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*Dear Loving Sisters,*

*Loving and prayerful greetings to you!*

Very soon, we will enter a significant time of our faith journey. As we journey through Holy Week, we are reminded of the immense love and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. This week is a powerful reminder of God's love and the significance of Jesus' sacrifice for humanity's salvation, and my place in these events. From His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to His crucifixion and death on Good Friday, we are invited to reflect on the depth of God's love for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). This Holy Week, let us walk with Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem, sharing in His joy and His sorrow, listening to His words, spoken from the heart of a loving Father. Let us accompany Him to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He prayed and sweated blood for our salvation. As we commemorate the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, let us remember the gift of the Eucharist, which nourishes and sustains us on our journey and honor the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, which redeemed us from sin and death. And as we await the joy of Easter, let us not forget the darkness and silence of Holy Saturday and remember the sorrow and grief of Our Blessed Mother and the disciples. But even amid sorrow, let us hold on to hope because we know that Jesus' story does not end with death but with resurrection. We know that He has conquered sin and death and opened the gates of heaven for us. St. Paul explains that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Romans 5:3-5) Let this Holy Week be a time of spiritual renewal and growth for us and experience the love and mercy of God more deeply, and may we be transformed by the power of the cross.



*Holy Week Journey*

As we celebrate the solemnity of Easter, let 'Alleluia' be our song, our refrain, and our joyful expression. It's a triumphant shout of joy, celebration, and adoration. Alleluia signifies that we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus, and we praise God for His love. We celebrate with joy, and Alleluia is our song of joy, our triumphant shout, our celebration of the victory of life over death.



### *Hearty Congratulations!*

We rejoice with the entire Salesian Family at the election of the new Rector Major, Rev. Fr. Fabio Attard SDB. As he takes up his new mission, we assure him of our prayerful support for his noble mission of guiding the Salesian Congregation and the Salesian Family and keeping alive the spirit and charism of Don Bosco. We congratulate and pray also for the newly elected members of the General Council of the Salesians that they may receive abundant blessings of the Lord for their mission of service.

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| Fr. Stefano Martoglio      | - Vicar                |
| Fr. Silvio Roggia          | - Formation            |
| Fr. Rafael Bejarano        | - Youth Ministry       |
| Fr. Fidel Maria Orendain   | - Social Communication |
| Fr. Jorge Mario Crisafulli | - Missions             |
| Fr. Gabriel Stawowy        | - Administration       |

#### **Regional Councillors**

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| Fr. Alphonse Owoudou      | - Central and Western Africa  |
| Fr. Bizimana Innocent     | - East and South Africa       |
| Fr. Romero Hector Gabriel | - America South Cone          |
| Fr. Matthew Williams      | - East Asia and Oceania       |
| Fr. Biju Michael          | - South Asia                  |
| Fr. Roman Jachimowicz     | - Central and Northern Europe |
| Fr. Hugo Orozco Sanchez   | - Inter America               |
| Fr. Juan Carlos Godoy     | - Mediterranean               |

### *Feast of Gratitude: Light the Gospel of hope*



I am sure all of you have begun the journey of preparation towards the World Feast of Gratitude which will be celebrated this year in the Vietnamese Province Mary Help of Christians (VTN), on 26 April 2025 with the theme: '**Light the Gospel of hope**'. In preparation for the event, the Vietnamese Province proposes a four-week itinerary: Jesus Christ – source of hope;

Pilgrims of hope; Witnesses of hope for the world; Light the Gospel of Hope. I invite all of you to make use of the proposed materials, to pray the entrustment and daily to implore God's copious blessings on our dear Mother General who is the bond and unity in our Institute.

## **FMA PCI 2025**

The FMA PCI starts a new milestone in the history of its journey. A long-awaited dream came to its realization as the PCI members, along with our dear Sr. Celine Jacob, the visiting Councillor, visited the new office of the FMA PCI at Auxilium, Gobra. The PCI participants were happy and grateful to our province for having furnished the office well.

The newly appointed FMA PCI president, Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil, and PCI Secretary, Sr. Alice Chaco, took charge of the office on 30 March 2025.

### *Sincere Gratitude to:*

- Sr. Nirmala Tigga and the community of Auxilium, Kurseong, for hosting the meeting and Retreat for the animators from 09 - 17 March 2025
- Sr. Lucy Kachira and the community of Geyzing for preparing the Novena in honour of St. Joseph
- Sr. Stella Potteparambil and the community Auxilium, Provincial House, for holding the FMA PCI Annual Meet
- Sr. Celine Jacob, the visiting Councilor, to all the Provincials and the delegates of PCI for enriching our province with their gracious presence from 29 - 31 March 2025, the PCI meet with the theme: 'With Mary, journey towards generative leadership and Synodal lifestyle for a shared animation and mission.'

### *Let us pray for our dear departed. Condolences to:*

- † Sr. Rosa Pyngrope and the Sisters of Shillong Province at the demise of Sr. Sylvestra Khonglah FMA on 20 March 2025.
- † Sr. Susanna Korah at the passing away of her brother Mr. Mathais (80) on 23 March 2025.
- † Sr. Alma Tirkey at the demise of her elder sister Mrs. Angela Tirkey (55) on 02 April 2025.
- † Julisha Shylla, postulant, Sr. Monica Shylla, 1st year novice and Rebecca Shylla, who is in Mirik community at the departure of their dear father Mr. Merus Sungoh to their heavenly home on 03 April 2025

### *Prayer Request*

- ❖ For our elderly and sick sisters, parents and dear and near ones of our sisters.
- ❖ For the people of Myanmar and Thailand who have been affected by the devastating earthquake, for those who have lost loved ones, for those who have been frightened and traumatized by this disaster, for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, for the rescue workers and emergency personnel who are risking their lives to save others and for the leaders of these nations. May the Lord be their strength, healing, and hope, and may they rise again with new vigour and enthusiasm.

Dear Sisters,

I would like to conclude the circular letter by bringing to your attention the common phrase that we use during the Easter season: "We are an Easter people, Alleluia is our song", which originated from the sermon of St. Augustine. Yes, we are called to be a people who live in the hope and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We live in the light of the Resurrection, and our faith is rooted in the event of Jesus' Resurrection, which gives us hope and assurance of eternal life. Therefore, the day-to-day life situation will never defeat us, for the Risen Christ is walking with us to discover Him in every person and situation. "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint" Isaiah 40:31. Easter represents the triumph of life over death and of good over evil. As Easter people, we live with the hope that God is always with us, guiding us through life's challenges. We are not afraid to live our commitment in its fullness. Easter is a celebration of God's love for humanity, demonstrated through Jesus' sacrifice and Resurrection. As Easter people, we strive to live out this love in our daily lives with the young and for the young. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

I wish you a joyous and blessed Easter! May the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts with hope, joy, and renewed spiritual energy. May He grant PEACE that surpasses all understanding, JOY that overflows from your hearts, HOPE that inspires you to continue serving and LOVE that fills you with compassion and kindness.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA  
Provincial



Happy Easter