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## Provincial Circular

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My dearest Sisters,

Affectionate greetings to you!

We just celebrated the solemnity of our father and founder, teacher and lover of the young, a man with vision and hope and a model of joy and cheerfulness. Celebration of this feast is an invitation and bidding for all of us to imitate him in our mission for the young. The decision of Don Bosco to live and work for the young can be summarized in his own words: "I have promised God that until my last breath I shall live for my poor young people. I study for you, I work for you, I am also ready to give my life for you. Whatever I am; I have been so entirely for you, day and night, morning and evening, at every moment." So, it is most certain that Don Bosco is alive today, alive in so many different realities where thousands and thousands of people carry his dream forward. And he is still alive because he continues to be our inspiration.

Don Bosco was an everyday saint, attained sanctity in the ordinariness of life. He found his strength and courage to go ahead with his plans and projects in spite of the hurdles and hitches that he encountered almost every day of his life. It was his faith, hope and charity that led him to make the impossibility into possibility. It was his deep rootedness in prayer that gave him strength and courage to face stark reality of life. Don Bosco was able to find God in the Holy Eucharist and his great devotion to Mary Help of Christians. When we unfold the pages of his life we see how much influence Our Lady had in his life from the very beginning of his earthly life. After John Bosco donned the clerical habit when he was preparing himself to go to the Seminary of Chieri Mamma Margaret, approached John and said: "When you were born I consecrated you to the Madonna, when you started your studies I advised you to have a tender devotion to this Mother" and John treasured this devotion until the end of his life. Don Bosco's gigantic work started with a simple "Hail Mary" and later on he himself would say 'Our congregation is led by Mary Most Holy.'

Our Constitutions Article 4 invites us to live this devotion to Mary Most holy: 'Let us be aware of Mary's presence in our lives and entrust ourselves entirely to her. We strive to make her disposition of faith, hope and charity, and her perfect union with Christ, our own. Let us open our hearts to the joyous humility of her magnificat to be helpers, like her, especially among the young people'. Again Article 44 of our Constitutions summons us to honor Mary Most holy by celebrating the liturgical feasts and honoring her daily by the devout recitation of the Rosary.

## Communications

### *Mother Chiara Cazzuola, the Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium" Rome:*

Mother Chiara Cazzuola, the Superior General of our Institute is henceforth Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium" in Rome. The Holy Father Francis approved the proposal in the audience granted to the Excellent Substitute for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State, Archbishop Edgar Peña Parra, on 2 November 2021. It is an important landmark in the 52 years of the faculty's life. Since 1970, when the International Higher Institute of Pedagogy and Religious Sciences of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, founded in 1954, aggregated in 1964, and then incorporated in 1966 to the Higher Institute of Pedagogy of the Salesian Pontifical Athenaeum, became the first Pontifical Faculty entrusted to a female religious institute. The Grand Chancellor was the Rector Major of the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco. The Vice Grand Chancellor was the Superior General of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. United with the entire Institute let us praise and thank God for this gift and pray for our dear Mother General so that she may be filled with gift of wisdom to give new impetus and vitality to the faculty.



### *Blessing of the temporary House at Kurtumgarh:*



On 11 January 2022, the community of Auxilium, Kurtumgarh shifted their residence from the parish church basement to the temporary residence of the new school building. This historic event was graced by Fr. Jugal Kishore Digal, the Parish Priest of Kurtumgarh, Fr. Aswin Singh the assistant Parish priest, four provincial councilors Srs Teresa Adampakallel, Lily D'Souza, Inocencia Jojo, Celine Alexander and myself. Also there were small representatives from the Parish and neighbourhood. Fr. Jugal accorded a very warm to all of us and presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration. We owe our immense gratitude to

Fr. Jugal, the parish priest for his support and assistance from the time of our presence in Kurtumgarh from 2016. Even though Archbishop Most Rev. John Barwa could not be present for this occasion he sent us his blessings and exhorted us to educate the children of the parish, to collaborate in the parish ministry, to visit the families and to build good relationship in the neighbourhood. We are indeed indebted to him for having invited us Kurtumgarh and for his gesture of generosity.

**FMA-PCI:** The FMA-PCI which was planned to be held from 31 January – 03 February 2022 at Auxilium Provincial House, Manikandam, Trichy is being cancelled due to Covid 19. It will be held via online from 01 - 02 Feb. 2022, with the theme: “With Mary for a Transformed Society”. Let us pray for the fruitful outcome this event.

**Hearty Congratulation:** I am happy to announce that Sr. Minimol Chettayil has successfully defended her Doctoral Dissertation on 28 January 2022. The topic is “Need of English Proficiency for the Empowerment of Women and the role of Institutional Management in this respect” from Seacom Skills University, Bolpur, West Bengal. The jury appreciated the research as excellent work and highlighted the simplicity of the work with practicality and conferred on her the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Management. We acknowledge her achievement and congratulate her.

**World Day for Consecrated Life:** In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted World Day for Consecrated Life, a day for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 02 February and invites the consecrated men and women to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their witnessing life of service through the contemplative and active work of prayer and various apostolates.

**Appreciation and Gratitude:** Sincere gratitude to Sr. Alice Chacko from the Province of Bangalore who willingly and enthusiastically presented the Book on “Auxilium Youth Movement” to the sisters of the Province on 29 Saturday 2022 via online. I also appreciate the Youth Pastoral coordinators of the Province for having taken the initiative to organize the meeting. God bless you dear sisters.

Thanks to Sr. Teresa Adampakallel and the community Auxilium- Najafgarh for facilitating the communities to prepare well for the solemnity of St. John Bosco with the novena preparation.

*Let us pray for our dear Departed - Condolences to:*

† Sr. Agnes Pradhan at the passing away of her cousin brother Bro. Masin Digal on 04 January 2022.

- † Fr. Joseph Pauria and the Salesians of Kolkata Province at the demise of Fr. Kissun Tudu SDB (52) in BP Koirala Medical College at Dharan - Nepal due to a massive heart attack on 10 January 2022.
- † Sr. Alma Bilung at the return of her cousin brother Mr. Vijay Soreng (55) to his eternal abode on 10 January 2022.

### *Prayer Request*

- ✚ Sr. Julita Kujur is undergoing treatment and chemotherapy at Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata. She is diagnosed of having ADEM connected with lymph nodes. Let us intensify our prayer to Mary Help of Christians for her healing.
- ✚ Let us continue to pray for the speedy recovery of Sr. Anna Varkey, who is recuperating at Auxilium, Angamaly after her fall at home and fractured her left shoulder bone and left knee. She is assisted by Sr. Lucy M.D. Most probably she will return to the Province on 28 February 2022. We owe our gratitude and thanks to Sr. Anna Thoppil, the Vice-Provincial and animator and the community for their generosity and large-heartedness.
- ✚ We entrust to the Lord Fr. Davis Veliyan SDB, the brother of our dear Sr. Rosy Veliyan who suffered from a post Covid Cardiac failure on 29 February 2022. He is improving gradually. Let us pray for his complete cure.

Dear Sisters,

As we journey towards 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Institute and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of our first sisters in India, let us move forward to seek new avenues and look at the reality of our time and space with new faith and hope with Father's love. As Mother Mazzarello urged us always "Let us go forward with a big and generous heart" (L 47, 12) in our communities and in the mission that is entrusted to each one of us.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA  
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