



PROVINCE OF OUR LADY OF SNOW PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

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Viva Gesu`!

Dearest Sisters,

Two years have swiftly glided since the birth of our Province and our hearts burst forth with the hymn of Magnificat for Mary's maternal accompaniment in our mission among and with the young people. I take this opportunity to greet each one of you a very happy feast of our Lady of Snow and implore God's blessings on each one of you, your families and the entire Educating Community. 5th August is also the Foundation day of our Institute and some of us commemorate with joy our first or final commitment to the Lord. As per the Circular -989, on the same day from the room of Mother Mazzarello at Mornese, our Mother General will reach the whole Institute by officially opening the celebration of the triennial of the 150th year of the Foundation of the Institute. It's an opportunity for each one of us for a renewal in the Holy Spirit that makes our communities '*generate new life*'. Let us revitalize the beauty of the Charism so that it may be more meaningful and contagious in the diverse contexts of today's world. Let us renew our '*Yes*' with joy, witness the feminine nuances of the educational Charism with our renewed love for the Constitutions and the Preventive System, accompany the young people to discover the plan of God for their life and involve them in our mission.

Mornese - "Synodal" Style of Community

Two of the challenges church's Mission in India face today is lack of public relations and net work. In the past, the Church took care of the educational and welfare activities in the country which gave it much acceptance and recognition. In such a situation the priests and religious did not require public relations. Today the situation is different and the Church with its varied ministries is in need of public support. Pope Francis in his exhortation *Christus Vivit* says: "Youth Ministry has to be Synodal. It should involve a "journeying together"... He adds, in youth ministry, no one should be excluded or exclude themselves.

The "synodality" of Mornese is an expression of the spirituality of communion which has its ***foundation in the Trinity*** and is concretized in the communion between the sisters and the girls. These communities were born not to be an end in themselves, but to announce the good news of the Gospel. The "synodal" style of animation of Maria D. Mazzarello as mother, educator and co-founder lies in the fact that she collaborated in creating Synodal Communities, characterized by working, praying, living, sharing life and the mission "together".

The educational environment and style of the community created and animated by Maria Domenica Mazzarello is based on the ***collaboration and involvement of all***: FMA, lay educators, families of the boarders and the girls themselves. She animated the community with vigilance paying particular attention to the needs of each one, family spirit, sweetness,

amiability and joy. **Don Pestarino**, assistant pastor, made a fundamental contribution to the renewal of the Mornese community through the involvement of all: children, young people, adults, mothers, fathers, through various associations. In this environment rich in relationships, Maria Domenica learned a style of "walking together".

The **families of the Boarders** were deeply involved in the educational mission. Maria Domenica, in her capacity as an Animator, sought collaboration between the college and the parents of the students. Visits to girls were allowed once a week and even more often in the event of illness. Parents received information about their health, conduct, their progress in studies quarterly. Her collaboration with the families is clearly expressed in Letter 10, 12 and 30. **All the FMAs** were involved in developing the human, Christian and professional competencies of the young girls. Maria Domenica valued the contribution of the young **teachers** Emilia Mosca, Angela Jandet who later became FMA, Salvini Candida, Angela Bacchialoni who collaborated in the Christian formation and vocational orientation in young women. The purpose of involving them was to make the Institute known and support the works.

In the Community of Mornese the **Spiritual Director** also had an irreplaceable role. His interventions were mainly related to the Priestly ministry, but these were privileged moments of a more extensive, continuous and shared formation. **Girls** had a special place in the Community. They were deeply involved and protagonists of their growth. In the community, all had something to give and something to receive from the young. In the animation and guidance of the community, Maria Domenica involved and asked for advice and opinions from all, including girls and young women in formation. In this way she carried out her mission respectful of girls and Sisters arousing participation and co-responsibility.

Maria Domenica did not develop this ability to "walk together" all of a sudden. God had prepared her through a **diversity of experiences**: in fact, she was the first of thirteen children, lived an intense apostolic and spiritual experience in the parish and was an active member of the Association of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate. Even before knowing Don Bosco and becoming an FMA, she had already made a conscious educational choice, devoting herself fully to the salvation of the girls. These experiences have been an opportunity and fruitful terrain for her to manage relationships, collaborate in reciprocity, give trust, open up to others, feel responsible and give concrete answers to the needs of girls.

