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Dearest Sisters!

Loving and Affectionate Greetings to each one of you .

At the very outset, we join with the entire institute, praise and thank God for the Gift of our Mother General in the person of **SR. CHIARA CAZZUOLA**. She hails from Campiglia Marittima (Tuscany)- Italy land of Dante Alighieri, a region of artists, saints and poets. She was born on 6 May 1955, made her first profession in Castelgandolfo on 5 August 1975 and graduated herself in literature. In her forty-six years of experience as an FMA, she has served the Institute as an Assistant, Teacher, Principal of Secondary School, Local and Provincial Delegate for the Salesian Youth Sports Clubs (PGS), Youth Pastoral coordinator and an Animator. With the unification of the three Provinces of Emilia, Liguria and Tuscany, she became the Provincial Councilor for formation from 2001 - 2007, Provincial of the Province of Madonna del Cenacolo ILS from 2007 -2008 and General Visiting Councilor from 2008 - 2014.

In this tenure, she has visited several Provinces in America and Europe and gained a rich experience of Salesianity and Interculturality. Endowed with the quality of gentleness and meekness in establishing relationships, as a Visiting Councilor, she was noted for her delicate attention to each sister, dedication, optimism, cheerfulness and ability to grasp the seeds of life and hope in each person and event. She served as the Vicar General of the Institute from 2014 - 2021. She accepted this mandate in a spirit of abandonment to the will of God and trusting in the help of the Lord, she said her faith-filled “YES”. In the XXIV General Chapter, she was appointed as the moderator and was elected as the tenth successor of Mother Mazzarello. As we are at the threshold of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Institute, she accompanies us on the path of synodality looking at the future with hope and trust. Let us accompany her with our prayers and support.

As an Institute we are living in a favorable time of GC XXIV and the Celebration of the 150th anniversary of its foundation. We have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and the accompaniment of Mary Help of Christians. We are incessantly reminded of the call “I entrust them to you” and the fidelity to this call is witnessed through all generations specially that of our sisters who have the great responsibility of governing the institute. As we thank La Madre Rev.Sr.Yvonne Reungoat for her loving and tireless animation and all our dear General and Visiting councilors who wisely guided the institute till GC XXIV we are also delighted to greet and congratulate our dear sisters who are newly elected to lead us forward in journey of fidelity.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS to:

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| VICAR GENERAL | : Sr. GRACIAS RIBAS Maria del Rosario |
| FORMATION | : Sr. MORAES (de) NILZA Fatima |
| YOUTH PASTORAL | : Sr. BORJA GALVE Runita |
| SALESIAN FAMILY | : Sr. SANDIGO Leslie del Socorro |
| MISSION AD/INTER GENTES | : Sr. MORA VELAZCO Ruth del Pilar |
| SOCIAL COMMUNICATION | : Sr. DE SIENA Maria Ausilia |
| ECONOMER GENERAL | : Sr. BOLANOS Ena Veralis |
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| VISITING COUNCILLOR | : Sr. BATTAGLIOLA Paola |
| VISITING COUNCILLOR | : Sr. INOUE Maria Sumiko Assunta |
| VISITING COUNCILLOR | : Sr. NEVES Phyllis |
| VISITING COUNCILLOR | : Sr. MUKASE Ruzagiriza Chantal |
| VISITING COUNCILLOR | : Sr. STRZELCZYK Lidia |
| VISITING COUNCILLOR | : Sr. JACOB Celine |
| VISITING COUNCILLOR | : Sr. RICCIOLI Marta Liliana |

ON THE PATH OF SYNODALITY

We are living in a historical period, where our institute is celebrating with gratitude and joy General Chapter XXIV with the theme “Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5). Communities that generate life in the heart of contemporaneity” with the objective of re-awakening the original freshness of the Vocational fruitfulness of the FMA Institute. On the other hand amidst the global pandemic, local and international conflicts, the growing impact of climate change, migration, various forms of injustice, racism, violence, persecution, and increasing inequalities across humanity, suffering experienced by minors and vulnerable people due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power, and abuse of conscience, Pope Francis has announced a synod on the theme **For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.**

DATE: The synodal path will begin at the Vatican, in the presence of the Pope, on 9 and 10 October 2021 with a time for encounter and reflection, followed by a moment of prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist. It will have three phases (Diocesan, Continental, Universal) of consultations and discernment, culminating with the assembly in October 2021 in Rome.

THE THEME - FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION:

COMMUNION: By His gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that he offers to his people. The communion we share finds its deepest roots in the love and unity of the Trinity. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit. Together, we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, through the living tradition of the Church, and grounded in the ‘sensus fidei’ that we share. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God’s call for his people.

