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Dear Sisters,

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the highest expression of divine love and the ultimate symbol of God's mercy. It is the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth. It is here Jesus demonstrated His unconditional love for the humanity through his passion and death.

The words of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary are apt to read it again and again. "Behold this Heart, which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love. In return, I receive from the greater part of humanity only ingratitude..." "And you, dear souls, why this coldness and indifference... Do I not know that family cares... household concerns... and the requirements of your position in life... make continual calls upon you?... But can't you spare a few minutes in which to come and prove your affection and your gratitude?... spare a few moments to visit and receive in Communion this Prisoner of Love! Were you weak or ill in body, surely you would find time to see a doctor who would cure you? Come, then, to One Who is able to give both strength and health to your soul..."

Let us heed to the invitation of Jesus, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart*" (Mt 11: 28 -29). Let us approach the source of all mercy with an open heart and mind so that He may find space for Him in our lives. "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me*". (Revelation 3:20) "Let us not forget that the Lord always watched over us with mercy; He always watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching Him ! He has a merciful heart ! If we show our inner wounds, our inner sins, He will always forgive us. Let us go to Jesus !" (Homily of Pope Francis) Let us be imitators of Jesus, and channels of His mercy and compassion and 'good Samaritans' in our communities and mission.

Communications

Province Team

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Team Members for their dedicated service and animation of the various sectors of the Province. Sincere words of appreciation to the incoming Team members for your generosity to animate the Province with vitality and creativity.

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Outgoing Team member</u>	<u>New Team Member</u>
Social communication	Sr. Rosy Veliyan	Sr. Celine Alexander
Youth Pastoral	Sr. Basanti Ekka	Sr. Inocencia Jojo
Co-operators		Sr. Rosina Thomas
Social Ministry	Sr. Teresa Karakkal	Sr. Alma Bilung

Students for higher studies

The following sisters will be going for their higher studies. We wish them all the best and God's blessings.

Sr. Pranati Sabhasundar & Sr. Lemnom Mosang - B.A.- Loreto College, Kolkata
Sr. Paulina Toppo - B.Sc.- St. Xavier's College, Ranchi
Sr. Rosy Veliyan - Casa Valse, Rome
Sr. Shardha Kispotta - Madre Angela Vespa, Rome
Sr. Shanti Palamoottil - Generalate, Rome
Sr. Dominica Thapa, Sr. Rinki Nayak, Sr. Ranjita Nayak - Juniorate, Guwahati

Meetings

➤ The National Development Forum of FMA-India will be organizing a training programme on Child Protection Policy (CPP) at Don Bosco Wellington from 22nd to 25th June 2016. Srs. Leelamma Palliparambil, Stella Potteparambil and Inocencia Jojo will participate in it.

➤ The National media coordinator at FMA PCI level will organize a Media Seminar from 1st to 8th July 2016 at Don Bosco Cultural Centre, Vennala, Kochi. Sr. Elizabeth Valliyil and Sr. Shanti Tirkey will be the participants from our Province.

➤ Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel and Sr. Maria Pettayil will participate in the ACSSA (Associazione Cultori della Storia Salesiana - Association of the Promoters of Salesian History) meeting which will be held from 24th to 26th June 2016 in

Bangalore. The meeting is in view of inculcating love and interest for our Salesian heritage.

Sincere gratitude:

- ➡ To the community of Sacred Heart Novitiate, Ranchi for the animation and guidance of the Second Novitiate Sisters, Retreat of the Novices and junior sisters and for the Renewal of the vows of 8 sisters
- ➡ To Sr. Rose Kureekattu and the community of Jumaikela for making all the arrangements for the Perpetual profession of our 12 sisters on 24th May 2016. Around 2000 people witnessed this beautiful celebration including our neighbourhood community sisters, parents, relatives of our sisters and the parishioners. We gratefully appreciate our Sisters for making this day a historical event with their availability, generosity and hard work. Everything was planned meticulously and executed aptly. Beautiful singing, dancing and the felicitation added colour to the celebration.
- ➡ We as a Province express our sincere thanks to Sr. Elizabeth George, the Provincial, Sr. Lissy Mathew, the Superior and all the sisters of the Provincial House who has taken much interest in the formation of five junior sisters Sr. Restitula Kharpran, Sr. Lemnom Mosang, Sr. Namita Sabhasundar, Sr. Pranati Sabhasundar and Sr. Rasni Tete with enriching and experiential programmes. They have returned to the Province with vitality and enthusiasm.
- ➡ To the EDUMEDYM coordinators of the three sectors of education, Media and youth ministry of our Province for organizing the Leadership camp, titled 'youth for transformation'. It was held at St. Anthony's high School, Jaigaon from 15th - 18th May 2016. The camp YFT (youth for transformation) was participated by five Auxilium schools namely, Bandel, Barasat, Dum Dum, New Chumta and Jaigaon. We are indebted to Sr. Lily D'Souza and her community for hosting the Youth meet. May the Lord bless all your endeavours.
- ➡ To the community of Auxilium Najafgarh for the well prepared Novena practice to the Sacred Heart of Jesus including power point programme.
- ➡ Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil and the community of Auxilium - Aspirantate for the 3rd set of questionnaire on GC XXIII for the Recollection day in the month of June.

Let us offer our prayers for:

- † Sr. Georgina McPake who was called to her eternal reward on 14 May 2016. She served the entire Institute as a visiting Councillor and as a General Councillor for Youth Pastoral for 12 years.
- † Rev. Fr. Sylvanus Sngi Lyngdoh SDB who passed away on 28 May 2016 at Nazareth Hospital, Shillong.

As I conclude this letter I would like to quote the words of St Margaret Mary Alacoque:

The Divine Heart is an ocean full of all good things,
Where in poor souls can cast all their needs;
it is an ocean full of joy to drown all our sadness,
an ocean of humility to drown our folly,
an ocean of mercy to those in distress,
an ocean of love in which to submerge our poverty.



Let Sacred Heart of Jesus be the source of our life and origin of all our being..
May He make us meek and humble like Him.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Rose Ezarath FMA
(Provincial)