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Viva Gesu`!

At the very outset I greet you with joy for the Feast of All Saints Day. “Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church,” Pope Francis declares in “Gaudete et Exsultate”. In it, he reminds Christians, “The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence.” Let us be attentive each day to discover some sign of holiness in the sisters and in the young people. *Holiness and happiness* are inseparable values. For us, it is a daily call to “live for the glory of God by our service for the evangelization of young people, walking with them on the path to holiness” (C 5). In the year 2019, our Institute has opened two Causes for Canonization: one on the presumed miracle of **Blessed Magdalene Morano** in view of her canonization and the other on the life, the virtues and the fame of sanctity of **Mother Rosetta Marchese** in view of the recognition of the heroic virtue of her virtues. Let us accompany these two Causes with prayer. As for us, the Apostolic Exhortation finds resonance and charismatic deepening in the Strenna 2019 of the Rector Major: Holiness also for you. Let us give worthy place for the relics of the Saints. The exposition of the relics is a precious occasion to invite also the children, the youth and the families to prayer of intercession according to their own degree of faith.

Province Chapter 2019: We have just gratefully celebrated our first Province Chapter from 21-26 October 2019 on the theme “**Do whatever He tells you. Jn 2:5 Communities that generate life in the heart of Contemporaneity.**” Still the happy experience of our journey together keeps lingering in our mind. At this juncture we feel immensely grateful to our dear Mother General Yvonne Reungoat and her Councilors in gifting us with the lovely Chapter Document enshrined with pearls of practical wisdom in it. I am grateful to each one of you for making personal and community effort to treasure XXIV General Chapter document. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam Vice Provincial and PC Moderator, Councilors, Team Members, Animators and all the Sisters for your dynamic, creative participation and for your valid suggestions during the First Province Chapter. The Chapter was an opportune moment to scan and plan through our journey together then, now and after in our Province.

The Celebration of the Province Chapter commenced with a ceremonial welcome to 48 Sisters including six invitees who were the members of the Chapter. Novices of Divyadhanam welcomed the members in Auxilium Provincial House with a welcome song and a dance followed by the presentation of the files, procedures and regulation of PC 2019 on 20 October 2019. 21 October was spent in recollection on the theme – “Do whatever He

tells you.” The highlights of 22 October 2019 was the inauguration of the Provincial Chapter, Presentation of the journey of the Province, the financial report of the Province 2017 - 2019 and personal reading of the consolidated Community reports on the three questions. On 23 October, 2019 Sisters were given guidelines for answering the three questions followed by a study of the responses to the questions 1 - 3. From 23 evening till 24 the Provincial Councilors presented a very interesting reality of the Province under seven thematic areas followed by group work and General Assembly. On 25 October, reading of the final reports of the groups and responses took place. On the 26th there was the election of the Delegate and the Substitute for GC XXIV followed by the presentation of the Proposals for PC 2019 and GC XXIV. Sr. Amirthasamy Maria Pushpam was elected as the delegate and Sr. Ambrose Little Flower as the Substitute for the General Chapter XXIV. The wakeup call at the start of each day, pcint.com – innovative news presentation, a thought provoking good night, a video clipping by ASSIST, Youth Pastoral Sector, Faith experiences of our young people, Past Pupils Pacific Asian Congress – Thailand and the presentation of newly introduced INT website – www.fmatrix.org were informative and enriching. The joyful moments spent in the company of each other added flavour to the enriching experiences during the Chapter. We acknowledge with gratitude the Main celebrants of the Eucharistic Sacrifice Rev. Fr. Benedict Raj Kumar SDB from Don Bosco Media House, Manikandam, Fr. Michael Raj – Scripture Professor from St. Paul’s Seminary, Tiruchirapalli, Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Jude Paul Raj of Palayamkottai, Fr. Joe Xavier S.J Director, Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru, Fr. Agilan Sarprasatham SDB – Vice Provincial of INT, Fr. Arul - OCD Provincial, Fr. Innasimuthu – MSFS Provincial who inspired us with their powerful sharing of the Word of God based on the theme of the Chapter. We extend our special thanks to Sr. Soosai Magnificat and Sr. Sebastian Mary Margaret for the wonderful Inaugural ceremony and presentation of the theme in collaboration with the educating Community. Our sincere thanks to Sr. Sundaram Neha for the documentation of the photographs of the events, Our loving appreciation to Sr. Raja Clarenia Mary who composed the PC anthem and recorded the song in collaboration with a team of Sisters, from the community of Regunathapuram and Don Bosco Media House, Manikandam. In our onward Chapter journey, let us entrust ourselves to Mary so that, as at Cana, She will help us to listen to what Jesus tells us, to transform the water of our daily life into the wine of new vocational fruitfulness.