PARTICIPATION: A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. This listening creates space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together

and guides our aspirations for the Church of the Third Millennium. Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit. In a synodal Church the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on making pastoral decisions that correspond as closely as possible to God's will genuine efforts must be made to ensure the inclusion of those at the margins or who feel excluded.

MISSION: The Church exists to evangelize. We can never be centred on ourselves. Our mission is to witness the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synodal Process has a deep missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil its mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God's kingdom.

THE OBJECTIVE: The objective of the current Synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, and especially to those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times. The whole Synodal Process aims at fostering a lived experience of discernment, participation, and co-responsibility, where diversity of gifts is brought together for the Church's mission in the world.

THE PURPOSE: The purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission. The objective of this Synodal Process is a journey of growing authentically towards the communion and mission that God calls the Church to live out in the third millennium.

THE SYNODAL PROCESS: Discernment through listening to the Holy Spirit, Accessibility to ensure as many people as possible to participate, Cultural awareness to celebrate and embrace the diversity within local communities, the inclusion of those who feel excluded or marginalized, partnership, Respect for the rights, dignity, and opinion of each participant, Accurate syntheses that truly captures the range of critical and appreciative perspectives of all responses, including views that are expressed only by a minority of participants, Transparency and fairness. The entire month of October is dedicated to the Mother of God under the advocacy of our Lady of Rosary, celebrated by the Church on the 7th. Let us rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary in our convents and in the families invoking our blessed mother to accompany us on the path of synodality in our communities, parishes, province, and in our institute.

WITHIN THE FAMILY:

MORNESE EXPERIENCE OF THE NOVICES: All the Novices of INT and INM Provinces took part in Online "Project Mornese" in Zoom meeting. Novices from English speaking countries participated in the meeting. The theme of the event was "Today Mother writes a letter for you". The meet started at 12pm. The introductory talk was given by our

Mother General Rev. Sr. Yvonne Reungoat. Sr. Rebosso Maria Nieves, General Councilor of Formation emphasized on the spirituality of Mother Mazzarello centered on the Eucharist and she insisted the Novices to meet Mother Mazzarello every 13th of the month by reading and writing a letter to her. Sr. Jelette Palasota and Sr. Sahaya Sangitha Rani were the resource persons. The procedure of the programme began, as each Novitiate presented a three minutes video on their daily life activities. The INT and INM Novices of Diviyadhanam, creatively shared their formative activity in the Novitiate. A deep reflection on the three letters [18, 60, 67] of Mother Mazzarello to the Novices were explained in detail. The spirituality of Mother Mazzarello in the places where she lived was also delivered interestingly.

MEDIA COORDINATORS MEET: The Local Media Coordinators meet was held on 11th September from 03.30 pm. Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy led the Media Coordinators into a general discussion on how to form action plans that are relevant during this COVID 19 period to inculcate better learning in the field of media in our communities. She spoke on how each Sister can be a resource person to help and teach others through online demo classes with regard to photos, mobile apps, editing in photos, videos and basic programs of Microsoft Office. The participants pledged to offer Media Education to Sisters, Staff, and all recipients.

VIRTUAL MEET OF THE ACADEMIC SECTOR: On 25th September, from 05.00 pm to 07.00 pm, all the sisters of the Province and teaching faculty from our schools and colleges participated in a virtual meet on the theme, “Role of Educators during and after Pandemic” by Dr. Jonas Richard, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, Director, Center for life skills Education (CLSE), Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore. Thanks to Sr. Fernando Majella, the Academic Coordinator, for organising the above online meet. The resource person helped the sisters and the staff to reform themselves as quality Educators in this present outset of the Pandemic.

CATECHETICAL SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS: On 27th September Sr. Arokiam Gracy Rani, the Catechetical coordinator of the Province presented the New Catechism text books published by TNBCLC, Dindivanam, for the 77 teachers at Arch Bishop Louis Mathias Home, Tiruvottiyur, Chennai. Simple, intelligible and creative methods used in the text books paved a way for easy teaching and a joyful learning. The teachers took part actively and were motivated to use these text books as a means to trigger in our children a holy desire to know and love Jesus and to help them to grow unto the fullness of Christ. May God bless you dear Sr. Gracy.

MEDIA ANIMATION FOR THE MARIALAYA CHILDREN: On 2nd October 2021, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, all the Marialaya Children had the Online Media Animation, by Fr. Varghese Anto SDB on the theme, “Reel and Real side of Social Media and its impact on the life of a person”. The resource person enabled our children to understand the pros and cons of the Media World. Thanks to Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy for organizing the virtual meet.

ANIMATORS CUM ECONOMERS MEET: From 07th to 8th October all the Animators and Economers participated in the Animators cum Economers meet, in Auxilium Provincial House, Manikandam. It was the new venture for our Province as we have new Auditors team.

