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Dearest Sisters,

Viva Gesu`!

Affectionate greetings to each one of you from Auxilium Provincial House. We commence the season of Lent with prayer, fasting and almsgiving on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, and end at sundown Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022. The season of Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's resurrection at Easter. It is an opportunity for us to undertake the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a means to know Christ better, love Him and follow His will more faithfully.

LENT 2022 - A FAVOURABLE TIME

In preparation for lent 2022, Pope Francis has released his annual message, reflecting on St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians 6:9-10 " Let us not grow tired of doing good, for, in due time, we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SOWING AND REAPING: Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness. The first to sow is God himself, who with great generosity "continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family". During Lent, we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting his word, which is «living and active». Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his work and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God's co-workers. By making good use of the present time, we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his bountiful goodness. The first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no «generous effort» will ever be lost.

"LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD": Christ's resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the "great hope" of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time. Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifferent to the suffering of others. Yet God "gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless. Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will

never tire"Let us not grow tired - of praying, of uprooting evil from our lives, of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, of fighting against concupiscence or grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, let us practice almsgiving joyfully, evade addiction to "digital media" and cultivate more integral forms of communication made up of authentic encounters with real people, for digital media Pope says impoverishes human relationships

"IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP, WE SHALL REAP OUR HARVEST IN DUE TIME": Each year during Lent we are reminded that "goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, is not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day" (ibid., 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. Jas 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who "is generous in forgiving" (Is 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that "if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time" and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. Heb 10:36), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. 1 Tim 4:16). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-15), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven when God will be "all in all" (1Cor 15:28).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and "pondered all these things in her heart" (Lk 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

WITHIN THE FAMILY:

IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE: The Mother General of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, Mother Chiara Cazzuola, is in contact with the FMA of the communities of Kiev, Lviv, and Odessa who send news on the situation and their commitment to support the population. **From the Community of Lviv**, the FMA communicate that they are well and that their house is open to welcome the many people fleeing to save themselves from attacks, especially mothers with small children. And when they are in the shelter, they pray the rosary with the people, "*This is our weapon! We thank in prayer those who are giving their lives to defend us and we thank God who has given us another day of life.*" Also, the **Communities of Kiev and Odessa** are in solidarity with the population, in a mutual exchange of concrete help and encouragement. The FMA Communities of Poland, in collaboration with the Church and Catholic associations, offer welcome and support to the many people who cross the borders to put themselves in safety with their families. Mother General invites all of us to make March 02, Ash Wednesday, a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. A day to be close to the suffering of the Ukrainian people, to feel all as brothers and sisters, and implore from God the end of the war" (Pope Francis at the Angelus on Sunday 27 February). Mother Chiara thanks for the closeness expressed so far and encourages all the Educating Communities to remain united in prayer and the initiative of solidarity, with the insistent and unanimous request for the gift of peace, for Ukraine and for all areas of the world in conflict, in which the FMA share the fears and sufferings of the people. The Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians offers concrete support to the Ukrainian population in situations of danger and difficulty and counts on the generosity and

solidarity of all. Kindly communicate to the Provincial Economer with regard to your community's contribution at the earliest.

PCI QUIZ PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH: In preparation for the 150 Anniversary of the Founding of our Institute and the 100 Anniversary of FMA presence in India, The FMA – PCI Youth Pastoral Launched an initiative to involve young people in these significant events. Various animations will be prepared by the Province Youth Pastoral Coordinators throughout the year. The last month of February is the turn of Shillong Province to circulate the materials on Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello to the **Young People of all the seven Provinces**. A quiz competition will be conducted in October – November. In the following links you will find videos and supporting documents for the same: Don Bosco <https://youtu.be/MfzXAkYxzY>, Mother Mazzarello <https://youtu.be/JIRzR5CC7M> Let us express our love for our founders by preparing the young people for the quiz.

GOLDEN AND DIAMOND JUBILEE IN ACK KATPADI: Joining with our sisters in INM We raise our hearts in thanks to God for the precious gift of Sr. Arul Josephine the diamond Jubilerian, Sr. Agatha Irudayanathan, Sr. Clara Devaraj, Sr. Jacintha Lourdunathan, Sr. May Santiago, Sr. Philo Sebastian and Sr. Regina Sequeira the golden Jubilarians. Some of our sisters had the joy of participating in the celebration held at Auxilium College, Katpadi on 20 February 2022. It was a grace-filled moment of rejoicing and thanking God for the gift of our Sisters who had lit our lives with zest and passion for the Lord and His people.

