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My dear Sisters,

Cordial greetings and prayerful wishes from Tiruchirappalli.

We begin the month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and I wish to extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast of the month, deeply imbued with the themes of love and mercy, beckons us to immerse ourselves evermore into the profound love of God, revealed in Christ, symbolized by His Most Sacred Heart.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not merely a historic tradition but a profound spiritual memory that invites us every time we return to it, to experience the depth of God's infinite love. The Heart of Jesus is a symbol of God's immense love, compassion, and unending mercy towards all humanity. It is an inexhaustible source of grace, offering us comfort and strength, especially during our times of trial and uncertainty.

Reflecting on the revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who was chosen by Christ to propagate this devotion, we are reminded that "the Sacred Heart is an inexhaustible fountain, and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble." Her profound experiences and revelations call us to open our hearts more fully to receive and share the love of the Sacred Heart.

Our beloved Mother, St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello frequently drew inspiration from the Sacred Heart. In her letters, she encouraged her sisters to seek solace and strength in the Heart of Jesus, seeing it as a refuge of peace and a source of unwavering courage. She exemplified a life rooted in the love of the Sacred Heart, urging us to do the same by fostering a deep personal relationship with Jesus.

It is also more than fitting, to reflect on the wisdom and teaching of St. John Bosco, who had a profound devotion to the Sacred Heart. We are aware of the stupendous monument of this love that stands till date, in the Basilica of Sacred Heart in the heart of Rome, built by our saintly Father, Don Bosco. His recommendations to us, offer us valuable insights into how we can honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our lives and in our communities.

1. **Frequent Reception of the Sacraments:** Don Bosco emphasized the importance of frequent reception of the Sacraments, particularly Confession and Holy Communion. He believed that these Sacraments are powerful means of drawing close to the Sacred Heart, receiving the grace of God, and renewing our spiritual lives.
2. **Daily Prayer and Devotion:** Don Bosco recommended daily prayer and particular devotions to the Sacred Heart, such as the Litany of the Sacred Heart, the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, and a special attention to the practice of the First Friday devotion. These practices can keep our hearts attuned to the love and mercy of Jesus.

3. **Imitation of the love of Christ and His Virtues:** Don Bosco encouraged his followers to imitate the virtues of the Sacred Heart, especially humility, patience, and charity. By striving to exercise these virtues in our daily lives, we honor the Sacred Heart and become living reflections of Christ's love and of His virtues.
4. **Acts of Charity and Service:** A hallmark of Don Bosco's life was his pastoral charity and selfless service towards the young and particularly the poorest among them. He taught that serving others with love and compassion is a powerful way to honour the Sacred Heart. In our communities, we are indeed invited and enabled to look for opportunities to extend our love and support to those in need.
5. **Trust in Divine Providence:** Don Bosco had a firm trust in Divine Providence, believing that the Sacred Heart of Jesus would always provide for those who trust in Him. He encouraged his followers to cultivate a similar trust, surrendering their worries and challenges to the loving care of the Sacred Heart.
6. **Community and Family Devotion:** Don Bosco recognized the importance of fostering devotion to the Sacred Heart within families and communities. He encouraged community prayers, gatherings, and celebrations centered on the Sacred Heart, strengthening the bonds of love and faith among members.

As we celebrate this wonderful Feast of the Sacred Heart, let us take to our hearts, the inspiration from Don Bosco's recommendations. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus fill our hearts with His boundless love and mercy, inspiring us to live daily His teachings, with renewed zeal and devotion.

Let us embrace this occasion as an opportunity for spiritual renewal, contemplating the mysteries of the Sacred Heart and allowing its love to transform us. Let us strive to unite our hearts in prayer, adoring the Sacred Heart and entrusting all our cares, hopes, and desires to Jesus, as individuals, as communities and as a province. Let this be a moment of deep spiritual communion and renewal!

