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Viva Gesu`!

Dearest Sisters,

We celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India on 3 July. I take this opportunity to greet the Provincial, Sisters and Confreres of INM, a very happy Feast of St. Thomas. In him may we rediscover our immense faith in the accompanying presence of Jesus who loves us and evokes a response of trust in Him.

**In preparation for GC XXIV -
Original freshness in vocational fruitfulness
in the Stages of formation
in perspective of the Documents of the church and the Institute**

*“No one can make a life decision alone: vocation is always for, and with, others.”
“God calls you to make definitive choices, and He has a plan for each of you:
to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment.”
- Pope Francis*

While speaking about the stages of formation, their challenges and the proposals Vita Consecrata and Rooted in the Covenant explicates: There is a youthfulness of spirit which lasts through time: It arises from the fact that at every stage of life a person seeks and finds a new task to fulfill, a particular way of being, of serving and of loving. In the consecrated life the first years of full involvement in the apostolate are a critical stage marked by the passage from a supervised life to a situation of full responsibility for one's work. It is important that young consecrated persons be supported and accompanied by the sister who helps them to live to the full the freshness of their love and enthusiasm for Christ.

The next stage can present the risk of routine, and the subsequent temptation to give in to disappointment because of meager results. Middle aged consecrated persons must therefore be helped, in the light of the Gospel and the Charism of their Institute, to renew their original decision and not confuse the completeness of their dedication with the degree of good results. This will enable them to give a fresh impulse and new motivations to their decision. This is the time to search for what is essential.

The stage of maturity, while it brings personal growth can also bring the danger of a certain individualism, accompanied either by a fear of not being in line with the times or by forms of

inflexibility, self centeredness or diminished enthusiasm. At this point continuing formation is aimed at helping not only to bring back a higher level of spiritual and apostolic life, but also discovering the special characteristics of this stage of life. For at this time, after refining certain features of the personality, the gift of self is made to God more genuinely and with greater generosity: it extends to others with greater serenity and wisdom as well as with greater simplicity and richness of grace. This is the gift and experience of spiritual motherhood.

Advanced age poses new problems, which can be prepared for by a discerning program of spiritual support. The gradual withdrawal from activity, sometimes caused by sickness or forced immobility, can be a very formative experience. Often a time of suffering, advanced age nonetheless offers to elderly consecrated persons, the chance to be transformed by the paschal experience by being configured to the crucified Christ, who fulfills the Father's will in things and abandons himself into the Father's hands even to the surrendering of his spirit to him. This configuration represents a new way of living one's consecration which is not tied to effectiveness in carrying out administrative responsibilities or apostolic work.

When the moment finally comes for uniting oneself to the supreme hour of the Lord's passion, the consecrated person knows that the father is now bringing to completion the mysterious process of formation which began many years before. Death will then be awaited and prepared for as the supreme act of love and self offering.

It should be added that, independently of the different stages of life, any period can present critical situations due to external factors - such as a change of place or assignment, difficulties in work or lack of success in the apostolate, misunderstandings and feeling of alienation – or deaths, difficulties in interpersonal relations, strong temptations, crisis of faith or identity, feelings of uselessness. When fidelity becomes more difficult, the individual must be offered the support of greater trust and deeper love at both the personal and community levels. At such times the sensitive closeness of the superior is most essential. Great comfort can also come from the valuable help of a sister, whose concerned and caring presence can lead to a rediscovery of the meaning of the covenant which God originally established and which he has no intention of breaking. The person undergoing such a trial will then accept purification and hardship as essential to the following of Christ Crucified. The trial itself will appear as a 'psychological' carried out by the "I" in relation to itself and its weaknesses but also religiously touched each day by the presence of God and the power of the cross.

Draft New Education Policy (DNEP) – a challenge: The Draft National Education Policy, 2019 which was signed on 15th December, 2018, was released on the 1st June, 2019. The 484 page document was placed in public domain in Hindi and English and the people were asked to respond by the end of June and later at the request of the public by 31 July 2019. Already some of you have participated in the animations given by the Dioceses and our Province. The challenges posed on education are new opportunities for each one of us to be creative and respond to the challenges positively. Kindly study the summary of the DNEP. Let us participate in the meetings in connection with DNEP and respond to the Government promptly to keep alive the lamp of education for the downtrodden.

