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Dearest Sisters,

Loving greetings from Provincial House Dum Dum!

The great day has dawned in the history of the FMA world as we commenced the month of August!

150th Foundation Day

August 5th is a day so very dear to all the FMA in the world. It's a day of grace and strong feeling of communion and gratitude. It's the solemn feast for all of us, dear Sisters. On this day we recall with love and gratitude the "Living Monument". The Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians is a monument of perennial gratitude for the singular favours granted by Mary, the Help of Christians. Don Bosco affirms: "You are Daughters – remember this well – not Ladies, not Mothers, not Mistresses, neither Sisters nor Servants.



Daughters! This name is always the sweetest to the ear, the dearest to the heart... Daughters of Mary! Yours is a great glory! Jesus is Mary's Son and you are made equal to Him'.

Joy for the gift of our vocation as a call of predilection has its culmination in the celebration of 5th August, the jubilee feast of our Institute. The renewal of the Covenant of love with God is an ulterior sign that our life is an uninterrupted hymn of praise to the Father's mercy, marked by the effort to live the beatitudes as we say in the formula of the vows: "In response to Your love, I commit myself to live the Beatitudes of the Kingdom radically in communion with my sisters, proclaiming Christ to the young."

"You have renounced everything, but there still remains to you the most beautiful and precious treasure on earth and in heaven: Mary, the apple of God's eye! Comfort yourselves in your troubles and difficulties; you are confided to the care of this divine Mother who watches over you with infinite tenderness. Endeavour at all cost to be a true Daughter of Mary Help of Christians."

The Obligation of our Title

Being a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians obliges us to live with Mary and through Mary. Reproducing in ourselves her spiritual likeness as a daughter reproduces the likeness of the mother. The greatest form of imitating Her is by living the virtues of Our Lady: her immaculate purity, her profound humility, her heroic spirit of sacrifice and especially her active goodness. This Marian character of our way of acting and working is an obligation imposed by our vocation, stemming from the fact that we form part of a Congregation that is Marian.

The celebration of 5th August is an occasion for us to increase our love for Our Lady. Don Bosco chose Main and her companions so that they would live an intense love for Mary. Where Mary is, there is the future and Don Bosco points to the future. At Mornese, as at Nizza, the Madonna is not a guest; She is the owner of the house as She is today in each of our educating communities. We celebrate because we are happy for having given our life to God at the service of the littlest ones and the poorest. We celebrate because “a festive heart is a heart that loves the Lord very much” as Mother Mazzarello would say.

Evangelical and Charismatic Force

The time of jubilee is an opportune moment to return to the evangelical and charismatic sources, to rediscover the Spirit of our Holy Founders and go deeply into our Origins, in order to reshape our own very lives, communities and mission. It is an event of grace in which we can rediscover with greater depth the roots of our call. Let us live the solemn feast of 5th August by remembering the history that God has woven with each of us, making us aware that we are called to narrate it and accomplish it, day after day, in the certainty that each one is responsible so that history may be more original and rich in newness. It is a history to live as protagonists, with and for the young; to contagion with our testimony of joyful fidelity.

Triumph of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As a Family that belongs totally to Mary, we rejoice and celebrate the Triumph of Mary our Mother on 15th August. In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary as official dogma of the Roman Catholic Church which teaches that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." By using the image “assumed body and soul into heaven” what is really being said is that Mary, because of the dignity of her motherhood and her own personal submission to God’s will at every stage of her life, takes precedence over everyone in the sharing of God’s glory which is the destiny of all of us who die united with Christ her Son.

The feast of the Assumption fills us with hope because it anticipates the final victory of God over evil, violence and death. In the power of the life, death and resurrection of Christ,



we partake of God's love, which is stronger than death. As we honour the Assumption of Mary, let us give thanks for her maternal care and protection. Mary has cared and protected us, all through the 150 years of our Institute, through all changes and upheavals. Therefore, we cannot simply honour her without following her example of care and protection for others. May Mary then help us to be carers and protectors of those who have been entrusted to us. On this feast of the Assumption let us acknowledge that Mary is closer to us than ever, if only we would welcome her, if only we entrust our lives to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

May Mary be the guiding light for all of us to live our commitment in its fullness, helping us to be firm and convinced in living the mandate "I entrust them to you", bringing forth life in abundance. Let us ask her to intercede for us her daughters with her Son that we may remain faithful to our renewed commitment and say our unconditional Yes to what God wants for us.

Communications

Congratulation to dear Mother Yvonne Reungoat: We rejoice and thank God at the appointment of our dear Mother Yvonne Reungoat as a member of the Dicastery for Bishops. On 13 July 2022, Pope Francis created history by naming a lay woman and two religious as members of the Dicastery for Bishops. Sr. Yvonne Reungoat, Superior General Emeritus of our Institute, Sr. Raffaella Petrini, Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist (F.S.E.), Secretary General of the Governorate of the Vatican City State; and Dr. Maria Lia Zervino, President of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations are among the appointed along with eleven Cardinals and Monsignors.



