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## Provincial Circular

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Dearest and loving Sisters,

Loving greetings to all of you from the Provincial House, Dum Dum !

We are entering into a new month in the company of all the saints and also, we are invited to remember with gratitude all our dear departed sisters and our dear and near ones who have gone ahead of us with faith in the promise of Jesus "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies" (Jn 11:25)

### *Solemnity of all the Saints*

The feast of all the Saints is of great importance for us because it reminds us of God's call to each of us, to be holy. It is an invitation and a challenge before us to live a life of holiness and to imitate those who have obtained holiness. They show us the path that leads to the Kingdom of God and to happiness: the path of humility, gentleness, compassion, meekness, justice and peace. To be a saint is to walk on this road. Pope Francis says: 'The Solemnity of All Saints is "our" celebration: not because we are good, but because the sanctity of God has touched our life. The Saints are not perfect models, but people through whom God have passed. We can compare them to the Church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of colour. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their hearts and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own "hue". But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the stains and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through. This is life's purpose: to enable God's light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too. Winning the victory of heaven is not always about doing extraordinary things but about following this path every day wherever we are and in whatever we do. Let us live our lives to go marching in to be among the saints.



### *The Commemoration of all the faithful departed*

The Commemoration of all the faithful departed is for all of us an intense moment of faith, prayer and reflection on the "last things" of life. In fact, commemorating all the faithful departed we remember the reality that each one of us has also moved closer to death because it is our common

destiny. From the beginning, the church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers and suffrages for them, so that they may attain the beatific vision of God. This commemoration should encourage us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. Let the words of Pope Francis ring in our ears: 'Contemplated in faith, death is a light that illuminates life and a reality that we should always have before us'. Let us remember that we are pilgrims on earth so as to live our lives worthy of our true and eternal home.

Let us spend this month praying for our dear departed sisters, family members, friends and benefactors who have gone ahead of us. "It is, therefore, a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macc. 12: 46). We can particularly help the Poor Souls by offering Mass, providing for charity for the dead, but also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### *Congratulations!*

We rejoice and congratulate the new Superior General, Sr Jane Nadackal of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate (SMI) and her newly elected Team. We support them with our prayers as they commence their animation and governance of the Institute.

### *Gratitude and Appreciation*

Dear Sisters, we just celebrated the Provincial Community Day and the Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Mary Sarkar and the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel, Sr. Teresa Adampakallel and Sr. Teresa Mundackal on 23 and 24 October 2023 at Auxilium, Provincial House, Dum Dum respectively. We made a month's journey in all the communities of the province towards this celebration with the theme "Inspired by Mary at Cana, be a transforming presence as yeast in the community and mission" praying for one another, for all our communities of the province, and for our apostolic mission. The preparation for this celebration had been an occasion for all of us for our spiritual renewal and growth. I would like to place on record a number of persons who have contributed much towards the realization of this celebration.

### *My special thanks to:*

- ✚ Sr. Rose Kureekattu and the provincial team for meticulously planning the program
- ✚ Sr. Shanti Palamoottil, the province economer, for preparing the gift of gratitude
- ✚ Sr. Minimol Chettayil, the province secretary for her initiative in placing the community photos on WhatsApp to remember and pray daily
- ✚ The communities of Bandel, Barasat, Dum Dum, Thecho and Sr. Alma Bilung for the special contribution of gifts for the entire province
- ✚ The Animators of the communities for your enlivening animation of the communities and reaching out to everyone and the mission of the community with various initiatives

- ✚ To all the communities who have prepared the moment of liturgical celebration, the singing and the delicious meal which was enjoyed by everyone
- ✚ To all the communities for the artistic two-minute presentation of how the practices were lived during the preparation stage with much enthusiasm and openness
- ✚ To all the communities for the '*prodoti casa*', the hard labour, sacrifice and the gesture of love and affection
- ✚ To all of you for your greetings, wishes and gifts above all for the blessings and prayer
- ✚ A special note of thanks to Sr. Stella Potteparambil and the community of Auxilium, Dum Dum for all the arrangements made towards the celebration beautifully, the hospitality offered to the participants of the celebration and the meeting with much generosity, sacrifice and love
- ✚ May God bless all of you dear sisters who were present for the celebration and those who took care of our communities and carried out the mission, with large-heartedness and sacrificing spirit.
- ✚ A special note of gratitude to all our dear Novices, postulants and candidates for their enthusiastic presence and vibrant life of prayer.

We have already begun our Synodal journey when we prepared ourselves for the Provincial Community Day. Let us continue this journey in synodality along with the church, in the community and in our mission by renewing ourselves from within for a better '*Communion, Participation and Mission*'.



## Meetings and Courses

Jesus Youth National Conference 2023 was held from 21 - 24 October in Bengaluru, with the theme "JA GO" or " WAKE UP " The participants of this Conference were Children, Youth, Adults, Priest and Religious. Sr. Pushpa Lakra participated in the gathering representing the diocese of Bagdogra.

Sr. Luciana Anjana Rai will take part in the Traditional Bone Setting (Chiropractic Method) practical Training program in Kolkata from 21 - 30 November 2023

## Community and Apostolic Experience

Our six Postulants Akhima Tirkey, Anisha Baxla, Jebita Hansda, Monica Shylla, Monika Lakra, Nilin Lakra will be having their Community and Apostolic experience from 30 October to 07 November 2023 at Mazzarello Home, Monsada.

Our second-year Novices Preety Kullu, Mariyana Oliva and Sudhanjali Pradhan will have their Community and Apostolic experience from 15 November to 15 December 2023 in the communities of Mirik, Dum Dum and Gobra respectively.

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

- ✠ We pray for the eternal repose of Emeritus Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo (84) who was called to his eternal home on 04 October 2023 at Constant Lievens Hospital & Research Center, Mandar. The funeral Mass was celebrated on 07 October 2023 in St. Mary's Cathedral Ranchi followed by burial in the Cathedral. We are ever grateful to him for his support at the beginning of our mission in Ranchi.
- ✠ Sr. Stella Potteparambil at the demise of her cousin brother Mr Geejo Mathew on 09 October 2023
- ✠ Sr. Shradha Kispotta at the passing away of her dear father Mr.Ferdinand Kispotta (75) on 09 October 2023

Dear Sisters,

As we honour our Blessed Mother as Queen of all the saints let us ask her special grace to help us to firmly walk the path of holiness. She is an example of perfection; she has journeyed before us in the path of faith and hope. Saints are those who have lived out their identity as the children of God and by virtue of our baptism, we are all made children of God. As St John says, "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are".



Let us live our lives worthy of this vocation to be called children of God in our daily life fulfilling His commandment of 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady

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