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My dear Sisters

Cordial greetings and prayerful wishes to each one of you.

We have just concluded the Second Provincial Chapter held from **16 to 21 October 2026**. With hearts filled with joy and gratitude, we thank God for the grace-filled journey through which the Lord guided us - prayer, sharing, discernment and deliberations… the days have been marked by a renewed sense of belonging, a deep desire to walk together and a hopeful openness to what the Lord is asking of our Province. As we begin to cherish the fruits of those significant moments of our province journey, the words of Jesus, ***"Blessed are you…",*** continue to resound in our hearts, everyday with a renewed meaning.

The theme of our XXV General Chapter, ***"Blessed are you… with the prophetic power of the charism, missionaries of communion together with young people,"*** is indeed timeless call and an urgent mission. In a world wounded by division, indifference and the growing loss of genuine relationships, the Beatitudes invite us to discover the true source of happiness in the heart of Christ. They call us to be women who bring hope where there is discouragement, build communion where there is division and stand close to young people as they search for meaning and direction in life. This is the prophetic strength of our charism: to make God's love visible through our presence, relationships and mission.

As we look back on the days of our Provincial Chapter, we recognise with grateful hearts how the Lord has walked with us, opened our minds to new possibilities and renewed our commitment to the mission entrusted to us. The Chapter has offered us a precious opportunity to look forward with gratitude, listen afresh to the Spirit and renew our commitment to journey ahead together with courage and hope. With hearts attuned to God's voice, we now carry forward the grace of these days, trusting that the One who has guided us thus far will continue to lead us as a Province, in fidelity to our charism, in communion with one another, and in absolute consecration on behalf of the young.

Please permit me to share a few sentiments following this significant event in the life of our Province.

My sincere and loving gratitude goes first to **Sr. Bernardine Lazar, Vice Provincial and Chapter Moderator**, for her wisdom, guidance and generous service. She was truly a guiding force throughout this important journey of our Province. I gratefully acknowledge the Provincial Councillors, team members, Animators, all the Sisters of the Province, our lay collaborators and members of the Salesian Family for their valuable suggestions, generous participation, selfless service and prayers. Upon our arrival on 15 October 2026 for the Provincial Chapter, **Rev. Fr. John Barnabas SDB, Rector of Alaigal Media** celebrated the Holy Eucharist and blessed the Mornese Well, erected as a monument to commemorate the Chapter, invoking God's blessings upon our gathering.

The Provincial Chapter journey began with a day of recollection animated by **Rev. Fr. A. Patrick Jeyaraj MSFS,** Provincial of the South East Province of India, who invited us to deepen our relationship with Christ and live the spirit of the Beatitudes. The solemn and fitting inaugural celebration, with the Holy Eucharist presided over by **Most Rev. Dr. T. Sagayaraj D.D., Bishop of Thanjavur**, set the tone for our Chapter. We gratefully acknowledge **Rev. Fr. Doss Kennedy SDB,** Provincial of the Salesian Province of INT**, Rev. Fr. Gaspar Jeyaraj CSC,** Provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross **and Rev. Fr. Joseph Ravendhiran OCD,** Provincial of the Discalced Carmelite Order, **and Rev. Fr. Xavier Terrence,** President of St. Paul's Faculty of Theology, Tiruchirappalli, who celebrated the Holy Eucharist and accompanied our Chapter through their reflections and guidance. Their contributions enriched our understanding of the Beatitudes, the Salesian charism, missionary communion, accompaniment of young people and creative fidelity to the Spirit.

The inaugural celebration was enriched by the prayer dance presented by **Sr. Rayappan Sampoornam and the Puliadithammam Community**, the presentation of the Chapter theme by **Sr. Sebastian Margaret Mary and Sr. Peter Selvarani, Superior of the Tiruvottiyur Community**, and the Provincial Chapter anthem prepared by **Sr. Pensiker Bastina Mary and her team from the Regunathapuram Community**. The messages of solidarity from the Salesian Family and educating communities expressed their closeness to the Province. The release of five books authored by our Sisters added significance to the occasion. I also gratefully acknowledge **Sr. Samson S. Gnana Jennifer** for undertaking the data entry of the responses received from the Sisters and stakeholders and consolidating the Province Reality Report.