STUDIES ABROAD: We are happy to inform you that Sr. Maria Arul Paulia Mary will do her Spirituality Course in Casa Canta, Italy from 2022 – 2024. We assure her of our prayers and wish her a fruitful experience of the same.

ANNUAL RETREAT: The Second Annual Retreat will be held from 4 – 11 April 2022 in Wellington for the animators, Provincial Councillors and Team Members preached by Rev. Fr. Xavier Terrence, Professor of Scripture in St. Paul's Seminary and St. Paul's Institute of Theology, Tiruchirappalli. The third Annual Retreat will be animated from 24 April – 01 May in Wellington preached by Rev. Fr. Albert Johnson SDB, Rector in Kuthenkuly.

We are exhorted to conduct an Annual retreat for our **domestic Staff** in the cluster communities within March 2022.

APPRECIATION AND THANKS:

PROVINCIAL GRATITUDE DAY AND BLESSING OF CHITTAMPATTI: We open our hearts in thanks to God for the Provincial gratitude day which was coupled with the blessing of the VTC centre constructed by the Engineer S.R. Rajesh of Luka construction in Chittampatti. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam who coordinated the Province for the celebration of the Provincial Gratitude Day with the theme "Do all through love", with three spiritual practices from 05 - 28 February 2022, and allotting a day of prayer for all the houses, various sectors of the Province, benefactors and collaborators. We are thankful to her for her meticulous planning and execution of the event in collaboration with various communities in the Province: The community of Sirudur for hosting the celebration with love, and joy, Therespuram for the meaningful animation of the prayer moment in the morning, Novices and Sisters of Manikandam for the festal song, Madurai Sringerinagar for the artistic arrangement of the hall and backdrop decoration, Vadakku Paganoor for the altar, Mass preparation and readings, Staff from ASSIST for making seating arrangement and catering, ASSIST and Ulagampatti for the blessing and Inaugural function,

Sr. Madalaimuthu Angela and team for honouring the local authorities and priests, Puliadithammam and Broadway for liturgy, Thanjavur for the melodious choir, Keela Eral and Marianathapuram for animating the joyful moment of recreation together. We cherish these moments of togetherness on 13 Feb 2022 which revived our joy of working together for the Lord. Our sincere gratitude to Fr. Doss Kennedy SDB - Rector, Fr. Noelraj Ratnam SDB – vicar and administrator from Lourdes Shrine, K Pudur, Fr. Amala Jeyarayan SDB - Rector of Don Bosco ITI K.Pudur, Fr. James and his Capuchin Community who availed themselves to share our joy and solemnize the celebration with their prayers and blessings.

NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY - CRI: Sr.Elsa Muttathu a member of the Union of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) South India Province Chennai Tamil Nadu assumes her new role as the National Secretary at the Conference of Religious in India (CRI) office in Delhi taking over from Fr. Joe Mannath, who has done commendable service to CRI over the past few years. We thank him for his generous contributions as he goes back to his centre in Bangalore and we implore God’s blessings on him. We congratulate Sr. Elsa Muttathu and assure her of our prayers and support.

NATIONAL COORDINATORS: We congratulate the following Sisters for saying generously their ‘yes’ newly assigned role as National Coordinators in PCI, which comprises seven Provinces. May our Blessed Mother accompany them to realize God’s dreams for India.

