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Dearest and loving Sisters,

Greetings to all of you dear sisters! I am sure by now the communities have settled with the realization of the transfer for the year. I would like to remind you of our Constitutions Article 49 which speaks beautifully about our community life in the community "Living and working together in the name of the Lord is an essential element of our vocation. Our community, gathered by the Father, is founded on the presence of the Risen Christ and nourished by him, Word and Body. It is called to serve the Lord in gladness in a deeply rooted Family Spirit and to work with optimism and solicitude for the Kingdom of God, confident that the Holy Spirit is already at work in our world. Let it seek to form, "one heart and one soul," thus fulfilling the new commandment by which we will be known as Jesus' disciples. This communion of life, rooted in faith, hope, and charity, also responds to the deepest needs of the human heart and makes it ready for apostolic self-giving".

The essence of religious community life

This is the purpose of our call and mission. Love is the essence of religious community life. Community life is more than living together under the same roof. It is about supporting each other in our community and in our mission. We are called by God to grow in our vocation and in our spiritual life individually and as a community. Community is the place where we are energized and a place to share our successes and failures, joys and sorrows.



The document of the church 'Fraternal Life in Community' begins like this: "The love of Christ has gathered a great number of disciples to become one, so that, like him and thanks to him, in the Spirit, they might, throughout the centuries, be able to respond to the love of the Father, loving him "with all their hearts, with all their soul, with all their might" (cf. Deut. 6:5) and loving their neighbours "as themselves" (cf. Mt. 22:39). Again article 71 speaks, "A religious community, as an expression of the Church, is a fruit of the Spirit and participation in the Trinitarian communion. For this reason, each and every religious is committed to feeling co-responsible for fraternal life in common, so that it will manifest clearly their belonging to Christ, who chooses and calls brothers and sisters to live together in His name".

St. John Bosco tells the FMA "It is impossible to love God unless you also love your neighbour. The same commandment which obliges us to love God also obliges us to love our

neighbour. When fraternal love reigns in a community, all loving one another and each rejoicing in the good fortune of the other as if it were her own, that house becomes a paradise. However, as soon as self-love takes over or quarrels or disagreements arise, that house becomes a hell". So, it is up to us to make our communities into a paradise.

Our house at Mornese was always a house full of fervour, of zeal for the good of souls, of the spirit of sacrifice, of perfect obedience, of holy silence, and of angelic simplicity and cheerfulness. They lived in poverty, worked much, and prayed with fervour; these were always the three predominant characteristics of our first house. So, we must ask ourselves what are the characteristics of our communities today? Can we say how beautiful our life is in the community? Certainly, we can make but it is the responsibility of each and every sister. Let us strive to make it a reality of the present.

I would like to invite you, as a community, to make our communities a place of love, joy and peace. Present to you a few characteristics that our communities should possess in order that Psalm 133 may become a reality in all our communities. **"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"**. This will not be judged by ourselves but by others: "By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:35) Therefore, let us put on the following distinctive characteristic which St. Paul tells us in his letters: Have equal concern for each other (1 Cor. 12:25), Serve one another (Gal. 5:13), Encourage one another (1 Thess. 4:18, 5:11), Agree with one another (Phil. 4:2), Build up each other (1 Thess. 5:11), Carry each other's burdens (Gal. 6:2), Support the weak (1 Thess. 5:14), Be compassionate with one another (Eph. 4:32), Forgive one another (Col. 3:13), Accept one another (Rom. 15:7), Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16), Pray for each other (James 5:16), Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21), Be kind to each other (1 Thess. 5:15), Bear with each other (Col. 3: 13)

COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations! Felicitations and prayers to dear Sr. Teresa Joseph (INB) on her appointment as Representative to the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) of the World Council of Churches (WCC) for the period 2023 to 2030 by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (DPCU). FMA India is honoured at her appointment and we wish her God's blessings.

Retreat and Initiation of Postulants: Our candidates will be making their Annual Retreat at Auxilium Aspirantate from 20-24 July 2023 and it will be preached by Fr. Robi Sarkar SDB. On 24 July 2023, the six aspirants Akhima Tirkey, Anisha Baxla, Jebita Hansda, Monica Shylla, Monika Lakra, Nilin Lakra will receive the Postulant's medal. Let us support them with our prayers.

Intensive Juniorate: Sr.Neha Beck and Sr. Rashmi Maduri Minz will leave for Guwahati and Sr. Neha Lucy Kujur and Sr. Udit Tireky will leave for Shillong on 9th August 2023 for their Intensive Juniorate which will commence on 13 August 2023 at Auxilium, Provincial House, Guwahati and Auxilium, Nongthymmai respectively. We wish them God's blessings and an enriching experience.

Closing ceremony of the FMA Centenary Celebration: The Closing of the Centenary Celebrations will be held at Auxilium Provincial House, Nongthymmai - Shillong on 9-10 September 2023. On the 9th is the Youth Day where youth from all our provinces will gather and on the 10th is the solemn celebration. Mother General, Mother Chiara Cazzuola and three Sisters of the General Council; Sr. Nilza, Moraes (formation), Sr. Runita Borja (Youth Pastoral) Sr. Celine Jacob (Visiting Councillor) will be present for this occasion. The following sisters from our province will participate in the closing ceremony of the FMA Centenary Celebration along with 10 students and 2 teachers from Auxilium, Bandel.

Provincial: Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil

Sr. Alitricce Warjiri

Sr. Anna Ma Ma

Sr. Ba-I-thiang Sten

Sr. Balabet Sten

Sr. Bontila Makdoh

Sr. Clara Saminathan

Sr. Elizabeth Joseph

Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel

Sr. Restitula Kharpran

Sr. Rosalia Tirkey

Sr. Rosy Veliyan

Sr. Stella Potteparambil

Sr. Teresa Adampakallel

Sr. Teresa Mundackal

Sr. Clara Saminathan is vested with the responsibility of the participation of 10 young people in the celebration and the cultural program which will be held on 10 September 2023.

Meeting and Seminars

- ❖ Sr. Jenita Mary, Sr. Martha Minj, Sr. Suchitra Kanhar are attending a training program in Integrative Healing and Alternative Therapies at Ayushya, a centre for healing and integration at Changanassery, Kerala from 14 June to 14 July 2023.
- ❖ Sr. Asha Kerketta and Sr. Annie Kannampuzha will be participating in the Missionary Formation Course 2023, an ongoing formation course for members of the Salesian family. It will be held at Mathias Institute, Mawlai Shillong from 15 September- 03 October 2023 and at Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati from 03 - 07 October 2023 and followed by the pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 07 October - 19 October 2023.

Sincere Gratitude: Thanks to Sr. Teresa Adampakallel and the community of Najafgarh for preparing the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and helping the sisters to prepare well for the feast.

Let us pray for our dear departed - Condolences to:

- † Rev. Fr. Joseph Pauria and the Salesians of Kolkata at the demise of Rev. Fr. Thomas Polackal (86), the 12th Provincial of the Salesian Province of Kolkata on 12 June 2023, due to cardio-respiratory failure at Provincial House, Kolkata.

- † Rev. Fr. Provincial and Salesians of Bangalore province, at the passing away of Rev. Fr. Ittira Mondoth SDB (84) on 22 June 2023 in Mamma Margaret Home, Aluva, Kerala.

Dear Sisters,

We have already entered the month of July, a month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Like the Sacred wounds of Jesus, His precious Blood deserves special honour because of its close relationship to the Sacred Passion. The church has always held devotion to the Precious Blood in high esteem since it is the price of our salvation “and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from our sin”. Having a devotion to the Precious Blood reminds us of our total dependence on God’s mercy and calls us to humble personal atonement. St. Augustine says, “Don’t hold yourselves cheap, seeing that the creator of all things and of you estimates your value so high, so dear, that he pours out for you every day the most precious blood of his only-begotten Son.”



The Precious Blood of Jesus is the cleansing agent that allowed the holy saints and martyrs to wash their robes clean. It is the price of our redemption, the object of our salvation, and the assurance of our eternal inheritance for us to honour the Precious Blood of Jesus in union with the Church this month, may it awaken in our hearts a love and gratitude for Christ’s gift to us, for He has saved us by His blood. Let us follow the example of our Lord and Saviour in giving our best contribution to the well-being of our community and mission.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA
Provincial