As we venerate the Sacred Heart, let us not forget that the veneration and devotion need to translate themselves into concrete expressions of our love to those around us. In our daily interactions, may we embody the compassion, mercy, and love that flow from the Heart of Jesus. Let us support and pray for one another, strengthening our bonds as a community, dedicated to living out the love of Christ.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus fill our hearts with peace, joy, and a renewed zeal for our mission. May His love inspire and guide us in all our endeavors, helping us to be true witnesses of God's infinite love and mercy.

❖—◆ **MONTH'S SPECIAL!** ◆—❖

- **SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ERECTION OF THE PROVINCE (JUNE 10):** We commemorate the Seventh Anniversary of the Erection of our Province dedicated to Our Lady of Snow. It is a reminder of our humble beginnings and of the powerful presence of the Almighty by our side! Through dedication and hard work, we've achieved, what we have, in these seven years. May this milestone strengthen further our unity, growth, and direction in all our future endeavors. Let's mark this day

in our communities with a special moment to consecrate our Province to Our Lady of Snow, expressing gratitude for her guidance and protection. I wish each and everyone, a joyful celebration and many more years of holy joy and fulfillment in the Lord.

- **58TH WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS 2024 (MAY 12):** The Universal Church commemorated the 58th World Day of Social Communications on 12 May 2024, on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The theme proposed by Pope Francis was, “Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.” Pope Francis had reminded us that the emerging technologies risk, making persons rich in technology, but poor in humanity. He says, only by adopting a spiritual way of viewing reality, only by recovering a wisdom of the heart can we confront and interpret the newness of our times and rediscover the path to a fully human communication.
- **BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (JUNE 24):** As we reflect on the life and mission of John the Baptist, let us heed his call to humility, courage, and unwavering faith. Just as John prepared the way for Christ, let us prepare our hearts to receive Him anew each day. May we, like John, be fearless in speaking truth and pointing others towards the saving grace of Jesus Christ. June 24 is celebrated as the day of the Rector Major, as St. John Bosco was fond of celebrating it as his name feast! This day also commemorates the origins of the Feast of Gratitude at the Valdocco Oratory. According to the Biographical Memoirs, the boys’ special occasion to demonstrate their sentiments of gratitude was the feast of St. John the Baptist. It would be opportune to remember especially the outgoing Rector Major, Cardinal Angel Fernandez Artime, and his special intentions.
- **SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL - POPE’S DAY (JUNE 29):** Celebrating Sts. Peter and Paul, we remember June 29 as the Pope’s Day, a time to thank God for and to pray specially for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Tracing the footsteps of Don Bosco, let us instill in our youth a deep love and devotion for the Pope as part of our spiritual heritage. Pope Francis, known for his commitment to mercy, compassion, and care for the marginalized, is a beacon of hope for humanity and a cherished leader of the Church. As we offer our prayers for his intentions, may his tireless efforts to promote peace and harmony in the world be blessed with success, and may his example inspire us to live our faith, love, and service in action.

✠ NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE! ✠

- **NEW ANIMATOR:** I am happy to inform that Mother General Chiara Cazzuola and her Council have approved Sr. Diaz Francis Immaculate as a new animator for the Community of Auxilium - Thanjavur, for a term of three years (2024-2027). We

extend our heart filled wishes as she takes up this new responsibility and offer her our sincere prayers and accompaniment.

- **NEW PROVINCIALS' COURSE:** On 07 June 2024, I will go to Italy to participate in the New Provincials' Course at Castel Gandolfo, Rome. I request your prayers and recommend you to refer Sr. Lazar Bernardine, the Vice Provincial, for any need.
- **CHANGES IN THE PROVINCIAL TEAM:**
 - We express our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Arockiasamy Rani Celine for her dedicated and remarkable service as the Province Coordinator for the Human Rights sector over the past seven years. May God bless and reward her for all her hard work. In her place, let us welcome **Sr. Irudayam Janci Rani as the new Human Rights Coordinator.**
 - We extend our thanks for the service rendered by Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani as Province Coordinator for Youth Pastoral and Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen as Province Coordinator for Past Pupils for the past year. I appreciate their willingness to continue their service in the Province for the coming year:
 - **Sr. Viagappan Rosario Jebamani as Coordinator for Past Pupils**
 - **Sr. John Bosco Edal Queen as Coordinator for Youth Pastoral.**May God assist them in serving the Province efficiently.
- **TRANSFERS:**
 - With heartfelt gratitude, we acknowledge Sr. Savari Raj Arockia Sophiya for her dedicated service as the Assistant of Aspirants and Postulants at Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi (INM), representing our Province. Let us warmly welcome her back as she takes on her new responsibility in our Province.
 - We extend our prayers and blessings to Sr. Antony M. Ponraj Amudha Selva R. as she is temporarily transferred from our Province to INM, to serve at Sacred Heart, Katpadi as the assistant of the Aspirants and the Postulants.

