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Viva Gesù!

Greetings of joy to each one of you as we commence the observance of an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October 2019 to commemorate the **100th anniversary of the apostolic letter 'Maximum Illud'** of His Holiness Pope Benedict XV on 30 November 1919 with Missionary Theme: **'Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.'** Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. This life is bestowed on us in Baptism which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the rebirth in God's own image and likeness, and makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church. It makes us responsible to realize our vocation, to recognize our personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death.

Fr. Guillermi Basanes SDB - General Councillor for the Missions has synthesized the Apostolic Letter and has prepared a **booklet** with an animation for each day in the month of October. As this booklet is gifted to each Community, we are invited to use it in our Communities as it could replace the meditation in the morning or the evening prayer and Spiritual reading. Don Albera, while writing about Don Bosco states, "The missions were at the core of his heart and it seemed that he lived only for them. He talked of them with so much enthusiasm, that one remained amazed and greatly edified by his ardent fervor for souls." May we imbibe the missionary spirit of our Founders as we celebrate October 2019 - the Extraordinary Missionary Month.

Educational Alliance to Promote Care for Common Home

Pope Francis launches the **Global Educational Alliance** initiative to shape the future of humanity by forming mature individuals who can overcome division and care for our Common Home. The Vatican will host a meeting on **14 May 2020** in the Paul VI Hall to reflect on the theme **"Reinventing the Global Educational Alliance"**. Pope has invited representatives from various religions, NGOs, academia, cultural and political leaders to attend it, in the hope of endorsing the "Global Compact on Education". **The goal** of this meeting is to develop **"a new universal solidarity and a more welcoming society."** The need of the hour is unite our efforts in a broad educational alliance, to form mature individuals capable of overcoming division and antagonism, and to restore the fabric of relationships for the sake of a more fraternal humanity," Quoting an African proverb - "It takes a whole village to educate a child" - Pope Francis called for the creation of an "educational village". In such a system, he said, everyone would participate according to their respective roles to form a "network of open, human relationships." The Pope called it an

alliance that “integrates and respects all aspects of the person, uniting studies and everyday life, teachers, students and their families, and civil society in its intellectual, scientific, artistic, athletic, political, business, and charitable dimensions.”

Pope laid three steps towards creating educating village: The first step is finding “**the courage to place the human person at the center.**” This means recognizing the world’s interconnectedness and re-thinking economics, politics, growth, and progress, giving pride-of-place to an integral ecology that rejects the throw-away culture. Next, Pope Francis called for summoning up “**the courage to capitalize on our best energies**”. The *status quo* should be replaced by giving education “a long-term vision”, to create a new humanism. The result, he added, will be “men and women who are open, responsible, prepared to listen, dialogue and reflect with others, and capable of weaving relationships with families, between generations, and with civil society.” The Pope said a further step is “**the courage to train individuals who are ready to offer themselves in service to the community.**” Service, he said, is the “pillar of the culture of encounter”, and it means helping the neediest of people and discovering that “there is more joy in giving than in receiving.”

Pope invites us to commit ourselves to improving our communities and to promoting “forward-looking initiatives that can give direction to history and change it for the better.” Let us seek solutions together, boldly undertake processes of change, and look to the future with hope.

Within The Family:

RFP: The death of Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SDB the Provincial of INT came as a bolt from the blue for the entire Salesian Family on 11 September 2019 at 4.15 a.m. as he passed away in Kauvery Medical Centre, Tiruchirapalli. We extend our sincere condolences to Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam - Vice Provincial, Provincial Councilors, Confreres, Brothers and the family members who deeply grieve over the demise of Fr. Antony Joseph. Many priests, religious and lay people thronged for his funeral. He was a man of prayer and he could contain everyone in his heart. Everyone could relate with him with ease and freedom. His life is a testimony of human Salesian values. He made casual friendly visits to our houses and was every ready to support us in our mission and celebrate Mass on various occasions in our houses. May he enjoy a blissful life in paradise and bless us from heaven.

Province Chapter 2019: The first **Province Chapter 2019** is going to be held in Manikandam, Tiruchirapalli from October 20 - 26, 2019 on GC XXIV theme “**Do whatever He tells you**” (**Jn 2: 5). Communities that generate life in the heart of Contemporaneity.** The objective of the chapter is **To awaken the original freshness of the vocational fruitfulness of the Institute.** As we eagerly look forward for the Celebration of the Province Chapter 2019, I call upon each community to have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and pray for its success from 1st - 26 October 2019. I cordially invite all the Members of the Chapter and expect you to be present in the Provincial house on 20th October Sunday by 3.30 p.m. Sisters from the neighbouring communities are most welcome for the inaugural function of the Chapter on 22nd October 2019 at 09.00 a.m.