The presentation of the Province Report for 2020–2026, group discussions and General Assembly helped us recognise God's grace, review our journey and discern priorities for the future. The participation of around 25 members of our educating communities on 20 October enriched our discernment and strengthened our commitment to walk together as Sisters and lay collaborators in the charism of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

A significant moment was the election of our delegates to General Chapter XXV: **Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret as Delegate and Sr. Azarias Arockia Mary Selvi as Substitute.** We thank them for accepting this responsibility and entrust their mission to the Lord. The deliberations on the proposals for the Province and the Centre helped us identify concrete commitments to strengthen our communities, deepen communion and renew our mission among young people, especially the poor and vulnerable.

The solemn conclusion on 21 October, marked by a procession to the Chapel, expressed our unity and readiness to carry forward the fruits of our discernment. The **Chittampatti Community, under the guidance of Sr. Vedamuthu Saveriammal**, animated the concluding ceremony. As I declared the Chapter closed, my heart was filled with deep fulfilment and gratitude.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to **Sr. Anthonyswamy Rosy** and Sisters of Auxilium Provincial House and **Sr. Arockiam Gracy Rani**, Sisters and Novices of Divyadhanam Novitiate Community, Manikandam, Tiruchirappalli, for their warm hospitality, careful arrangements and dedicated service. I also thank every Chapter member for her active participation and sincere discernment, our educating communities for their valuable contribution and all who accompanied the Chapter through their prayers and support.

Dear Sisters, as I look back on the six years entrusted to me in the ministry of Provincial, I am convinced that the life of a Province cannot be measured merely by its recorded achievements. Behind every page of the report are countless lives shared, communities accompanied, young people journeyed with and unseen acts of love and service. Through moments of joy and challenge, the Lord has continually supported and sustained us. With the Psalmist, we can truly sing, **"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Ps 126:3).**

Dear Sisters, the Chapter has come to an end, but our journey continues. May its fruits be seen in our daily choices, community relationships and apostolic commitments. Let the Beatitudes shape our lives, deepen our communion and renew our passion for the young. Entrusting our Province to Mary, our Mother and Help, may we continue to live the Salesian spirit with simplicity, courage and apostolic generosity, walking hand in hand with the young and offering them hope as living signs of God's love.

To God be glory for all that has been, all that is and all that is yet to come!

♦♦♦MONTH'S SPECIAL! ♦♦♦

- **ALL SAINTS DAY (November 01):** The occasion of the All Saints' Day invites us to rejoice in the great cloud of witnesses who have lived the Gospel fully. They were not born perfect, but they allowed God's grace to shape their weakness into holiness. Their lives remind us that sanctity is not an exception but a daily call, to love generously, forgive readily, and serve joyfully in the ordinariness of community life.

- **ALL SOULS' DAY (November 02):** On this sacred day, when the whole Church remembers the departed dear ones, we recall the testimony of our departed sisters, our own loved ones and benefactors and all others who have completed their earthly journey. With hearts full of gratitude, we cherish their contributions, sacrifices and the love they had shared with us. We entrust them to the compassionate heart of God, confident in the promise of eternal life.

- **CHILDREN'S DAY (November 14):** Every child is a bundle of dreams! As we celebrate the Children's Day in India, we celebrate the beauty and uniqueness of every child, reminding ourselves that each young life is a precious gift entrusted to our care. Inspired by Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello, may we listen to our children with love, protect their dignity, nurture their talents and create welcoming spaces where they feel safe, valued and encouraged to grow in fullness of life.

