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Dearest and loving Sisters,

Affectionate and Festal greetings from Auxilium Dum Dum !

We are in the beautiful month of May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. She is known as the Queen of May, and the Help of Christians. Fortunate are we, called to be her daughters, which means a great challenge and deal for each one of us. Month of May begins with the International Labour Day or May Day. I am sure this day is very much connected with all of us, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, who never cease to labour, with dignity and esteem to work for and with the Lord.

The very first week on 06 May itself we have the feast of our teenager, St. Dominic Savio. A beacon light for all the young people to imitate and emulate in life. He was inspired by a talk at the oratory:

- It is God's will; each one should become a saint.
- It is easy to become a saint.
- There is a great reward waiting in heaven for those who try to become saints.

This led him to take a conscious decision to become a saint. Dominic was quiet and worried for the next few days, thinking how to become one. Noticing this, John Bosco spoke to Dominic and advised him to be cheerful and said, "Holiness is achieved by being cheerful and doing your duties well. Let this become a source of inspiration and challenge for all our young people and to us, especially leading them to be good and convinced human beings.

Feast of our Co-Foundress - St. Mary Mazzarello

"Let's go to Mornese, to see our Mother... to find how life was there...to breathe its spirit...its virtues to relive". This hymn resounds in our minds and hearts as we celebrate Main's birth as well as her feast. She was called since her adolescence to a special mission for youth and was involved in a singular way to be the role model of the first community of Mornese. For which she was Educator, Superior and Mother. The U-turn of her life was "Oh Lord, if you grant me some more years of life, let me be forgotten by everyone, I'm content to be remembered only by you". Grace worked in her; purified her completely from the sense of her own sufficiency without undermining, but rather enhancing her rich spiritual patrimony. It made her a totally free woman,

without presumptions and without alienations, without complications and without inner lacerations.

Main possessed an attitude of strong interior rupture with the spirit of the world and of intimate participation in the Cross of Christ, which draws from intense piety and loving charity. The fruit and crown of this commitment is apostolic charity, participation and meditation of the love of Christ. It expresses itself in a burning zeal and in an uninterrupted and joyful dedication to the integral salvation of the young. It is a maternal love aroused by the Spirit, animated and purified by divine charity; it is a strong love, stripped of emotional complications, affectively mature, totally and exclusively at the service of the human and spiritual growth of the person. It is the love of an interiorly free heart, and therefore, capable of freeing young people from all that can jeopardize, the full expansion of authentic love for God and for others. Let us make her attitudes our own in our apostolate and life.



Mary Help of Christians - Mother and Inspirer

The traditional invocation “Mary Help of Christians - pray for us” goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. St. John Bosco, our Father and Founder were constantly, guided and inspired by Mary Help of Christians all through his mission. On May 14, 1862, Don Bosco dreamed about the battles the Church would face in the latter days. In his dream, the Pope of those days anchors the ‘ship’ of the Church between two pillars, one with a statue of Mary Help of Christians and the other with a large Eucharistic Host. It reminds us that our principal objective is to promote veneration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Mary Help of Christians.

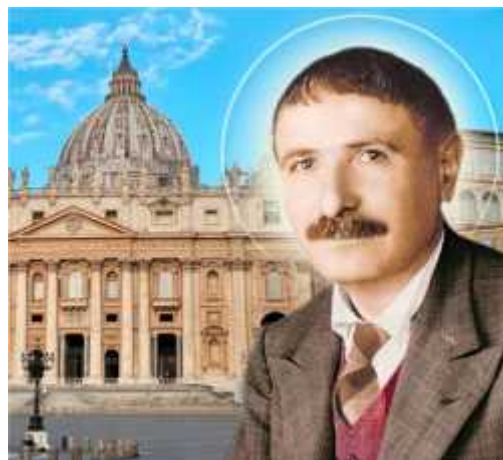
Mary Most Holy is the mother and educator of every Salesian vocation. She is our model and guide, in listening, docility, and collaboration with the action of the Holy Spirit. We have one of the most important declarations for retaining the historical foundation for the singular place that Mary occupies in the life of the Institute “Mary Most Holy inspired our Institute and continues to be its Mother and Teacher”. Let us be ever grateful to her for having received the call as her beloved daughters and let us really and authentically be one of hers.

