduction of carbon footprints, Lifestyle, and Environmental protection practices so that we can be active partners in realizing the Laudati Si action plans. Identify, promote and implement, with determination, all the initiatives necessary to build a healthier, fairer and more sustainable world. “Let us Save Nature and save humanity”.



Faith, Courage and Mission of St. Thomas, the Apostles

As Indians, we owe much to St. Thomas the apostle, who has brought us the Faith in Jesus Christ. The third of July is a memorable day to thank the Lord for the gift of this great Saint. The life of St. Thomas the Apostle offers several lessons relevant to living our life in Faith in today’s context: His Faith in the resurrected Lord banishes all our doubts, and ultimately leads to a deeper and more personal faith in Jesus Christ’s questioning and seeking truth; His courage in establishing Christ Kingdom and mission in bringing forth numerous souls to Jesus. This teaches the importance of perseverance, mission, and spreading one’s beliefs with conviction.

Humility and Transformation: Thomas’ transformation from a doubter to a devout believer highlights the power of personal encounters and experiences in changing one’s life. It reminds us that every one of us can grow and change at any time, regardless of our past doubts or

mistakes. Let us learn from St. Thomas in our community to address all our fears, doubts and concerns. Thomas' doubts show the importance of a supportive community in nurturing and strengthening faith. Overall, St. Thomas' life encourages honesty in faith, persistence in spreading one's beliefs, openness to transformation, and the value of community support and standing by one another.

Communications

Towards Triennial Verification

We are on our post-chapter journey and now more intensely we make our way towards the triennial verification. We embark on this journey with Mary, with her life-giving, listening and attentive presence. The Triennial Verification is an opportunity that the Institute offers us to revive the awareness of our charismatic Identity, re-read experiences lived in the light of the Word of God and the challenges of today, and project ourselves with new hope for the future. The verification is a meaningful experience for all of us to review the processes that favoured us to be a listening presence in our communities and our mission and to check on the journey of conversion to integral ecology that we have arrived at. The triennial verification has a twofold purpose: to verify the post-chapter journey and to offer indications for the theme of the next GC. **The Triennial Verification at the PCI level is scheduled for 24-28 January 2025 at Tiruchirapalli. The Word of God that will accompany us is Jn 2:1-11 - The Wedding at Cana. The Provincial level Verification is programmed for 11-14 October 2024 at Auxilium, Provincial House, Dum Dum.** I am sure all of you have already read my two letters dated 20 June 2024 and 24 June 2024.

Inter-provincial Seminar

The present General Council in its six-year term 2021-2027 is animating a seminar at the inter-provincial level which will help us to take our post-chapter journey forward with the theme: '**For an Animation that Generates Life**'. It will be held from 16 - 20 August 2024 at St. Joseph Training Centre, Lonavla. It will be animated by the Mother General and the General Council and the participants from our province are the Provincial, Vice Provincial, Provincial Councillors, the Economist, the Secretary and Sr. Clara Saminathan, the National General Coordinator.

Province Team

Kindly find the list of the newly appointed and outgoing Team members

Sector	Outgoing members	Incoming members
Youth Pastoral Sector	Sr. Dominica Josephine Thapa	
Social Communication	Sr. Celina Alexander Sr. Rosy Veliyan	Sr. Basanti Ekka Sr. Restitula Kharpran

Mission sector	Sr. Shanti Tirkey	Sr. Rosalia Tirkey
Cooperators Sector	Sr. Emilia Vas	Sr. Jenita Savarimuthu
Education Sector	Sr. Margaret Fernandes	
News Letter of the Province		Sr. Rosy Veliyan Sr. Elizabeth Valliyil

ZONAL LEVEL VOCATION PASTORAL COORDINATORS

West Bengal	Sr. Bag Delpina
North Bengal	Sr. Minj Kishori
Chhattisgarh	Sr. Ekka Sumitra
Jharkhand	Sr. Minj Sosan
Odisha	Sr. Sabasundar Namita
Delhi	Sr. Ekka Maria Goretti

PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVINCE TEAM

Formation	Sr. Kureekattu Rose
Youth Pastoral	Sr. Minimol Chettayil
Education	Sr. D' Souza Lily
YAR	Sr. Kerketta Ashalatta
S. Communications	Sr. Abraham Esther Rani
Missions	Sr. Kerketta Ashalatta
Salesian Family	Sr. Abraham Esther Rani
Social Ministry	Sr. Mathew Shanty
Vocation Pastoral	Sr. D' Souza Lily

I extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing team members for their animation and dedicated service rendered to the sisters and for the fruitfulness of our apostolic mission. We also assure God's blessings to the newly appointed team members and look for their enthusiastic and committed contribution to the growth of the province and its mission.

Postulancy Medal: We thank God for the gift of all our candidates in our formation house. The 12 pre-aspirants and 18 aspirants will make their annual retreat from 21-23 July 2024. On 24 July 2024, our eight aspirants Rose Mary Riya Biswas, Indira Chiramal, Punam Dugal, Sushena Dung Dung, Devi Lamare, Julisha Shylla, Emiki Surong and Pritilata Tirkey will receive the postulancy medal. The retreat will be preached by Rev. Fr. Milan Basak SDB, the assistant parish priest of Monsada. Let us pray for our candidates and intensify our prayers for more vocations.

Congratulations!: I congratulate the principals, sisters, staff and students of all our schools in the province for their outstanding performance in the Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations. May the Lord be praised for he has done great things through us. Let

us continue to do our very best for the young people entrusted to our care. A special note of appreciation to Auxilium Bandel and Barasat for their outstanding performance at state level.

Houses	Class X	Class XII
Bandel	99.4%	97.75%
Barasat	98.4%	99.5%
Dum Dum	97.8%	97.25%
Geyzing	91%	---
Jaigaon	94.4%	94.25%
Ranchi Mazzarello	96.6%	---
Jumaikela	92%	89%
New Chumta	60 %	69%
Vasant Vihar	96.8%	97.2%

Welcome Back: We are happy to welcome back our four junior sisters after the completion of their one-year juniorate in Guwahati and Shillong.

We owe our sincere gratitude to Provincial Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal, animator Sr. Lydia Komuhra and the community for having accompanied our sisters Sr. Neha Beck and Rashmi Madhuri Minz with dedication and care.

We are indebted to Provincial Sr. Elizabeth George, animator Sr. Euginia Laloo and the community for having followed up our sisters Sr. Neha Lucy Kujur and Udit Tirkey with genuine love and attention.

Students: Sr. Neha Lucy Kujur and Sr. Mahima Barla will be leaving for Katpadi College, Vellore for their higher studies on 01 July 2024. The former will be doing her Bachelor in Science (B.Sc) and the later Bachelor in Arts (BA).

Project Mornese: The Mornese Project for the English-Speaking Group will be held from 24 September- 14 October 2024. From our Province, Sr. Pushpa Lakra and Sr. Taramani Minj will be participating in it. They will leave on 22 September and will return on 18 October 2024.

Sr. Minimol Chettayil will also leave for Rome on 11 September for Project Mornese Animation and will return on 20 October 2024. We assure them an enriching time in the holy land of ours.

Installation of the Provincials of Guwahati and Shillong: Rev. Sr. Rosa Pyngrope will be installed as the 13th Provincial of the Province of the 'Immaculate Heart of Mary', Shillong on 13th August 2024 and Rev.Sr. Gothorp Mabel will be installed as the 5th Provincial of the Province of 'Mother of the church', Guwahati on 10 August 2024. Let us support them with our prayers.

