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Dearest Sisters,

Viva Gesu`!

We greet one another with joy as we have completed the five years of our journey together after the erection of the Province under the patronage of Our Lady of Snow. We have experienced the powerful presence of our Blessed Mother in our Province and attribute everything we have done through her motherly intervention. With sentiments of gratitude and joy let us entrust ourselves to Jesus through Mary on 10 June 2022. They are so intimately united that truly giving ourselves to Mary can lead to nothing but a total surrender to God. As a Province, by **entrusting ourselves to Mary**, we leap with faith and joy into the arms of our blessed Mother, knowing that she advocates for us, loves us and wants to see us grow in resemblance with her Divine Son.

### *The throbbing heart of God in love*

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose feast we celebrate on 24 June 2022. The use of Jesus' heart to symbolize his love is found in the writings of some medieval mystics and later fostered by Jesuit priests and promoted by St. Francis de Sales. According to Thomas Merton, **St. Lutgarde** (d.1246), a Belgian Cistercian mystic, was one of the great precursors of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sources say that Christ came in visitation to Lutgarde, offering her whatever gift of grace she desired. She asked for a better grasp of Latin so that she might better understand the Word of God and sing God's praise. Christ granted her request and Lutgarde's mind was flooded with the riches of psalms, antiphons, readings and responsories. However, her painful emptiness persisted. She returned to Christ, asking to return his gift and wondering if she might exchange it for another. "And for what would you exchange it?" Christ asked. "Lord," said Lutgarde, "I would exchange it for your heart." Christ then reached into Lutgarde and removing her heart within his breast.

**St. Mechtilde** of Helfts (d.1298) had many visions of Jesus' heart. Mechtilde reported that Jesus appeared to her in a vision and gave her his heart as a pledge of his love, as a place of refuge during her life and as consolation at the hour of her death. **St. Gertrude the Great**, who lived in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, when she was 26 years old, began to have visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. Through prayer, work, fasting and the revelations of Jesus, St. Gertrude became detached from everything that would hold her back from loving and being loved by Him. **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque** had a powerful encounter with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was a young French Sister in the 1600s. Over a number of weeks, she had a series of powerful visions and prayers centered on the Heart of Christ. She saw how His heart beats with love for us, at every moment of every day. He has a Risen Body and a heart that is both human and divine. Among Jesus's revelations to Margaret Mary was simply, "behold the Heart that has loved you so much." His heart continues to beat with love for me and you today. The saints take time to notice His love - through prayer, journaling and spiritual conversation. Margaret Mary teaches us to let our hearts beat in rhythm with the Heart of Christ. The devotion to the Sacred Heart was very important to **Don Bosco** because it focused on Jesus as our loving friend. He would tell his boys that the heart of Jesus was filled with acceptance, mercy and love. He would encourage them to open their hearts to that love, feel the embrace of Jesus and grow in friendship with him. As we prepare ourselves for this great feast, may each of us open ourselves to God's deepest love for us and all.

**56 WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY:** The title of 56 world communication day follows the theme of **Listening with the ear of the heart**. It was celebrated on 29 May 2022. It tells us that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing. Listening is the foundation for genuine relationships and it is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity. In quoting St. Paul, "Faith comes through hearing" Pope Francis remarks that listening corresponds to the humble style of God, who himself by speaking, and by listening to his sons and daughters recognises each one of us as His partners in dialogue. We are called to "tune in, to be willing to listen," as God calls us to a covenant of love. May the heart of Jesus teach us the art of listening as we journey through our daily commitment.

**WITHIN THE FAMILY:**

**PCI NATIONAL EDUCATION CO ORDINATORS MEET:** PCI National Education Co ordinators meeting will be held on the theme "**Enlighten, Empower and Educate**" from 3-5 June 2022 in Citadel, No. 45, Landon's Road, Kilpauk,

Chennai. Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy, Sr. Arokianathan Verginia Mary, and Sr. Vedamuthu Santiago Theresal will take part in the meeting.

