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*Dear Loving Sisters,*

*Loving greetings from the Provincial House, Dum Dum !*

The month of August is another opportunity to recall the grace of God and be grateful to Him. This month, especially the 05 of August, the foundation day of our dear Institute, is an occasion to commemorate the commitment of St. Mary Mazzarello and her ten companions. What an excitement was on 5th of August 1872! How to be a good religious was taught by our father and founder St. John Bosco; hands folded, raised head but lowered eyes, walk gently and modest in dressing etc. He recommended them to remain Simple, Poor and Mortified if they wanted the Institute to grow. The spirit of our Institute is the same today. We need to revive the vibrant spirit now and then in order to build His Kingdom here on earth.

## *Commemoration of the Foundation Day 05 August*

On this special day we recall Saint Mary Mazzarello and her first companions who committed themselves to the Lord on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1872, in Mornese, Italy. This pivotal moment marked the beginning of a mission rooted in love, hope, and service for the poor young people and the marginalized. Today, we the Salesian Sisters, are called to continue the legacy of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello — to be living signs of Christ's love, especially for the youth and the vulnerable. We are challenged to renew our dedication to education, compassion, and service, shining as beacons of hope in a world that deeply wounded and need of kindness and understanding. On this special day, I invite all of us to renew our commitment, inspired by the love of Mary Mazzarello and Saint John Bosco, to serve with humility, courage, and unwavering faith. May this anniversary inspire us to persevere with joy and zeal, trusting that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen us in our mission.



## *Independence Day and the Assumption of Mary 15 August*

This year we celebrate 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. It is the time to reflect on our nation's journey, we are reminded that true freedom goes beyond borders and flags—it lies in unity, understanding, and peace. Today, our world faces divisions furlled by hatred and intolerance, threatening the harmony that binds us as a human family. We all of us are witnessing the challenging times in different parts of our country, let us not give up hope, strive evermore to keep up the values of compassion, respect, dignity, harmony and fraternity on which our independence was built upon. Let all trials lead us to renew our commitment as a citizen moreover a religious to rise above all evil and face our living reality with courage like our freedom fighters.



The message of the Assumption of Mary is that when her earthly life ended, Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven, where she was exalted as Queen of Heaven. This feast celebrates Mary's liberation from death and decay, and it is a symbol of hope for the resurrection and eternal life for all believers. It also highlights the dignity of the human body and the belief in the resurrection of the body for all. On this special day let us pray to our Blessed Mother to intercede for our country and its citizen.

## *Birthday of St. John Bosco 16 August*

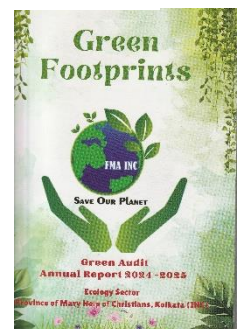
John Bosco was born into a farming family and lost his father at a young age. His mother, Margaret, played a crucial role in his upbringing, instilling in him strong values and a love for faith. He had a dream at age nine that guided him towards working with young people. He began his ministry when he was only ten. He would attend the shows of entertainers who performed juggling, magic tricks, and acrobatics. John studied their shows and then attempted to imitate them for other boys, always including prayers within the show and lessons he learned from Sunday sermons. As we celebrate his birth may we draw from him his ways of attracting the young in our modern ways of technology and innovative methods to become relevant agent like him in our mission. Also pray for the parents of our young people that they may make time to spend with their children. Also pray for today's children and the young people that they may persevere in achieving their goal.

## **Communications**

*A hearty welcome* to Sr. Alice Chacko FMA, the PCI Secretary from the Province of Bangalore (INK) and Sr. Manoda T. Sangma FMA from the province of Shillong (INS) to the PCI office Auxilium Gobra.

## *Green Footprints*

The Green Footprints magazine was released on the 21st of June 2025 at Holy Child Auxilium in Vasant Vihar, in the presence of the Animators and the FMAs of the Delhi area. A big thanks to Sr. Minimol Chettayil, the passionate coordinator of Integral Ecology in our province, who has taken up this vibrant task and has animated all our 25 communities creatively in the year 2024 and continues to do so. As I congratulate her, I would like to remind all of us that our Earth, the common home with its lush forests, vibrant oceans, and diverse life, is a gift that sustains us all. Let us truly honour our Mother Earth, by committing to preserve this precious home. Every small act — planting a tree, reducing waste, conserving energy — contributes to a healthier planet. Together, let us Save Earth, Save Life.