Courses and Meetings

- ❖ The Juniors' Meeting will be held at Auxilium, Provincial House, Dum Dum from 18-21 July 2024. The arrival will be on 18 July at 11.30 am and departure on 21 after 4.30 pm.
- ❖ Sr. Valsa Kallirikumkalayil and Sr. Elizabeth Tigga will be attending a Leadership for Mission Course for Superiors at Ishvani Kendra, Institute of Missiology and Communications, Pune from July 21 – 03 August 2024. The content of this course will be Biblical paradigms of leadership; Person of the leader; Empowering skills; Facilitating leadership in religious communities; Skills for animating communities; Participatory team performance; Conflict and stress management; Leadership of Women; Leadership in Mission.
- ❖ Sr. Lily D' Souza, Sr. Shradha Kispotta and Sr. Pranati Sabasundar will participate in Walking Joyfully with the Lord: a four-day Training Programme in Psychosexual Integration for Celibate Maturity at Don Bosco Institute, Joypur, Kharghuli from 16 - 19 July 2024. It is organized by the Salesian Psychological Association (SPA), South Asia, as part of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Gratitude and Appreciation



Thanks to Sr. Taramani Minj and the community of Auxilium, Mirik and Sr. Rose Ezarath and the community of Auxilium, Bandel for helping the communities to prepare well with novena practices for the solemnity of Mary Help of Christians and the Sacred Heart of Jesus respectively.



My sincere words of appreciation to the communities of Sacred Heart Novitiate and Mazzarello Convent, Ranchi for making all the possible arrangements for the Retreats of the Novices and Sisters, for the Renewal of Vows of the junior sisters, Vestitions and the First Professions.



I sincerely acknowledge Sr. Stella Potteparambil and the Community of Auxilium Dum Dum for making the necessary preparations for the Perpetual Profession of our sisters in a beautiful manner. Also, I add a note of thanks to the communities of Auxilium, Aspirantate, Barasat and Gobra for having gone the extra mile. Everything was well planned and implemented. Thank you dear sisters!

Let us pray for our dear departed - Condolences to:

- ✠ Sr. Elizabeth and Sr. Gracy Valliyil at the passing away of their aunty Mrs Mary Joseph (85), on 11 May 2024

† Rev. Fr. Provincial and the Salesian Province of Bangalore at the demise of Fr. Mathew Maruvathrail SDB (94) on 14 May 2024 in Kristu Jyoti College, Bangalore.

† Sr. Anandina Dung Dung at the demise of her dear father Mr. Carlus Dung Dung on 19 June 2024.

Dear Sisters,

We have entered into a new month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. We just honoured the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the past month. Both these symbols of Jesus, the Sacred Heart and the Precious Blood reveal the love of Jesus for humanity. Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque *"This is more grievous to Me than all that I endured in my Passion. If they would only give Me some return of love, I should not reckon all that I have done for them, and I would do yet more if possible. But they have only coldness and contempt for all My endeavours to do them good."* Mother General has dedicated Circular 1039 *'In the Heart of Christ to live and proclaim His love'* to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In Jn 3:16 we have the proof of God's genuine love and generosity. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"*. Jesus has waived all our sins and brought redemption through his mercy by shedding his last drop of blood. He was generous with His grace, mercy and love. Let us imitate his generosity to be a beacon of hope and love in our community and mission through our availability, generosity, kindness, gentleness, affection and a listening ear. Mother Mazzarello in her Letters exhorts us to enter into the heart of Jesus: *"Never be discouraged when you see yourself full of defects, but turn to Jesus and Mary with confidence and humble yourself without discouragement. Then go ahead with courage and without fear"* (L 66, 4.6) *The Heart of Jesus is a place where troubles are resolved to give space to serenity and peace, "Trust in Jesus, put all your worries in His Heart; leave it to Him. He will put everything right."* (L 25, 3). *"Then be always cheerful and when you have worries, put them all into the Heart of Jesus."* (L 47,10). *"Courage. When you are tired and troubled go and place all your worries in the Heart of Jesus and you will find solace and comfort."* (L 65, 3). Dear sisters, with this trust and confidence, let us enter into the heart of Christ.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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