Within The Family:

Rest in Peace: Mother Antonia Colombo, FMA the eighth successor of St. Mary Mazzarello entered eternal life on 1 July, 2019. She was born in Italy, in Lecco, on 12 April 1935. She made her First Profession in 1959, in Contra di Missaglia (CO). She was elected as a General

Visiting Councilor. In this task, she often visited different communities and listened to the Sisters and got to know FMA presence throughout the world. During General Chapter XIX, and in the next General Chapter XX in 1996, she was elected as the Superior General of the Institute and then re-elected for a second six-year term in 2002. She fostered the commitment to active citizenship, encouraged the educating communities to be laboratories of life and Educational relationships, supported the importance of educating to solidarity and peace rooted in the values of the Gospel. She was an unassuming woman, often could embrace multiple tasks. She was concerned about women's problems and their education. She collaborated in the revision of the biographical profiles of the deceased sisters. Her luminous smile, her delicate attention to people, and the expressions of gratitude that blossomed spontaneously on her lips were her sign of a heart full of peace and radiant with the presence of God. May she delight in the everlasting happiness of God's Kingdom in the Salesian garden. As we are grateful for the dedicated life of Mother Antonia Colombo, let us offer two masses for the repose of her soul as per our Regulations art. 37.

Buon Viaggio: Sr. Savari Raj Arockiya Sophiya is leaving for Italy on 4 July 2019 to do her two year Salesian Spirituality Studies in Casa Madre Ersilia Canta, Rome. We wish her a safe journey and a very fruitful experience in Italy.

Congrats To The Jubilarians SDB: We acknowledge with gratitude twenty years of dedicated service of our Salesians in Trichy Province among the rural poor, and appreciate with gratitude for the zealous ministry of Rev. Fr. Joseph Puthenkalam for the past 60 years of Ordination and Platinum Jubilee of his Profession, Fr. John Vellayil on the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination and Fr. Francis Camillus on the Golden Jubilee of his Profession. May the Lord bless them with many more fruitful years of ministry in the Lord's vineyard. Their Foundation Day and the Jubilee Celebrations of SDB - INT will be held in Don Bosco, Thanjavur on 5 August 2019. Let us accompany them with our prayers.

New Provincial INB: On behalf of the Sisters and the entire Educating Community, I congratulate and invoke God's Blessings on Fr. Savio Silveira, the eleventh Provincial of the Province of Mumbai from 2019 - 2025. Rev. Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga, the Regional Superior will install him on 12 September 2019.

PCI Delegates: I am happy to announce that our dear Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam and Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam elected by the Province and the Provincial Council respectively will participate in the PCI Meet to be held in FMA Outreach, Lurshai, Lumshyiap, Post Box No. 19, Shillong - 793001, Meghalaya from 20 – 22 August, 2019 along with me and Sr. Ambrose Little Flower, the PCI Secretary. The theme of the PCI will be "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5) "Communities that generate life in the heart of Contemporaneity". Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil will be the Presiding General Councilor for the meeting.

A Hearty Welcome: A warm welcome to Sr. Goulart Lopes Ivone and Sr. Neli Lolia Annie from Youth Ministry Sector, Rome. They will be animating a four day meeting in Auxilium College, Katpadi from 18 to 21 July, 2019 on the theme "The Educational Mission of the FMA Today: Together, We Can". Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi, Sr. Diaz Francis Immaculate, Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen and Sr. Vedamuthu Saveriammal will take part in this training of the trainees and will in turn animate the Province towards the proposed goals. We wish them all the best.

Visit to Institutes of Higher Studies: Sr. Goulart Lopes Ivone and Sr. Neli Lolia Annie - Collaborators of the Youth Ministry Sector, Rome will be arriving to Tiruchirapalli on 25 July 2019, by train and then they will visit Auxilium College of Arts and Science College for Women and Auxilium College of Education for Women - Regunathapuram from 26 -27 July 2019. As we welcome them with joy, we pray that their visit may strengthen us to be Missionaries of Hope and Joy among the young people.

Entry into Postulancy: Along with 8 INM Aspirants, Arockiadass Raja Nirmala Jennifer, Arokkiya Raj Epseeba Lourdemary, Beniston Susmitha, Jesu Raja Sheeba, Tamil Selvan Tensiya, Victor Maria Kilodiya belonging to our Province will be receiving the Postulant's medal on 24 July at Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi. May our Blessed Mother accompany them in their original freshness towards vocational fruitfulness.

50th Death Anniversary of Blessed Maria Troncatti: On 25 August 2019, we celebrate the 50th death Anniversary of Blessed Maria Troncatti. Let us deepen our knowledge about her life and make her known in our Parishes and Schools. Let us celebrate the wonder of God's love expressed through Sr. Maria Troncatti's life among the Shuar people in Equador. The video clipping "My risk ...my glory" from the website will be of help for the animation.

Life skill education: There will be three day training in Life Skill Education for CCIs (Child Care Institutes) from 12 to 14 July 2019 in Mannivakkam, Chennai by Miracle Foundation. Two participants from Auxilium - Madurai, Arul Sudar - Tiruchirapalli, Marialaya - Chennai and Tiruppur are expected to participate in it.

Thanks And Welcome: I am thankful for the collaborative effort of Sr. Irudaysamy Maria Tamil Selvi with the team for the past two years. May the Lord bless and reward all your efforts and continue to assist you in your mission. Sr. Antony Muthu Lourdhu Mary will assume the responsibility as the Co-ordinator for Mission ad/inter Gentes from this year. May the Lord accompany you in your ministry for evangelization.

Community Experience: Sr. Sahayaraj Infanta - II year Novice will go to Thanjavur for her community experience from 20 July to 20 August, 2019. We pray that she may be accompanied by our Blessed Mother during this period of Formative Experience.

Thanks and Appreciation To:

- ♥ To Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela and Community of Tiruchirapalli - Manikandam for extending caring hospitality to 79 Sisters who took part in the Province Assembly I on 5 June 2019 in which GC XXIV Preparatory Document was presented by Fr. Antony Christy along with me, Time frame for the journey of the Provincial Chapter and the guidelines by the Moderator; Eighteen Sisters and Co-ordinators who took part in the NCP Delegates Meet on 15 June 2019; Provincial Council, Team and PC core group who participated in the PC Preparatory Meet on 29 June 2019. Eighteen NCP Co-ordinators who were animated by Mr. Jahir Hussain, Children Project Co-ordinator on NCP and the need for Quality Leadership Today and Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi on Project 'I Can' and for lovingly accommodating the Provincial Councilors for the Council Meeting on 30 June 2019.

- ♥ To Sr. Fernando Majella and Community of Broadway for creating a welcoming ambient to have the Province Assembly II for 32 participants on the Presentation of the GC XXIV Preparatory Document by Fr. Antony Christy with me, Time frame for the journey of the Provincial Chapter and the guidelines by the Moderator on 8 June 2019; Youth Pastoral/ Mission Ad/inter gentes/ Media/ EC Co-ordinators and H.Ms Meet on 22 June 2019 for 40 participants on the theme 'New Education Policy' by Sr. Ambrose Little Flower, 'I Can' by Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi and 'Christ is alive - Youth Ministry' by Sr. Peter Selvarani
- ♥ Thanks to the Rector and community of Don Bosco Provincial House for hosting Co-operators Delegate meet on 28 June 2019. Twenty five SDB, FMA delegates took part in the meeting animated by Rev. Fr. Fr. Antony Joseph and Fr. Thomas Louis on Understanding the role of the Delegates and Annual plan.

Days of Importance – JULY 2019

3	St. Thomas
7	Blessed Maria Romero
6	St. Maria Goretti
16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
22	St. Mary Magdalene
25	St. James
26	Sts. Joachim & Anne
28	St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu
31	Ignatius of Loyola

Forthcoming Meetings In The Province – July 2019

05	Media for Social Change - Animation for Staff – South Zone	Madurai
06	Co-operators Local Co-ordinators Meet	Trichy Provincial House, Kallukuzhy
07	NFE Co-ordinators Meet	Pothur
08	NFE- Lay Staff – Capacity Building	Pothur
11	Women Co-ordinators Meet	Tiruppur
12-14	Life Skill Education Training ,	Mannivakkam
	Catechetical seminar for Catholic teachers	TVT
13	Ongoing formation – Promised Co-operators, Madurai Zone, Mr. Chinnappan	Madurai, Auxilium – Mr. Peter

