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Dear and loving Sisters,

My prayerful greetings to each one of you!

With joy and gratitude to God Almighty and our Blessed Mother Mary, I wish to begin my journey with you all in animating the Province, with the theme that the Lord inspired: "To be a blessing to all".

The Lord has chosen each of us to be a blessing to the nations. Every time God gives us a special commission, it is a reminder of how blessed we are and how obliged we are to be a blessing to God's people! (Cf. Gen.12:1-3) We thank God for these blessings and for making us a blessing in and through our call and our mission.

I am aware that God has entrusted me with the precious task of animating the Province of Our Lady of Snow - INT as its second Provincial and I wish to take on this important venture with my deepest desire to focus on, our

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| Life in Christ | - | Courageous conviction to follow Christ; |
| Life in the Community | - | Joyful communion in the community; and |
| Life in the Mission | - | To be a blessing to all whom we encounter wherever we are sent. |

It gives me immense joy to meet you all through this first circular. Trusting in God's ceaseless grace and mercy, I begin this new journey with you all, accompanied by the Lord, our Way, our Truth, and our Light who guides, protects and leads us!

A note of thanks, from me!

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to our dear Mother General Chiara Cazzuola and all the General Councilors who have been instrumental in entrusting me with this noble mission of leading the Province of INT. I pray God to empower me, so that I may grow more and more to be a blessing, worth of the trust placed in me!

I acknowledge with gratitude His Lordship. Most. Rev. Savarimuthu Arockiaraj D.D, - Bishop of Tiruchirappalli, and Most Rev. Yvon Ambrose - Bishop Emeritus of Tuticorin for being a sacred channel of grace with their presence at the occasion of the installation of the New Provincial, presiding over the Eucharist, with such graciousness. They have always been a blessing to us and their compassionate support in the growth of the FMA Province of Tiruchirappalli is a God-given gift to us.

I am grateful to Rev. Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam SDB, the Provincial of Tiruchirappalli for gracing the event of Installation, making it even more solemn and memorable with his fraternal presence. I extend my sincere thanks to all the priests, the religious sisters and brothers, the friends, well-wishers, and

benefactors, and all the members of the Salesian family, for their affectionate and prayerful presence that made the event meaningful and their presence was a promise to journey ahead, resourceful. We continue to count on their prayers, support and accompaniment.

I am grateful for the gracious presence of Rev. Sr. Celine Jacob - the representative of our beloved Mother General Sr. Chiara Cazzuola from Rome. We were fortunate to have her august presence as she brought the showers of divine blessings to all of us, as we open yet another new page in the annals of our Province. The sweet memories of her First Canonical Visit to our Province still lingers on in our minds and we are ever grateful for her continued motherly presence.

My heart is filled with awe and constant gratitude to God for our dear Rev. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, who has been a wondrous gift of God to the Province. As the First Provincial of the Province, the immense labour she had undertaken and the limitless sacrifices she had endured for the consolidation of the Province are certainly incredible. She continued to inspire us with her unceasing optimism, unfailing dedication, unassuming simplicity, and unbelievable calmness. Her creative shepherding favored all through her term as the leader, a bond of communion among the sisters. The numerous journeys, the pertinent choices amid the chaos and trials of the pandemic, and the ethical aesthetics with which she has constructed the new Province speaks volumes of her tremendous achievements. For having lovingly laid the path ahead of us to journey on, I thank her with all my heart.

My immense gratitude to the outgoing team of leaders: The Vice-Provincial Rev. Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam, the Provincial Councillors, and the Team members for your dedicated years of service as leaders of the new Province from 2017 to 2023.

My special words of appreciation and greetings to dear Rev. Sr. Devadoss Margaret, the newly installed Provincial of FMA Chennai Province. She is not only my counterpart, but also my dear companion, and we look forward to journeying together in this noble task entrusted to us. I thank her for her loving presence and her kind gestures of love and friendship.

I was overwhelmed with astonishment witnessing the historic celebrations of the Province which took place one after the other, in the four days from 23 to 26 May 2023: the renewal of the vows of the Juniors, the entry of the Postulants into the Novitiate, the First and Final Profession of our sisters and finally, the Installation of the New Provincial. Oh, how much the Lord has blessed us!

I send each of you dear sisters in the Province, my sincere greetings and love, with my humble thanks at the outset, for we begin this journey together, and we shall reach far, far ahead, with the Lord who walks along with us. We are certainly not at the starting point dear sisters, we have already crossed splendid milestones thus far, and this is yet another! I am confident of your love and encouragement and obviously, I count on your prayers and your unfailing support. You have accepted me as your animator and leader, in faith and in the religious spirit. May the Spirit of the Blessed Lord guide and direct us, to walk together to reach the farthest limits that the Lord commissions us to.

A New Team for the Province!

