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Dear Sisters,

Today we commemorate Bl. Eusebia Palomino Yenes who was born on 15 December 1899 in Cantalpino, Spain, one of four children to Agustin Palomino and Juana Yenes. The words of Jesus can be surmised in the life of this simple and limpid soul. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.") Mt 19:14) M. Domenica Grassiano, the author of the book 'A charism in the wake of Don Bosco' writes, Bl. Eusebia " An insignificant woman - a sister in fact. A poor woman, rather one who knew misery. The world doesn't even know of the birth and death of such as she." But now she has become great in the kingdom of God, blessed in the sight of people and model and inspiration for all of us to imitate.

Her father worked as a seasonal farmhand, and during winter months when there was no work, he was forced to travel to nearby villages to beg for food, with the little Eusebia at his side. Overjoyed to be in her father's company, she was too young to understand his humiliation in asking for "a loaf of bread, for the love of God".

When Eusebia was 8 years old, she was forced to leave school and work to help the family. When she was 12 she went to Salamanca with her older sister to work and support her family. Every Sunday afternoon, Eusebia went to the Oratory run by the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. She was available to help the Sisters in the kitchen, collecting firewood, cleaning the school, accompanying the students and running errands. She was always ready to "give a hand" and to transmit a joyful and simple spirit of service to those around her.

On 5 August 1922 Eusebia began her novitiate and made her religious profession two years later, when she was transferred to the house of Valverde del Camino - Spain. Upon her arrival the first day, she was openly derided by the youngsters of the school and oratory but she remained indifferent to the unkind remarks. More than words, it was her life and simple way that spoke to the girls. Even outside of the oratory, the parents of the children, other adults and youth, seminarians and even priests sought out her "spiritual counsel". Although Sr. Eusebia had no education in theological doctrine, her heart was full of God's wisdom and she made time for everyone.

In the beginning of the 1930s, tensions and persecutions against the Catholic Church began in Spain, and Sr. Eusebia made herself "available" and offered herself as a

victim to God for the salvation of Spain. Her offer was accepted and in August 1932 a mysterious illness struck her. Doctors were unable to diagnose this disease which was causing the limbs of her body to wind up, turning her into a "ball of yarn". Although the pain was excruciating, Sr. Eusebia was always a gentle channel of joy and peace, Sr. Eusebia returned to her Heavenly King on 10 February 1935.

The right path for Bl. Eusebia was humility of heart. She lived a life solely for the love of God because she did all for God, and was always united with Him. The decisive action was the choice of God alone and forever. In spite of her weakness she realized powerfully God's design in her life. Let us be imitators of this great soul to realize His dream for each one of us.

Communications:

Servants of God Fr. Francesco Convertini Declared Venerable

On 20th January 2017, the Holy Father Pope Francis authorized the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decrees concerning: the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Francesco Convertini, born on 29th August 1898, and deceased on 11th February 1976, in Krishnagar.

Let us rejoice and thank God for the gift of this powerful intercessor in heaven who worked in our land and pray through his intercession so that he may be raised to the altar soon. *For the detailed information please find the attached file.*

Meetings:

- ❖ Srs. Sherely Kalapurayil and Alma Bilung will participate in the 10th National Convention on 'Emerging Trends in Skill Development: An Employment Perspective', which will be organized at Don Bosco Skill Mission (Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore) on February 10th & 11th 2017.

Congratulations to:

- 🌸 Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro as the Holy See's new Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal. We congratulate and assure him of our prayers as he takes up his new ministry as the Nuncio.
- 🌸 I extend my hearty congratulations to Sr. Celine Jacob, the 5th Provincial elect of Sacred Heart of Jesus Province, Bangalore (INK). Let us assure her our gifts of prayers as she takes up the responsibility of guiding the Province. May our Blessed Mother and our saintly founders be her constant guides and inspiration.

Sincere gratitude to:

- ➔ Sr. Rose Kureekattu and the community of Jumaikela for the 11th set of questionnaire on GC XXIII for the Recollection day.
- ➔ Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel and the community of R.K.Puram for the novena in preparation for the solemnity of Don Bosco. Thank you for helping the sisters to become acquainted with Don Bosco.
- ➔ Sr. Teresa Adampakallel and the community of Dum Dum for hoisting the Annual Team Meet from 19 – 22 January 2017 and the Animators' and Economers' Meet from 27 – 29 January 2017. Thanks for the warm welcome you render always to all the sisters of the Province with generosity and joy.
- ➔ General Coordinator Sr. Elizabeth Valliyil and the Team members for coming together from 19 -22 January 2017 to plan for the Province Project and the Animation programmes of the various Sectors. May the Lord bless and reward you for your service of animation.
- ➔ Sr. Annie Thevarkunnel, the Provincial Economist for organizing the Animators' and Economers' Meet from 27 – 29 January 2017 by involving expertise of different fields. I am sure all the participants have become acquainted with Accounts, Finance and Law, Formation and Management of Society, Banking, Income Tax etc.

Heartfelt Condolences to:

- ✠ Sr. Ritha Dora Thomas, Provincial and the sisters of INB Mumbai Province at the sudden passing away of Sr. Cristina Galus (38) on 19th January 2017.
- ✠ Sr. Elizabeth George, Provincial and the sisters of Guwahati Province at the demise of Sr. Elizabeth Condpan on 31st January 2017

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever. Psalm 125:1
With great trust and confidence in the Lord let us tread ahead to be missionaries of hope and joy as we continue our post chapter journey to be in relationship with God, with our sisters in the community and the others in the universe.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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