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Dearest Sisters,

Affectionate greetings from Auxilium Provincial House, Dum Dum!

“I have called you by name you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1) I am sure in our hearts and minds the resonance of the above passage and our commitment springs up as we enter into the month of August.

5th August is a memorable and meaningful day for each one of us. Let us recall with gratitude Constitutions art. 1, which speaks of God’s plan for the institute, correlated with that of Jesus as it reflects in the light of St. John 15:16 “ You did not choose me, but I chose you and I appointed you to go and bear fruit and that your fruit will last”. My dear sisters, today we live in a challenging time much more than any other times, therefore we are called to renew and relive our Spirit and Charism according to the time and need. This phenomenon of pandemic just like the typhoid of Mornese, reminds us all that it is necessary to go out, to be a presence and a response like that of Main. This is exactly what happened at the time of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello in Turin as well as at Mornese. The world needs our presence and witness in the form of compassion and love which flows from a heart that truly loves Jesus. If we want our presence to be a testimony, this is an opportune time for us to relive the Mornesean Spirit in all our communities. Let us therefore find suitable answers to the cry of our young people and children during this period of uncertainty so as to bear lasting fruits of faith and hope.

15th August is another important event for the Church as well as for our Mother land India. On this day we glorify Mary’s triumphant entry into heaven; it speaks of her special relationship to Jesus and the reason for her glorification. Mary proved herself in various situations and experiences of her life that she was fully human and fully free. The modern woman recognizes Mary as one who, “stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord.” A woman of strength, a woman who experienced poverty and suffering, flight and exile, and yet lived a dignified life. Mary spurs us to reflect on the special call of each one of us and to develop our inborn talents. She helps us to realize our potentialities to be persons who are fully human and fully free, at the service of the Kingdom of God and of the society.

Mary in the Gospels teaches us to follow her humanness and freedom to do what is right. Mary’s spiritual journey has much in common with our own, so let us find ways and means to portray her in our mission among the needy youth and the children. By looking to Mary, let us

find in her the secret of living our femininity with dignity, and of achieving our own true advancement as:

- The total self-offering with love
- The strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows
- Limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work
- The ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement.

The Church sees in Mary the highest expression of the “feminine genius” and she finds in her a source of constant inspiration. Mary called herself the “handmaid of the Lord”. The entire community of believers thus invokes her; many nations and people call upon her as their “Queen”. For her, “to reign” is to serve! Her service is “to reign”. As we celebrate the Independence Day of our country, let us entrust our leaders and all our brothers and sisters to the protection of Mary our Heavenly Queen and Mother.

Let me now extend to you the greetings and prayers from all the sisters of the communities that I visited. My sincere thanks to all of you dear sisters for your selfless commitment to the mission and the enthusiasm with which each of you dedicate yourself to impart education in a holistic way, bringing up the children and the young people in the ways of the Lord. Yes, let us continue to do everything for His Glory and for the expansion of His Kingdom of love, justice and truth.

Communications

Congratulations!

Diamond Jubilee: 5th August 2021, marks the Diamond Jubilee of religious profession of our dear Sr. Susanna Korah. Congratulations, prayers and festal wishes to you dear Sr. Susanna for your many years of loving fidelity to Christ and joyful dedication to the service of the young. We join you in thanking God for the 60 years of God's faithfulness and the marvels He has worked in and through your life as the Daughter of Mary Help of Christians and for the numerous lives that you have touched by your very life of love and service. We will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Susanna as a Province on 4th August 2021 at Auxilium Parish, Kolkata, at 10.00 am. The Holy Eucharistic Celebration will be presided over by Provincial, Rev. Fr. Joseph Pauria SDB.

Good Result: I extend my heartiest congratulation to the sisters, staff and students of all our schools for the excellent result in the Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations. May God reward your effort and passion for the quality of our students in academics. Please find below the result of our schools.

Houses	Class X	Class XII
Bandel	97.6 %	98.5%
Barasat	98.6%	99%
Dum Dum	97.6%	99%
Geyzing	99.8%
Jaigaon	95%	93%
Jumaikela	94%	92%
New Chumta	57.55 %
Ranchi - Mazzarello	92.4%
Vasant Vihar	98%	98.8%

Strenna 2022: The Rector Major Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime, announced the theme of the Strenna for the year 2022, “**Do everything for love, nothing by force**” (St. Francis de Sales). The theme is linked to the Spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales whose fourth centenary of his death we commemorate in 2022. Strenna 2022 will provide an opportunity for us to “*recognize and find ourselves in the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales*” and appreciate the characteristics of the Salesian spirit of Don Bosco, as well as the values of Salesian youth spirituality, says rector Major.

