

Provincial Circular

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Dearest Sisters,

Warm and affectionate greetings to you from the Provincial House, Dum Dum !

I am sure that the past month of June saw every one of you very busy preparing yourselves as communities and individuals for the re-opening of the school and other informal centres of evangelizing education. I am also certain that you have already begun with greater fervor, vigour and enthusiasm the daily apostolic activities, with the awareness that we are all called to be educators of holiness wherever we are and in whatever we do.

Article 1 of our Constitutions tells us clearly: "In an attitude of faith and gratitude to God, and in imitation of St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello, we, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, give our life to God becoming the sign and expression of his foreseeing love among young people". Therefore, our vocation is first and foremost to bring God's love to the young people especially the poorest. **We are called to be a sign of God's love** for them, to be transparently good and loving so that people can be led to believe in God's love and goodness. When we are such persons, we become a visible and effective sign of God's invisible presence and action.

The Lord who entrusted us with the Evangelizing Educational Mission among the young people, invites us to live our lives with love and to be holy by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

Our Mother General in her circular letter 979 which speaks of a renewed life of holiness, reminds us that the **community is a place to walk together in holiness**, that sanctification is a community journey. At Valdocco and Mornese sanctity was at home and there was competition to make the seeds of holiness received in Baptism shine with new light. Our saintly founders were artisans of saints: adults and young people. Mother Mazzarello, for example, in Letter no. 18 tells: "For us religious it is not enough to save only our own soul. We must become holy and through our holy good works, help many others who are waiting for our help to become holy".

Yes, dear Sisters, as we forge ahead in our Educational Mission, let us be convinced that **to walk with young people in holiness of life** is an essential part of our mission and that every young person has the potential to reach it. It is up to us to propose to them, in various ways, a journey of youthful holiness, a holiness found in our "next door" as Pope Francis calls it, that is, a life that reflect God's presence, in the very ordinariness of daily life. He invites us to take

small steps to holiness, that is, to stop talking badly about anyone, to have recourse to Rosary in times of anxiety and to utter a kind word to the one in need and so on (Cf.GE16).

I wish you a very fervent and fruitful continuation of the Evangelizing Education making the “next door” holiness lived in the spirit of the Beatitudes shine in each one of us, in our communities, in the young people and in our environments. May our Blessed Mother and our holy founders walk with us and help us to be holy, enthusiastic, vibrant and active missionaries of hope and joy by fulfilling all our duties with extraordinary love, responsibility, dedication, and creative fidelity!

Communications

Meetings & Seminars

- ❖ Sr. Teresa Mundackal, Sr. Annie Theyattil, Sr. Lucy MD, Sr. Gracy Parekattil, Sr. Teresa Karakkal, and Sr. Rosalia Tirkey will be attending a seminar “A gift of being an Animator and leader” at NBCLC from 28 July – 04 August 2018.
- ❖ Rev. Sr. Reboso Maria Nieves - General Councilor for Formation will be visiting our Province from 7 – 15 September 2018. She will have encounters with Animators, Juniors, Novices, Postulants and Aspirants of the Province. She will meet the Animators at Auxilium Provincial House, Dum Dum on 08 -10 September and Junior sisters on 12- 13 September 2018. It will be coordinated by the Formation Sector of the Province under the leadership of Sr. Teresa Adampakallel, the vice Provincial. I am sure all of you received the arrival and departure details of the same. Please find below in brief the tentative programme.

Animation programme organized by the Formation Sector-Rome (07- 16 September 2018)

Friday 07 September	: Arrival at Kolkata Airport at 08.15am
08 -10 Sept	: Meeting with the Animators – Provincial House Dum Dum
11 Sept.	: Meeting with the Aspirants & Postulants - Barasat
12- 13 Sept.	: Meeting with the Juniors - Provincial House Dum Dum
14-15 Sept.	: Sacred Heart Novitiate – Ranchi
15 Sept. Evening	: Return to Dum Dum
16 Sept at 23.50	: Departure for Korea

- ❖ A workshop on Reporting & Documentation was held at Wellington Chennai from 1- 3 July 2018 for the Social Development Co-ordinators of the Province. It was organized by National Development Forum coordinator Sr. Isabella. Sr. Alma Bilung participated in it.

Project Mornese

Srs. Teresa Mundackal and Jancy Valliyil will be participating in the ‘Project Mornese’. It will be held from 1st – 30th September 2018 in Italy. I wish them a fruitful and enriching experience during their pilgrimage.

Provincial Team

Few new members are added to the Provincial Team for its efficient functioning and animation of the Province.

Formation	Sr. Palliparambil Leelamma
Youth Pastoral	Sr. Kispotta Aruna
YAR	Sr. Parekattil Gracy
S. Communications	Sr. Kujur Julita
Past Pupils	Sr. Perumpettikunnel Lily

We thank them for their willingness and availability to shoulder the new responsibility.

Congratulations to:



Rt. Rev. Felix Toppo of Jamshedpur, the new Archbishop of Ranchi



Rev. Fr. Jose Kuruvachira, Provincial Elect of Dimapur Province. He becomes the 7th Provincial of Dimapur which was erected on 8 December 1981.

We assure them our prayerful support as they take up their new responsibility of leadership. May the Lord be their guide and inspiration.



Sincere gratitude to:

Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, who was the Archbishop of Ranchi for the past 34 years. We are grateful to him for his availability and for his dedicated service rendered to our communities and to the church.

Let us pray for our dear Departed:

- † Sr. Mary Ekka's father Mr. Paulus Ekka who passed away on 24 June 2018
- † Sr. Cecilia Kollapally's brother Mr. Devasia who went to his eternal abode on 27 June 2018
- † Sr. Liliana Marak of Shillong Province (INS) who went to enjoy the eternal bliss on 30 June 2018

Dear Sisters, I would like to wind up my letter inviting all of you once again to find holiness in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Rose Ezarath FMA
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