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Dearest Sisters,

Loving and prayerful greetings from Provincial House, Dum Dum!

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the symbol of love and compassion for humanity. Jesus' profound love for us is demonstrated through His willingness to sacrifice His life for our sake. The Heart of Jesus tells us that his love is limitless; it is never exhausted and it never gives up. There we see his infinite and boundless self-giving; there we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets free and makes others free; there we constantly discover anew that Jesus loves us "even to the end" (*Jn* 13:1). Yet this great love is often received with ingratitude, even by the faithful.

The purpose of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to focus our hearts on receiving and

returning His love with gratitude - with all of our heart, soul and strength, that He may be glorified. In our age of religious indifference, selfish motives and greed, when fervour and charity have grown cold, Jesus exhibits to the world His Sacred Heart as the symbol of God's infinite love. Jesus shows His Divine Heart as a furnace whose burning rays of love are able to reanimate faith and rekindle love in hearts grown cold and ungrateful.

The Heart of Jesus extends His invitation to each one of us, to be His image of compassion and solidarity in this world of misery. He wants us to be really authentic humans with sentiments and feelings for others rather than self-centeredness and self-righteousness.

Today more than ever the poor and needy, people facing various forms of difficulties and struggles of life are knocking at our doors. Let us not shun away from these realities, rather reach out to them with the heart of Jesus, full of mercy and love.

During this month let us focus on the two elements of devotion to the Sacred Heart: Consecration and Reparation.

- We consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart by acknowledging Him as our redeemer and creator and as having full right over us as King of kings, and Lord of lords, resolving to serve Him in our daily life.
- We make reparation for the indifference and ingratitude with which He is treated and for leaving Him abandoned by humanity. Accepting every discomfort

and trials of our daily life with a cheerful disposition and magnanimity of heart.

As we are in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of our Institute, let us recall to our mind the words of Mother Mazzarello who would point out to the Cross and say: "The Lord hangs on one side and we on the other side". And, she would always conclude her letters saying: "Let us meet each other daily in the Heart of Jesus". Such was our Mother. If so, can we be less? Dear Sisters, let us be earnest in witnessing to our commitment and living a life totally for the Lord and for His Kingdom. Let us often remind ourselves of what Mother Mazzarello told us: "We have left the world and entered the convent; now that we are here, let us not create another world inside". Let us ask her to help us really and authentically live and work for Jesus alone and do everything only to please Him. Let us work in earnest for our own holiness and that of others. Let us pray for each other for this grace.

#### Communications

# Congratulations and Prayers to ...

We praise and thank God on the appointment of Sr. Martha Séïde, from Haiti, as Consultor of the Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican City, by the Holy Father. She is a Professor of Educational Theology at the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium" in Rome. May our prayers accompany her to fulfill her mission with competence and dedication in the field of Catholic Education!

We rejoice with the entire Church in India at the elevation of Archbishop Filipe Neri Antonio Sebastiao di Rosario Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa and Damao, and Archbishop Anthony Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad to the rank of a cardinal in a ceremony at the Vatican on 27 August 2022 by Pope Francis. Let us pray that their ministry as close associate to the Holy Father bear much fruit for the spread of God's kingdom in India.

## Appreciation and Gratitude to ...

My sincere words of appreciation to the communities of Sacred Heart Novitiate and Mazzarello Convent, Ranchi for making all the possible arrangements for the Retreats of the Novices and Sisters, for the Renewal of Vows of the junior sisters, Vestitions and the First Professions.

l owe my sincere thanks to Sr. Rosy Veliyan and the Community of Bandel for making the necessary preparations for the Perpetual Profession of our sisters in a beautiful manner. Everything was well planned and implemented. Thank you dear sisters!

Sr. Juliana Minj and the community of Jhorahat – Nepal, for sending the novena in order to prepare well for the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

FMA PCI National Education Co-coordinators Meet: Sr. Clara

Saminathan, Sr. Rejina Joseph and Sr. Aruna Kispotta are participating in the National Conference of Educators from 3-5 June 2022 at Citadel, Chennai on the theme "Enlighten, Empower and Educate". It is organized by Sr. Josephine Antonyraj (INM), the National Co-Coordinator for Education

## Installation of New Animators: The Animators of the communities of our

Province are installed in the month of May and June.

28 May - Bandel Sr. Rose Ezarath 28 May - Palam Gaon Sr. Asha Kerketta - Monsada Sr. Teresa Karakkal 31 May 31 Mav Vasant Vihar Sr. Rosy Veliyan 19 June - Kurseong Sr. Nirmala Tigga 20 June New Chumta Sr. Dorothy Torcato 22 June Sr. Rosina Thekumkattil - Jaigaon

May all our prayers support our dear Animators to recognize the ways of God in leading and guiding the communities according to the mind of Christ.

Welcome Back: On 16 June 2022, Sr. Shradha Kispotta will be back in the province after the completion of her studies and the successful presentation of her thesis on 23 May 2022 on the topic: The youth ministry conferences promoted by the national service for youth ministry of the Italian episcopal conference from 2014 to 2019. We wish her fruitful and enthusiastic apostolate in Ranchi among the young people and novices.

*Updating Studies:* Sr. Gracy Parekattil and Sr. Sadhana Majumdar will be leaving on 05 June 2022 to attend a course on Counseling and Spirituality at Jnana Deepa (JD), Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Pune for a year.

Sr. Lucy Mannookulangara and Sr. Neera Tigga will be leaving for Rome on 5 July 2022. The former will be rendering her service in Italy and the latter will doing the Spirituality Course at Casa Canta, Rome. We wish them God's blessings and the support of our prayers.

**Prayer request:** Please remember in your prayer all our Sisters who will be appearing for various examinations of B.A, B. Ed, and M.A, nursing, entrance examinations and interviews in the month of June – July 2022.

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

- ♣ Fr. Provincial and the Salesians of Dimapur Province (IND) at the demise of Fr. Joseph Variathukalayil on 09 May 2022.

- ♣ Fr. Provincial and the Salesians of Mumbai Province (INB) at the demise of Fr. Bernard Fernandes SDB on 24 May 2022.
- ♣ Sr. Nirmala Lazar and the Sisters of Chennai Province (INM) at the passing away of Sr. Anthony Agnes FMA on 25 May 2022.

Dear Sisters,

As I conclude, I wish each of you a very fervent month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Listening to the exhortation of Pope Francis let us open ourselves to this love and take it 'to the ends of the earth,' witnessing to the goodness and mercy that flow from the Heart of Jesus." Let us look to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a source of love and peace.

Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary! May they reign in our hearts and in our lives!



Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA Provincial