THE NEW PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS: The Provincial Councillors responsible for different areas of animation:

Formation	-	Sr. Lazar Bernardine
Youth ministry	-	Sr. Vedamuthu Saveriammal
Social Communication	-	Sr. Peter Selvarani
Salesian Family	-	Sr. Anthonyswamy Rosy
Social Ministry	-	Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi

NEW TEAM AND COMMISSIONS: I welcome and thank the following Sisters for accepting to animate their respective sectors and wish them a fruitful and joyful team work. You are a valuable asset to our Province!

Provincial Team

General Co-ordinator	-	Sr. Peter Selvarani
Formation (Ongoing and Initial)	-	Sr. Lazar Bernardine / Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani
Catechetics	-	Sr. Arockianathan Virginia Mary
Academic Coordinator	-	Sr. Sebastian Margaret Mary
Youth Pastoral	-	Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani
Educating Community	-	Sr. Diaz Francis Immaculate
Social Communication	-	Sr. Samson S. Gnana Jennifer
	-	Sr. Antony Rayappan Jothy
Human Rights Education	-	Sr. Arockiasamy Rani Celine Mary
Young at Risk, Non- Formal	-	Sr. Antony Muthu Lourdhu Mary
Women Groups	-	Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam
Salesian Co-operators	-	Sr. Anthonyswamy Rosy
	-	Sr. Anthoni Nirmala Rani
Past Pupils	-	Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen
VIDES	-	Sr. Devaraj Jeya Rani
Mission Ad/Inter Gentes	-	Sr. Robert Santhiya Punitha
Social Development	-	Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi
Vocation Promoter	-	Sr. Susai Anthonia
Laudato Si	-	Sr. Ayundukayam Arockia Malarjothi

Provincial Commissions

Formation	-	Sr. Lazar Bernardine
		Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela
		Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani
		Sr. Soosai Magnificat
Education	-	Sr. Sebastian Margaret Mary
		Sr. Vedamuthu Santiago Theresal
		Sr. Joseph Prettencia
Scouts and Guides	-	Sr. Antony Nirmala Rani
Counselling	-	Sr. Antony Regina Mary
Laudato Si	-	Sr. Ayundukayam Arokia Malarjothi
Youth Pastoral	-	Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani
		Sr. Masilamani Sebasti Jeya Pushpam
		Sr. Joseph Prakash Josephine Reena
Vocation Promotion	-	Sr. Susai Anthonia
		Sr. Rayappan Sampooranam

Social Communication	-	Sr. Samson S. Gnana Jennifer Sr. Sundaram Bernadette Neha
Child Safeguarding	-	Sr. Arockiasamy Rani Celine Mary Sr. Irudayam Janci Rani
Mission Ad/Inter Gentes	-	Sr. Robert Santhiya Punitha Sr. Irudayasamy Maria Tamil Selvi
Rural development	-	Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi Sr. Santhana Pushpa Jeya Sr. John Shantha Mary
Finance	-	Sr. Madalaimuthu Angela Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha Mary Sr. Arulandhu Savari Stella

Months' Special!

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ERECTION OF THE PROVINCE:

With immense gratitude to God, we celebrate on June 10th, the sixth anniversary of the erection of the seventh Province of FMA-India - the Province of Our Lady of Snow. We shall find a favourable time that day, in our communities for the prayer of Consecration of our Province to Our Lady of Snow and thank our Blessed Mother Mary for her enormous guidance and protection.

THE 57th WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS 2023:

“Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate” (**Speaking the truth in love**) is the theme for World Day of Social Communications 2023, announced by the Holy See. The World Day of Social Communications was celebrated on 21 May 2023 with the abovesaid theme.

Speaking with the heart entails presenting “a reason for our hope” and doing so gently, “using the gift of communication as a bridge and not a wall.” The theme invites everyone to help create the conditions for people to resolve controversies, to listen with a pure heart, to be courageous in stating the truth, but to do it all with charity - with love.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS, SYMBOL OF LOVE:

The month of June is dedicated to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and we celebrate the solemnity of the Sacred Heart on 16th June. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a powerful way to draw close to our Lord, by uniting our hearts to His Sacred Heart in love, trust, adoration, and most importantly, reparation for the innumerable wounds He has endured. In honoring the Sacred Heart, we acknowledge how much He loves each and every one of us. Indeed, He loved us as much to even die for us on the Cross at Calvary!

Jesus revealed His divine Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, as a furnace whose burning rays of love can reanimate faith and reignite love in hearts that have grown cold and ungrateful. Jesus expressed to her in one of the apparitions that His ardent desire for us to get closer to Him through His Sacred Heart, by receiving Holy Communion worthily. It is important to stay in touch with Him and strive to live in His love! May the Sacred Heart of Jesus make our hearts like His own and enable us all to acquire the qualities of His Heart, to bring about personal and community transformation. Let us devotedly entrust our Province and our communities to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during this month.