Maria Domenica's style of creating community was based on the values that characterize the **Preventive System**; The value of the human person created in the image and likeness of God, of the person who must grow in freedom, joyful and familiar acceptance, attentive listening, trust, diligent and loving care, friendship, solidarity, gratuitousness, recognition of others, encouragement, adherence to God's plan, self-giving in love and the joy. She always distinguished herself for her great ability to encourage the young women entrusted to her, so much so, her educational style was defined as "**encouragement pedagogy**".

The "synodal style" of Mornese and Nizza Monferrato community is based on the **Eucharist**, that is, on the logic of giving and of receiving. In love with Christ, Maria Domenica and the first sisters made the Eucharist the heart of the day, the central appointment, the secret of their giving themselves as a gift of love."That window of the Valponasca tells us of a heart that burned with love of God, which was fixed in God, who had God at the center of

everything, a heart that saw all things in God. To build community-communion, we always say that we must be open to dialogue, we must listen to each other, respect the thoughts of others, forgive ourselves. But it is not these things that lead us to communion in the community: They are only means. We reach the community communion only if we see the Lord in each Sister. He is the Center! To achieve unity we must respect, help, accept, dialogue, yes, but all with a single center: Jesus! Heart wide open to the Center, to the Tabernacle, to Him who is the life of all.

The style of "walking together" by Maria Domenica Mazzarello and the first community recalls the **style of Mary of Nazareth: spiritual motherhood**. This motherhood is expressed in maternal solicitude, in intuition and in acting with the heart of a mother, like Mary of Nazareth at the wedding at Cana and at the foot of the Cross. Maria Domenica lived the spiritual motherhood in the direct and continuous formation of her daughters, through the oral word, written, with gestures and with the example of life. It is said of her that she loved to form religious who were truly humble, mortified, obedient and with a heart detached from everything. This trait of her motherhood is highlighted by Don Francesco Cerruti: "She had a maternal affection for her daughters first of all to direct them to the good, indeed to Christian perfection". The desire for holiness made her to become "all to all", to be a true mother, simple and helpful, to the point that "when she had to hear a Sister she would also sit on the steps of a staircase". "Mother" - says Sister Emilia Borgna – "corrected the Sisters to help them to become better. She proved to be a wise and decisive guide because she sought and loved the truth." Every Motherhood, when it is authentic, generates and educates.

As educators, FMA and lay people sharing the dream of our founders, we are called to take seriously this exhortation of Pope Francis and rediscover with more enthusiasm and responsibility the sense of "walking together" as an educating community, with young people to give them reasons for hope, joy and to reawaken in them the sense of a life given for love, the sense of missionary spirit, of protagonism in view of change and of a more just and fraternal society. In what ways can we involve more the governmental, non governmental agencies and lay collaborators in the integral formation of the young people in our Province and in our communities?

Within The Family:

PCI Youth Pastoral Meet: Twenty seven Sisters from all the seven Provinces of India took part in the Youth Pastoral Meeting on the theme "**The Educational Mission of the FMA Today: Together, We Can**" from 18 to 21 July 2019 in Auxilium College, Katpadi. Every morning the session commenced with a thematic prayer followed by a presentation and sharing of Lectio Divina. Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB presented the Draft National Education Policy 2019 with its loopholes and our responses to it, **Sr. Annie Lolia** animated the group on the theme - **Laudato Si** and **Design for Change**. **Sr. Ivone Goulart Lopes** gave awareness on Institute of Higher Education (Istituzioni di Studi Superiori - ISS) and how it works in the Institute with statistical data. During the group discussion, the participants were lead into designing a logo, a slogan, a pledge and a song for PCI Youth Ministry. All the seven Provinces had an opportunity to share their best practice and Youth Pastoral Activities. We owe our gratitude to Sr. Lolia and Sr. Ivone Lopes for their efficient animation and accompaniment. Thanks to Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala, the INM Provincial, the Animator and the Community of Auxilium College, Katpadi who hosted the meeting with love and meticulous care.

Higher Education Meet: Thanks to Sr. Lolia and Sr. Ivone who were in our Province from 26 – 28 July 2019. They visited our School in Thanjavur on 26 July, 2019. In the evening they were welcomed into the portals of Regunathapuram. The aim of their visit was To know the people, the structure, the challenges and the possibilities of Institute of Higher Education; To understand the vision about the present and the future of Auxilium College of Arts & Science College for Women and Auxilium College of Education for Women; To understand the role, the impact of the Colleges in the Province and in the localities; To know how it is organized and how it encourages university pastoral ministry; Sr. Ivone presented the mission and identity of the ISS-FMA - (a historical overview of the organization of the ISS-FMA) The visit enabled them to discuss the possibilities and the contribution Auxilium can offer bring out collective series on: "Higher Education in Perspective: experiences and practices" - Scientific publication of the ISS-FMA Field. In order to realize this they met the Principals, the Person in charge of Youth Ministry in the College, Staff and students.