We sincerely thank our dear Sisters for their generosity and willingness to serve. May the Lord bless and guide them as they continue to glorify the Lord with their life and mission.

- **WARM WELCOME:** Sr. Sahayaraj Infanta and Sr. Anthonysamy Reshma return to the Province after the completion of their Intensive Juniorate at Auxilium, Provincial House, Guwahati.
- **ALL THE BEST:** Our special prayers and blessings:
 - to Sr. Anthony Swamy Renuga, who will be leaving for Italy on 07 June 2024 for her two-year studies in Salesian Spirituality at Casa Madre Ersilia Canta, Rome.

- to Sr. Arulananthu Jefri who will go to Bannerghatta, Bangalore on 15 June 2024 to do one year course on the fashion design course.

We wish them safe journey and all the best for their studies.

- **JUNIORS' MEET:** Rev. Sr. Inigo Joachim SSA will be animating the young Sisters of our Province between the years of professions from 2019 to 2024. The animation shall take place from 08 to 10 June 2024, at St. Francis Xavier Convent, Broadway - Chennai. The theme proposed is, "Consecrated Life: a Gift and a Challenge". Participants are asked to arrive at 04.00 p.m. on 07 June. They are recommended to bring with them their Holy Bible.
- **AUDITING:** The Annual Auditing for this year will be held from 10 to 15 June 2024, at Auxilium Provincial House, Tiruchirappalli.
- **PROVINCIAL TEAM MEET:** The Provincial Team meeting has been scheduled for 15 and 16 June 2024, at Auxilium Provincial House, Tiruchirappalli.

PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS:

- **ANNUAL RETREAT III:** Forty-five Sisters participated in the third Annual Retreat from 03 to 10 May 2024 at Don Bosco Wellington preached by Rev. Fr. David Jesuraj CSsR. The theme was on "God experience in day-to-day life - total offering of self and a fruitful mission".
- **ANNUAL RETREAT IV:** Six Postulants, thirteen Novices, eight Second Novitiate Sisters of INM and INT Provinces and three other Sisters participated in the Retreat from 16 to 22 May 2024, at Divyadhanam Novitiate, Manikandam - Tiruchirappalli, preached by Rev. Fr. Antro Belevendiran SDB. The theme was: "Stay with Me" Mt. 26:38 --- "To Be with Him" MK. 3:14.
- **JUNIORS' RENEWAL PROGRAMME:** Twenty-two Junior Sisters participated in the Renewal Programme held at Marianathapuram, Dindigul from 13 to 21 May 2024. Sr. Madalaimuthu Pokkisha Mary coordinated the programme. The course emphasized on becoming positive persons with right attitude, through dedicating time to enrich oneself with the Word of God and varied other helps available. The Junior Sisters expressed that they cherish the knowledge and experience gained from the sessions: taken by the resource persons. We wish to thank Rev. Fr. Francis Camillus SDB who made himself available on 20 May 2024, for their confessions, and Fr. Antro Belevendiran SDB who preached the recollection on 22 May 2024 to prepare themselves for the renewal of their vows, on 23 May 2024 during the Solemn Holy Eucharist.

