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Dear Loving Sisters,

Loving and prayerful greetings from Auxilium Provincial House, Dum Dum!

I come to you with a heart full of gratitude to our Blessed Mother for all the graces and blessings that we have received through her intercession as we enter into the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, which is very dear to every Catholic and to us her daughters in a very special way. As we forge ahead to this important month of October when many important events are going to be held in the province, let us put a special intention during our fervent recitation of the Holy Rosary. When we look back to the history of the Rosary, we find that the Catholics were not the first ones to pray with beads. And while the exact origin of prayer beads is unknown, men and women of many faiths and cultures (Hindus, Greeks, Buddhists, and more) have (and do) use beads to pray. In fact, the word bead in English is actually derived from an old English word bead that means prayer. The use of prayer beads almost universally allows the person to keep track of the number of prayers that have been said while at the same time focussing on the deeper meaning of the prayers themselves.



The Holy Rosary is the weapon against the devil, the solution to every problem, means to obtain many graces. According to tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary made 15 promises to St. Dominic, which are said to apply to anyone who prays the rosary. Some of these promises include:

- **Special protection:** Mary will provide special attention and protection to those who pray the rosary.
- **Signal graces:** You will receive signs that God is guiding you in the right direction.
- **No misfortune:** You will not be overcome by misfortune.
- **No purgatory:** You will not go to hell if you pray the rosary.
- **Church sacraments:** You will receive last rites before you die.
- **Powerful armour against hell:** The rosary will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- **Good works:** The rosary will make virtue and good works flourish.

- **Draw hearts to God:** The rosary will draw people away from the love of the world and toward the love of God.
- **Obtain what you ask:** You will obtain what you ask through the rosary.
- **Great glory in heaven:** Those who are devoted to the rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.

Provincial Assembly

The Provincial Assembly will be held from 12-14 October 2024 in preparation for the Triennial Verification at PCI level. During the Province gathering, we are going to look concretely at how our post-chapter journey is being implemented as per the direction of the GCXXIV and to offer some themes for the forth coming GCXXV. Let us pray much and prepare ourselves well that our participation (physical and spiritual) during the Province Assembly be fruitful and beneficial for everyone.

Walking with the Church

We are journeying with our Holy Father Pope Francis who stated in his letter of February 2022, announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision". As we remain focused on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' which helps us to renew our religious and earthly voyage according to the signs of the time, we continue to seek His grace. Let us focus on the present year which will be the climax of all the preparation by intensifying our prayer on the theme for this year, "Prayer". Let us also strengthen ourselves by the four Constitutional Documents of the Church:

1. Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)
2. Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church)
3. Dei Verbum (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation)
4. Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the church in the Modern World)

As the Jubilee year keeps echoing in our ears, let us re-echo the themes of the Jubilee:

1. Conversion
2. Forgiveness
3. Compassion
4. Solidarity
5. Evangelization

May this awareness of the Church help us to journey together in, through and with the Church and try to build His Kingdom here on earth.

The 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, also known as the Synod on Synodality, was divided in two sessions in 2023 and 2024:

- October 4–29, 2023 was the first session of the Synod took place in Rome.
- October 2–27, 2024: is the second session of the Synod.



Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis and all the bishops those who are taking part in it. May they all be endowed and guided by the Holy Spirit for it's successful fulfilment.

Communications

- ❖ Sr. Lily Perumpettikunnel, Sr. Stella Potteparambil, Sr. Clara Saminathan and Sr. Prema Francis took part in the Annual General Meeting of the West Bengal Association of Christian Schools at Don Bosco, Park Circus on 28 September 2024.
- ❖ Sr. Clara Saminathan, Sr. Aruna Kispotta, Sr. Prema Francis and Sr. Aruna Paulsamy participated in the Regional CRI West Bengal and Sikkim meeting of the Catholic School principals of West Bengal Schools (WBS), held at Kolkata, Seva Kendra on September 28th - 29th. Fr. Sebastian James SJ highlighted some key aspects of the West Bengal Educational Policy.
- ❖ We will soon be celebrating our life together, "Provincial Community Day", with the theme "FMA, who generates life and promotes a culture of care" on 10 October 2024.
- ❖ The PCI Transmission will be conducted by the participants on 11 October 2024.