**TRANSFERS:** A hearty welcome to Sr. Robinson Jenny Grace who in the name of our Province was rendering her service as an Assistant of Aspirants and Postulants in Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi (INM) will assume her new responsibility in our Province. We implore God's blessings on Sr. Savari Raj Arockia Sophiya who will be going on a temporary transfer from our Province to INM – Sacred Heart Katpadi as an assistant for Aspirants and Postulants. Thank you Sister for your generosity and availability. May the Lord bless and accompany you and all those who are transferred to accomplish the mission of Jesus with efficacy and efficiency.

**JUNIORS RENEWAL PROGRAMME:** Ten Juniors Sisters participated in the Juniors Renewal Programme held in Auxilium Provincial House from 13 - 21 May 2022. Thanks to Sr. Madalaimuthu Pokkisha Mary who assisted and coordinated the programme. Sisters cherish the knowledge and experience they gained from participating in the programme on the **Preventive System** animated by Sr. Susai Anthonia Animator of Marianathapuram on 13 and 15, **Western and Indian Philosophy** by Fr. Varan Vardhan from St. Paul's Seminary on 14 and 16 May, **Pauline Theology** by Fr. Michael Raj a Professor from St. Paul's Seminary from 17 to 18 May, **Neuro-Linguistic Programm** by Fr. Lawrence OFM from the Formation house in Kotagiri from 19 – 21 May 2022. Prior to renewal of vows, Fr. Franklin SDB availed himself for confession and accompanied them with his talk on **Seven habits of highly committed FMAs** and **Viruses that threaten religious life today**. On 23 May 2022, as they took part in the Mass, father exhorted them to offer themselves completely to the Lord and renew their commitment in His mission.

**A JOURNEY ABROAD:** We are happy that **Sr. Maria Arul Paulia**, will be doing her two-year studies in spirituality and **Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi** will be participating in the XII VIDES International Conference – Rome on VIDES: Culture of Reciprocity from 1 - 5 July 2022. We wish them a buon voyage and a fruitful stay in Italy

#### **ONLINE WEBEX MEETINGS:**

- Sr. Savari Raj Arockia Sophiya participated in the online Webex meeting for the Province Coordinators of mission ad/inter gentes for Africa, Asia and Australia on 3 and 4 May 2022. During the meeting, Sr. Velazco Ruth del Pillar Mora emphasized the importance of proclamation, Sr. Blanca Sanchez and Sr. Anna Maria Geuna depicted the journey of the Mission Sector from January to April.

They informed that there will be two more meetings, which will be held on 16 July and 6 September 2022.

- All the first and second-year Novices of INM and INT participated in the online meeting on 9 May 2022. The theme of the meeting was **“The Mother tells us today: Courage, let’s dream big!”**. The objective of the meeting was to enable all the novices the world over to experience the joy and beauty of belonging to a religious family that together dreams big for the young people and shares the dream of being a generative presence with and for young people.
- Sr. Fernando Majella and five Headmistresses participated in the online educators' meet of this academic year organized by Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore from May 26, 4.00 p.m to May 28, 2022, 8.00 p.m.
- Sr. Madalaimuthu Angela participated in the Webex Meeting on 27 May 2022. Sr. Bolanos Ena Veralis and her team presented the journey of the FMA in the light of the Acts of the General Chapter XXIV. The objectives of animating this meeting were to know one another and enrich the communication and mutual support of the shared service and journey together in these six years illuminated by the Acts of the General Chapter XXIV and General Council Programme for the Six years 2022-2027.
- Sr. Ambrose Little Flower participated in the online Webex meeting for all the province Secretaries coordinated by Sr. Nicastro Maria Luisa and her team. The aim of animating the meeting on 3 May 2022 was to train the Province Secretaries for the collaborative platform, and the focus of the meeting on 27 May 2022 was to give guidelines on General Elenco and its related modes, Chronistoria of the Province, Chronicles of the House, Brief biography of the departed Sisters etc.

**TAMILNADU YOUTH MEETING:** Sr. Diaz Francis Immaculate participated in the Tamilnadu Youth Meeting animated by Fr. Martin Tamilnadu Youth Director on 15 May 2022 at Alaigal media, Manikandam Tiruchirappalli. The meeting aimed at chalking down the annual programme for and with the youth.