Training of the Trainers: Tamil Nadu Bishops have declared 2020 as the year of Youth. In preparation for this significant year, TNBC Youth Commission has ventured into a Programme ‘100 Youth Scheme’. One of its objectives is to conduct programs to train the

trainers on Exhortation of Pope Francis - Christus Vivit. Four young people from our Province ranging from the age of 21 -24 will be participating in this programme. They in turn will train the young people in our Institutes and our diocese.

Bharat Scouts and Guides: A Basic Course in Guide Captain and Scout Master will be conducted in Don Bosco Camp Site, Keeranur, Tiruchirapalli from 2 - 8 October 2019. Forty two students from B.Ed. College - Regunathapuram and eight Sisters from our Province will participate in the course.

New Provincial Mumbai: Hearty congratulations to **Fr. Savio Silveira** the 11th Provincial of SDB INB Province. We seek the blessings of our Blessed Mother in his new responsibility. May he be guided by the Spirit to lead the Province on the path of our Saintly Founder Don Bosco.

POCSO Meeting: Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani, Sr. Masilamani Sebastia Jeya Pushpam, Sr. Ayundukayam Arockia Malarjothi, Sr. Savarimuthu Annamanickam, Sr. Susai Anthonia, Sr. Irudayasamy Maria Tamil Selvi, Sr. Joseph Susai Latha and Sr. George Mary Vijila Rani will take part in “**Child Protection: Church, Law and Our Mission**” (POCSO) Act 2012 in Tiruchirapalli, Kattur, Montford CBSE School on 12 October 2019.

General Body Meeting: Sr. Peter Selvarani will participate in the General Body Meeting organized by Consortium of Christian Minority Higher Educational Institutions in St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli on 5th October 2019.

Prayers Requested: Let us continue to pray for the speedy recovery of Sr. Piera Cavaglia FMA, General Secretary who has undergone a surgery in Italy.

Thanks and Appreciation:

- ♥ To Sr. Pathi Margaret and Community of Madras - Mannivakkam for making all the arrangement to animate Ashram Experience for Aspirants from 01-15 September 2019; For facilitating In person Training for Master Trainers from 13 - 15 September 2019; and for conducting Life Skill Education – II Training from 29 - 01 October 2019 at Mannivakkam.
- ♥ To Sr. Poobalarayen Nirmala and Community of Wellington for facilitating NCP Formation Meeting on 07 September 2019.
- ♥ To Sr. Yacob Amalie and Community for making all the arrangement to animate Awareness programme on Gender based violence at Coimbatore on 19 September 2019.
- ♥ To Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam and Community for hosting Co-operators Meet Tiruchirapalli, Kallukuzhi on 21 September 2019.
- ♥ To Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi and the Staff of ASSIST who animated the Leadership Training on 27 September 2019; NCP Leadership Training and Media Animation on 28 September 2019; Second year Novices Exposure Programme at Thuvrankurichi from 13-20 September 2019.
- ♥ Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela and Community of Tiruchirapalli - Manikandam for hosting the Provincial Council Meeting at Manikandam from 28 - 29 September 2019.
- ♥ To the Communities of Chennai - Sirudur, Thanjavur, Tiruvottiyur and Vadakku Paganoor for availing Sisters to prepare the Provincial House for the Province Chapter.

Days of Importance – October 2019

1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
2	The Guardian Angels
4	St. Francis of Assisi
7	Our Lady of Rosary
15	St. Teresa of Avila
16	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
18	St. Luke
20	Mission Sunday
28	SS. Simon and Jude
29	Bl. Michael Rua

Forthcoming Meetings In The Province – October 2019

2	Cooperators - Salesian Family Day	Tiruchirapalli
4	Pro Life celebration week with eco friendly activities in schools	Each school
5	NCP Formation Meet Submission of Half Yearly Society Account and Animation	Puliadithammam FX Broadway
12-14	Workshop and Training - ‘Gender based violence in our context’ and preparation of resource materials for awareness for college Students.	Thuvarankuruchi
19	Catechetical Seminar for Teachers VTC Review Meeting	Therespuram Manikandam
20 - 26	Province Chapter - 2019	Manikandam
25 - 26	STEM workshop for School Children	Thuvarankuruchi
23	Awareness on Gender based violence for Women	Mariyalayas
26 - 27	Cooperators retreat and renewal of the Promise and Promise day	Tiruchirapalli
27 - 29	Media and documentation Training for NCP members and Marialaya children along with the Staff	Thuvarankuruchi

Our Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers

- † To the Provincial and Confreres of SDB Bombay over the passing away of Rev. Fr. Ignas Macwan SDB on 9 September 2019 at Baroda.
- † To Rev.Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam the Vice Provincial and the confreres on the demise of Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SDB - Provincial of INT.
May the dear departed enjoy the bliss of Paradise.

I conclude with wishes for the feast of Our Lady of Rosary. As we pray the Rosary with the families, May Mary, the praying Woman and the caring Lady, who knows how to recognize the action of the Spirit in great and imperceptible events, help us to let ourselves be guided by Jesus all throughout this month.

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