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Dearest Sisters,

Viva Gesu`!

We are on the verge of entering into the paschal week. Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit, it is ever-present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer. It is a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. During these days of grace, we are invited to return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

The paschal mystery is the basis of our conversion. Our joy flows from listening to and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of love as "so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue". As we believe and accept this message, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). In the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis invites us to keep our eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified and let ourselves be saved over and over again. And when we go to confess our sins, believe firmly in His mercy which frees us of our guilt. Let us contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let ourselves be cleansed by it. In this way, we can be reborn ever anew.

Let us meditate more deeply on the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord who loves us and gives himself for us in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Through prayer, let us fix our gaze on the crucified Lord and allow ourselves to be penetrated by the loving glance of God which enables us to realize that we are loved and explore the beauty of loving others.

WITHIN THE FAMILY:

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: Empowering women with a space to share their thoughts and ideas for a better world, and be a part of global conversations and actions seeking to champion gender equality was the theme of International Women's Day. It was

celebrated in a significant manner in the Province of Our Lady of Snow – INT on 8 March 2022. To celebrate women's achievement, raise awareness against bias and take action for equality, women rendering their valuable service departmental stores, ice cream shops and others were honoured with a crown and a bag.

ROSARY FOR PEACE: Adhering to the invitation of our Mother General and her council, we joined the live streaming of the Holy Rosary together for peace and an end to hostilities in every part of the world at 13.00 (Italian Time) on Saturday 12 March as a public and unanimous manifestation of our trust in the powerful intercession of Mary Help of Christians, of our educational commitment to peace and an effective denunciation of all forms of violence and injustice.

HEADMISTRESSES MEET: A meeting for all the Headmistresses of INT Province was held in Francis Xavier Convent – Broadway, from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 13 March 2022. Mr. Felix Daly a skilled L&D specialist with over 13 years of total experience engaged in empowering thousands of individuals and a large number of organizations, to meet their personal and professional goals, was the versatile resource person of the day. All the participants were inspired by his sharing. This was followed by the presentation of the outline of the Educational Policy by Sr. Fernando Majella the Animator of Broadway Community followed by a discussion on the realization of resource mapping in the Province.

EVOLVING PLAN OF ACTION (POA): Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi participated in the Regional consultation on Evolving Plan of Action (POA) towards realizing the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children 2021 in collaboration with Thozhamai- Solidarity for Rights and UNICEF for every child held on 14 March 2022 in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

PROVINCE SECRETARIES ONLINE COURSE: Sr. Ambrose Little Flower participated in the Province Secretaries online course on CISCO Platform on 14 March 2022 animated by Sr. NICASTRO Maria Luisa and team.

THE NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR FMA INDIA: Sr. Maria Rajeshwari INK, the newly appointed National coordinator for Social Communication in collaboration with Social Communication Team – India has launched YouTube channel for FMA India on 19 March 2022. It will serve as a common platform for FMA INDIA Visibility. It will be a kind of FMA India news broadcast which will be telecasted, covering up crispy news from all the seven Provinces of India.

PAST PUPILS MEETING: The Past Pupils meeting was held on 12 March 2022 in Sirudur, Madurai for south zone and 19 March 2022 in Broadway, Chennai for Chennai Zone. The inaugural talk was given by Sr. Poobalarayern Nirmala and Sr. Fernando Majella respectively. Fr. Joan Marshal SDB highlighted the theme “Do all through love, nothing through constraint”.

TRAINING COURSES FOR ADULT LEADERS: Don Bosco District organised a training course at Keeranur, Tiruchirappalli for guide Captain's Basic and Advance from 13 - 20 March 2022. Sr. Amal Raj Rebecca took part in the Basic Training with thirty seven teachers; Sr. X. Jenophia Josephine, Sr. G.M.Vijila Rani, Sr. Abraham Epsibai, Sr. Josephraj Josephin Diana, Sr. Sundaram Bernadette Neha, Sr. Arulananthu Jefri, Sr. Pensikar Bastina Mary, Sr. Paralogaraj Sutha, and Sr. Paralogaraj Jeya along with five Teachers took part in the

Advance Course. Thanks to Sr. Sebastian Margaret Mary D.C and Fr. Thomas SDB District chief commissioner for their generous availability and accompaniment of the participants.

THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: From St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, the Holy Father presided over the celebration of penance and consecration and entrustment of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We joined the Holy Father and prayed for peace during these trying times at 9.25 p.m. on 25 March 2022, the feast of the Annunciation. Pope Francis said that the choice of consecrating Russia and Ukraine on the Friday Lenten Penitential service is particularly fitting since it allows us to invoke peace with hearts renewed by God's forgiveness.

MEETING WITH THE AUDITOR: All the ecomomers of the communities had a very useful meeting with the Auditors highlighting the guidelines for the ecomomers prior to Society Renewal in two different zones. The meeting in Auxilium Provincial House was held on 17 – 18 March 2022 and the meeting in Chennai Broadway was held on 21 March, 2022.

PCI WEBINAR: Thanks to Centenary Renewal Committee for organising Charism sown and grown in Indian Soil by highlighting the life of Sr. Catherine Mania presented by Sr. Molly Elizabeth ING on 30 March 2022, for FMAs of INM, INT, INK, and INB

WORLD FEAST OF GRATITUDE: As you already know, Sr. María del Rosario García Ribas, Vicar General of our Institute, has presented to all the FMA and the Educating Communities of the Five Continents, the theme of the World Feast of Gratitude 2022 and the indications for the preparation, implementation and celebration. Her letter expresses the significance of the event: "As part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Institute, we would like to thank the Lord of Life for the generous" yes "of our Mother, Sister Chiara Cazzuola, who lives the service of animation and governance with so much faith and availability. In a complex world context, marked by many challenges concerning health, political and social aspects, we participate in the pain and hope of a large part of humanity that seeks peace and wants to continue to generate life". The World Feast of Gratitude will take place on 24, 25, 26 April 2022 in Turin, Mornese, and Nizza, the land of the origins of the FMA Institute, in the Piedmont Province of Mary Help of Christians (IPI).

The theme of the celebration will be "They are my Daughters". It is drawn from the dream of Don Bosco who said he found himself in Turin in Piazza Vittorio, where he saw a large number of girls asking him for help. He did not want to listen to them. But he saw a «Lady all resplendent in her face who said to him: "Take care of them, they are my daughters"! (Cronistoria I, 24-25). The presence of Mary, the inspirer of the FMA Institute, Mother and Teacher, Help of Christians who accompanies the FMA in life and history, is the guiding thread of the journey of preparation and realization of the feast. In preparation for the Feast of Gratitude, the IPI Province proposes a three-week itinerary, which highlights the significant coincidence of the feast with the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the FMA Institute (1872-2022). The itinerary is marked by three keywords, one for each charismatic place of the origins and by three charismatic phrases which, recalling the presence of Mary, help to walk the path: Call, Identity and Accompaniment. A biblical passage associated with each week invites us to meet the extraordinary humanity of three women of the Old Testament, Esther, Ruth and Debora, to contemplate the traits embodied by Mary. Mary is active in the history of Israel and of all humanity and intervenes every day in the history of each of her daughters with a presence that evokes beauty, strength and delicacy. The logo of the feast vividly recalls the origins of the history of the FMA Institute and some essential aspects of Salesian spirituality.

The preparation process, the initiatives, and the event can be followed by reading the Letter from the Vicar General - World Feast of Gratitude 2022 sent to you already accessing the web page www.festadelgrazie.org to fully experience the World Feast of Gratitude.

THE SECOND NOVITIATE – II PHASE: Sr. Raja Clarenca Mary and Sr. Pichai Muthu Masilin Mariya of INT and Sr. Lawrance Daisy R. M and Sr Paul Ezhilarasi of INM will be making their II Phase of the Second Novitiate from 19 April to 14 May 2022. They will have reflections on FMA Constitutions from 19 to 24 April 2022 at Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manikandam, Tiruchirappalli ; Program in preparation for final vows from 26 April to 15 May at Don Bosco Renewal Centre, Bangalore and Annual Spiritual Retreat in Sacred Heart Novitiate, Tiruchirappalli from 16 to 23 May 2022. Let us accompany our sisters with our prayers and sisterly accompaniment as they take a very important step in their life.

ANIMATORS 2022 - 2025: We are happy to inform you that our dear Mother General and her council have approved the list of Animators for the following communities from 2022 - 2025. May our Blessed Mother help you to accompany each one you guide to grow in the image of God.