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST:

On June 24, we celebrate the Solemnity of the birth of St. John the Baptist who has a pivotal place in the salvation history as the forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ. The greatness of John the Baptist consisted in the fact that he wholeheartedly obeyed God, who sent him, he was humble before Jesus Christ and recognized who Jesus was in faith, and he told people what they needed to hear rather than what they were pleased to hear. As a prophet to God's people and a light to the nations, John challenges us to cultivate within us the same courage that he had, and become heralds of Christ, through our transparent lives.

SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL:

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, that we celebrate on June 29, reminds us of the two solid rocks on which the Church is built. They are our protectors and guides and to a large extent we owe our Christian faith to them, and in them to all the apostles and the first Christian Community. They stand before us as powerful witnesses of Christ. Their exemplary life demands us to rediscover who we truly are through a daily relationship with Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, as individuals set apart for the establishment of God's Kingdom. The essence of the testimony that we ought to bear, is to offer our lives as martyrs in everyday experiences for Christ's sake as His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

'Viva il Papa!': On this day we honour the Holy Father, the successor of Peter, the Leader and Guide of our beloved Church. It is a characteristic part of our Salesian spirituality to love and honour the Holy Father. Let us inculcate it in our young people and all our Educating Community members and pray together with them for our Holy Father Pope Francis. Let us implore God's blessings upon him on this day! LONG LIVE POPE FRANCIS.

BASIC TRAINING FOR SCOUTS AND GUIDES:

"Be prepared." Seventeen sisters of INT are all set to undergo the Basic Training for Scouts and Guides Captain at Keeranur from June 08 to 16, 2023. Fifteen B.Ed. Students from Auxilium College of Education, Regunathapuram will also join them for the basic training. Sr. Margaret Sebastian, the INT delegate for Scouts and Guides will organize and lead them during these days of intense training. We wish all our sisters and young people to get the best from the opportunity provided.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- To the fifteen Junior Sisters who have renewed their Vows with zeal and enthusiasm, and the 7 Postulants: 4 INM and two INT who have entered the Novitiate on May 23, 2023.
- To the ten Newly Professed members from our Province, who said a firm 'yes' to God. As our Founder Don Bosco would repeat, "Mary did it all", and we witnessed it too on the feast of Mary Help of Christians on May 24, 2023. We thank our Blessed Mother for the gift of these ten new members to our Province.
- To the five brave and beautiful spouses of Christ, who after intense prayer, preparation and discernment, sealed their commitment for life in their final profession on May 25, 2023.

I wish all these our dear beloved sisters a wonderful journey with the young, in becoming and making everyone a blessing to each other.

- To all the Sisters, Teachers and students for the good results in the public examinations. May God reward your diligent work and devoted service. Wishes to begin well the new academic year with new energies and hope.

Once again, my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Sisters, and communities for the good work done, the kind service rendered, the warm hospitality shown and the loving care and attention offered to all, on these festive occasions. Special thanks to the choir by the Novices, lay people and the Sisters who assisted in celebrating with a greater devotion, adding meaning and life to the Eucharistic sacrifice. Thanks also for the colorful cultural programmes of the young girls of the Regunathapuram Community who made the event very cheerful.

Important days of the month

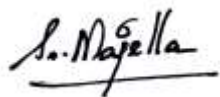
- 04 Holy Trinity
- 05 World Environment Day
- 08 St Mariam Teresia
Bl. Stephen Sandor SDB
- 11 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- 13 St Antony of Padua
- 16 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 17 Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 23 St. Joseph Cafasso
- 24 Nativity of John the Baptist
- 29 Sts. Peter and Paul

Meetings in the Province

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| 07 | Provincial Council | Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli |
| 08 | Provincial and Team Meet | Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli |
| 08-16 | Basic Training for Scouts and Guides | Keeranur - Tiruchirappalli |
| 17 | INM - INT Formator's Meet | Kodambakkam |
| 29-30 | Provincial Council | Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli |

The Sacred Heart of Jesus glows, not with fancy lights but with fire, the fire of love for you and me! May the same fire light our own hearts, making us persons of love, communities of love and witness of love to the whole world. May the burning love of Christ, surround each of you and bless you abundantly and make you feel loved immensely!

Yours affectionately in Christ,



Sr. Fernando Majella

Provincial

PROVINCIAL ITINERARY

JUNE - 2023

07	First Provincial Council	Auxilium Provincial House
08	Provincial Council and Team Meet	Auxilium Provincial House
10	Provincial Visit	Puliadithammam
11	Provincial Visit	Sringerinagar - Madurai
12	Provincial Visit	Sirudur - Madurai
13	Provincial Visit	Chittampatti
14	Provincial Visit	Marianathapuram - Dindigul
15	Provincial Visit	Ulagampatti - Dindigul
16	Basic Training for Scouts & Guides	Keeranur - Tiruchirappalli
17	INM - INT Formators' Meet	Kodambakkam
18	Provincial Visit	Pothur
19	Provincial Visit	Tiruvottiyur
20	Provincial Visit	FX - Broadway
22	Provincial Visit	George Town Marialaya
24	Provincial Office	Auxilium Provincial House
29-30	Provincial Council	Auxilium Provincial House