Mr. Rosario and Mr. Asirvatham, our new Auditors were honoured and introduced to the Animators and the Economers. Guidelines and procedures were given and Sisters clarified there queries to them regarding FCRA, Society Accounts, Society Minutes and other necessary clarification for the fruitful administration. Thanks to Sr. Angela Madalaimuthu who organised the meeting and to Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary and the community for making all the arrangements for the same. May God bless accompany you now and always.

SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP INITIAL MEET: On 9th October, Social Ministry Group Initial meet was organised in ASSIST. The Social Ministry group consisting of 11 members namely, the Councillors for Social Ministry and Salesian Family, Team members for Coordination of women program, Non-Formal Education, Mariyalaya, Human Rights and the members of Child safeguarding and Rural Development Commission participated in the meeting. The presence of three lay persons in the group has ensured their involvement and contribution of their expertise in our mission. The meeting started with the inspiring message on rendering service rooted in spirituality which enable the sisters and the coordinators to be credible in their efforts to meet the challenges of the present era and to empower the people we serve. The zealous participation of the members have resulted in understanding the role to be played by the group and in drafting a tentative action plan for this Academic Year. Thanks to Sr. Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi, the Councillor for Social Ministry, for organising the above meeting.

WELCOME BACK: We gladly welcome our dear sisters Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam and Sr. Ambrose Little Flower and all the PCI members who will return after the rich experience of GC XXIV. We await your presence and enriching sharing. We take this opportunity to say our hearty congratulations to *Sr. Celine Jacob*, Provincial of INK who is elected as Visiting Councilor. We wish you Mother Mary's accompaniment in this great venture.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

| DATE | PROGRAMME |
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| 11 | CPC Members Re-union Headmistress meeting (Online) |
| 12 | Session on Psychological Care & Positive Parenting |
| 13 | Animation for NCP Members |
| 15 | Orientation on Critical Thinking, Child Rights and CPP, CPC – Villages |
| 21-25 | 17 th NDF Annual Meet - Kolkata |
| 22 & 29 | Online Media Animation |
| 29 | Animation on 'I Can' – Dream Session |
| 30 | Session on Psychological Care & Positive Parenting |

LET'S CELEBRATE :

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| 01 | St. Theresa of Child Jesus |
| 02 | Gaurdian Angels |
| 04 | St. Francis of Assisi |

- 07 Our Lady of Rosary
- 15 St. Teresa of Avila
- 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
- 18 Feast of Luke, the Evangelist
- 28 Feast of Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 29 Bl. Micheal Rua

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:

† To Sr. Arokianathan Verginia Mary at the passing away of her elder brother Mr. Gnanapragasam (63) on 7th September 2021.

† To our Rector Major, Rev. Fr. Angel Fernandes Artime at the passing away of his beloved father Mr. Angel Fernandez Fernandez on 15th September 2021.

† To the Provincial and sisters of Guwahati at the passing away of Sr. Rita Mary Chatterjee (74) on 15th September 2021.

“The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you’ll be amazed at the results.” says St. Josemaria Escriva. Often the Saints refer to the Rosary as a powerful weapon. Obviously they do not consider it a weapon to do harm or to hurt another. The Rosary is weapon insofar as it can defend us against all types of evil. When we use this weapon with confidence in Mary she will intercede for us to the Lord. When we pray the Rosary it should be with complete faith and trust that our prayers will be heard and answered. St. Padre Pio reminds us that the road to heaven means remembering the Blessed Mother. To forget her in your life would be forgetting one of the greatest gifts God gave us besides Christ. If you do remember her, then to invoke her help and comfort for all things necessitates you to say the Rosary. The Rosary was her gift to us to help us on this earth so that we may get to heaven; it is a powerful weapon and means to purify our souls.

If Mary had not said from the very beginning, ***“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word,”*** Luke 1:38 her understanding and strength of acceptance of the truth may not have been made possible. Through faith Mary continued to hear and to ponder that word and thus in a sense, Mary as Mother became the first *“disciple”* – the first Missionary of her Son. Mary’s faith and example is a model for Missionaries throughout the world. She not only shows the need for prayer, as she consistently *“ponders”* what she is seeing and experiencing throughout the life of her beloved Son, Jesus, but also reaches outside herself and serves.

Hence let us avail this opportunity to many and inspire and be inspired to pray and support all the missionaries all over the world during this month making use of all the practices proposed in the province. Let us also read the message of Pope Francis for the World Mission Sunday on *“We cannot remain silent about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20)* and become heralds of Good News.

Yours affectionately,



Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret
Provincial.



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2021-2027

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