HOUSES

MADRAS Tiruvottiyur

MADURAI Sirudur

MADURAI Sringerinagar

PUTHENTHURAI

SIVAGANGAI Puliadithammam

ANIMATORS

Sr. PETER Selvarani

Sr. JEGANATHAN Assumpta

Sr. MICHAEL RAJ Loyola

Sr. POOBALARAYEN Nirmala

Sr. RAYAPPAN Sampooranam

At this juncture, I would like to place on record the pioneering work of *Sr. SEBASTIAN Margaret Mary* in establishing the first CBSE School in the Province, with your unique gift of generosity, initiative, creativity, and hard work. Thank you sister for fusing your dedicated service for the poorest with constant prayer that gave a new face to the mission in Tiruvottiyur.

We thank *Sr. MEDABALIMI Josephine* for your willingness and generous collaboration in the mission entrusted to the community. We acknowledge with gratitude, your hospitality, the pliability in accompanying the sisters, and for giving special attention to sisters who require your care and attention.

We are grateful to *Sr. ANTONY Regina Mary* for your passion, zest, enthusiasm and love for the mission entrusted to your care. We acknowledge with thankfulness, your interest in setting a lovely play ground to highlight Don Bosco's spirituality of cheerfulness and limpid joy among young people

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Let us accompany all our dear students with our prayers and encouraging support:

Class	Practical Exams	Common Exams
XII	April 25 – May 2, 2022	May 5 - 28, 2022
XI	April 25 - May 2, 2022	May 9 - 31, 2022
X	April 25 - May 2, 2022	May 6 - 30, 2022

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS:

- Our dear Mother General Chiara Cazzuola has appointed Sr. Ozhukayil Lucy Rose as the VI Provincial of the Province of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bangalore.
- His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev. Mgr Francis Kalist (64) the Bishop of Meerut, Uttar Pradesh as the new Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore.

We congratulate and assure them of our prayer as they assume the role of shepherding the divine flock.

APPRECIATION AND THANKS:

- To Sr. Sundaram Bernadette Neha and team for the presentation of living the paschal mystery through youtube on 24 March 2022.
- To Sr. Antony Regina Mary and community for the solemn inauguration and blessing of the Auxilium Matriculation Higher Secondary School play Ground on 24 March 2022.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS - APRIL 2022

04 - 11	II Annual Retreat
11	Provincial Council
24 – 01 May	III Annual Retreat

LET'S CELEBRATE – APRIL 2022

10	Palm Sunday
14	Maundy Thursday
15	Good Friday
16	Holy Saturday
17	Easter Sunday
22	Earth Day
24	Divine Mercy Sunday
25	St. Mark the Evangelist
26	World Feast of Gratitude

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

- † To Sr Kurusinkal Alphonsa and the Sisters of Guwahati Province, at the demise of Sr. Edattukaran Mary (76) on 1 March 2022.
- † To S.P. Jenifer, one of our Postulants who lost her dear father Mr. S. Sesuraj (58) on 19 March 2022.
- † To Sr. Arockiasamy Pragasi who suffer the loss of her dear mother Mrs. Lourdu Mary (95) on 20 March 2022.
- † To Sr. Antony Rosy who lost her Sister in law Mrs. Lilly Alphonsa (73) on 20 March 2022.
- † To Sr. Ozhukayil Lucy Rose, the Provincial elect of INK, at the demise of her mother Mrs. Mary Thomas (99) on 26 March.
- † To Sr. Vedamuthu Saveriammal at the demise of her mother, Mrs. Susaiammal (83) on 30 March 2022.

Let all the faithful departed enjoy eternal bliss, and be comforted by the presence of our Risen Lord.

We wish you a very fervent Holy week, a grace-filled Happy Easter and a meaningful Divine Mercy Sunday. The second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a very special Sunday when the Divine floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. Let us become channels of God's mercy in our communities and educative ambient.

Yours affectionately

Sr. Margaret A

Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret
Provincial.

**PROVINCIAL ITINERARY
APRIL 2022**

01 - 02	Provincial Visit	Coimbatore
03	Journey	
04 - 11	II Annual Retreat	Wellington
11	Provincial Council	Wellington
12	Journey	
13	Official Work	Madurai – Chittampatti
14-15	Office Work	Auxilium Provincial House
19	II Novitiate Animation	Manikandam
22	Journey	
24 – 01 May	III Annual Retreat	Wellington