Congratulations to Diamond and Golden Jubilarians! Best wishes and prayers to our Diamond Jubilarians Sr. Elizabeth Makil and Sr. Silvina Kujur; and Golden Jubilarians Sr. Dorothy Torcato, Sr. Rose Ezarath, Sr. Theresa Korattiparampil and Sr. Teresa Thudianplackal. We rejoice and thank them for their dedicated service and joyful fidelity. They will be felicitated at the Province level on 06 October 2022.



Congratulations on your achievement: I extend my heartiest congratulations to the principals, sisters, staff and students of all our schools for the excellent result in the Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations. Let us always give glory to God and do our very best for the young people entrusted to our care. Please find below the results of our schools.

Houses	Class X (ICSE)	Class XII (ISE)
Bandel	98.4 %	97.25%
Barasat	98.6 %	98.75%
Dum Dum	99 %	99.5% All India 2nd Rank
Geyzing	93 %
Jaigaon	91 %	96%
Ranchi - Mazzarello	96.2 %

Cordiality and warm welcome: A sincere word of appreciation and gratitude to the provincial house animator Sr. Stella Potteparambil and the community for offering hospitality at all times to everyone who visit the house and for hosting various meetings especially Junior's meeting from 26 -29 July 2022 and the Team meet on 31 July. May God bless your generosity dear sisters !

FMA INDIA Centenary Celebration: FMA INDIA Centenary Celebration will be held at Auxilium College, Katpadi from 02 – 04 September 2022. A group of sisters, members of the Salesian family and students will be representing at the celebrations of the centenary of the FMA presence in India. Let us send our prayers ahead for the success of this great event. After the celebration some of the sisters will be making a pilgrimage to Velankanni and the places of the saints in Kerala. *The Tentative Time Schedule of the Centenary Celebration is attached.* The participants of FMA INDIA Centenary Celebration from our Province are:

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| 1. Provincial Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil | 11. Sr. Mary Ekka |
| 2. Sr. Angela Kerketta | 12. Sr. Mary Sarkar |
| 3. Sr. Asha Kerketta | 13. Sr. Maxima Dung Dung |
| 4. Sr. Basanti Ekka | 14. Sr. Pushpa Lakra |
| 5. Sr. Clara Saminathan | 15. Sr. Rose Kureekattu |
| 6. Sr. Elizabeth Tigga | 16. Sr. Rosina Thomas |
| 7. Sr. Innocentia Jojo | 17. Sr. Salomi Minj |
| 8. Sr. Kanta Tirkey | 18. Sr. Stella Potteparambil |
| 9. Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel | 19. Sr. Taramani Minj |
| 10. Sr. Maria Pettayil | 20. Sr. Teresa Xalxo |

Teachers: Ms.Clara Thomas and Ms.Flora Banerjee (Dum Dum)

Past pupils: Ms. Suparna Adhya and Dianjali Majumder (Bandel)

ADMA: Mr. Gerald D'Rozario, Mrs. Gloria D'Rozario, Mrs. Isabella Anthony, Mrs. Celine David (Dum Dum & Barasat)

Also a group of 18 students from New Chumta will be performing a cultural dance during the Grand Centenary Celebration at Auxilium, Katpadi.

Let us pray for our dear Departed - Condolences to:

- † Sr. Annie Thevarkunnel at the demise of her brother Mr. Kuriakose Augustine on 06 July 2022
- † Sr. Rose Kureekattu at the passing away of her father Mr.K. A. Joseph (104) on 22 July 2022
- † Sr. Susanna Korah at the return of her cousin sister Sr. Matilde (80) to her eternal abode on 24 July 2022.
- † Fr. Provincial and the Salesians of Guwahati Province (ING) at the demise of Rev. Fr. Thomas Punnolikunnel (PJ) SDB on 26 July 2022 and Fr. Francis Hembrom SDB on 30 July 2022

Dear Sisters,

As we celebrate, the 75 years of Independence with great pomp and show let us remember with gratitude all our brothers and sisters, who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country. As the citizens of India, let us pray for our country and its leaders who are in authority to safeguard the Constitutional rights of every citizen so that all can enjoy true freedom. May Mary, who assumed into Heaven, intercede for peace in the world and in India.

Let us continue to be guided by the words of Mother Mazzarello, "Let us really thank the Lord who gives us so many graces" (L 37,10); "I entrust them to you"; "Courage! Let us go forward with a big and generous heart "(L 47,12). Let us recommit ourselves as we celebrate the 150 anniversary of the Foundation of our institute renewing our vocational response to realize God's dream for each one of us. May the wish of our Mother General Sr. Chiara Cazzuola, expressed in her circular letter No.1020 may become a reality in our life "happy women, in love with Jesus, passionate about the mission, entirely given to God for the salvation of young people".

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA
Provincial



Happy feast of Our Lady of Assumption and 75th Independence Day of India!