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Dearest Sisters,

Loving greetings from Provincial House Dum Dum!

My dearest and loving Sisters, we have just celebrated in a grand way the centenary celebration of the arrival of our pioneers in our mother land, India. These days were doubly graceful with the presence of our beloved Mother General and our Rector Major. The celebration was very meaningful and colourful with the presence of the sisters, young people and the Salesian family members from all the 7 Provinces. Yes, dear sisters we have eye witnessed the celebration and the glory of the FMA India, either physically or virtually present. Our hearts and minds are overflowing with love and gratitude to the Almighty for the wonders He had accomplished through our missionaries who have left us a legacy to follow and cherish. Mary, the Help of Christians, our Mother, Guide and Teacher was the beacon light on their path for the past 100 years. This is an invitation to all of us to follow their foot prints to give newness and vitality to our Charism and Spirit in the heart of contemporaneity.

Now it is our turn to fructify our life and mission with the same zeal and enthusiasm of our missionaries in today's context. To rekindle the fire of our vocation as our beloved Mother speaks in the Circular no. 1021, "For a Formation that Transforms Life". The flame of joy and courage, hope and fidelity, charity and zeal will make us to burn brightly for the cause of our march towards, "Da Mihi Animas..." Let us focus together on the transformation of our very thought, word and deed. There is need for us to be united with the Lord, to walk the path of synodality, to network to bring harmony by being synergetic, to give new meaning to our existence as we journey together in our vocational identity. To reawaken in our lives the Marian identity, that we belong entirely to Mary and to be like her, a life giving presence in our communities and in our mission especially where our young people live, in the midst of various types of conflict and strife, discouragement and despair. To them we have to be a beacon light bringing forth hope and joy above all meaning for their existence. Today, more than ever the young people are in various types of crisis and conflict, to answer their problems we need to have the maternal and understanding heart of Mary our Mother, who in turn become the source of our inspiration and support to face these challenges.

This month is very dear to all of us and to all the Catholic families, where we remember with love and gratitude to our Blessed Mother, who has gifted us with the powerful prayer of the

“Holy Rosary”. I am sure you will be visiting the families, with the presence of Mary to intercede and pray with them. You carry with you, the effective weapon of the Catholic Church towards all sorts of evil, let us also tell them how this devotion has come up, Our Lady’s apparition to St. Dominic, so that the families will be enriched by the knowledge of the Holy Rosary and it will enhance their love for the Holy Rosary and to our Blessed Mother Mary.

Let us remember the patroness of our Institute, St. Teresa of Avila as we celebrate her feast on 15th of this month so that she may help us to be an authentic religious having ‘Passion for Christ and Passion for souls’. You have just returned after the enriching experience of the Provincial Community Day, Jubilees of our 8 sisters, 60, 50 and 25years of their fidelity and followed by the 3 days of workshop cum seminar to review all our activities with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. Let us also share with our community sisters all that we have discussed, experienced and enriched these days. (Bible diary and meditation guide, reading habit, revival of coaching centers, remedial classes, revising of education policy, implementation of NEP, uniform, salary of non- teaching staff, community gifts for the various occasions, remuneration for the priests, gifts and payment for resources persons) Let us be faithful to all our commitments which we have taken to strengthen our mission to focus more on outcome and Impact rather than output alone. May Our Lady of the Holy Rosary accompany all of us to become like her, a loving, understanding and to be an inspiring presence in our communities, mission and society.

World Mission Sunday

This year World Mission Sunday is celebrated on 23 October 2022, on the theme "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Pope Francis in the message for the World Mission Day, refers to the Risen Jesus’ last conversation with his disciples, before ascending to Heaven ("You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth") Pope reflected three key phrases, namely,-"you shall be my witnesses", 'to the ends of the earth,' and 'you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit'. Holy Father recalls the bond between every missionary and Christ himself, "the first to be sent, as a missionary of the Father", "His faithful witness", and remembers that the Church’s sole mission is to bear witness to Christ.

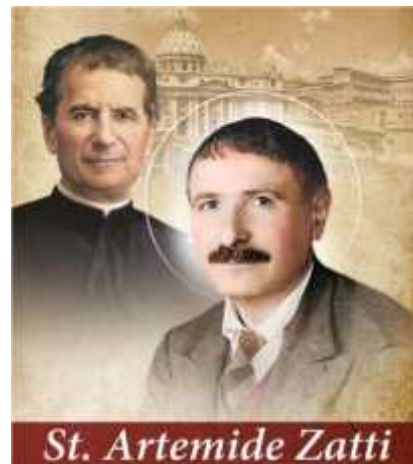


Pope also highlights how the disciples are sent by Jesus to the world “not only to *carry out* the mission, but above all *to live* the mission entrusted to them; not only to *bear* witness, but to *be* witnesses of Christ." In this sense, Francis emphasizes the importance of coherence of life. Indeed, He is always *the* protagonist of the mission, He who was able to give “strength, courage and wisdom” to the first disciples, who “had previously been weak, fearful and closed.” Hence

the reference of Francis to cultivate the life of prayer, which, he emphasizes, - has a fundamental role in missionary life. Heeding to the invitation of Holy Father Pope Francis let us be witness of Christ by living the mission that is entrusted to us with love.

A New Saint in the Salesian Family - St. Artemide Zatti

On Sunday 09 October 2022, in the courtyard of the Vatican Basilica, the canonization of Bl. Artemide Zatti, the first non-martyr Salesian Coadjutor of the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco took place. He was born in Boretto, Italy on 12 October 1880. The Zatti family migrated to Argentina at the beginning of 1897 and settled in Bahia Blanca. Soon after his profession as a lay brother he immediately consecrated himself totally to the hospital. He loved the sick and saw Jesus himself in them. He carried out a prodigious service with readiness of spirit, with a heroic spirit of sacrifice, with absolute detachment from any personal satisfaction, without ever taking rest. It is great moment of profound joy and gratitude for the Congregation of the Salesians of Don Bosco and for the whole Salesian Family, as well as for the Church in Argentina. *“A great gift for the Church, a great gift for all of us”*, said the Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime.



In his homily Pope Francis referred to the Sunday Gospel, which narrates the healing of ten lepers (Lk 17: 11-19) says thus, *“for his part, the Salesian Brother Artemide Zatti, with his bicycle, was a living example of gratitude. Cured of tuberculosis, he dedicated his whole life to pleasing others, to heal the sick with love and tenderness. It is said that he was been seen carrying the dead body of one of his sick people on his shoulders. Full of gratitude for what he had received, he wanted to say ‘thank you’ by taking on the wounds of others.”* As we rejoice and thank God for the gift of St. Artemide Zatti let us follow his example to walk together with our sisters in the community and with our brothers and sisters with whom we carry out our mission without walls of division; and by cultivating a nobility of soul that is pleasing to God.

Communications

Welcome to Sr. STEN Ba- i- thiang

I am glad to announce and welcome our dear Sr. Ba-i-thiang Sten from the Province of Shillong, who arrived on 25 August 2022 and have joined the community of Auxilium, Barasat. We wish her fruitful and passionate mission in our Province.

Salesian Family Major Superiors Meet & FMA Provincial’ s Meet

I made my spiritual retreat from 6th – 13th at Auxilium Benaulim,Goa along with Sr. Elizabeth George and Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal. A special thanks to Sr. Mascarenhas Rosy Vilanova, the Animator and the Sisters of the community.

The FMA Provincial's Meet was held on 13 September 2022 at the FMA Community of Benaulim, Goa followed by Salesian Family Major Superiors Meet of South Asia in St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Goa from 14 - 15 September in the presence of the Rector Major and coordinated by Fr. Biju Michael the Regional for South Asia. I also made a short visit to our sisters who are in Pune. I am grateful Sr. Meena D'Silva the Provincial of INB and Sisters for their warm hospitality and the various expressions of our family spirit.

Provincial Chapter of the Salesians of Kolkata

The Provincial Chapter of the Salesians of Kolkata took place from 2 to 8 October 2022 at Provincial House, R.N. Chowdhuray Rd, Kolkata. The theme of the Provincial Chapter was 'The Profile of the Salesian for the Youth of Today'. The PC 2022 was attended by 72 members.

