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Dearest and loving Sisters,

A warm viva Gesù and loving greetings to all of you from Auxilium Dum Dum !

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given ... He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever” (Is 9: 2,6)
We have already entered into the season of Advent, a season that invites us to assess our relationship with God as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. Advent bids us to receive Jesus more deeply in our hearts, receive him gladly each moment of our lives and finally to wait for his coming in glory. It is a time for putting our spiritual house in order, examining our life’s priorities. Therefore, as we wait we accomplish whatever the Lord has given us to do so that let His light shine before others and give praise to Father in heaven.



Feast of Immaculate Conception



We are nearing the beautiful feast of Mary Immaculate. In celebrating this feast, we recognize God’s goodness towards Mary, his saving work of grace in her life from the moment of her conception, signifying that Christ’s incarnation was not an accident of birth, but a deliberate, definitive intervention of God for our salvation. The Holy Father says that “Our Lady teaches us to open up to God’s action and to look at others as he does, starting with a heart, to look upon them with mercy, love, infinite tenderness, especially those who are lonely, scorned or exploited.” Therefore when we open ourselves to God, we allow His grace to flow through us, thus making us the instruments of his divine action, in order to fulfill his divine plan for the world. Now it is our choice to walk towards the path of holiness, in the footsteps of the Mary Immaculate.

Let us prepare ourselves well with all fervor to celebrate this feast of our redemption and be devoted to our mother in heaven, the holy and Immaculate Virgin, who point the way to her Son, Jesus.

Communications



*Towards the centenary celebration of FMA arrival in India
With Mary through the Course of the Century (1922-2022)
and beyond ...*

On 24 November 2021 we have entered into the third and final year in preparation for the centenary of the FMA arrival in India. The common objective for 2021-22 is 'to accompany the young towards integral formation making them agents of social change' and the proposed theme is 'Plan the future boldly: "Courage! Let us go ahead with a great and generous heart" (L 47, 12) Prophets and witnesses for a transformed society in the style of synodality'. I am happy to know from the reports and the photos that all the communities have commenced the journey with an appropriate inaugural ceremony with the recipients of our mission. As we prepare ourselves for this great finale let us incarnate the Gospel message with courage and holiness to be witnesses in the socio-cultural conditions of the present day. It is important that we incarnate the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello, faithful to the breath of the Spirit, imitating their creativity, with a mutual fidelity to the charism of our origins, and in constant listening to the demands of the present moment.

FMA - PCI: The FMA - PCI will be held at Auxilium Provincial House, Manikandam, Trichy, from 31 January – 03 February 2022 with the following theme: "Plan the future boldly: "Courage! Let us go ahead with a great and generous heart" (L 47,12) Prophets and witnesses for a transformed society in the style of synodality.

Gratitude & Appreciation

Thanks to Sr. Dorothy Torcato and the community Auxilium- Kurseong for enabling the communities to prepare well for the feast of the Immaculate Conception with the novena.

Transmission of GC XXIV

We have already concluded the transmission of two groups in 'Nirmala Niketan' Jaigaon from 12- 15 November 2021 for 17 sisters and in Provincial house, Dum Dum, from 01 – 04 December 2021 for 34 sisters. We are grateful to these two communities for facilitating the same and offering a warm and cordial welcome to all our sisters.



Let us pray for our dear Departed - Condolences to:

- † Sr. Teresa Adampakallel, Sr. Rejina Joseph and Sr. Shanti Mathew at the demise of Sr. Elsy their niece and cousin respectively who passed away on 08 November 2021
- † Sr. Elizabeth George and the sisters of Shillong Province at the passing away of Sr. Mary Kadiceeny on 22 November 2021
- † Sr. Nirmala Lazar and the sisters of the Chennai Province at the demise of Sr. Celine Anthoniappan (82) on 24 November 2021
- † Fr. Joyce Mathew and the Salesians of Bangalore Province at the return of Fr. Dominic Veliath SDB (79) to his heavenly abode on 27 November 2021

Dear Sisters,

As we are celebrating the Christmas, I would like to remind you the words of our saintly mother St. Mary Mazzarello. Let us ask Baby Jesus to grant us his great humility, self-detachment, His prompt obedience to his heavenly Father, St. Joseph and to Mary, and which he practiced up to His death on the cross and total detachment from all that is not of God. (L.33) May the Lord Jesus who was born in Bethlehem for us and to be with us bring peace and joy to all of us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. May He shower on us His abundance of blessings now and the very start to the New Year.

Wish you a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year 2022.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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