The third World day of the Poor: November 17, 2019 marks the third annual World Day of the Poor. In 2017, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church to set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor, and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. In this year’s World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 9:19, “The hope of the poor will not perish forever.” He considers the suffering of millions of people who experience poverty, noting that they maintain hope in the Lord in a very real way because He assures them of his faithfulness. Pope Francis challenges us to be authentic witnesses of Christian hope and to accompany the poor through a personal and constant commitment over time.

Within the Family:

Salesian Family Live in 2019: Our Salesian Family Live in was animated by Fr. Edwin George SDB on the theme ‘Identity of Salesian Family’ on 2 October, 2019 followed by Salesian Family Consult from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Thanks to Fr. Thomas Louis and

Sr. Antonyswamy Rosy SDB, FMA Salesian Family Delegates who co-ordinated the day and Fr. Eugene Florence and Community of Don Bosco Manikandam for making all the arrangement for the meeting.

2nd Asiatic Congress of the Association: Sr. Rayan M. Auxilia Sophia Past Pupil Delegate in the Province, and Mrs. Irudaya Mary the President of Past Pupils Unit, Broadway took part in the 2nd Asian Pacific Region Congress of the FMA Past Pupils from 9 - 13, October, 2019 in Thailand on the theme '**Open minded and deep listening to create hope and inspiration**'. They had beautiful and interesting experiences shared based on their commitment to the children, women and young people in difficulty. It spurred the participants put into practice their motto "Hands in the world, Roots in the heart". Their commitment for the period 2019 – 2021 is: "Committed to live Salesian values, defend the family, and promote human dignity with love."

New Economers Course: Sr. Madalaimuthu Angela has left for Italy to attend a course on the Formation of the Province New Economers from 3 to 23 November, 2019. Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi will leave for Italy on 17 and join her and they will return on 5 December, 2019. May they have a very fruitful time in Italy.

Awareness Resource Kit Release Function: ASSIST in collaboration with CE, The School of Comprehensive studies and students from Holy Cross College, Tiruchirapalli will release an Awareness Resource Kit on Gender Based Violence at TMSSS Hall, Tiruchirapalli on 8 November, 2019. The Kit consists of 3 books on successful women, psychology and social taboos; Posters depicting male chauvinism, social taboos and gender disparity; and 3 documentary Videos on current status of women in the society. Eswari, Editor of Thiraiyaal Magazine and Secretary of South Indian Film Women's Association (SIFWA), Chennai, and P. Kalaiarasi, Founder and Directress of Poornodhaya Special School, Kolakudi, Tiruchirapalli will be the guests of honour. As we rejoice with ASSIST, we implore God's blessings on each one of them.

Visit of SDB General Councilor for Youth Ministry: Fr. Fabio Attard SDB, General Councilor for Youth Ministry along with Fr. Patrick SDB from Youth Pastoral Sector, Italy and Fr. Ashok Lawrence Britto SDB INT Secretary made a visit to our house in Manikandam on 2 November 2019. The Fathers were welcomed with a melodious song by the Novices of Divyadhanam. In addressing the Novices and the Sisters, he exhorted them to establish intimate friendship with Jesus, witnessing life of communion, service to one another and availability to the poor around the clock and being present with our young people wherever they are.

PCJ Provincials Retreat: I will be leaving for Sri Lanka for my Annual Retreat with the FMA Provincials of India from 30 November - 7 December, 2019 will be animated by Fr. Joseph Almeida SDB, the Provincial of Sri Lanka Vice Province. We will take part in the Blessing of the new Novitiate building in Negombo on 8th December and return on 9th December 2019.

Preparation for the centenary of the arrival of the first Missionaries to India: As we are at the threshold of our triennial preparation for the centenary of the Pioneers arrival to our Mother Land India, we are exhorted to prepare ourselves for it on the theme 'With Mary through the Course of the Century (1922-2022) and beyond '. Our focus from 2019-2020 will

be - Give thanks: "Let us truly thank the Lord who gives us many graces" (L 37,10) Living our FMA Identity with Gratitude; from 2020-2021 will be Accept the mandate: "I entrust them to you." Reviving the Family Spirit and strengthening Community Communion; and from 2021-2022 will be Plan the future boldly: "Courage! Let us go ahead with a great and generous heart" (L 47,12) Prophets and witnesses for a transformed society in the style of synodality. The PCI will propose the preparation for this mega event. As we get the communication let us accept them with love and increase our zeal for our mission among the young people.

New Education Policy: In perspective of the New Education Policy 2019, 'National Federation for Protection of Education' is organizing a public meeting at Chepauk, Chennai, on 9 November, 2019 from 2 - 5 p.m. Sisters involved in Education from Chennai Houses are exhorted to participate in this meeting.

