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Dearest Sisters,

Affectionate greetings and prayerful wishes to each one of you, for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### *Twin Hearts in Our Lives*

Both of the feasts – the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary use the heart as a symbol of love. The common concept of the heart is that it is the vital organ, the stopping of which coincides with death, therefore the heart indicates life. In a figurative sense, the heart is seen as the seat of sentiments, in particular, that of love.

In the case of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the emphasis is on God's love and mercy. In fact, that love and mercy is so intense that the symbol of the Sacred Heart is a human heart encircled with a crown of thorns, crowned with a cross, and radiating flames: this is how Christ loves us. Marian devotions flow from Mary's privileged status not only as the Mother of God but also as the first fruit of the grace poured out by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. She is the model. Christian devotion to her Immaculate Heart not only calls upon her help but provides a model for what our own hearts should look like.

Mother Mazzarello, willingly spoke of the heart and always in the most profound sense, similar to that of the Bible. Sanctity must be rooted in the heart that is, authentic, true, profound, integral. (L. 62) virtue must be more interior than exterior (L. 6), goodwill must be "true and resolute" (L. 25). One is to "pray from the heart" (L. 51), "love the Lord with all one's heart" (L. 20), in the community to be united in heart (L. 26) to keep one's heart attached only to the Lord (L. 35) "not to divide one's heart with anyone, but keep it completely for Jesus" (Letter 65).

In the exhortations of our Mother in her letters, we hear the echo of the commandment of the Lord: "My good Sisters, love one another. Oh, how it consoles me when I receive news from the houses and feel that they have charity, they willingly obey and are attached to the Holy Rule... Be cheerful, always cheerful and never get offended. As soon as you are aware that someone needs some comfort, do it immediately, console one another and help one another... Seek to be good always to give a good example. There will come a day in which you will not only be content but rewarded for the little things done and suffered for our dearest Jesus. Let us, therefore, work to become saints, let us pray for one another so that we may all persevere in the service of our spouse Jesus and our dear mother Mary... courage, then, my dearest Sisters in

Jesus let us think that all passes, therefore let nothing disturb you because all serves for the acquisition of true happiness” (Letter 23). “I recommend humility and charity very much; if you practice these virtues, the Lord will bless you and your work so that you may do much good” (L. 68).

As I entrust each one of you, your dear families, communities and the entire human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I recommend each one of us to keep alive the flame of love that our dear Mother Mazzarello kindles in our heart as we begin a new scholastic year rich with challenges during this time of the pandemic.

### *Within The Family:*

*Saving the vulnerable from the clasp of the monster virus:* In the wake of the deadly pandemic and the lockdown induced by it, our first thoughts were about how to reach out to our children and their families. Topmost in our minds were the remotest regions of our operational areas of their survival, safety and their health. With the second wave hitting the country, declaration of emergency lockdowns, curfews, acute shortage of oxygen, and the limitations of our infrastructure to address the magnitude of the problem brought us once again with the urge to reach out to our people in need. ASSIST the Social Development Office had a discussion with Mr. Sundaram the Panchayat President and Mr. Saravanan, the Block Development Officer of Manikandam regarding the needs to meet the challenges to help the people in treatment and in prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in our target areas. A list of medical requirements for the COVID care unit to be set for pregnant women in Inamkulathur Primary Health Center was given by the Block Development Officer in consultation with the Block Health Officer. Efforts are undertaken to meet the needs of the new COVID Care center.

ASSIST in collaboration with Government administration for coordinating relief work contributed by supplying food materials, medical and protective gear and assisting with awareness campaigns on social distancing. The details are as follows:

1. ASSIST has distributed dry ration kit for 465 families in Ambedkarnagar, Gandhinagar and leper colony in Fatima Nagar.
2. 972 masks were donated to Revenue Inspector as our contribution towards prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in the target areas.
3. 2 barrels of Hypo and 2 barrels of Soap oil was donated to the COVID Care Center in Sethurapatti.
4. Posters and handouts about the preventive measures against spread of COVID-19 were given to the Sanitation workers of the Panchayat and public to promote awareness.