- **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (November 15):** "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." The World Day of the Poor invites us to look beyond our daily routines and notice those who struggle everyday for daily food, fundamental dignity and social acceptance! Sometimes, what a poor person needs most is not only a helping hand, but also a listening ear, a kind word and the assurance that someone cares. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that we are called not merely to trust in God as our refuge, but also to become a refuge for others. Hearkening to the call from the Universal Church, on this day, may we resolve to reach out with open hearts, recognise Christ in every person who suffers, and make our communities places where no one feels forgotten, unseen or alone.

- **THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE (November 22):** Christ our King reigns not from a throne of power, but from the Cross, where love gives itself completely. His kingdom is built not on authority or wealth, but on compassion, forgiveness, truth and humble service. He teaches us that true greatness lies in loving without counting the cost and reaching out to those who are forgotten and those in need. Inspired by the example of our King, may we choose love over indifference, service over self-interest and mercy over judgment, so that every young person we encounter may experience the gentle and transforming presence of Christ, our King.

- **THE ARRIVAL OF THE PIONEERS (November 24):** On November 24, 1922, six FMA Sisters arrived in Thanjavur. They stepped into an unfamiliar land with courage, generosity and hearts ready to give themselves without reserve. Their *yes* was not merely the beginning of a

mission; it was the seed of a living legacy that continues to bear fruit in countless lives till today. Their story is not only something to remember, but a call entrusted to each of us to keep their missionary flame alive through our joyful presence, courageous choices and loving service, especially among the young who need hope and guidance. As we approach this year's significant anniversary, may we cherish our legacy, renew our missionary passion and, inspired by our Pioneers, become new beginnings of hope wherever we are sent.

- **150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FMA'S MISSIONARY EXPEDITION - A 3rd Year in Preparation:** We as Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, have begun the joyful celebration of the 150th anniversary of our first missionary expedition (14 November 1877). Guided by the inspiring motto "It is time to rekindle the fire!" a vibrant reminder from Mother Mazzarello - we renew our missionary fervour and spiritual enthusiasm. This three-year preparation, inaugurated on 14 November 2024 by Mother Chiara Cazzuola, enters its Year III (2026 - 2027) marked by the celebration of the XXV General Chapter and leads up to the grand anniversary on November 14, 2027.

- **MAMMA MARGARET (November 25):** On November 25, we remember Mamma Margaret, a woman of deep faith, simplicity and loving wisdom. Through her trust in God and her selfless care, she nurtured the vocation of Don Bosco and became a mother to many. Her life reminds us that holiness is found in everyday life when it is lived with faith, love and generous service. May her example inspire us to trust God more deeply and to be loving, compassionate presences to those entrusted to our care.

- **ADVENT - A Journey of Hope (November 29):** As we begin Advent 2026, let us open our hearts to the Lord who comes to meet us. May this sacred season deepen our longing for Jesus and renew our desire to welcome Him into our lives. It would be a great help towards our spiritual growth if we as communities propose to ourselves some concrete Advent action plan! May our hearts become a dwelling place for Jesus and our lives glow to be signs of His hope, peace and love.

- **NOVENA TO MARY IMMACULATE (November 29):** On November 29, we begin the novena in honour of Mary Immaculate, preparing ourselves spiritually for the celebration of her feast on 08 December. This occasion holds a special place in the history of our Institute, as it recalls the humble beginnings of the FMA on 08 December 1872, under the loving guidance and protection of Mary Immaculate. These days of preparation invite us to turn our hearts towards Mary, learn from her faith and availability to God's will, and renew our commitment to live the Salesian charism with joy and generosity. May her example strengthen our missionary spirit, deepen our love for the young and inspire us to be bearers of Christ's presence wherever we are. Let us lovingly entrust our communities, our young people and all our apostolic commitments to her maternal care.

♦♦♦NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE♦♦♦

- **TRIMONTHLY RECOLLECTION AND THE DAY OF ANIMATION:**

  - **SENIORS:** The Trimonthly Recollection for the Senior Sisters will take place in the cluster communities on 01 November 2026.