- **CONGRATULATIONS:** With heartfelt gratitude, we celebrate the achievements of the students of our Schools in the X and XII examinations, and thank the Lord for all the blessings. We commend to the Lord the dedication of all our Staff and Sisters, in sustaining all the students, especially the weak and the poor that they may excel in their performance and in their life.

SUMMER CAMP AND COURSES:

- ASSIST organized H₂O Summer Camp based on Sustainable Development Goals, Child Rights and Water Management in collaboration with the communities of Vadakku Paganoor, Puliadithammam, Keela Eral and Ulagampatti for four hundred and fifty children during their holidays. We congratulate them for the efforts and the outcome.
- There were forty students from Tiruvottiyur and about Three hundred and twenty students from Therespuram participated in the VBS Classes and Summer camp. The Children enthusiastically engaged with their peers and enjoyed the creative activities like arts and crafts, clay modelling, indoor and outdoor games.

✂️... APPRECIATION AND SINCERE THANKS! ...✂️

- To Sr. Lazar Bernardine, Vice Provincial, for her contribution as the facilitator of the Second Phase of the Second Novitiate. Her expertise, guidance, Salesian Assistance, accompaniment and dedication have enriched the learning experience and empowered the sisters to discern and deepen their commitment as the spouses of Christ and disciples in His mission.
- To Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary and Community for facilitating the Second Phase of the Second Novitiate from 20 April to 15 May 2024 and for the celebration of the first profession of our Second-year Novices on 24 May 2024 at Auxilium Provincial House, Tiruchirappalli.
- To Sr. Cruz Anthoni Michaela, the Novice Formator, and Community for extending a warm welcome to Six Postulants on 15 May 2024 and for creating a prayerful and conducive atmosphere for the Sisters to make their Annual Retreat from 16 to 23 May 2024, for the Recollection and Renewal of vows, and for the initiation of the Novices on 23 May 2024 at Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manikandam.
- To Sr. Kulanthai Theresa and Community for availing the cool and beautiful place at Wellington to conduct the Annual Retreat III from 03 to 10 May 2024.
- To Sr. Susai Anthonia and Community for making all the arrangements for the Juniors' Renewal Course from 13 to 21 May 2024. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Sr. Madalaimuthu Pokkisha Mary, the facilitator, and to all the resource persons who had inspired and ignited the minds of the young sisters by their enriching sessions.

- To Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal, Provincial, Sr. Lydia Komuhra, Vice Provincial of Guwahati, and the entire community for warmly accommodating our sisters during their one-year Intensive Juniorate at Auxilium Provincial House - Guwahati. Their wonderful hospitality, kindness, and support have created a nurturing environment that has made a meaningful impact on their religious journey and personal development.
- To Most Rt. Rev. Stephen Antony Pillai D.D., Bishop of Tuticorin for solemnizing the First Profession of our Sisters and especially for his inspiring homily on the challenges of Religious life.
- To Sr. Masilamani Sebasti Jeya Pushpam and the Sisters and the Novices for their melodious singing for the Eucharist of the First Profession.
- To Sr. Rayappan Sampooranam and the Community of Puliadithammam for their hospitality, meticulous planning and execution of the solemn celebration of the Final Commitment of our three Sisters and for creating an ambient so familial and festive at St. Antony's Church, Pallithammam.
- To Most Rt. Rev. Lourdu Anandam D.D., Bishop of Sivagangai who solemnized the Holy Mass of the Final Profession, making the celebration significant by his eminent presence and his thought-provoking homily on living the religious commitment with fidelity and joy.
- To Fr. Susai Savariyannan SDB and the Community of Bosco Maiyam, Pallithammam for generously offering their venue for our celebrations. Their support and generosity contributed immensely to the success of the event. We truly appreciate their kindness and hospitality.
- To Sr. Rayan M. Auxilia Sophia and the Sisters for their exceptional contribution in making the event incredibly prayerful by their singing. Their harmonious voices and the heartfelt melodies added to the sacredness of the atmosphere.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- To all our Junior Sisters who have renewed their Vows with zeal and enthusiasm, and the six Postulants: four INM and two INT who have entered the Novitiate on 23 May 2024.
- To the three Newly Professed members of our Province, who said a firm 'yes' to God on 24 May, 2024, to become Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.
- To the three beautiful spouses of Christ, who after intense prayer, preparation and discernment, expressed their lifelong commitment through their final profession on 25 May, 2024.