*RJP:* Our dearest Sr. Cherian Licy took her flight to heaven on 12 May 2021 at 7.55 p.m. at Kaveri Hospital, Chennai. On 11 May, her oxygen level began to decline. Rev. Fr. Sitrasu SDB, the Rector and Parish Priest of Broadway, graciously availed himself to bless her and administer the last sacrament. With the intervention of Fr. K.M. Jose SDB, the Provincial of INM coupled with the help of Parishioners and well-wishers, we could get her admitted in the hospital.

On 11 May 2021, Doctors immediately attended on her and detected COVID - 19 positive. She was not able to respond to any treatment and medication and her life quietly ebbed away. She was 68 years old when the Lord plucked her from this world to allow her to bloom in heaven in the Salesian Garden. Soon after her death, the hospital authorities as per COVID norms handed the mortal remains over to the Corporation authorities from whom we obtained the body on 13 May 2021. We then obtained the necessary permission from the corporation authorities to bring her body to St. Roques cemetery, Chennai. Sr. Cherian Elizabeth - her elder sister and Mr. Cherian Bastian - her younger brother were also present with our Sisters for the funeral. Fr. Sitrarasu SDB and our Salesian Bro. Oswalt were present to administer a short funeral rite, blessed the body and the tomb and laid her to rest.

At this juncture, we are grateful to all the doctors, nurses, and the medical staff for helping Sr. Licy during her last days on earth and also during her illness. Thanks to all the animators and Sisters of George Town Mariyalaya, Tiruvottiyur, Broadway and Pothur who reached out to every detail with a deep sense of belonging to the family.

Sr. Licy Cherian was the fourth daughter of ten children among whom six were boys and four were girls. Sr. Cherian Licy was born on 27 February 1953 in Madras and baptized with the name Theresa on 14 June 1953 in Madras. She hails from a very good, pious, kind and God-fearing Christian family. The lives of the parents were a source of inspiration for the children.

They were specific in giving a good Christian Education to the children. St. Francis Xavier Church nurtured the faith of the family. The parents accompanied the children in their participation of daily Mass and sacraments. Every evening, they used to get together for Family Rosary and recreation. Children were trained to be regular for Sunday Catechesis in the Parish. Their devotion to Mary was kindled in their tender age as they frequented the Parish. Children imbibed the life of love and truth from their dear parents.

Sr. Licy did her LKG and UKG in Our Lady's School Broadway, Class one to eight in the Tamil Medium School in Assumption Church, then the following classes she continued in the School that belongs to St. Anne's Convent Broadway. When she was doing her class XI in St. Anne's Broadway, she was fascinated by the cheerfulness of the Aspirants, Postulants, and Sisters while washing their clothes. Seeing them happy, she too wanted to offer her life in joy to Jesus. After her schooling, she wanted to join the Salesian Congregation but her Father did not consent, sought admission in Bharathiar College. But she refused to study and after two months, with the help of her priest uncle and the Parish Priest - Fr. Anthony SDB and Fr. Sandanaswamy, she was permitted to join the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

She entered the Aspirantate on 7 July 1971 and the Novitiate on 4 August 1973. Since she was too young she had to do her Postulancy for one more year. In the Novitiate she was impressed by the holy life of her Mother Mistress Sr. Prabalanathan Philomena and the simple, strong, pious and genuine life of Sr. Korah Ruby. Her joy found no bounds as she made her First Profession on 24 May 1975.

Sr. Licy rendered her forty-six years of service as a religious, in the communities that belong to the Province of Mumbai, Chennai, and Tiruchirapalli. For two years, she served in Mumbai - Wadala, Uttan and Palli Hill as a teacher for typing and needlework from 1983 - 1985; She was responsible for Mass Media in Bangalore - NBCLC from 1990 - 1991. She rendered her service as a Junior Assistant in Fatima Matriculation Higher Secondary School - Kodambakkam and

St. Mary's Higher Secondary School - Vellore for two years each; she worked as a typing and needlework teacher in Madras - Kingsford for one year. In Broadway, she took care of the kitchen for two years, Secretarial course and oratory for one year; In Polur and Tirupattur, she was responsible for teaching typing and needlework for two and six years respectively; For about twelve years she took care of typing and needlework section in Tiruvottiyur. Her health began to dwindle during her last years and she found it difficult to move from place to place. Due to the construction work, she was temporarily shifted to George Town Marialaya. There she spent her time in prayer ministry.

