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Loving greetings from Auxilium, Dum Dum Provincial House!

Dear Sisters, We have entered into the month of July. Half the year of 2016 has gone by. As we look back to the months we every reason to thank God for all the blessings and graces we have received personally, as a community and as a Province. While we look to the past with gratitude we look forward with hope. Many of you have found yourself a new community and with new ministry which the Lord has placed on you by obedience and you have accepted it in faith and in the Salesian Spirit of "Vado io" I will go wherever the Lord send me. Though challenging and demanding you put yourselves whole heartedly to the responsibilities assigned. God continues to call us and waits for a positive response. In fact the reality of consecrated life exists and has significance in this context of a constant and radical call to discipleship which comes from the Lord as an invitation to recognize His love and accept it humbly yet generously and respond to it joyously and with generosity. There can be no true discipleship without the element of radicality. In the heart of every one of us there is that longing to live our Consecrated FMA life and mission with greater dynamism, greater credibility and visibility and fruitfulness. As our GC XXIII remind us that both personally and as community, we are called to seek the plan of God together, to celebrate the "mysticism of meeting" in very day life and joyfully witness to our faith experience. Love is the measure of faith and faith is the soul of love.

During this month we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle, of India, Blessed Maria Romero and soon will be celebrating also the feast of St. Alphonsa the first woman saint of India. All these celebrations invite to live our faith more radically and to be transformed into enthusiastic faith filled disciple of the Word Incarnate, enabling us to become missionaries of hope and joy for the young. Let us then dear sisters pursue our radical way of living our lives with renewed vigour and enthusiasm in which ever places and communities the Lord placed us.

World Youth Day 2016

The World Youth Day 2016 with the theme "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." (Mt 5:7), will be held at Kraków, Poland from 25 - 31 July 2016. In unison with the universal Church let us celebrate this day with our young people in our all Institutions through various initiatives for the World Youth Day. Let us make it something that is significant and memorable one for our youngsters .

Communications

Retreat

Aspirants retreat will be held from 20- 24 July 2016 at Auxilium, Barasat. It will be animated by Sr. Rosalia Tirkey. On 24th July, Joslin Xalxo and Priyanka Toppo will receive the Postulancy medal. Let us pray for our 24 candidates in the formation house and intensify our prayers for more vocations.

FMA-PCI Meet 2016

PCI meet will be held from 1-4 at September 2016 at Sacred Heart Convent, Provincial House, and Bangalore. The theme of the meeting will be "Importance of Salesian historical memory and type of sources". Let us send prayers for the success of the PCI meeting. The participants are:

Delegate elected by the Province: Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel

Delegate nominated by the Council: Sr. Mini Mary Chettayil

Special invitees: Sr. Teresa Adampakallel and Sr. Rosalia Tirkey

Intensive Juniorate:

Srs. Dominica Josephine Thapa, Ranjita Nayak, Rinki Nayak will commence their intensive Juniorate from the 13th August 2015 at Provincial House, Guwahati. We wish them a very fruitful and enriching experience.

Meetings

✚ Economers' meeting will be held from 15 – 17 at Auxilium Provincial House, Dum Dum. All are expected to arrive on 15 July by lunch.

✚ Juniors' meet will be held from 29 July – 01 August 2016 at Auxilium Provincial House, Dum Dum. Sisters are expected to arrive on 29 July by lunch.

✚ From 29 – 31 July 2016, AINACS meetings will be held in Kolkata – Nitika, Don Bosco. The theme of the seminar will be "Gearing up for effective Management and administration of our Catholic Schools in the context of the current socio-political scenario and the New Educational Policy". The resource person will be Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI for Education and Culture. Srs. Reji

Joseph, Esther Rani, Jancy Valliyil, Clara Saminathan, Mary John, Aruna Kispotta, Innocencia Jojo, Lucy Kachira, Margaret Fernandes and Cordulla Kullu will participate in it.

✚ I will be attending the Salesian Family Conference of Major Superiors from 29 – 30 August 2016 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bangalore.

Sincere gratitude:

- ✚ Sr. Teresa A. and the community of Auxilium Dum Dum for the 4th set of questionnaire on GC XXIII for the Recollection day
- ✚ Sr. Dorothy Torcato and the community of Kurseong for hosting the retreat and Seminar on SCC for the sisters.
- ✚ To Sr. Nirmala Tigga and Sr. Ashalata Kerketta, the Mission coordinators of the Province for organizing Seminar on SCC which was conducted by Fr. Jagdish Parmer on 08 June 2016 at Auxilium Convent, Kurseong. 34 Sisters took part in the seminar.

Congratulations!

To Rev. Fr. Felix Fernandes SDB, the new Provincial of the Salesian Province, St. Joseph Vaz, Panjim.

Let us pray for:

- ✚ Mr. Jerome Minj, the father of Sr. Abhai Kishori Minj who passed away on 08 June 2016.
- ✚ Rev. Fr. Peter Schiavon SDB who passed away on 19 June 2016 from the Province of Silchar.
- ✚ Rev. Fr. Porcu Mario SDB who was called to his eternal home on 23 June 2016 from the Province of Guwahati.
- ✚ Emeritus Archbishop of Kolkata Henry D'Souza who went to receive his eternal reward on 27 June 2016.
- ✚ Mrs. Teresa Kujur, the mother of Sr. Cordula Kullu who died on 05 July 2016.
- ✚ Mr. Joy Kachira the bother of Srs. Mercy and Lucy Kachira who went to his heavenly home on 06 July 2016
- ✚ Rev. Fr. Vallicherry Mathew (VG) SDB who returned to his eternal abode on 09 July 2016 from the Province of Bangalore.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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