Welcome to India: We extend a warm welcome to Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil the presiding General Councilor for PCI 2019. She will be arriving in Shillong on 13 August 2019. Let us accompany her with our prayers. May her encounter during the PCI Meet enable us to become Prophetic Missionaries in the peripheries of India.

Congratulations: to Rev. Fr. Savio Silveira SDB, on his appointment as the 11th Provincial of the Province of Saint Francis Xavier, INB. May our Blessed Mother accompany him in his Mission as he assumes his new responsibility as Provincial of INB on 12 September 2019.

Blessing of The Provincial House And Golden Jubilee Of Religious Profession: The twin celebration of the Blessing of the Provincial House and the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Religious Profession of Sr. Bastian Maria, Sr. Kumbukal Rosa, Sr. Periyapuram Bridget and Sr. Vincent Nadar Mary will be held on 31 August 2019 in Auxilium Provincial House, Tiruchirapalli. We thank God for their fidelity, sacrificing and dedicated service to our province over the years. We wish you good health, holiness of life and much joy in service as you move forward towards the diamond years.

Animators Meeting: The Animators and the Sisters are expected to be in Manikandam on 30 August, 2019 for supper so as to participate in the Morning Prayer animated in honour of the Jubilarians. Morning Prayer and House warming ceremony will be held at 6.30 a.m. on 31 August 2019. The Blessing of the House will commence at 10.00 a.m. followed by Mass, Felicitation of the Jubilarians and the people involved in the construction of the building. At 6.00 p.m. there will be **PC commission Meeting**. The Animators will take part in the **Animators Meeting** on 1 September 2019 till 5.00 p.m.

Chapter Study: The PC Commission is happy with the prompt responses of all the communities to all the initiatives taken in preparation for the Provincial Chapter. The responses to question 1, 2, 3 are to be sent to the Moderator on 10, 24, and 31 August respectively. May our study and responses enable us to be like Mary among the young people. Kindly refer GC Chapter XXIV - Cir 985 while following the Province Time Frame in preparation for the Province Chapter.

Juniors Meeting: Thirty one Juniors from INM and INT will take part in the Tri Monthly recollection and Animation from 3-4 August 2019 in Manikandam. All the Juniors are expected to be in the Novitiate on 2 August by 4.00 p.m. Kindly bring the book **Guidelines for the Temporary Vows**.

Thanks and Appreciation To:

- To Sr. Antonyswamy Suganthi and Community of Madurai, Sirudur for hosting the Meeting on Media for Social Change for the Staff in the South Zone on 5 July 2019 and Ongoing Formation for the promised Co-operators of Madurai Zone on 13 July 2019.
- To Fr. Sarprasadam Agilan and Community of Trichy Provincial House, Kallukuzhy for facilitating Co-operators Local Co-ordinators Meet on 6 July 2019.
- To Sr. Remegius Angel Veda and Community at Chennai – Pothur for making all the arrangement to animate NFE Co-ordinators Meet on 7 July 2019, NFE Lay Staff Capacity Building Meeting on 8 July 2019, and YaR and NFE Meeting – Design for Change from 16 – 17 July 2019.
- To Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam and Community at Tiruppur for facilitating the Women Co-ordinators Meet on 11 July 2019.
- To Sr. Sebastian Margaret Mary and Community of Chennai – Tiruvottiyur for availing the resources to animate the Catechetical Seminar for Catholic Teachers on 13 July 2019.
- To Sr. Fernando Majella and Community of FX – Broadway for hosting the two days Media Animation Meeting for the Sisters of Chennai Zone from 13 – 14 July 2019, VIDES Cluster Meet on 14 July 2019 and Catechetical Seminar for Catholic Youth on 18 July 2019.
- Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela and Community of Manikandam for facilitating VTC Review Meet on 18 July 2019 at ASSIST.
- To Sr. Kulandaisamy Lourdummy and Community of Sacred Heart Home for lovingly accompanying the Aspirants and the Postulants during the Annual Retreat from 21 -23 July and for preparing the Postulants to receive medals on 24 July 2019.
- Fr. Ratnam Noelraj and community of Therespuram to animate the Ongoing Formation meet for the Promised Co-operators of Tuticorin on 20 July 2019
- To Sr. Antony Regina Mary and Community of Puliadithammam for making all the arrangement to animate the VIDES Cluster Meet on 21 July 2019.
- To Rev. Fr. Barnabass John and Community of Don Bosco Youth Village Campsite, Keeranur for making all the arrangement to animate the Rajyapuraskar Training and Test Camp from 25 -28 July 2019.
- To Sr. Santhana Pushpa Jeya and Community of Therespuram for facilitating Past Pupils Meeting on 27 July 2019.
- To Sr. Barbon Arockia Jebamani and Community of Ulagampatti for accommodating the Provincial Councilors for the council meeting held from 28 – 29 July.