Thank you Sr. Licy, for your life of prayer, cheerfulness, courage, openness, zealous and dedicated service for the poorest and the needy young people. Thank you for your life of love and devotion to Jesus and our Blessed Mother. Intercede the Lord for us and an increase of quality vocations to the Church and our beloved Institute.

*Centre For Excellence (CFE) and Miracle Foundation of India (MFI) Partnership Celebration and the Fourth year kick off Meeting:* Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi, Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha Mary and Sr. Irudayasamy Maria Tamil Selvi participated in the online CFE and MFI Partnership Celebration and the fourth year kick off meeting on 31 May from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The aim of the meeting was to celebrate the success stories and achievements of the partnership between FMA PCI and Miracle Foundation of Indian and to plan together the strategies and programs for the coming year. The Child Care Institutions those were selected for follow up and support from our province were Mariyalas of Tiruppur and George Town.

*Pope Francis, Vatican launch Laudato Si' Action Platform:* Pope Francis says: 'Let's cultivate respect for the gifts of the Earth and creation, let's inaugurate a finally eco-sustainable lifestyle and society. We have the opportunity to prepare a better tomorrow for all. From the hands of God we have received a garden, we cannot leave a desert to our children.' One year ago, Pope Francis invited everyone to celebrate the Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year. To conclude the year, His Holiness has encouraged all Catholics to take part in a transformational tool that will help the global Catholic family achieve total sustainability this decade. Pope Francis and the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development recently launched the Laudato Si' Action Platform. The Vatican-led tool will empower Catholic Institutions, Communities and Families to implement Laudato Si'. In addition, the Laudato Si' Action Platform will offer a plethora of resources and webinars that will walk all Catholics through reaching total sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology, the idea that ecological, cultural and social issues are intertwined.

*Transfers:* I am grateful to the Sisters who by abiding by the norms of COVID 19, abstained from travelling and rendered your committed service in the Communities with a sense of belonging. Due to complete lockdown, we were not able to go to our new communities. May I request you to move to your communities with safe measures between 16 - 24 June 2021. Thanks to all the Animators who are making the necessary arrangements to send the Sisters to their respective Communities. May the Lord accompany each one of us in this new academic year.

## *Our sincere thanks:*

- To Our dear Mother General and the General Councillors who had a Webex meeting in preparation for GCXXIV for all the Members of Chapter XXIV on 9 May 2021. Mother General along with Sr. Ozhukayil Lucy Rose also animated PCI Webex Meeting for all the present and the newly nominated Provincials on 22 May 2021 in view of expressing their concern for India which is affected by COVID 19. With a maternal heart, she keenly listened to the Provincials and recommended us to be steadfast in our faith recognizing the presence of God and especially the Holy Spirit, to live the Charism with creativity, to give priority to the formation of Sisters and young people, to witness to communion among ourselves, to promote missionary ad gentes to reach out to the whole world and to work towards a good strategy for vocational animation. She extends her blessings and prayerful greetings to each sister in the province.
- To Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela and Community for accompanying the novices in their formative journey in preparation for their first commitment, insertion into the new communities and Mission. A special thanks to Sr. Wilson Anita who had worked with joy, commitment and dedication to assist the Novices for the past three years. We implore God's blessings on her, as she accompanied some of the newly Professed Sisters to Tirupattur to embrace her new mission on 7 June 2021 in Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur.
- To Rev. Fr. Jeyan Joseph SDB, from the Community of AMSAM who preached the spiritual retreat on the theme of Human, Christian and Religious dimension of Vocation from 16 to 23 May 2021 and solemnized the First Profession Mass on the theme of being the Heralds of Hope on 24 May 2021 for the Novices.
- To Rev. Sr. Lazar Nirmala, Provincial of INM who joyously availed herself and received the Vows of Second year Novices on 24 May 2021. We congratulate the Newly Professed Sisters and the Junior who zealously renewed their vows on 23 May 2021.
- To all of you dear Sisters for your fervent prayers offered during my illness.
- We are grateful to all the Animators and Sisters who took care of the Sisters and the people around during this period of COVID. We want to acknowledge with gratitude, our dear Sr. Fernando Majella and Community for reaching out to the Sisters and Children of GT Marialaya, Sr. Yacob Amalie who rendered her service in Marianathapuram, to Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam, Sr. Masilamani Sebastia Jeya Pushpam and Sisters who availed their precious time and energy to take care of the Sisters affected by COVID 19 in Auxilium Provincial House, Manikandam. May the Lord bless and reward you for your tender loving care extended to the Sisters.
- We are also deeply indebted for the animation to the Junior Sisters by Fr. Jeyan Joseph SDB on Contextualised Don Bosco's System of Education from 11 to 14 May 2021, Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi FMA on Social Issues in India, Feminism from 15- 16 May 2021 and Chastity and the Image of God from 19 - 21 May 2021, Fr. Dominic OCD on Contemplative Active Life on 17 May 2021 and Sr. Vedamuthu Santiagu Theresal who accompanied them with enthusiasm to coordinate the entire Juniors Renewal Programme from 11-23 May 2021.

