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Dear Sisters,

Loving greetings from Provincial House, Dum Dum!

I wish you a very Happy Easter filled with the peace, joy and love of the Risen Lord. May the Easter celebration bring new life and vigour to our communities and the educative apostolate. The greeting of the Risen Christ to his disciples on the evening of Easter, "Peace be with you!" (Jn. 20:19), continues to resound in us all. Peace, especially during this Easter season, remains the desire of so many people who suffer unprecedented violence of discrimination and death simply because they bear the name Christian. Our prayer is all the more intense and becomes a cry for help to the Father, who is rich in mercy, that he may sustain the faith of our many brothers and sisters who are in pain. At the same time, we ask for the grace of the conversion of our own hearts so as to move from indifference to compassion.



The Holy Father said "in this Jubilee Year we are called to rediscover and to welcome with particular intensity the comforting announcement of the resurrection: 'Christ, my hope, is risen!' ", adding "if Christ is risen, we can look with new eyes and hearts at every event of our lives, even the most negative." Let everyone who comes in contact with us experience the power of the Risen Lord.

The feast of the Divine Mercy



"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Diary 699)

The first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (*Diary 742*) As we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy let us learn from Jesus to become merciful in our dealing with one another so we can be the worthy children of the Merciful Father.

Feast of Gratitude

This year the 'Feast of Gratitude' will be celebrated in Thailand Province of St. Mary Mazzarello, Sam Phran. The theme ***"Like a garland, united in diversity, let us weave with joy and hope the offer of life and mission" invites us***, to walk together with young people in the way of the merciful love of God, and to become signs and bearers of hope and joy. Mother General in her Circular No. 959 'A harmonious weaving to say Thank you' invites us to live a life of communion in spite of the diversity that is prevalent in our communities with joy and hope because communion cannot be reached without accepting diversity as richness. Heeding to the invitation of Mother General let us 'radiate Christ's light' and make of all our communities 'a workshop of communion' in which those who enter breathe 'clean air'. I am sure the Animators of the communities have already shared with you all the proposals that were made during the meeting at Kurseong after the retreat in preparation for the Feast of Gratitude. Let us weave a garland of prayer for our Mother General.

Communications:

Srs. Amali Joseph and Sherely Kalapurayil will be participating in the 'Project Mornese' which will be held from 1 - 28th June 2016 in Italy. I wish them a fruitful and enriching experience during their pilgrimage.

Sr. Mary John will take part in the seminar on the Promotion of the Cause Beatification and Canonization of the members of the Salesian Family at Salesianum from 6 - 10 April 2016.

Sincere gratitude:

- ➡ To Sr. Teresa Adampakallel, the Formation coordinator for organizing the juniors' meet
- ➡ To the community of Auxilium Dum Dum for the hospitality offered for the Juniors' meet
- ➡ To the community of Auxilium- Aspirantate for the Novena to St. Joseph

- ➡ To Sr. Angela Kerketta, the community of Kurseong and all those who collaborated in one way or the other towards the retreat of the animators and Seminar on 'Laudato Si' to make it a beautiful and enriching experience
- ➡ Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel and the community of R.K. Puram for the 1st set of questionnaire on GC XXIII for the Recollection day

Heartfelt Condolences to:

- ✠ Sr. Susanna Korah at the demise of her cousin Mr. George on 12th February 2016
- ✠ Sr. Angela Kerketta at the passing away of her father Mr. Silvanus Kerketta on 12th February 2016.
- ✠ Sr. Ritha Dora Thomas and the Sisters of Mumbai Province at the passing away of Sr. Nora Barretto on 23rd February 2016.
- ✠ Sr. Restitula Kharpran at the return of her father, Mr. Dinus, to his eternal abode on 3rd March 2016.
- ✠ Sr. Elizabeth George and the sisters of Guwahati Province at the demise of Sr. Angela Kujur on 30th March 2016.

The Lord Jesus said to St. Faustina, the Apostle of His mercy: "In the Old covenant, I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to my people. Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." (Diary 1588). As we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy let us become healers and learn to walk always according to the mercy of God trusting in His infinite love.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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