Congratulations:

To our Diamond Jubilarian Sr. Anna Varkey and to our three Silver Jubilarians, Sr. Celina Alexander Virakodiyanal, Sr. Mary John Valayath and Sr. Rejina Joseph Adampakallel. We thank and praise the Lord for the great things God has accomplished through them during the past 60 and 25 years of their FMA life. The celebrations of the jubilees will be held on 15th October at province level.

Gratitude and Appreciation

- 🌸 Sr. Nimala Tigga and the Community of Auxilium Kurseong for meticulously planning and preparing a conducive place for the meeting, outing and retreat of the PCI Provincials from 01 – 10 September 2024.
- 🌸 Sr. Shanty Mathew, the province economer for taking initiative and organizing the economers meeting. Sr. Rosalia Tirkey and the community of Jumaikela for hosting the same from 03 – 06 September 2024, for 15 sisters.

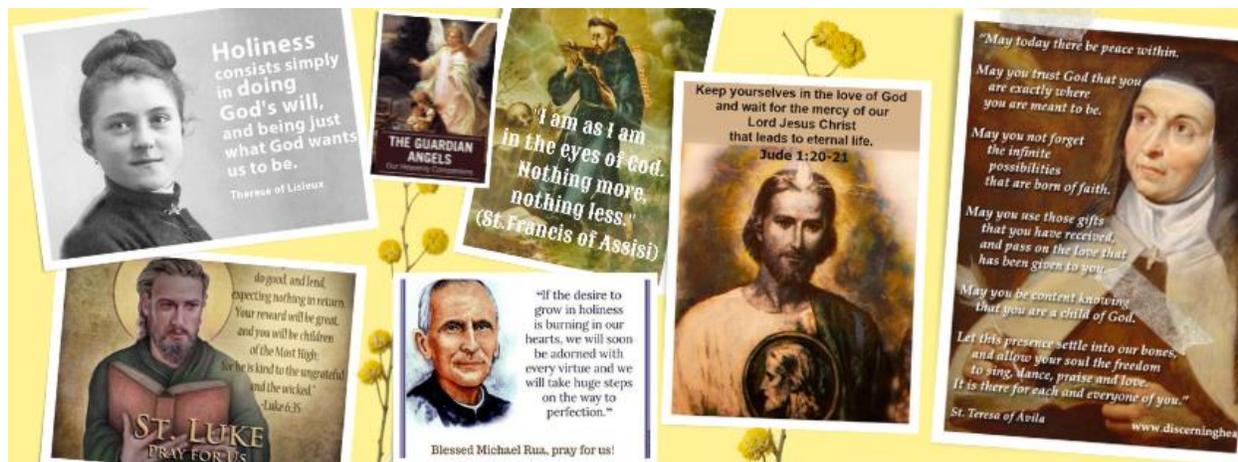
Let us pray for our dear departed - Condolences to:

- ✠ Sr. Cecilia Kollappally at the passing away of her sister - in - law Mrs. Marykutty 78, on 17 September 2024.

Let us continue to implore God for the needs of the Province and communities and the good health of all our Sisters and the ailing members of our families.

Happy Feast!

I wish all of you a very Happy Feast of the following Saints and Blessed whom the Church honours during this month.



"In the lives of the Saints God shows himself to us. He speaks to us through them. Let us entrust ourselves to them, seeking example in their lives and help in their intercession, certain of sharing with them in the community of the Church" (Con. Art. 45). Let us entrust all our mission to the patron Saint of the mission St. Theresa of Child Jesus. Let us learn the little ways of St. Theresa of Lisieux, to make our lives simple, humble and sincere to serve the Lord. Let us focus and follow the teachings of our Patron saint, St. Teresa of Avila as she reminds us of:

- The power of prayer and contemplation
- The importance of reform and renewal of oneself
- The value of simplicity and humility
- The need for compassion and service

Dear Sisters,

As I conclude this letter I express my heartfelt gratitude to God and our Blessed Mother for the many graces and blessings received, especially many of our sisters who have received God's healing from their illnesses. I am very pleased with each one of you for your cooperation with each other for a greater cause in your respective communities in spite of your other commitments. Thank you for praying especially for me and for my mission, for taking care of the sick and elderly sisters with great love and attention. Thank you for making an effort to witness to God's Love and Unity, in that way trying to fulfil the chapter journey and "be a life-giving "presence" building a community that generates life in the heart of contemporaneity. May our Blessed Mother continue to be with each one of us as we journey together in achieving our final goal.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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