## **LET'S CELEBRATE JUNE 2021**

- 05 World Environment Day
- 06 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- 08 Blessed Stephen Sandor SDB  
St. Mariam Theresia
- 11 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 12 The Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 23 St. Joseph Cafasso
- 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 29 Saints Peter and Paul

## **OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:**

† To the Provincial and the confreres of Guwahati Province at the demise of Fr. Paulus Guria SDB (35) on 2 May 2021

†To our dear Sr. Amalorpavanathan Premila Ruby who lost her dear brother Mr. Mohan Yuvaraj (52) on 6 May 2021.

† To Sr. Paralogaraj Jeya and Sutha, who lost their beloved father Mr. Paralogaraj (51) on 7 May 2021.

†Sr. Arokiasami Ofelia, who lost her dear nephew Mr. Antony Llood (46) on 8 May 2021.

† To Sr. Arul Doss Rose who lost her dear younger brother Mr. Mariadoss (65) on 14 May 2021.

† To Fr. Jose Koyickal and the Confreres of Bangalore at the passing away of Fr. Antony Mampra Sdb (95) on 16 May 2021.

† To Sr. Cruz Antony Michaela who lost her dear Sister inlaw Mrs. Antony Sagaya Delphin (51) on 17 May 2021.

† To Sr. John Shantha Mary who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Rajeswari (69) on 20 May 2021.

†To Sr. Anthonyswamy Suganthi who lost her dear younger sister Mrs. Celine Vasnathi on 24 May 2021.

†To the Provincial and the confreres of the Salesian province of IND at the passing away of Fr. Stanislaus Kerketta (81) on 28 May 2021.

†To the Provincial and the Confreres of the Salesian Province of INM at the demise of Fr. Antony Pottakerry (86) on 2 June 2021.

† To the Provincial and the Confreres of the Salesian Province of INT at the demise of Fr. Sahayaraj Arulknnu (61) on 4 June 2021 and Fr. James Theophilus (68) on 5 June 2021.

† To Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Mathalai Mary (65) on 8 June 2021.

May the Lord be gracious and grant eternal bliss to our dear ones and every soul that passed away from this world. Let us intensify our prayers and intercede on behalf of everyone that the human race may be granted good health, peace and joy in the families.

Sentiments of gratitude well up from our hearts as we have completed the fourth year and venture into the commencement of the fifth year of the erection of our beloved Province on 10 June 2021. With our Holy founder Don Bosco, we can also proclaim that *It is Mary who did it all*. May all glory belong to God. May our Blessed Mother walk into the corridors of all our Communities and whisper in our ears to do what Jesus tells us, bless each one who enter into the portals of our educational institutions and cover each one of us with her maternal mantle.

I recommend each Community to identify the vocationable girls, motivate and help them earnestly to pursue their formation.

Yours affectionately,



Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret  
Provincial.