Days of Importance – August 2019

2	Blessed Augustus Czarotorski SDB
5	Feast of Our Lady of Snow / Foundation Day of our Institute
6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
15	The Assumption of BVM/ Independence Day
16	Birthday of Don Bosco
22	Queenship of the BVM
24	St. Bartholomew
25	Blessed Maria Troncatti– 50 th Death Anniversary
26	Blessed Ceferino Namuncura
29	The passion of St. John the Baptist
30	St. Euphrasia Eluvathingal

Forthcoming Meetings In The Province – August 2019

2	Arrival of the Juniors	Manikandam
3	Ongoing Formation - Promised Co operators on PAL Juniors Tri - monthly Recollection NCP - Formation Meet	Salem (Mr. Xavier and Mr. David) Tiruchirapalli Manikandam Ulagampatti
4	Juniors Tri – monthly Animation	Tiruchirapalli - Manikandam
10	Tri - Monthly Recollection – Seniors	Cluster communities
14	Formators Meet INT & INM	Madurai, Sirudur
15	Past Pupils Meet	Local Communities
16	Media Animation for Students -	Broadway/ TVT/ George Town/ Pothur
17	Human Rights Animation for Teachers Initial Formation Aspirant Cooperators Madurai, Salem, Thoothukudi Zones Catechetical Seminar for Catholic Youth	Therespuram Madurai, L.S (Mr. Peter Thiraviyam, Mr. Dolar, Mr. Amalraj) Madurai, Sirudur
18	General Body Meet	Keela Eral
20	PCI Meet (20-23)	Shillong
23	Media for Social Change Animation for Students	Thanjavur/Regunathapuram/Madurai – Sirudur/ Sringerinagar.
24	Ongoing Formation – Promised Co-operators Trichy zone Mr. Vijayan Human Rights – Animation for Teachers Broadway, Chennai Zone	Tiruchirapalli – AMSAM (Mr. Jesuraj, Mr. Joseph AMSAM, Mr. Vijayan – Lalgudi) FX - Broadway
30	Media for Social Change Animation for Students	Keela Eral / Therespuram, Dindigul– Marianathapuram/ Ulagampatti,
31	Blessing of the Provincial House and Golden Jubilee	Tiruchirapalli- Manikandam

Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers

- † To Fr. Thonikuzhiyil Mathew and Confreres of Bangalore Province at the sad demise of Fr. Thomas Kizakenellikunnel SDB (67) on 7 July 2019.
- † To Sr. Alphonsa Kurinsingal and the Sisters of ING over the demise of Sr. Nunes Victoria Caludia (61) on 17 July 2019.
- † To Sr. Rose Ezarath and the Sisters of INS over the passing away of Sr. Cecilia Tamba (58) on 20 July 2019 at Auxilium, Dum Dum.
- † To Sr. Ignaci Kulandai Theresa at the demise of her dear Sister in-law Mrs. Rani Mary (80) on 25 July 2019.

May the dear departed enjoy the bliss of Paradise.

We are the verge of celebrating the 73rd Independence Day in India on 15th August, 2019. As our hearts throb for our Mother land India, let us cherish the values engrained in the Preamble of our Constitutions. It is not only a norm to measure the welfare of the country but also the measuring rod for quality of life of her citizens. Let us remind our young people of the constitutional values: our heritage and way of life during the celebration. May Blessed Maria Troncatti who valued human rights accompany us to safe guard our rights as we celebrate her 50th death anniversary on 25 August, 2019.



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1 – 2	Major Superiors Meet	Tindivanam
3- 4	Juniors Tri- Monthly Recollection & Animation	Tiruchirapalli – Manikandam
14	Formators Meet INT & INM	Madurai, Sirudur
19	Journey	
20-23	PCI Meet	Shillong
24	Journey	
31	Blessing of the Provincial House & Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession	Tiruchirapalli - Manikandam
	PC Commission Meet (6-7.30 p.m.)	
Sep 1	Animators Meet	Tiruchirapalli – Manikandam



*Into that heaven of freedom,
my Father,
let my country awake!*