Meetings & Seminars

- The Association of Salesian Co-operators had the 15 Southern Zonal Conferences at Provincial House, Matunga, Mumbai from 17 -19 Sept 2022 with the theme "Salesian Co-operators - Beacon of Hope for Marginalised Youth". The delegate of Delhi zone Sr. Rosy Veliyan attended the conference.
- The Association of Salesian Co-operators organized 11th Northern Zonal Conference of Salesian Co-operators at Don Bosco Institute for Development & Leadership (DBIL) Dimapur from 1-3 October, 2022 with the theme "Hope for the Marginalized & Migrant youth". The delegate of Kolkata zone Sr. Emilia Vas joined for the conference.
- Sr. Anjana Luciana Rai and Sr. Manjula Lakra are attending an intense training programme in health, healing and holism at Ayushya center for healing and integration at Changanassery, Kerala from 01- 31 October 2022
- Juniors meeting will be held from 25 – 28 November 2022 at Auxilium, Provincial House, Dum Dum

Apostolic Experience

Our second year Novices will be going for their apostolic experiences to the following communities from 13 November to 13 December 2022. Let us support them with our prayers.

Mahima Barla and Anandina Dung Dung - Auxilium, Bandel
Kalpana Lakra and Rashmita Baa - Nirmala Niketan, Jaigaon
Hemlata Tigga and Aruni Xalxo - Auxilium, Barasat

Common Uniform for the School Students in the Province

It was decided during the Animators, Economers and Principals meet to have a common UNIFORM in the Province for the students of our Schools. You are requested to bring into effect this decision within three years in all our schools.

Nursery, Lower and Upper K.G - Pink frock
 Classes I – XII - Cream color shirt and grey color skirt/ churidar / pants

New ventures and revival of apostolic activities

As we are journeying ahead after the centenary celebration of the arrival of our six pioneering sisters in the South and, edge forward toward the celebration of six pioneering sisters in the North we have decided during the Animators, Economers and Principals meet to give more vivacity and vitality to our mission and charism in all our communities by reaching out to many more young people in a concrete manner. **See the details below.**

Personnel Policy Drafting Committee

During the Animators, Economers and Principals meet it was decide to renew the present Personnel Policy, Management and Administration, Service Rulers and Conditions of the Province. Sr. Elizabeth Makil, Sr. Rose Ezarath, Sr. Elizabeth Valliyil, Sr. Stella Potteparambil and Sr. Clara Saminathan are chosen by the Provincial Council to be part of the Drafting Committee.

Auxilium Animation Center: Our community at Auxilium, Kurseong at present does not have explicit apostolate to carry out especially after Covid 19. The community was settling the land documents with the intention of starting a school but now it is realized that this will not be possible since a school has started in the neighbourhood. Hence, during the last Provincial Council it was decided to open an animation center for the students and teachers of our schools. Therefore, all of you are encouraged to avail this opportunity to take the students to Kurseong for an education tour as well as organize an animation programme / camp in our house.

Annual Retreats 2022 - 2023

Retreat Preacher: Fr. James Chacko SDB

Place	Group	Arrival	Meeting	Retreat	Departure
Bandel	Sisters	28 Dec. 2022	29 – 30 Dec.	31 Dec.2022 – 07 Jan 2023	07 January 2023
Kurseong	Animators	21 March	22 – 23 March	24 – 31 March 2023	31 March Departure for Provincial Councilors: 02 April
Kurseong	Sisters	27 May	28 - 29 May	30 May – 06 June 2023	06 June 2023

Let us pray for our dear Departed - Condolences to:

- † Sr. Susanna Korah at the demise of her sister Thresiamma (78) on 13 August 2022.
- † Sr. Elizabeth Joseph at the passing away of her sister Mrs. Annamma Thomas (86) on 13 August 2022
- † Sr. Valsa Kallirikumkalayil at the demise of her maternal aunt Ms Aleyamma 18 August 2022.
- † Fr. Provincial and the Salesians of Bangalore Province at the passing away of Rev. Fr. Devasia Punnakunnel SDB (90) on 11 September 2022 in Mamma Margaret Home, Aluva
- † Sr. Amali John Joseph at the return of her dear father Mr. John Joseph to his heavenly abode on 14 September 2022
- † Sr. Elizabeth George and the sisters of Shillong Province (INS) at the departure of Sr. Hilda Barragan, a valiant missionary to her heavenly home on 18 September 2022 at Bellefonte, Shillong
- † Sr. Dorothy Torcato at the demise of her cousin brother Dr. Ovid Torcato on 27 September 2022, her cousin sister Ms. Evonne Pereira, sister of Ovid on 28 September 2022 and her dear brother Mr. Sydney Torcato (70) on 12 October 2022.

We have commenced the month of the Holy Rosary, a month dear to everyone who have recourse to our Blessed Mother. Holy Rosary occupies a unique place in the *Church's* treasury of *devotions*, because it contains all the principal salvific events accomplished in Christ. Several Documents of the church, saints and Popes have highlighted the exceptionality of praying the Holy Rosary everyday with devotion. Some of the quotes from the Popes will make us realize the importance of praying the Rosary with devotion and as many Rosaries as possible.



“The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.” - Pope Pius XI. “Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” - Blessed Pope Pius IX. “The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.” Pope Leo XIII. Wish

you a fervent month of the Holy Rosary! To Jesus through Mary!

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA
Provincial

Name of the Community	Proposed Activities / New Ventures 2022 -2023
Bandel	1. Evening coaching
Barasat	1. To start Evening School for the poor of our neighbourhood. 2. Revive the DB Tech. 3. Revive the Boarding: To give more opportunity to the poor students 4. Family Visits
Aspirantate	1. Revive the Oratory (250) 2. Visit the neighbourhood to strengthen relationships(100) 3. Begin Spoken English Class(50)
Bareilly	-----
Dum Dum	1. Well-structured evening school classes Nursery – class IV for children of the periphery who will be inserted in main stream of the school in class V 2. Evening coaching 3. Vides 4. Spoken English
Gobra	1. Search for poor who have no means of going for tuitions in the locality and provide Coaching classes in different age group 2. 2 computers for the poor to practice their lessons 3. Regular family visits 4. Sunday Oratory
Park Circus	1. To start classes for pre- Nursery Students, Nursery, K.G. 2. Family Visits : to know the Christian families of the Parish 3. To Revive the Oratory
Geyzing	1. Empower the weak students by teaching / coaching 2. Making the families better by visiting them 3. Hospitality course , 4. Music class & Brass Band
Ghutiapara	1. Family visit 2. Starting of ADMA 3. Strengthen the School
Jaigaon	1. Tailoring 2. Coaching 3. Beauticians course
Jumakela	1. English coaching center 2. Conduct awareness programme
Kalyani	1. Revive Oratory (30) 2. Remedial class for students of our school (100) 3. Empower Teachers with motivational talks and Orientation programs(20)
Kurseong	1. Beauticians course 2. Revival of Family visit 3. Revival of oratory

Kurtumgarh	1. Evening coaching 2. Family visit
Mirik	1. Revive the boarding
Monsada	1. Revival of oratory 2. Coaching for weak students
Najafgarh	1. To admit 100 poor children in Auxilium School Najafgarh 2. Special coaching for the centenary children
New Chumta	1. Coaching class for poorest children both boarding and neighborhood(30)
Palam Gaon	1. To take care of the set free the students at Najafgarh
R. K. Puram	1. Set out to other areas of our school to find out the drop outs and to bring in for evening coaching class 2. Revive the family visit in and around R.K Puram and come to know the young people of these families. 3. To begin the ADMA group
Vasant Vihar	1. Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme 2. Auxilium Coaching Centre
Ranchi- Mazzarello	1. Open Parallel School 2. Make our Fashion Designing course more alive and active :Get more students 3. Coaching for the weak students
Ranchi – Novitiate	1. Evening Coaching classes 2. Visit to the families to make available the Sacraments and also monitoring the vital signs 3. To form ADMA Group
Jhorahat - Nepal	-----
Thecho - Nepal	-----