New venture for Young at Risk: On 1st August 2021 we had the joy of inaugurating ‘Angel Residence’ at Auxilium, Kalyani, an undertaking for the young at risk, of the aftermath of Covid 19, in collaboration with the Foundation of Unified Youth of Gayeshpur, Kalyani. The day’s event was graced by Salesians and other religious communities from the neighbourhood of Kalyani and our sisters from the communities of Kolkata. The main guest of the day was Mr. Anirban Basu, IC of Kalyani Police station. Let us entrust to the Lord this undertaking of the community of Kalyani in order to respond to the need of the hour under the dauntless leadership Sr. Mary Puthuppallil. Let us utilize the existing structure of our communities for the needy and the marginalized young children and young people of our vicinity for their safety and education.

General Chapter XXIV: As we are heading towards the celebration of the XXIV, I invite all of you to send prayers ahead for its success as well as the safe journey of all the participants. As per the schedule, Sr. Stella Potteparambil and I will be leaving for Rome on 27 August 2021. The documents for the journey are still in process. We trust and pray that everything will be settled. In my absence Sr. Teresa Adampakallel, the Vice- Provincial sees to the running of the Province.

Seminar at PCI level: Sr. Tamizharasi Kanickaraj, FMA, the National Coordinator for Formation is organizing a zoom meet on 09 August 2021 from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m. during which she will be presenting the ‘Annexure – inculturating the guidelines for the formation period of temporary vows’ in the presence of Sr. Reboso Maria Nieves, the General Councillor for Formation, Rome. There will be also an input session by her on the theme “*The mandate - I*

entrust them to you - for the formators today". The participants are Provincial, Formation coordinator of the Province and the animators of communities who have juniors. We thank in anticipation Sr. Sr.Tamizharasi for the effort she has put in to prepare the Annexure.

Gratitude & Appreciation

A word of appreciation to the Youth Pastoral Sector of our Province under the leadership of Sr. Esther Rani Abraham for organizing the leadership training programme on 21st July 2021 for the higher secondary students of our schools who have taken up their responsibilities as School Captains and House Captains. The resource person for the programme was Fr. Mourlin SJ.

As we are preparing for FMA India Centenary Celebrations we continue to "Journey with Mary in the Course of the Centenary (1922-2022) and Beyond", with the objective "**Accept the mandate, I entrust them to you: Reviving the Family Spirit and Strengthening Community Communion**". In view of our preparation we had our first seminar on Family Spirit on 24 July 2021. It was a wonderful and enriching experience. Our sisters were able to highlight the family spirit that reigned in Valdocco, in Mornese, lived by the first sisters of FMA in India and delineated in the FMA Constitutions. The seminar was an exhortation for all of us to relive and revive the family spirit in our communities today as Article 7 expresses it, "this patient charity that excuses all, trusts all, bears with all and never loses hope." Congratulations to the coordinator of the seminar Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel, Moderator Sr. Stella Potteparambil and to the speakers - Sr. Francesca Ekka, Sr. Deepa Minj, Sr. Rosy Veliyan and Sr. Maria Goretti Ekka.

Let us pray for our dear Departed - Condolences to:

- ✠ Fr. Paul Olphindro Lyngkot and the Salesians of Shillong Province at the passing away of Fr. Dominic Jyrwa (36) on 22 July 2021.
- ✠ Sr. Bontila Makdoh at the passing away of her paternal uncle Mr. Kyrhai Suphai on 28 July 2021.
- ✠ Fr. Jose Kochamkunnel SDB and the Salesians of Chennai Province at the demise of Fr. Vincent Durairaj (84) on 31 July 2021.
- ✠ Fr. Davis Maniparamben SDB and the Salesians of Delhi Province at the passing away of Fr. George Nadackal SDB on 2 August in AIIMS Hospital Delhi.

Prayer Request

Let us pray for Sr. Mary Ann who is convalescing after the spine surgery and Sr. Juliana Rozario who is recovering after hernia operation in the Provincial House, Dum Dum.

Dear Sisters,

On 15th August 2021, as we celebrate with India, our 75th Independence Day, let us also celebrate our freedom to participate in God's plan for India. May Psalm 80, 14.16 become a reality in our mother land.

"O that my people would head me,
That Israel would walk in my ways!
Israel I would feed with finest wheat
And fill them with honey from the rock"

Wish you all a very happy Independence Day and the feast of Assumption! May Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from original sin, who, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as queen of the universe. May this queen-mother intercede for all of us so that we might be conformed to her Son, Jesus.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA
Provincial



Happy Foundation Day
dear Sisters,
especially to those
who are celebrating the
anniversary of their
Religious Profession !