  - **JUNIORS**: Trimonthly Recollection and the Day of Animation for all the Junior Sisters of INT will be held on 07 and 08 November 2026 at Auxilium Provincial House, Tiruchirappalli. The Junior Sisters are expected to arrive on 6th by evening, 04.30 p.m.

- **ASHRAM EXPERIENCE:** The first year Novices will have their Ashram Experience at Mannivakkam, Chennai, from 04 to 14 November 2026. May this sacred experience deepen their faith, enrich their spiritual journey and strengthen their response to God's call.

- **SECOND NOVITIATE PHASE I:** Sr. Amalraj Rabecca, Sr. Alexander Roselin Preethi and Sr. Gnanamani M. Mary will have the First Phase of their Second Novitiate at Auxilium Provincial House, Guwahati, from 15 November to 15 December 2026. May the Holy Spirit enlighten and accompany them throughout this grace-filled phase, deepening their discernment and strengthening their sense of vocation.

- **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATORS' COURSE** : Sr. Arulanandu Saradha, Sr. Maria Kanikkai Saveriammal, and Sr. Sylas Rani Salujah will participate in the CCBI Intense Course for Diocesan and Religious Financial Administrators in Goa from 16 to 21 November 2026.

- **DIAMOND JUBILEE OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION:** With hearts filled with gratitude to God, we joyfully look forward to celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession of **Sr. Barnabas Susanna on 21 November 2026 at Auxilium Provincial House**, **Tiruchirappalli.** We thank the Lord for her sixty years of faithful and loving service and pray that He may continue to bless her with joy, good health and renewed grace in her religious vocation.

- **ECONOMERS' MEET :** The Economers' Meeting will be held in Coimbatore Marialaya on 01 and 02 December 2026.

♦♦♦PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS♦♦♦

- **SALESIAN FAMILY LIVE-IN 2026:** The Salesian Family Live-in 2026 was held at Don Bosco Alaihal Media, Manikandam, Tiruchy, on 02 and 03 October 2026, with the inspiring theme "One Family - One Spirit - One Mission." The programme brought together representatives of different branches of the Salesian Family, actively present in the province of Tiruchy, for two days of prayer, formation, fellowship, sharing and joyful togetherness. Our sisters, Sr. Anthonyswamy Rosy, Sr. Ignaci Kulandai Theresa and Sr. Ayundukayam Arokiya Malarjothi on 02 October, organised an interactive dynamics on the 32 groups of the Salesian Family and on the Strenna 2026: "Do whatever he tells you." We thank and congratulate them for the lively, meaningful and participatory session, organised on our behalf. The programme concluded with a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine at Poondi. Special thanks to Fr. Victor Antonyraj, the SDB Vice Provincial, and Sr. Anthonyswamy Rosy, the FMA Provincial Delegate for the Salesian Family, who coordinated the programme.

- **ELEVATE - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:** The ELEVATE Leadership Development Programme for Principals and Institutional Leaders was organised by the Leadership Excellence Academy for Development Services (KJU-LEADS), Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, from 08 to 10 October 2026. Sr. Belevendiran Alankara Mary and Sr. Antony Nirmala Rani participated in this three-day residential programme themed "Unlock Your Leadership Potential," along with 37 other religious and lay educators from various institutions.

- **FX CENTENARY PAST PUPILS' REUNION:** St. Francis Xavier's Anglo-Indian Hr. Sec. School, Broadway, Chennai, celebrated its Centenary Alumni Reunion on 23 October 2026, bringing together nearly 300 past pupils from different generations in a joyful home coming of

gratitude and cherished memories. The celebration began with the Eucharistic Celebration, followed by the release of the Centenary Souvenir, felicitation of students and a vibrant alumni march-past. The evening featured cultural performances, a theatre presentation and fellowship. The former boarders also celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession of Sr. Delma Lamb FMA, former boarding mistress, on 24 October 2026. The reunion was a fitting tribute to a century of dedicated Salesian educational mission and the lives shaped by the institution.