Dear Sisters, may the grace of your vows sustain you, and may you find strength and inspiration in the love of God and in the support of your community. Wishing you an abundance of happiness and meaning in life as Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco.

✂️... **IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE MONTH AHEAD!** ...✂️

- 02 - The Body and Blood of Christ
- 05 - World Environment Day
- 07 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 08 - Immaculate Heart of Mary
- St. Mariam Teresia / Blessed Stephen Sandor SDB
- 13 - St. Antony of Padua
- 24 - Nativity of John the Baptist
- 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul - Pope's Day

✂️... **MEETINGS IN THE PROVINCE** ...✂️

08 - 10	:	Juniors Meet	FX Broadway
10 - 15	:	Auditing	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
15-16	:	Team Meeting	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
20	:	Human Rights Meet - Schools, Chennai Zone	FX Broadway and Tiruvottiyur
21	:	Catechetical Animation	Broadway
	:	Human Rights Meet - Non-formal Sectors, Chennai Zone	George Town and Pothur
22	:	Local Youth Pastoral Co-ordinators Meet	Madurai, Sirudur
23	:	VIDES South Zone Meet	Therespuram
28	:	Catechetical Animation	Therespuram
	:	Human Rights Meet - Schools and Colleges	Thanjavur and Regunathapuram
29-30	:	Media Minds Meet for the Local Media Coordinators	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli

✂️... **CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS** ...✂️

- † *To the Provincial and the Sisters of INC Province at the demise of Sr. Teresa Koratiparampil (73) on 02 May 2024.*
- † *To Sr. Xavier Jenophia Josephine who lost her beloved father Mr. A. Xavier (65) on 09 May 2024.*

- † *To the Provincial and the Confreres of INK, at the demise of Fr. Mathew Maruvathrail SDB (94) on 16 May 2024.*
- † *To Rev. Fr. L. Sahayaraj, Diocesan Administrator, the clergy, the religious and the faithful of Thanjavur Diocese for the loss of the beloved Bishop Emeritus, Most Rt. Rev. Dr. Devadoss Ambrose Mariadoss (76) on 26 May 2024.*
- † *To Sr. Arockianathan Verginia Mary at the demise of her beloved Sister Ms. Mary Helen (63) on 29 May 2024.*
- † *To the clergy, the religious and the laity of the Diocese of Hyderabad and Warangal, at the demise of Most Rt. Rev. Dr. Thumma Bala (80), Archbishop Emeritus of Hyderabad and Bishop Emeritus of Warangal on 30 May 2024.*

As we step into a new academic year, let's open our hearts to the boundless love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His Heart is an eternal wellspring of love, from where gush forth, boundless compassion and grace, to all who seek solace and redemption. In its radiance, we find the purest expression of divine love, a love that knows no bounds and transcends all barriers. Let us open our hearts to the transformative power of this love, allowing it to heal our wounds, illumine our paths, and guide our lives towards purpose and service. In His love, we find not only comfort and meaning, but also a continuous call to begin anew our life of love and virtue. As we face the challenges ahead, let's entrust ourselves to Jesus' Heart, to guide us and bless every one of our endeavours. May His presence be our constant companion, leading us towards an ever deepening commitment to the greater glory of God and the salvation of God's loved ones.

Yours affectionately in Christ,



Sr. Fernando Majella

Provincial

VICE PROVINCIAL ITINERARY

JUNE - 2024

08 - 10	:	Juniors Meet - FX Broadway
15-16	:	Team Meeting - Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
26	:	Thanjavur
27	:	Regunathapuram

ECONOMER ITINERARY

JUNE - 2024

07 - 08	:	Puthenthurai
10 - 15	:	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
18 - 20	:	New Ecomer's Course - Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli