



## PROVINCE OF OUR LADY OF SNOW PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

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Viva Gesu'!

Dearest Sisters,

The month of June is replenished with many celebrations - Feasts of Ascension, Pentecost, The Most Holy Trinity, Body and Blood of Christ and Sacred Heart of Jesus. Alluding to the love and mercy of Jesus, Pope Francis says; 'Trust the memory of God: His memory is not a 'hard disk' that 'saves' and 'archives' all our data. His memory is a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in 'deleting' from us every trace of evil. He does not keep track of your failings and He always helps you learn something even from your mistakes. Because He loves you.' As I greet you for these feasts, I pray that our days be interspersed with moments of stillness to taste the unconditional love and mercy of Jesus in our day today life.

### **TOWARDS GC XXIV IN HARMONY WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **On Care For Our Common Home (Laudato Si - May 24, 2015):**

Our Common Home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful Mother who opens her arms to embrace us. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth: our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. Pope Francis in his encyclical 'Laudato si' re - instates the encyclical of St. Francis of Assisi and establishes the need for us to turn towards the world and nature, realize the harm we are causing to the 'home' entrusted to us and rise up to take efficient steps towards a change, in order to protect our 'Mother Earth'.

*What are the environmental factors under threat and disturbance in Tamil Nadu and in the areas we work? What can we do to prevent and heal the wounds of nature?*

#### **The Joy of Love - Youth and Family Life (Amoris Laetitia - 19 March 2016):**

Some young people move away from their family traditions, hoping to be more original than what they see as 'stuck in the past' and 'old fashioned.' Some young people seek identity by remaining rooted within their family traditions and striving to stay true to the way they were raised. Many young people share how the troubles, divisions and fragility of families are a source of great suffering in their personal life. The church emphasizes on the broader vision and importance of family based on the virtues of

**generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience.** Secondly it encourages everyone to **be a sign of mercy and closeness** wherever family life remains imperfect and lacks peace and joy.

*Can our life together offer a testimony of how relationships are lived in the family spirit, permeated by Salesian kindness and reciprocal accompaniment?*

**New Wine In The New Wine Skin - 6 January 2017:** Religious life today is tossed by many challenges. There is a temptation of the **security to stay in the past**; sisters leaving religious life as a result of inauthentic **community life** or lack of inter-generational dialogues in the community or overemphasis to the institution than to its members. (24); a tendency to be more informative than performative in the field of formation, lack of a fine blend of spiritual and human dimensions, preference of Younger religious who are more oriented to professional degrees than theological courses (12, 14); at times reducing **On-going formation** to religious tourism (visiting places of origin or pilgrim centres), attending some theological courses and lacking reflection and revision (16); a failure to recognize the gift of the genius of **Women in the Church** (*Vita Consecrata* 58), moments of oppression from male chauvinistic clergy (towards Consecrated women) and at times from consecrated women themselves (17,18); Lack of mature relationship between consecrated men and women often characterised by *reserve* and phobia; At times, the **Service of Authority** is exercised vertically, avoiding subsidiarity. **Authority** exercised through infantile behaviours (asking permission for everything) of members - something more common among women religious (21).

In order to counteract these temptations the documents proposes religious to follow the **Sermon of the Mount** more seriously(29); facilitating adequate **continuous formation and Formation of the Formators**; training the animators to be close to the members and accompany them with a fraternal attitude (36); emphasizing on **Evangelical Freedom** than servitude (39); Bridging the gap between authority and members (among women religious) on matters of **Decision-Making, Personal and Community Resources** (40); Inculcating a serious reflection on the document - the *Service of Authority and Obedience* (43); engender **Mutual Dialogue and Listening among old and young religious** (47); ensure **proper and proportionate Representation** from various cultures and generations in a fair and balanced way to the Chapters especially General Chapter. (48, 49, 53, 54).

**Rejoice And Be Glad - Celebrating Life (Gaudete Et Exultate - 19 March 2018:** The objective of Rejoice and be Glad is to re - propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. “We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.” Christian faith calls us to be Saints in our own ways by looking up to role models in our daily lives – parents, friends, companions etc. Holy Father wrote about “the saints next door” and said he likes “to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in the elderly religious who never lose their smiles.” Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord. “Holiness is for every common man” and the understanding of the broad meaning of “Holiness in today’s world” as tools to celebrate life, rejoice and be glad, as elaborated by Pope Francis in his Apostolic exhortation.

*Do we believe it possible to walk towards the goal of holiness and consider it a  
“vocation, a responsibility, a commitment, a gift”?*

#### **WITHIN THE FAMILY:**

**CONTACT PERIOD CANDIDATES:** As we thank God for gifting us with good vocations, let us accompany our candidates as they are at the verge of entering into the Aspirantate. Let us continue to work hard to invite vocationable girls to follow the Lord in the path of our Saintly Founders.

**NEW ACADEMIC YEAR:** As I acknowledge with gratitude your acceptance of the Mission entrusted to your care, I pray for each one of you to keep alive the Vision and Mission of our Province and avail generously your time and energy to accompany the young people especially those with least opportunities into green pastures of God’s love and tender mercy.

#### **THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO:**

- ♥ To Sr. Poobalarayen Nirmala and Community for availing the cool and beautiful place at Wellington to conduct the Annual Retreat III for thirty nine Sisters by Fr. Fernando Bellarmine on the theme ‘Deepening the Call to Religious Life’ from 30 April to 7 May 2019.
- ♥ To Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam and Community of Tiruppur for accommodating twenty eight Sisters to take part in the Provincial Chapter Core Group and Commission Meeting on 8 May 2019. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Antony Stephen, Asst. Professor, Department of Social work, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirapalli who lead the commission to reflect on the most urgent Challenges of our communities, How to respond to challenges, how to accompany the young people who are with us and enumerate the choices in front of us to collaborate, Network and discern to work with youth.
- ♥ To Sr. Chinnappan Mano Ranjitham and Community for making all the arrangement to have Summer Course for the Fourteen Juniors of INM and Fourteen Sisters from INT in Yercaud from 14 to 21 May 2019. Our heartfelt thanks to Sr. Rodriquez Mary Magdalen who generously offered her time and energy to be the facilitator during the course and Sr. Nancy Vaz a Canossian Sister from Mumbai who animated and accompanied the Juniors in their inner journey while dealing with the theme ‘Psycho spiritual Integration’.
- ♥ To Sr. D’Almeida Crescentia and Community of Nirmal Jyoti Technical Institute, Bangalore – Bannerghatta for accommodating two of our Second Novitiate Sisters while doing their course on ‘Preparation for Final Vows’ from 28 April to 13 May 2019 in Don Bosco Renewal Centre , Bangalore.
- ♥ To Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela and Community for extending a warm welcome to ten Postulants on 15 May 2019 and prepared them to receive the Novices medals on 23 May 2019; For making all the arrangement to animate the Annual Retreat for twenty three Novices and three Sisters from 16 to 23 May 2019 by Fr. Gandhi Herbert Amos from Dindigul Don Bosco on the theme Discipleship; For facilitating a prayerful ambient for sixteen Juniors to renew their vows on 23 May 2019 and for generously availing the time

and energy of the Sisters to facilitate a meaningful celebration of the First Commitment of our five Sisters at Manikandam on 24 May 2019. We extend our gratitude to Rt. Rev. Jebamalai Susaimanikam DD who solemnized the Holy Mass with twenty Priests and enumerated vibrantly the ways to accompany the young people on the path of sanctity and the qualities we should possess while accompanying them.

- ♥ To Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani and Community of Puthenthurai for meticulously planning and executing the solemn celebration of Final Commitment of our two Sisters on 25 May 2019 followed by Provincial Council meet on 26 May 2019 Puthenthurai. A million thanks to Most Rev. Yvon Ambroise D.D – Bishop Emeritus, Tuticorin who concelebrated the Mass with nine Priests and highlighted his sermon on the call of the religious to love, serve, sacrifice, suffer and sanctify oneself and lead others on the path of sanctity. He reiterated that only our simple and transparent life can enable the lay people to identify us as religious today.

### **DAYS OF IMPORTANCE – JUNE 2019:**

02	Ascension
09	Pentecost
13	St. Antony of Padua
16	The Most Holy Trinity
23	Body and Blood of Christ
24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
28	Sacred Heart of Jesus
29	Sts. Peter and Paul

### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN THE PROVINCE – JUNE 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Place</b>
05	The Province Assembly I	Manikandam
08	The Province Assembly II	Broadway
	NCP Children Formation Meet	Manikandam
15	NCP Delegates Meet	Manikandam
22	Youth Pastoral/ Mission Ad/ inter gentes/ Media/	Broadway
	EC Co-ordinators and H.Ms Meet	
29	Provincial Council and Team Meet	Manikandam
30	Provincial Council	Manikandam

## **HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS**

- † To Fr. Joseph Almeida and Confreres of the Vice Province of Sri Lanka at the demise of Fr. Joseph Giaime (83), on 13 May 2019.
- † To Fr. Felix Fernandez SDB and the Salesian Province of Panjim at the passing away of Bro. Anthony Rocha SDB on 14 May 2019.
- † To Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala and FMA Province of Chennai at the demise of Sr. Perez Mary Magdalene (95), on 19 May 2019 in Chennai
- † To Fr. Janaius S.Sangma SDB and the Salesian Province of Guwahati at the death of Fr. Thomas Kochupurackal (80), on 25 May 2019.
- † To Sr. Vincent Nadar Mary who suffer the loss of her dear Sister-in-law Mrs. Rexline (50), who passed away on 25 May 2019 in Chennai.

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

May the Holy Spirit, who abides in us, inspire us to do what Jesus tells us and prophetically proclaim the Gospel to the young people.



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## *Itinerary of the Provincial June 2019*

01	Orientation for Candidates	Marianathapurama – Dindigul
03	Recollection	Tiruchirapalli
05	The Province Assembly I	Manikandam – Tiruchirapalli
07	Visit	Tiruvottiyur
08	The Province Assembly II	FX – Broadway
13	Visit	Dindigul – Ulagampatti
18	Visit	Madurai – Sirudur
19	Visit	Madurai – Sringerinagar
22	Youth Pastoral/ Mission ad/ inter gentes/ Media/ EC Coordinators and HMs Meet	FX – Broadway
24	Visit to the Candidates	Sacred Heart Home - Katpadi
29	Provincial Council and Team Meet	Manikandam
30	Provincial Council	Manikandam