13-14	Two days Media Animation – Chennai Zone - Sisters	F.X, Broadway
14	VIDES – Cluster Meet	Broadway
16 - 17	YaR & NFE Meeting - Design for Change	Pothur
18	Catechetical seminar for Catholic Youth	Broadway
	VTC – Review Meet	ASSIST - Trichy
20	One month - Apostolic cum Community Experience II Year Novices (20 July to 20 August)	Thanjavur
	Ongoing formation – Promised Co-operators Tuticorin zone, Mr. Antony Raj	Therespuram – Mr. Chinnappan, Mr. Ananth
18- 21	PCI Training for the Trainers	ACK
	Rajyapuraskar Training and Test Camp	Don Bosco MHS School, Red Hills, Chennai
	VIDES – Cluster Meet	Sivagangai- Puliadithammam
21	Aspirants and Postulants Annual Retreat (21-23)	Sacred Heart Home Katpadi
24	Postulants receive medals	Sacred Heart Home Katpadi
25	Arrival - For the visit to Institutes of Higher Education	Regunathapuram
25-28	Rajyapuraskar Training and Test Camp	Don Bosco Youth Village Campsite, Keeranur
26 - 27	Visit to Institutes of Higher Education	Regunathapuram
27	Past Pupils Meet	Therespuram
27	Ongoing formation – Promised Co-operators Salem Zone- Mr. David	Salem (Mr. Xavier, Mr. David)

Heartfelt Condolences And Prayers

- † To Fr. Januarius Sangma and the Confreres of Guwahati Province at the demise of Fr. Jose Thiruthanathy (68) on 07 June 2019.
- † To Fr. Nirmol Gomes and the Salesians of Kolkata Province at the demise of Fr. Stroschio Rosario (97) - one of the senior most missionaries from Italy on 9 June 2019.
- † To the Provincial and the Confreres on INB at the demise of Fr. Reginald Gracias (66) on 10 June 2019.
- † To Fr. Felix Fernandes and the Salesians of Panjim Province at the demise of Fr. Olivio Dias Miranda (83) on 18 June 2019.
- † To Rev. Fr. Joseph Almeida and the confreres of Sri Lanka at the passing away of Fr. Bernard Luciano Fernando (65) on 18 June 2019.
- † To Fr. K.M. Jose and all the confreres of the Province of Chennai who moan over the sudden demise of Rev. Fr. M. M. Anthony SDB (73) who passed away early on 20 June, 2019 in Kerala.
- † Mr. Rayappan (61) father of Sr. Roy Stephina (INM) - I year Novice and Bro. Melvin SDB passed away on 20 June, 2019 in Virudhurvilanganin.

May the Lord grant eternal bliss to the dear departed and comfort the bereaved family.

Pope Francis has formally approved the canonization of Indian Blessed Mariam Thesia Chiramel Mankidiyan, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family and decreed that the canonization will take place in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, Oct. 13. Chiramel Mankidiyan Thesia, born in Puthenchira, a remote village of Kerala, was a remarkable person and a social reformer. She came from a family that had lost all its wealth paying the dowry of seven aunts, and grew up in poverty. Her work lay with families affected by drink, immorality and violence. Mariam Thesia suffered stigmata. Education of girls was Mariam Thesia's liberation theology in action, without the slogan. Several young girls were attracted to her by her simplicity, humility and shining sanctity. Pope Francis reminds us that the Lord has set the bar extremely high for you and me: "He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence." Wish you a grace filled month.



Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret
Provincial

Itinerary of the Provincial

July 2019

05	Initial Visit	Vadakku paganoor
06	Initial Visit	Puliadithammam
08	Initial Visit	Thanjavur
09	Initial Visit	Regunathapuram
10	Initial Visit	Keela Eral
11	Initial Visit	Therespuram
13	Initial Visit	Puthenthurai
18	Meeting on “The Educational Mission of the FMA Today: Together, We Can?”.	Auxilium College - Katpadi
20	Initial Visit	Coimbatore
21	Initial Visit	Tiruppur
22	Initial Visit	Wellington
25-27	Visit of Youth Ministry Sector from Italy	Regunathapuram



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