**TEAM MEETING:** Sr. Peter Selvarani animated an online team meeting to draw the annual calendar for the Province for the year 2022 – 2023 on 29 May 2022. The meeting commenced with a prayer and PPT presentation of the message of 56 World

Communication Day on the theme of Listening with the ear of the heart by Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy.

**LAUDATO SI WEEK:** The Management, staff and students of St. Francis Xavier Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School Broadway celebrated Laudato Si week focusing on enchanting colours with which God has painted the world from 11 to 24 April 2022: Children came to school clad in different colours to mark the celebration. Blue day, celebrating the wonder of water, Pink Day solemnising the air, Green Day honouring the land and its variegated riches. Each class presented the significance of the elements, their resources and man's irresponsibility in polluting them. The celebration concluded with Yellow day celebrating pet animals and birds

Ensuring the survival and reproduction of many plants, supporting forest regeneration, promoting sustainability and climate change adaptation, and improving the quantity and quality of agricultural productions, ASSIST, the Social Development Office facilitated Bee farming for thirty eight farmers in Athivetti village and Pichinikadu located in Delta Region known as the granary of Tamilnadu on 22 May 2022, with the help of Mr. G. Selvakumar, the master trainer in Kadhi and Village Industries Commission from Chennai. Mr. Lenin Director of Agavelli Trust joined the event as a special invitee. This event organized on the first day of the Laudato Si week by ASSIST has initiated a new chapter of balancing biodiversity and promoting high productivity in agriculture thus empowering the eco-community, and embracing the poor.

**SUMMER CAMP & COURSES:** ASSIST organized Summer Camp activities in collaboration with the communities of Vadakku Paganoor, Puliadithammam, Keela Eral and Ulagampatti for five hundred and fifty children during their holidays. The Children enthusiastically engaged with their peers and enjoyed creative activities like arts & crafts, clay modelling, indoor and outdoor games.

**ITALIAN AND HINDI CLASSES FOR SISTERS:** One hour of interesting Hindi and Italian class separately, two days a week will be conducted for five months online from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. The sessions will be held during the weekends. Miss Nikitha Mary Leon and Mrs. Hemadevi will coordinate Hindi classes. Sr. Soosai Magnificat, Sr. Bernardine Lazar, Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani and Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy and Sr. Antony Regina Mary will conduct Italian classes. Interested sisters are requested to register your names with Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy by 15 June 2022.

**POPE ANNOUNCES NEW CARDINALS:** We rejoice with the church at Pope Francis' announcement of twenty-one new cardinals among whom two are Indian Cardinals - Archbishop Filipe Neri Antonio Sebastiao di Rosario Ferrao Archbishop of Goa and Damao (India), Archbishop Anthony Poola - Archbishop of Hyderabad (India) and two more SDB Cardinals: Archbishop Virgilio Do Carmo Da Silva, SDB Archbishop of Dili ( East Timor) and Archbishop Luca Van Looy SDB Archbishop Emeritus of Gent (Belgium). Let us support them with our prayers.

**INSTALLATION:** On 30 May 2022, we had the joy of receiving the approval of Mother General and her Council for the nomination of Sr. Vedamuthu Saveriammal as the first Animator for the new community to be established in Madurai Chittampatti. Kindly accompany all the Animators with your prayers as they will be installed on the following dates:

Date	Name and Place	Sisters responsible for Installation
09.06.2022	Sr. Poobalarayen Nirmala Puthenthurai	Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela – Councillor for Formation
11.06.2022	Sr. Rayappan Sampooranam Puliadithamam	Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret - Provincial
12.06.2022	Sr. Michael Raj Loyola Sringerinagar	Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret - Provincial
11.06.2022	Sr. Jeganathan Assumptha Sirudur	Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam – Vice Provincial
12.06.2022	Sr. Peter Selvarani Tiruvottiyur	Sr. Fernando Majella – Councillor for Youth Pastoral.
24.06.2022	Sr. Vedamuthu Saveriammal Chittampatti	Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret – Provincial

Art 114 of our Constitutions and Regulations states that Our Blessed Lady is the real superior. “Like her let every DMHC called to the service of authority live in an attitude of inner poverty and openness to the Holy Spirit. With a motherly heart, let her seek to express Mary’s strong yet tender love, making herself all things to all Sisters.” May our blessed mother give you the key to open each heart to the love of Jesus and respond to Him with joy in the mission entrusted to your care.