PCI President	-	Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala	INM
PCI Secretary	-	Sr. Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi	INM
General Coordinator	-	Sr.Saminadhan Clara	INC
NATIONAL COORDINATORS			
Formation	-	Sr.M.Sagaya Sangita Rani	INK
Youth Pastoral	-	Sr.Kharbihkhiew Wismary	INS
Education	-	Sr.Antony Raj Mary Josephine	INM
Social Communication	-	Sr.Varapragasam Maria Rajeswari	INK
Mission ad/inter gentes	-	Sr.Adaphro Rosemary	ING
Salesian Family	-	Sr.Lamare Mary	INS
Social Development	-	Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi	INT
Youth at Risk	-	Sr.Parmar Manisha	INB

Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks also to:

- To Fr. Dionysius Director of St. Paul’s Institute of Theology, Tiruchirappalli who animated the Trimonthly recollection online for the entire province based on Acts of the Apostles chapter 15 - 30 on 6 February 2022.
- To Rev. Fr. Xavier Packiam SDB Rector of Don Bosco - Egmore, Mr. Francis Sagayaraj and Mr. Antony who animated the Online meeting on DDM software on 9 February 2022.
- To Staff from ASSIST who organized an online meeting for the Evening study centre coordinators and staff on 11 February 2022
- To Sr. Susai Anthonia in collaboration with the formation commission for the online quiz programme on Mission from the Constitution Articles from 63-76
- To Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy for organizing an online Media orientation with the help of Fr. Anto Varghies SDB from Anbu Illam Coimbatore on Religious and Social Media: Responsible Users or Responsible Producers on 23 February 2022.
- To the animators and the sisters responsible for the recording and submitting the Cronaca of the Communities on time with commitment.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- 07-13 - Guide Captain Basic and Advance Training, Keeranur.
- 12 - Past Pupils Meet – South Zone in Madurai, Sirudur
- 13 - Headmistress' Meeting
- 14 - Province secretaries online course on CISCO Platform
- 19 - Past Pupils Meet – Chennai Zone in Broadway.

LET'S CELEBRATE – MARCH 2022

- 02 - Ash Wednesday
- 08 - Let's honour women on International Women's Day
- 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity
- 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord – Solemnity

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

† To Sr. Rayappan Sampooranam, Sr. Rayappan Selvi Cecily and Family who lost their niece Mrs. Josephine Nanciya (32) who lost their niece on 26 January 2022.

†To Fr. Jose Kuruvachira SDB Provincial and Confreres of IND Province at the demise of Fr. Eanthanamkuzhiyil Michael (68) on 4 February 2022.

† To Fr. Paul Olphindro Lyngkot SDB Provincial and Confreres of INS Promise at the passing away of Bro. Paul Mojo (102) on 9 February 2022.

†To Sr. Arockiasamy Jebamalai Fatima who lost her niece Mrs. Metilda Bosco (53) on 20 February 2022.

† To Sr. Thoppil Annie the Vice Provincial and sisters of INK at the demise of Sr. George Elizabeth (90) at Quilon, Kerala on 21 February 2022.

† To Fr. Joseph Pauria and confreres of INC at the passing away of Bro Sushanto Biswas SDB on 25 February 2022.

†To Sr. Soosai Manickam Josephine and Br. Geoge SDB at the demise of Mr. S.M. Maria Lawrence (72) younger brother on 25 February 2022.

† To Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal, the Provincial and Sisters of ING at the demise of Sr. Edattukaran Mary (75) on 1 March 2022.

† Let us also gratefully remember our Engineer Mr. S.R. Rajesh (50) Luka Construction who passed away on 24 February 2022 due to cardiac arrest.

Let our faithful departed enjoy eternal bliss, and their ones comforted by the Risen Christ.

As I greet you for the feast of St. Joseph on 19 March and Annunciation of the Lord on 25 March 2022, I conclude with the words of Pope Francis – “Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God’s voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.” May this lent replete with joy of radiating the goodness of God around us.

Yours affectionately



Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret
Provincial.



**PROVINCIAL ITINERARY
MARCH 2022**

05 - 06	Provincial Council	Auxilium Provincial House Tiruchirapalli
08	Journey	
09-10	Provincial Visit	Puthenthurai
11-12	Provincial Visit	Therespuram
14 - 15	Provincial Visit	M.Saveriarpuram
16 - 17	Provincial Visit	Keela Eral
18 -19	Provincial Visit	Vadakku Paganoor
21 - 22	Provincial Visit	Thanjavur
23- 24	Provincial Visit	Regunathapuram
28 - 29	Provincial Visit	Narasipuram
30 -31	Provincial Visit	Tiruppur
01 -02 Apr.	Provincial Visit	Coimbatore
04-11	Annual Retreat for Animators, Provincial Councillors and Team Members.	Wellington