- **FMA & SDB SALESIAN COOPERATORS' FORMATIVE CONGRESS AND PROMISE:** The Formative Congress 2026 of the Salesian Cooperators, Trichy, was held on 25 October 2026 at Don Bosco, Thanjavur, with the active participation of 120 members, including 06 SDBs and 07 FMAs. Along with me, the SDB Provincial, Fr. Doss Kennedy was present for the occasion. I had the opportunity of addressing the participants and I made use of it to appreciate the commitment manifested by the cooperators and offered them a simple message to continue the experience. The congress came to a conclusion with a Holy Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Doss Kennedy SDB. The day was indeed marked by formation, fellowship and spiritual enrichment, inviting the participants to a renewed commitment to Salesian charism, in the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE MONTH

01	-	All Saints Day
02	-	All Souls Day
13	-	St. Artemide Zatti
14	-	Children's Day
15	-	Blessed Maddalena Morano
16	-	World Day of the Poor
21	-	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22	-	Christ the King, Solemnity
24	-	Commemoration of the Arrival of First Missionaries to India
25	-	Venerable Margaret Occhiena
29	-	Advent / Novena to Immaculate Conception
30	-	St. Andrew, the Apostle

MEETINGS IN THE PROVINCE

07	Province Safeguarding Commission and Local Safeguarding Team	Online
07 - 08	INT Juniors, Tri-monthly Recollection	APH - Tiruchirappalli
19 - 20	Provincial Council Meet	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
21	Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Barnabas Susanna	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli

21	Vocation Drive - Parish Visit	Kanyakumai - Nagercoil
	Media Animation for all INT FMAs	Online
22	Women as Decision Makers at Home & Environment	Vadakku Paganoor
26	Constitution Day - Student	Local Communities
28	Happy Learners - Evening Centre Staff	Online
29	Child and Earth Rights - NCP Members	Online
01 - 02 December	Economers Meet	Coimbatore

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

† ***To Sr. Sundaram Bernedette Neha*** who lost her grandmother Mrs. James Dasan (85) on 13 October 2026.

† ***To the Provincial and the Confreres of the Province of INT,*** at the demise of Fr. Daniel Pushparayer *SDB* (47) on 25 October 2026.

† ***To the Provincial and the Sisters of INK Province,*** at the demise of Sr. Catherin Aayila (79) on 26 October 2026.

† ***To the Provincial and the Sisters of INM Province*** at the loss of Sr. Arokiaswamy Celine (88), on 27 October 2026.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King , let us acknowledge the invitation to be renewed in our love for the young and in allowing Christ to reign over our hearts, our communities and our mission. As we begin the season of Advent, let us resolve to walk together in hope and joyful expectation, preparing our hearts to receive Jesus with love.

Dear Sisters, with affection and prayer, I wish each of you a blessed and grace-filled November, even as we remember every Sister of ours gone before us and their generous contribution on our behalf. May Mary, Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello accompany us, helping us bring warmth, joy and hope to one another and to every young person we meet. May we continue to be a blessing wherever the Lord has sent us!

Yours affectionately in Christ,



Sr. Fernando Majella

Provincial

PROVINCIAL ITINERARY

NOVEMBER - 2026

01	Tri-monthly Recollection for Seniors	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
07 - 08	INT Juniors, Tri-monthly Recollection	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
09 - 10	Provincial Visit	Sringerinagar
11 - 12	Provincial Visit	Vadakkupaganoor
13 - 14	Provincial Visit	Dindigul - Marianathapuram
15 - 16	Provincial Visit	Ulagampatti
19 - 20	Provincial Council Meet	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
21	Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Barnabas Susanna	Auxilium Provincial House - Tiruchirappalli
23 - 24	Provincial Visit	Tiruppur
25 - 26	Provincial Visit	Narasipuram
27 - 28	Provincial Visit	Coimbatore
Dec.01-02	Economers' Meet	Coimbatore