## Special Prayer Request

Dear Sisters, the physical condition of our dear Sr. Anna Ma Ma and Sr. Mercy Kachira is deteriorating day by day. Sr. Anna is in an advanced stage of cancer and the only hope is the Divine Healer. Sr. Mercy has to go for dialysis twice a week and she is very weak. Both of them are in a critical condition, and they are in need of our prayer assistance to accept God's will.

## Congratulations!

To Sr. Ekka Maria Goretti, Sr. Mathew Shanty Mary and Sr. Minj Abhai Kishori who celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their religious profession and Sr. Kureekattu Rose and Sr. Valliyil Elizabeth who celebrate the golden jubilee of their profession We ask the Lord to continue to bless you, your mission and lead you towards the golden and Diamond years of your life.



We also congratulate our beloved Mother General Mother Chiara Cazzuola for her 50 years of service to the Lord. We thank God for her vibrant, enthusiastic and dynamic spirit in animating and governing our Institute.

## Meetings and Seminars

- ❖ Sr. Clara Saminathan, Sr. Elizabeth Valliyil and Sr. Stella Rose Potteparambil, together with Fr. Sebastian James a Jesuit priest, Fr. Moley B D'Costa, the financial Administrator of the Archdiocese of Kolkata and Advocate Sanjay Baid had the meeting for the Revision of the Service Rules for our Auxilium Schools at archbishop's house Kolkata from 25 – 28 July 2025.
- ❖ Sr. Lily D'Souza and Sr. Rosy Veliyan will take part in Formation of Formators for Novice Directress and Formators meeting in Don Bosco Provincial House, Chennai from 07 to 11 August 2025.
- ❖ Sr. Anima Xalxo and Sr. Sushma Kerketta will take part in the two days National convention for the migrants' workers' platform, 16 and 17 August 2025 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad.
- ❖ September 1-10, I will be taking part in the annual spiritual retreat of the Provincials held at

Auxilium Nongthymmai Shillong. Please keep me in your prayers that I may make a fruitful retreat. During my retreat days please contact Sr. Lily D'Souza, the Vice-Provincial for all your emergency needs and requirements.

- ❖ Let us earnestly pray and prepare ourselves for the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. May this holy pilgrimage bring forth a renewed energy and enthusiasm in our communities and in our mission.

### *Gratitude and Appreciation to:*

🌸 Sr. Lily D'Souza the Vice Provincial for her meticulous planning and arrangement for the Juniors meeting and Sr. Stella Rose Potteparambil the animator of Auxilium Dum Dum and the community for seeing to the minute needs for the successful meeting of the Juniors.

🌸 Sr. Rosalia Tirkey for online inspirational message on the occasion of the Canonization of Bl. Sr. Maria Troncatti on 19 October, 2025.

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

- ✠ Fr. Provincial and the Salesians of Kolkata province at the passing away of Fr. Fabianus Kujur (64) on 5 July 2025.
- ✠ Fr. Provincial and the Salesians of Shillong Province at the demise of Fr. Zephyrinus Baxla (74) on 07 July 2025.
- ✠ Sr. Usha Kiran Tirey at the passing away of her maternal uncle Mr. Francis Kujur (80) on 10 July 2025.
- ✠ Sr. Basanti Ekka at the demise of her nephew Erik Bara (01+11) on 13 July 2025
- ✠ Sr. Jenita Mary Savarimuthu at the demise of her maternal Aunty Miss Jyana Mary (50) on 18 July 2025.
- ✠ Fr. Provincial and the province of Panjim at the passing away of Br. Franco Braganca on 02 August 2025.

Dear Sisters,

As I conclude my circular, I would like to recall the words of Don Bosco: "Every brick in this church corresponds to a miracle of the Blessed Virgin." And in this regard, a conviction that went through all of his work and which he repeated whenever he could, that "She did everything" or "It wasn't me; it was the Virgin Help of Christians who saved you." For this reason, he asked the boys and the Salesians to say the brief prayer several times – "Mary Help of Christians, pray for us" – and to spread devotion to her: "So you will see what miracles are." Let us also learn from him and entrust ourselves and our troubled world to Mary our Mother and Help. It is the time to look at oneself and see how far am I an instrument in building up of the Kingdom of God and bringing Glory to the Lord in my community and mission.

Let us continue to intercede before God for the needs of the province, the communities and the good health of all our sisters and the ailing members of our families.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

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