Second Novitiate: Sr. Antony M. Ponraj Amudha, Sr. Michael V. Amalorpava Mary and Sr. Samson S. Gnana Jennifer along with the sisters from INB, INC, and INM will take part in the Second Novitiate Programme facilitated by Sr. Devadoss Margaret (INM) at Mannivakkam from 15 November to 15 December, 2019. Let us accompany them with our powerful prayers that they may discern their vocation and follow Jesus paying heed to His voice to be signs and bearers of His love among the young people.

Thanks and Appreciation to:

- To Sr. Fernando Majella and Community for making all the arrangement for the submission of Half Yearly Society Account and animation to be conducted in Broadway on 7 October, 2019.
- To Sr. Santhana Pushpa Jeya and Community for facilitating the Catechetical Seminar for Teachers on 19 October, 2019 in Therespuram.
- To Sr. Stanislaus Mary Dora and Community of Kodambakkam for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the juniors for the Recollection and Animation which was held from 2-3 November 2019.

Days of importance – November 2019

01	All Saints Day
02	All Souls Day
09	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
13	Bl. Artemides Zatti
15	Bl. Madaleine Morano
21	Presentation of the BVM
22	St. Cecilia / Arrival of our First Missionaries to India
24	Christ the King
25	Ven. Mamma Margaret
30	St. Andrew

Forthcoming meetings in the Province – November 2019

2-3	Tri-monthly Recollection and animation – Juniors	Kodambakkam
5-15	Ashram experience for the first year Novices	Mannivakkam
9	Tri monthly Recollection for the Seniors	Zonal Level
9	NCP Formation Meeting by NFE/ SDC	
10	Promise day of Salesian Co operators	Don Bosco Provincial House
14	Use of modern techniques for students by HMs	Local Communities
14-15	National Conference on Educating Youth for Social Transformation towards New Paradigms and inspiring Praxis organized by Don Bosco Higher Education Commission Kallukuzhy, Tiruchirapalli	Don Bosco Media Centre, Manikandam, Tiruchirapalli
15Nov.- 15 Dec.	II Novitiate Phase I	Mannivakkam
16	Training of Trainers on Human Rights from each group in Schools by Human Rights Group	Local Schools
23	Awareness on Gender based Violence for Women	Tiruppur

Our Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers

- † To Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala and Sisters of INM at the demise of Sr. Rayappan Antonia (51) who passed away in Sacred Heart Home on 8 October, 2019.
- † To the Archdiocese of Shillong at the passing away of Archbishop Dominic Jala the Bishop of Shillong in a fatal car crash in California on 10 October, 2019.
- † To the Diocese of Tiruchirapalli at the death of Bishop Antony Devotta, Bishop Emeritus of Tiruchirapalli, on 15 October 2019.
- † To Sr. Arockianathan Virginia and family at the sudden death of her niece Ms. Lavanya Mary (25 on 27 October 2019)
- † To Sr. Barnabas Susanna and Sr. Barnabas Sabina at the demise of their dear younger brother Mr. Marianus (67) due to a massive heart attack in Bengaluru on 28 October 2019.
- † To Sr. Panneerselvam Alphonsa and Family at the death of her nephew Ravin Hesley (14) who lost his life having drowned in a river on 28 October, 2019.
- May the Lord grant them eternal bliss and console the bereaved families.

Our FMA family as per the current data states that there are 16,398 FMA living in the abode of our Heavenly Father and 11,603 FMAs still on our onward journey to Heaven. As the month of November invites us to recall with gratitude all our departed friends and relatives, let us remember to pray for our dear Sr. Abramo Teresa, Sr. Fernando Juliet, Sr. Muthusamy Rosary, Sr. Gonsalves Dorathy and all our Sisters who bore witness to the love of Jesus in our communities. I wish you a solemn feast of the ALL SAINTS and a holy remembrance of the Faithful Departed, St. Mary Mazzarello and Children's Day.



Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret
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1-7	Provincial Office	Tiruchirapalli
8	Meeting in ASSIST	Tiruchirapalli
10	Salesian Co-operators promise day	
11- 12	PV	Madurai – Sirudur
13-14	PV	Madurai – Sringerinagar
15	MM Feast and Blessing of the School Building	Madurai
16	Short Visit	Dindigul – Marianathapuram
18-19	PV	Tiruvottiyur
20-21	PV	Pothur
22-23	PV	GT Marialaya
24-25	PV	FX
26	Visit	Katpadi Sacred Heart Home
29	Journey to Srilanka	Negombo, Srilanka
30 Nov. -7 Dec.	PCI – FMA Provincials’ Annual Retreat	”
8 Dec.	Blessing of the new Novitiate in	”
9 Dec.	Journey	Tiruchirapalli
14-15 Dec.	Provincial council	Manikandam