## **APPRECIATION AND THANKS:** Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation

- To Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary and Community for facilitating Juniors Renewal Programme from 13 - 21 May 2022 and for solemnizing the celebration of the first profession of our Second-year Novices on 24 May 2022 in Auxilium Provincial House, Manikandam. We raise our hearts in thanksgiving to God for His Excellency Savarimuthu Arokiaraj - Bishop of Tiruchirappalli for his availability and his thought-provoking sermon on remaining intimately united with God and being fruitful in one's mission. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Sr. Susai Anthonia and Sr. Madalaimuthu Pokkisha Mary who trained efficiently the choir for the first Profession.
- To Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela - the Novice Formator and Community for facilitating a prayerful ambient for the sisters to make their Annual Retreat from 16 - 23 May 2022, Recollection and renewal of vows for junior Sisters, and initiation of the novices on 23 May 2022 in Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manikandam. We acknowledge with gratitude Rev. Fr. Joseph Franklin Alphonse who preached the IV Annual Retreat with a lot of preparation and creativity on the theme "Joy of being committed to Christ".
- To Sr. Soosai Magnificat and Community for their hospitality and for creating a festive ambient in Adaikalamatha Church and Community for the celebration of the perpetual vows of our two Sisters in Thanjavur. We are immensely grateful to Most Rev. Anthony Samy Bishop of Kumbakonam who solemnized the Mass and shared with the assembly his insights on living in Joy in the service of the Lord. We extend our gratitude and prayers to the Parish Priest of Adaikalamatha Parish for availing the place and for collaborating with us for the celebration of this significant event.

## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS - JUNE 2022**

31 May to 2 June	- Vocation Camp	Marianathapuram
01 - 08	- Economers Meet - Auditing of the accounts	Broadway
15-16	- Provincial Council	Tiruchirappalli
26	- INT FMA SDB Salesian Co-operators Delegates Meeting	Kallukuzhi
28 - 29	- New Economers Meeting	Tiruchirappalli

## LET'S CELEBRATE - JUNE 2022

- 05 - Pentecost Sunday
- 08 - St. Mariam Thresia and Blessed Stephen Sandor
- 10 - Completion of V anniversary of the Canonical Erection of the Province.
- 11 - S. Barnabas, Apostle – Feast
- 12 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- 13 - S. Anthony of Padua
- 19 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and the Blood of Christ.
- 23 - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Solemnity  
St. Joseph Cafasso
- 24 - The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 25 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mem.
- 29 - Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles – Solemnity

## OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE AND PRAYERS

† To the Provincial and confreres of IND on the demise of Fr. Joseph Variathukalayil SDB (82) on 09.05.2022

† To Sr. Arokiasami Ofelia and family on the loss of her brother in-law Mr. M. Perianayagam (96) on 23.05.2022.

† To Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala and Sisters of INM on the loss of Sr. Anthony Agnes (76) on 25.05.2022.

† To Sr. Joseph Susai Latha and family on the demise of Mr. A. Yesu Patham (51) on 26.05.2022. He is the elder brother-in-law of Sr. Latha.

† To Sr. D'Silva Meenakshi and Sisters of INB on the loss of Sr. Sylvia Philolema Fernandes (79) on 26.05.2022.

May the Lord grant eternal rest to the faithful departed, comfort and console the bereaved family.

Wishing you a very happy feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I conclude with a prayer for each one of us: “ I ask you Lord, for pure eyes, for a dynamic ardent heart enamoured with you: of mind capable of thinking of you, of loving you, of diffusing you with the spontaneity of the young, with the freshness of the adolescent, with the audacity of the young, with the strength of the adult and the wisdom of the elderly. Grant that we may be prophets of hope, sowers of the future. Transform us into the brand – new news for the youth of today who are your and our inheritances. Amen.

Yours affectionately,



Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret  
Provincial.