The aim of FMA formation is not a generic configuration to Christ, but rather, the maturing of the whole person in a gradual, progressive configuration to Christ. Thus taking on Mary's attitudes, the FMA is totally oriented to be helpers like her, especially among the young people. Let us therefore, pledge ourselves to be an authentic stone carved and sculptured on that Living Monument by becoming the source of life for our young people, especially those shattered by the storms of life, particularly during this present day scenario.

Communications

Artemide Zatti will be Saint






On 9 April 2022, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the Decree concerning the miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Artemide Zatti, professed lay person of the Society of St. Francis de Sales. Born in Italy, Artemide Zatti emigrated to Argentina with his family because of poverty, and settled in Bahía Blanca, and died on 15 March 1951 in Viedma (Argentina). He was declared Venerable on 7 July 1997 and Beatified by Saint John Paul II in Saint Peter's Square on 14 April 2002. He was a man of easy human relationships, with a visible charge of sympathy, happy to be able to mingle with humble people. But he was above all a man of God, he radiated Him. The news is a source of great joy for the Salesian Congregation which will have the first Salesian Brother to be proclaimed a Saint, and for the whole Salesian Family.









Congratulations and Prayers to ...

🌿 **Bishop-elect:** Pope Francis on 30 April 2022 has appointed Rev.Fr. Nirmol Vincent Gomes SDB, presently, the Assistant Director of Novices and Vice-Rector of the Nazareth Bhawan Novitiate in Dhajea, as Bishop of Krishnagar. We congratulate him and rejoice at the appointment as the shepherd of the flock of Krishnagar. Let us pray that he may always enjoy good health and all his endeavors bear abundant fruit for His Kingdom.

🌿 **Silver Jubilee:** On 24 May 2022, marks the Silver Jubilee of the Religious Profession of our dear Sr. Minimol Chettayil and Sr. Taramani Minj. We raise a hymn of gratitude to God for their gift to our Province and for the marvels He has worked in and through their life of fidelity, commitment and joyful service.

-  Dear Sr. Suzan Maria Louis and Sr. Ranjita Nayak who will make their Final Profession on Thursday 26 May 2022 in Bandel. Archbishop Most Rev. Thomas D' Souza will officiate the Holy Eucharist at 10.00 am.
-  Our 6 Novices Neha Beck, Nayna Agatha Kujur, Neha Lucy Kujur, Ursula Kujur, Elina Minj, Alice Roseline Tirkey who will pronounce their first 'yes' on 24 May 2022 at Mazzarello Convent, Ranchi. The Eucharistic celebration will be presided over by Most Rev. Felix Toppo, the Archbishop of Ranchi at 10.00 am
-  Our 9 Temporary professed Sisters who will renew their vows on 23 May 2022 at Mazzarello Convent, Ranchi and 5 of them at Provincial house, Guwahati on 24 May 2022.
-  Our 4 Postulants Preety Kullu, Oliva Mariyana Lakra, Sudhanjali Pradhan, Liza Uthansingh who will make their Vestition on 24 Morning 2022.
-  Once again we rejoice with the entire FMA Institute at the appointment of Sr. Alessandra Smerilli, FMA, and Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development by our Holy Father Pope Francis. Committed to the service of the Church and the world as Councilor of the Vatican City State and Consultor of the Synod of Bishops, since August 2021 she was Secretary ad interim of this Dicastery and Delegate for the Vatican Covid-19 Commission. We congratulate her and offer our prayerful support.

Sincere Appreciation and Gratitude to ...

-  Sr. Lily D' Souza and the community of Sacred Heart Novitiate for accompanying and preparing our six novices to say their 'yes' to the Lord's call with joy and gladness
-  Sr. Rose Ezarath, Sr. Lily D' Souza and the community of Sacred Heart Novitiate, for the support and assistance offered to our dear sisters during their second phase of the second Novitiate to prepare themselves for their total and final commitment.
-  Sr. Rosalia Tirkey and the community of Aspirantate for guiding and helping our four postulants to enter into the Novitiate.
-  The Communication Sector of the Province for having taken the initiative of preparing a short video "One minute with Jesus" during the entire Lenten season to prepare ourselves better with reflection and prayer for the Pasqual mystery of our Lord. A special note thanks to Sr. Celine Alexander for being the brain behind the 'Lenten practice one minute'
-  Sr. Annie Theyattil and the community of Kurtumgarh for enabling the sisters to prepare well for the solemnity of Mary Help of Christians with the novena preparation
-  ***Provincial Team:*** A few changes are made in the Provincial Team. We are grateful to the outgoing members Sr. Elizabeth Valliyil (Social communication) and Sr. Gracy

Parekattil (YaR) for their service of animation and thanks to the sisters Sr. Shanti Tirkey (Laudato Si) and Sr. Anima Xalxo (YaR) for having accepted the new responsibility willingly and joyfully.

Glad to have you ...

- ✿ We welcome joyfully our dear sister Sr. Magalhaes Celsa from the Province of Mumbai to be in our Province. In the month of June 2022 she will join the community of Auxilium, Kalyani.
- ✿ Sr. Abhai Kishori Minj will return to the Province on 06 May 2022 after a year of her training in fashion designing. We are grateful to the Province of Bangalore especially to Sr. Cresencia D'Almeida and the community of Bannerghatta for providing a Salesian ambient for her growth and development.
- ✿ Our juniors Sr. Anima Kujur, Sr. Martha Minj, Sr. Priyanka Pradhan, Sr. Priyanka Toppo and Sr. Shanti Lakda will return to the province on 03 June 2022 after their juniorate. We owe our gratitude to Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal, the provincial of Guwahati, Sr. Lydia Komuhra and the community of Auxilium, Provincial House, Guwahati for providing them an enriching experience.

Blessing: The construction of the Primary School edifice at Auxilium - Bandel has been completed. The blessing and the inauguration will take place on 10 May 2022. We are grateful to God for this gift through which we can offer better facilities for our students.

Let us pray for our dear Departed - Condolences to:

- ✠ Sr. Alphonsa Kachappilly at the demise of her brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Kalparambath (65) on 28 February 2022
- ✠ Sr. Basanti Ekka at the passing away of her paternal uncle Mr. Mathias Ekka (85) on 06 March 2022.
- ✠ Sr. Shanti Palamoottil at departure of her cousin brother Mr. Shaji P. George (49) to his eternal home 12 April 2022
- ✠ Sr. Alphonsa Kurisinkal and the sisters of Guwahati Province at the demise of our dear Sr. Luisa Pinto FMA on 13 April 2022 at St Mary's Maligaon, Guwahati.
- ✠ Fr. Thomas Santiago SDB and the Salesians of Hyderabad Province at the death of Fr. Thattil Chacko SDB on 19 April 2022

- † Sr. Susnna Korah at the departure of her cousin Fr. Thomas Simon to his eternal abode on 23 April 2022
- † Sr. Margaret Amalanathan and the sisters of Tiruchy province at the return of Sr. Philomina Arokiasami (88) to her heavenly home on 23 April 2022
- † Sr. Premika Tirkey at the demise of her cousin brother Mr. Bipin Tirkey(48) on 24 April 2022
- † Fr. Savio Silveira SDB and the Salesians of Mumbai province at the passing away of Br. Anthony D'Souza (61) on 27 April 2022

Dear Sisters,

I conclude greeting all of you a holy month of May as a number of Salesian feasts take place during this month - feast of St. Dominic Savio, birthday and feast day of our Co-foundress St. Mary Mazzarello and, the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians. Our Constitutions Article 4 denotes our Institute as a Religious Family that belongs entirely to Mary, having Mary as its mother, teacher and inspirer. Don Bosco wanted our Institute to be a "Living Monument of his gratitude to Mary Help of Christians" to express his perennial gratitude to May Help of Christians for the many miracles she worked in his life. Consequently, every one of us is a living part of this monument. Therefore, let us be a true and faithful monument of gratitude to our Blessed Mother.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA
Provincial

**Happy Feast
of St. Mary Mazzarello &
Mary Help of Christians!**

